

# 2022-23 School Accountability Report Card

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**E.P. FOSTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
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GRADES K-5

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year. The purpose of this School Accountability Report Card is to provide parents with information about the school's instructional programs, academic achievement, materials, resources, facilities, and the staff of E.P. Foster Elementary School. Information about Ventura Unified School District is also provided.

Parents and community play a very important role in our school. Understanding our school's educational program, student achievement, and curriculum development can assist both school and community in ongoing program improvement.

At E.P. Foster we have made a commitment to provide all students with the highest quality instruction possible. We are dedicated to educating students in a safe, nurturing, and stimulating learning environment, where students have the opportunity to pursue their interests in STEM as a pathway to current and future success in school and in the real world. Through the collaborative efforts of the entire school community--E.P. Foster staff, students, parents, and our community partners--student achievement is maximized. We are recognized as a CA Gold Ribbon School, Title I Academic Achievement Award School, and VC STEM Golden Gear School!

### District Vision Statement

In the Ventura Unified School District all students will receive an exemplary and balanced education fostering a lifelong passion for learning and engagement. We demand excellence of ourselves because our supportive community has entrusted us with their children.

## District Mission Statement

The Ventura Unified School District will educate all students in safe, healthy, and high performing schools. We will inspire all students to excel academically, honor the unique qualities and diverse backgrounds of all students, build supportive relationships, guide all students to reach their full potential, motivate all students to successfully pursue their chosen life path, and engage all students to become responsible and contributing members of society.

## DISTRICT & SCHOOL DESCRIPTION

### Ventura Unified School District

Ventura Unified School District is the fourth largest district in the county and located on the California coastline, 63 miles northwest of Los Angeles. More than approximately 15,000 students in grades transitional kindergarten through twelve receive a rigorous, standards-based curriculum from dedicated and highly qualified professionals. The district is comprised of 17 elementary schools, 4 middle schools, and 5 high schools.

### E.P. Foster Elementary School

At the beginning of the 2022-23 school year, E.P. Foster Elementary School enrolled 326 students, including 12.3% in special education, 36.5% qualifying for English Language Learner support, 7.4% homeless, 1.2% foster youth, and 88% qualifying for free or reduced price lunch.

The principal and teaching staff work together to meet the needs of every student and to provide a safe and supportive learning environment.

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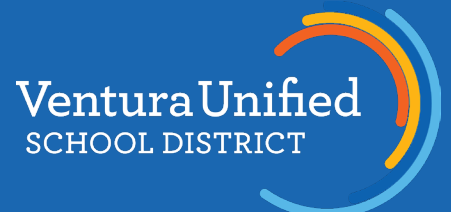
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**Student Enrollment by  
Student Group and Grade Level  
2022-23**

Student Group	% of Total Enrollment	Grade Level	# of Students
Female	46.3%	Kindergarten	43
Male	53.7%	Grade 1	55
Non-Binary	0.0%	Grade 2	58
American Indian or Alaskan Native	0.3%	Grade 3	48
Asian	0.6%	Grade 4	60
Black or African American	0.3%	Grade 5	62
Filipino	0.0%		
Hispanic or Latino	88.0%		
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0%		
Two or More Races	1.8%		
White	8.9%		
English Learners	36.5%		
Foster Youth	1.2%		
Homeless	7.4%		
Migrant	0.0%		
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	88.0%	Total Enrollment	
Students with Disabilities	12.3%		326

E.P. Foster Elementary hosts the county's Jumpstart Preschool program which provides literacy skills, mathematics, and school readiness curriculum in English and Spanish. Kindergarten teachers praise its success in promoting students who are better prepared for kindergarten.

### School Vision Statement

Our vision at E.P. Foster Elementary School STEM Academy is to provide students with a safe, nurturing learning environment and the opportunity to pursue their interests in science, technology, engineering, and math as they achieve grade level standards and as a pathway to their future careers.

### School Mission Statement

#### STAFF

Teach, model, and reinforce the language, life skills and promises of Lesson One that contribute to our positive school climate. Communicate progress regularly with students and parents.

Offer continuous opportunities for students to interact and partner with institutions of higher education and STEM related community partners, exposing them to real-world applications and experiences.

Work as collaborative teams consistently and effectively to maximize student achievement.

Participate in on-going professional development based on educational best practices and current research to meet the diverse needs of our students.

#### STUDENTS

Internalize the language, life skills, and promises of Lesson One that contribute to our positive school climate.

Receive recognition for their efforts and achievement in multiple venues.

Engage in a variety of academic learning experiences that incorporate STEM and contribute to their readiness for participation in a global community.

Participate, reflect, and identify areas of progress and challenge through a variety of assessments.

Have opportunities for multiple types of intervention and acceleration when additional support needs are identified and make the most of every opportunity.

Demonstrate proficiency to successfully enter, participate, and complete secondary and higher education STEM pathways.

#### PARENTS

Support their children in multiple ways including asset building, regular school attendance, and advocacy of school programs to ensure their children succeed.

Participate in decision-making as members of parent-school organizations or committees and provide input/feedback in an on-going manner.

Increase their knowledge of student expectations and teaching strategies through school newsletters, special school events, and regular communication with staff.

## LOCAL CONTROL ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN (LCAP)

As part of the Local Control Funding Formula, school districts are required to develop, adopt, and annually update a three-year Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP).

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the State priority: Basic (Priority 1)

- Degree to which teachers are appropriately assigned and fully credentialed in the subject area and for the pupils they are teaching;
- School facilities are maintained in good repair

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the State priority: Pupil Achievement (Priority 4)

- Statewide assessments (i.e., California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) System, which includes the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments for students in the general

education population and the California Alternate Assessments (CAAs) for English language arts/literacy (ELA) and mathematics given in grades three through eight and grade eleven. Only eligible students may participate in the administration of the CAAs. CAAs items are aligned with alternative achievement standards, which are linked with the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities); and

- The percentage of students who have successfully completed courses that satisfy the requirements for entrance to the University of California and the California State University, or career technical sequences or programs of student.

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the State priority: Other Pupil Outcomes (Priority 8)

- Pupil outcomes in the subject area of physical education

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the State priority: Parental Involvement (Priority 3)

- Efforts the school district makes to seek parent input in making decisions for the school district and each school site

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the State priority: Pupil Engagement (Priority 5)

- High school dropout rates; and
- High school graduation rates

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the State priority: School Climate (Priority 6)

- Pupil suspension rates;
- Pupil expulsion rates; and
- Other local measures on the sense of safety

## PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Parents are encouraged to get involved in their child's learning environment either by volunteering in the classroom, participating in a decision-making group, or simply attending school events. Parents stay informed on upcoming events and school activities through ParentSquare, the school website, flyers, monthly newsletters (Bear Essentials), personal notes, classroom letters, phone calls, and emails. Contact the principal, classroom teacher, or office staff at (805) 641-5420 for more information on how to become involved in your child's learning environment.

### California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress Test Results in Science

#### All Students

#### Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standards

	E. P. Foster		VUSD		CA	
	21-22	22-23	21-22	22-23	21-22	22-23
Science (Grades 5, 8, & 10)	17.24	20	32.31	32.57	29.47	30.29

*Note: Science test results include the CAST and the CAA for Science. The "Percent Met or Exceeded" is calculated by taking the total number of students who met or exceeded the standard on the CAST plus the total number of students who met the standard (i.e., achieved Level 3-Alternate) on the CAA for Science divided by the total number of students who participated in a science assessment.*

*Double dashes (--) appear in the table when the number of students is ten or fewer, either because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or to protect student privacy.*

*The number of students tested includes all students who participated in the test whether they received a score or not; however, the number of students tested is not the number that was used to calculate the achievement level percentages. The achievement level percentages are calculated using only students who receive scores.*

- Opportunities to Volunteer
- Classroom Helper
- At-Home Teacher Prep Projects
- Field Trips
- School Fundraisers
- Family School Events

- Committees
- School Site Council
- English Learner Advisory Council
- Parent Teacher Association

#### School Activities/Events

- Back to School Night
- Family Picnics
- Family Reading Night
- Field Trips
- Family School Events
- Parent Conferences
- Title I Parent Meeting
- Trimester Award Assemblies
- Student Success Team Meetings

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

### California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP)

The California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) System includes the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments (SBAC) for students in the general education population, and the California Alternate Assessments (CAAs) for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities. Only eligible students may participate in the administration of the CAAs. CAAs items are aligned with alternative achievement standards, which are linked with the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). CAASPP results are a measure of how well students are mastering California's standards in English language arts/literacy (ELA) and mathematics, and are given to grades three through eight and grade eleven. SBAC tests assess student performance in ELA/Literacy and mathematics utilizing computer-adaptive tests and performance tasks, and CAAs test items are aligned with alternative achievement standards which are linked with the Common Core State Standards (CCSS).

The CAASPP results shown in this report include overall results comparing the school, district and state scores as well as the school's overall score in each applicable subgroup. Results are shown only for subgroups with ten students or more taking the exam. For those categories that are blank in the tables, no students met subgroup criteria. More information on CAASPP can be found on the California Department of Education's website [www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/](http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/).

CAASPP Test Results in Science by Student Group (Grades 5, 8, & High School)					
2022-23					
	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students Tested	66	65	98.48	1.52	20
Female	31	31	100	0	22.58
Male	35	34	97.14	2.86	17.65
American Indian or Alaskan Native					
Asian					
Black or African American	--	--	--	--	--
Filipino					
Hispanic or Latino	60	59	98.33	1.67	20.34
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander					
Two or More Races	--	--	--	--	--
White	--	--	--	--	--
English Learners	21	21	100	0	0
Foster Youth	--	--	--	--	--
Homeless					
Military	--	--	--	--	--
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	54	54	100	0	14.81
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services					
Students with Disabilities	--	--	--	--	--

Note: Double dashes (--) appear in the table when the number of students is ten or less, either because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or to protect student privacy.

California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress Test Results in English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA) and Mathematics in Grades 3-8 and Grade 11					
Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standards					
	E. P. Foster		VUSD		CA
	21-22	22-23	21-22	22-23	21-22 22-23
English-Language Arts/Literacy	29	21	47	47	47 46
Mathematics	22	21	35	36	33 34

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ELA and mathematics test results include the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments and the CAA. The "Percent Met or Exceeded" is calculated by taking the total number of students who met or exceeded the standard on the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment plus the total number of students who met the standard (i.e., achieved Level 3-Alternate) on the CAA divided by the total number of students who participated in both assessments.

CAASPP Test Results in ELA & Mathematics by Student Group (Grades 3-8 & High School)										
2022-23										
	English Language Arts/Literacy					Mathematics				
	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students Tested	173	169	97.69	2.31	21.3	173	170	98.27	1.73	20.71
Female	74	72	97.3	2.7	29.17	74	73	98.65	1.35	19.44
Male	99	97	97.98	2.02	15.46	99	97	97.98	2.02	21.65
American Indian or Alaskan Native										
Asian										
Black or African American	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Filipino										
Hispanic or Latino	154	150	97.4	2.6	22	154	151	98.05	1.95	20
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander										
Two or More Races	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
White	14	14	100	0	21.43	14	14	100	0	28.57
English Learners	61	60	98.36	1.64	8.33	61	60	98.36	1.64	8.33
Foster Youth	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Homeless										
Military	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	127	125	98.43	1.57	16	127	126	99.21	0.79	16
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services										
Students with Disabilities	28	27	96.43	3.57	0	28	27	96.43	3.57	0

ELA and mathematics test results include the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments and the CAA. The "Percent Met or Exceeded" is calculated by taking the total number of students who met or exceeded the standard on the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment plus the total number of students who met the standard (i.e., achieved Level 3-Alternate) on the CAA divided by the total number of students who participated in both assessments.

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The number of students tested includes all students who participated in the test whether they received a score or not; however, the number of students tested is not the number that was used to calculate the achievement level percentages. The achievement level percentages are calculated using only students who received scores.

## California Physical Fitness Test Results

2022-23

% of Students Tested

	Aerobic Capacity	Abdominal Strength and Endurance	Trunk Extensor and Strength and Flexibility	Upper Body Strength and Endurance	Flexibility
Grade Level					
Fifth	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Note: The administration of the PFT during 2021-22 and 2022-23 school years, only participation results are required for these five fitness areas.

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District maintenance and site custodial staff ensure that the repairs necessary to keep the school in good condition are completed in a timely manner. A work order process is used by school and district staff to communicate non-routine maintenance requests. Emergency repairs are given the highest priority.

Every morning before school begins, the day custodian inspects facilities for safety hazards or other conditions that need attention prior to students and staff entering school grounds. One day custodian and two evening custodians (one full-time and one part-time) are assigned to E.P. Foster Elementary School. The day custodian is responsible for:

- General Cleaning
- Cafeteria Setup/Cleanup
- Restrooms

Restrooms are checked throughout the day for cleanliness and subsequently cleaned as needed. The evening custodians are responsible for:

## Physical Fitness

In the spring of each year, EP Foster Elementary School is required by the state to administer a physical fitness test to all students in fifth grade. The physical fitness test (PFT) for students in California schools is the FITNESSGRAM®. The main goal of the test is to help students in starting life-long habits of regular physical activity.

The FITNESSGRAM® has six parts, though California currently requires five parts be completed annually, that show a level of fitness that offer a degree of defense against diseases that come from inactivity. The test results can be used by students, teachers, and parents. Comparative District and State results can be found at the CDE's website [www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/pf](http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/pf).

## SCHOOL FACILITIES & MAINTENANCE

The district takes great efforts to ensure that all schools are clean, safe, and functional through proper facilities maintenance and campus supervision. E.P. Foster Elementary School's original facilities were built in 1929; ongoing maintenance and campus improvements ensure facilities remain up to date and provide adequate space for students and staff. In the last 12 months, the following campus repairs or improvements were completed:

- Redo ramps
- Repaint front of campus
- Asphalt repairs

School Facility Good Repair Status				
Item Inspected	Repair Status			Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
Inspection Date:	Good	Fair	Poor	
July 24, 2023				
Systems	✓			
Interior Surfaces		✓		Classroom K1 - Plaster is cracked and falling above the west window (left from inside); Girls Primary Grade RR, Classroom 10, 12 - Excessive peeling paint on the south wall at windows; Boys Primary Grade RR, Girls RR, Building B Exterior - Excessive peeling paint on the south wall; K Wing Interior Corridor - Water damaged and falling ceiling tiles by the computer room entrance; Kindergarten Wing Exterior - Excessive peeling paint on the west elevation by the windows; Classroom 4 - Excessive peeling paint on the west wall by the door; Building A Exterior - Excessive peeling paint on the south wall and north wall by boys RR; Classroom 8 - Ceiling tile falling by door; Building B Exterior - Excessive peeling paint at the west eaves/fascia; Classroom 16 - Carpet seam damaged; Classroom 20 - Ceiling tiles surface finish is peeling in multiple locations; Classroom 24 - Wall surface peeling at the south wall by the door; Classroom 24 - Water damaged ceiling tiles by the door; Classroom 25 - Water damaged ceiling tiles by the sink and the north corner; Classroom 27 - Water damaged ceiling tiles at the center of the room, wall surface peeling on the east wall and by the door; Classroom 26/27 Exterior - Excessive rust at the north roof beams
Cleanliness	✓			
Electrical	✓			
Restrooms/Fountains	✓			
Safety	✓			
Structural	✓			Classroom 19 Exterior - Signs if rot at southeast corner foundation and skirt; Classroom 20 Exterior - Signs of rot on the siding at the east wall roof; Classroom 22 Exterior - Building skirting on the west side of the building shows signs of rot, west foundation shows signs of rot; Classroom 23 Exterior - Excessive rust at the south roof beams of room 23A, excessive rust on the north roof beams; Classroom 24/25 Exterior - Signs of rot at southeast and west wall foundations and skirts, excessive rust at the north roof beams
External	✓			Upper Grade Playground - Excessive weeds in the wood chip fall surface; Grounds - Contrasting stripe missing from stair throughout campus (all stairs)
Overall Summary of School Facility Good Repair Status				
	Exemplary	Good	Fair	Poor
Overall Summary		✓		

### Percentage Description Rating:

Good: The school is maintained in good repair with a number of non-critical deficiencies noted. These deficiencies are isolated, and/or resulting from minor wear and tear, and/or in the process of being mitigated.

### Campus Description

Year Built	1929
Acreage	8.5
Bldg. Square Footage	42220
	Quantity
# of Permanent Classrooms	9
# of Portable Classrooms	13
# of Restrooms (student use)	4 sets
Cafeteria/Multipurpose Room	1
Computer Lab	1
Library	1
Staff Lounge	1
Teacher Work Room	1
Science Labs	2
Maker Lab	1



**Chronic Absenteeism by Student Group (2022-23)**

Student Group	Cumulative Enrollment	Chronic Absenteeism Eligible Enrollment	Chronic Absenteeism Count	Chronic Absenteeism Rate
All Students	350	342	77	22.5
Female	162	157	29	18.5
Male	188	185	48	25.9
American Indian or Alaska Native	--	--	--	--
Asian	--	--	--	--
Black or African American	--	--	--	--
Filipino	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	308	300	66	22
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	--	--	--	--
Two or More Races	--	--	--	--
White	30	30	10	33.3
English Learners	135	130	19	14.6
Foster Youth	--	--	--	--
Homeless	27	26	8	30.8
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	306	300	71	23.7
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	--	--	--	--
Students with Disabilities	54	53	12	22.6

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**Suspensions and Expulsions**

	E. P. Foster			VUSD			CA		
	20-21	21-22	22-23	20-21	21-22	22-23	20-21	21-22	22-23
Suspensions	0.00%	0.26%	0.00%	0.17%	2.74%	3.22%	0.20%	3.17%	3.60%
Expulsions	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.01%	0.00%	0.01%	0.00%	0.07%	0.08%

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- Classrooms
- Office Areas
- Restrooms
- Routine Maintenance

The principal communicates with custodial staff daily concerning maintenance and school safety issues.

## Campus Supervision

School administration and teaching staff place a high priority on providing adequate adult supervision on campus before, during, and after school. As students arrive on campus each morning, campus support assistants, teachers, and the principal are strategically assigned to designated entrance areas, the breakfast area and playground. During recess, campus support assistants, the principal and the counselor supervise playground activity. The principal, counselor, and campus support assistants monitor lunch time activity in the cafeteria and on the playground. At the end of the day when students are dismissed, the principal, a teacher, and campus support assistants monitor student behavior to ensure a safe and orderly departure.

E. P. Foster Elementary School is a closed campus. During school hours, all visitors must sign in at the school's office and wear identification badges while on school grounds.

## School Site Safety Plan

The Comprehensive School Site Safety Plan was developed for E.P. Foster Elementary School in collaboration with local agencies and the district office to fulfill Senate Bill 187 requirements. Components of this plan include child abuse reporting procedures, teacher

notification of dangerous pupil procedures, disaster response procedures, procedures for safe arrival and departure from school, sexual harassment policy, dress code policy, and bully prevention policy. The school's most recent school safety plan was reviewed, updated and shared with school staff in October 2023.

Campus culture promotes a secure learning environment. All persons are to be treated with dignity and respect. The district, schools, students, parents/guardians and community have an obligation to promote mutual respect and safe, harmonious relations that support dignity and equality. Bullying and harassment are not tolerated. The school district has in place policies, procedures, and practices that are designed to reduce and eliminate bullying and harassment as well as processes and procedures to address incidents of bullying and harassment when they occur. Students and their parents receive information annually regarding district policies concerning anti-bullying and harassment.

## Facilities Inspections

The district's maintenance department inspects E.P. Foster Elementary School on an annual basis in accordance with Education Code §17592.72(c)(1). E.P. Foster Elementary School uses a school site inspection survey to identify unsafe or hazardous conditions and facility improvement needs. The most recent school inspection took place on July 24, 2023. During fiscal year 2023-24, all restrooms were fully functional and available for student use at the time of the inspection.

**Suspensions & Expulsions by Student Group (2022-23)**

Student Group	Suspensions Rate	Expulsions Rate
All Students	0.00%	0.00%
Female	0.00%	0.00%
Male	0.00%	0.00%
Non-Binary	0.00%	0.00%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.00%	0.00%
Asian	0.00%	0.00%
Black or African American	0.00%	0.00%
Filipino	0.00%	0.00%
Hispanic or Latino	0.00%	0.00%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.00%	0.00%
Two or More Races	0.00%	0.00%
White	0.00%	0.00%
English Learners	0.00%	0.00%
Foster Youth	0.00%	0.00%
Homeless	0.00%	0.00%
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	0.00%	0.00%
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	0.00%	0.00%
Students with Disabilities	0.00%	0.00%

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# CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT

## Discipline & Climate for Learning

E.P. Foster STEM Academy proudly uses Lesson One: ABC's for Life as a schoolwide, comprehensive life skills program that leads to our positive school culture and climate. Lesson One language, The Lesson One Pledge for Success and Lesson One related routines are used throughout the school day and are incorporated into the various academic subjects and school activities and events.

A schoolwide Safety Assembly at the beginning of the school year reinforces rules, expectations and responsibilities that students must follow to ensure a safe campus. Positive Behavior Support Plans are developed for students in need of individualized behavioral supports. Furthermore, school staff work to use Second Step social emotional learning curriculum in order to create a safe and positive school environment.

## Chronic Absenteeism

The chart in this report identifies the chronic absenteeism rates by student group for E.P. Foster Elementary School for the 2022-23 school year. A "chronic absentee" has been defined in EC Section 60901(c)(1) as "a pupil who is absent on 10 percent or more of the school days in the school year when the total number of days a pupil is absent is divided by the total number of days the pupil is enrolled and school was actually taught in the regular day schools of the district, exclusive of Saturdays and Sundays."

## Class Size

The Class Size Distribution table in this report illustrates the distribution of class sizes by grade level, the average class size, and the number of classes that contain 1-20 students, 21-32 students, and 33 or more students.

## Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution

2020-21			
Grade Level	Average Class Size	Number of Classes*	
		1-20	21-32 33+
K	21.0	3	
1	28.0	2	
2	23.0	3	
3	24.0	3	
4	30.0	2	
5	30.0	2	
2021-22			
K	25.0	2	
1	21.0	3	
2	25.0	2	
3	22.0	3	
4	22.0	1	
5	29.0	2	
2022-23			
K	22.0	2	
1	24.0	2	
2	23.0	2	
3	24.0	2	
4	30.0	2	
5	32.0	2	

\*Number of classes indicates how many classes fall into each size category (a range of total students per class).

\*\* "Other" category is for multi-grade level classes. The "K" number of students shown in the chart above includes both TK and kindergarten numbers.

## CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

### Staff Development

All professional development activities at Ventura Unified School District are aligned to the California State Standards. Staff development concentrations are selected and identified based on State Standards implementation, the new science standards, teacher surveys, and district initiatives. Findings from formative assessment results indicate that reading, writing, and mathematics are the primary focus areas.

During the 2021-22, 2022-23, and 2023-24 school years, the teachers at E.P. Foster Elementary School had the opportunity to participate in districtwide staff development training focused on:

#### 2021-22 Trainings:

- Bridges Math Intervention
- Benchmark & Math Expressions
- Implicit Bias
- Number Corner Refresher (Kinder)
- NGSS Curriculum Training
- Canvas

#### 2022-23 Trainings:

- Active Assailant
- Behavior Management Strategies
- Bully Prevention
- CHAMPS Overview
- Digital Creations for the Classroom - Using Google Apps and Extensions to Enhance Student Engagement
- Digital Platforms (Let's Take a Tech Trip)
- Ellevation Training
- ELPAC Strategies
- Ethnic and Social Justice Studies

#### 2023-24 Trainings:

- K-5 Grade Level Collaboratives
- Trauma Informed Practices
- California Reading & Literature Project: RESULTS Training (K-3)
- Dual Language Education
- MAP Reports
- ELPAC Task Types
- Multilingual learner Liaisons Collaboration
- English Language Development (K-5)

Supplemental site-based training takes place during faculty, grade level, and department meetings. The principal identifies teacher training needs based upon parent survey results, teacher input, teacher evaluations, and the Healthy Kids Survey. During the 2022-23 school year, E.P. Foster Elementary School's staff development activities concentrated on:

- Collaborative Problem Solving
- Cultural Proficiencies
- Cultural Responsiveness
- Curriculum Calibration
- English Language Arts & Math Curriculum Implementation
- Lesson One
- Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS)
- Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS)
- Professional Learning Communities
- Restorative Justice
- Social Emotional Learning (SEL)
- STEM Integration (use of CNC printers & machines)
- Universal Design for Learning (UDL)

The district also offers supplemental professional development to follow up and support year-round

## Textbooks

Year Adopted	From Most Recent State Adoption?	Publisher and Series	Percent of Pupils Who Lack Their Own Assigned Textbooks and/or Instructional Materials
Reading/Language Arts			
2016	Yes	Benchmark Education Company: <i>Benchmark Advanced</i>	0%
Math			
2017	Yes	Houghton Mifflin: <i>Math Expressions</i>	0%
Science			
2021	Yes	McGraw Hill: <i>California Inspire Science</i>	0%
Social Science			
2022	Yes	Savvas: <i>myWorld Interactive</i>	0%

- Expanded Learning Training
- Indian Ed Curriculum Training
- Inspire Science
- Leader in Me Training
- Lexia English
- Mandated Reporter
- Multi-Disciplinary Training for Supporting Multilingual Learners with Disabilities
- Scholastic Curriculum Training (TK)
- SIRAS and Case Management
- Social and Emotional Learning: Community Circles
- Social Studies Training
- SPARK Training
- Trauma Informed Practices
- Suicide Prevention

and ongoing programs centered around reading, writing, and math and tied to either specific strategies to improve student learning or district-adopted curriculum materials. Supplemental professional development is offered throughout the school year on early student release days, after school, on designated staff development days, and during substitute release time. Teacher Content Specialist Teams work with school site administrators and teaching staff to provide support and training to ensure the successful implementation of the Common Core Standards. The Ventura County Teacher Induction Consortium is a two-year, individualized, job-embedded system of mentoring, support and professional learning that begins in the teacher's first year of teaching for newly credentialed teachers in California. The program is accredited by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) and is administered by the Ventura County Office of Education (VCOE), Educator Support and Effectiveness (ESE) department, in coordination with a consortium of 18 school districts, local charter schools, private schools, and 5 university partners.

Staff members are encouraged to attend professional workshops and conferences. New teachers, experienced teachers, mentor/teacher leaders, administrators, and support staff are encouraged to participate in workshops sponsored by the Ventura County Superintendent of Schools as well as the Ventura Unified School District. Profession and subject specific offerings are consistent with the California Content Standards. Classified support staff may receive job-related training from district representatives; training activities and workshops are designed to enhance and extend job performance.

### Instructional Materials

All textbooks used in the core curriculum are aligned to the California State Standards. Instructional materials for K-8 are selected from the state's most recent list of standards-based materials and adopted by the State Board of Education, and instructional materials for 9-12 are aligned to state standards and approved by the district's board of education.

On October 10, 2023, the Ventura Unified School District Board of Education held a public hearing to certify the extent to which textbooks and instructional materials have been provided to students. The Board of Education adopted

Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments (Considered "Ineffective" under ESSA) / Authorization/Assignment	2020-21	2021-22
Permits and Waivers	0	0
Misassignments	0	0
Vacant Positions	0	0
Total Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments	0	0

Credentialed Teachers Assigned Out-of-Field (Considered "out-of-Field" under ESSA) / Indicator	2020-21	2021-22
Credentialed Teachers Authorized on a Permit or Waiver	0	0
Local Assignment Options	0	0
Total Out-of-Field Teachers	0	0

Class Assignments / Indicator	2020-21	2021-22
Misassignments for English Learners (a percentage of all the classes with English learners taught by teachers that are misassigned)	0	0
No credential, permit or authorization to teacher (a percentage of all the classes taught by teachers with no record of an authorization to teach)	0	0

Note: For more information, refer to the Updated Teacher Equity Definitions web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/pd/ee/teacherequitydefinitions.asp>

School Year 2020-21						
Teacher Preparation and Placement / Authorization/Assignment	School #	School %	District #	District %	State #	State %
Fully (Preliminary or Clear) Credentialed for Subject and Student Placement (properly assigned)	15.5	100	526.1	80.91	228366.1	83.12
Intern Credential Holders Properly Assigned	0	0	9	1.4	4205.9	1.53
Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments ("ineffective" under ESSA)	0	0	20.1	3.09	11216.7	4.08
Credentialed Teachers Assigned Out-of-Field ("out-of-field" under ESSA)	0	0	65.1	10.03	12115.8	4.41
Unknown	0	0	29.7	4.57	18854.3	6.86
Total Teaching Positions	15.5	100	650.2	100	274759.1	100

School Year 2021-22						
Teacher Preparation and Placement / Authorization/Assignment	School #	School %	District #	District %	State #	State %
Fully (Preliminary or Clear) Credentialed for Subject and Student Placement (properly assigned)	14.5	99.38	515.8	78.78	234405.2	84
Intern Credential Holders Properly Assigned	0	0	6.2	0.96	4853	1.74
Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments ("ineffective" under ESSA)	0	0	23.3	3.56	12001.5	4.3
Credentialed Teachers Assigned Out-of-Field ("out-of-field" under ESSA)	0	0	66	10.09	11953.1	4.28
Unknown	0.1	0.69	43.2	6.6	15831.9	5.67
Total Teaching Positions	14.5	100	654.7	100	279044.8	100

Note: The data in this table is based on Full Time Equivalent (FTE) status. One FTE equals one staff member working full time; one FTE could also represent two staff members who each work 50 percent of full time. Additionally, an assignment is defined as a position that an educator is assigned to based on setting, subject, and grade level. An authorization is defined as the services that an educator is authorized to provide to students.

Resolution #23-33 which certifies as required by Education Code §60119 (1) that textbooks and instructional materials were provided to all students, including English Learners, in the district to the extent that each pupil, including English Learners, has a standards-aligned textbook and/or instructional materials to use in class and to take home, which may include materials in a digital format but shall not include photocopied sheets from only a portion of a textbook or instructional materials copied to address a shortage, (2) that all students who are enrolled in the same course within the district have standards-aligned textbooks or instructional materials from the same adoption cycle, (3) sufficient textbooks and instructional materials were provided to each student, including English Learners, that are aligned to the academic content standards and consistent with the cycles and content of the curriculum frameworks in math, science, history-social science, and English/Language Arts, including the English Language Development component of an adopted program, 4) sufficient textbooks or instructional materials were provided to each pupil enrolled in foreign language or health classes, and 5) sufficient laboratory science equipment was available for science laboratory classes offered in grades 9-12, inclusive.

In addition to core subject areas, districts are required to disclose in their SARC's the sufficiency of instructional materials used for their visual/performing arts curricula. During the 2023-24 school year, Ventura Unified School District provided each student, including English Learners, enrolled in a visual/performing arts class with a textbook or instructional materials to use in class and to take home. These materials complied with the state's content standards and curriculum frameworks.

## PROFESSIONAL STAFF

### Counseling & Support Staff

E.P. Foster Elementary School provides professional, highly qualified staff that provide additional services and support centered on the whole student academically, physically, and mentally. The Counseling and Support Services table in this report illustrates the availability of non-instructional support staff to E.P. Foster Elementary School's students.

Full-time equivalent (FTE) is a standard measurement used to identify an employee's regular work load on a weekly basis. For example, an FTE of 1.0 designates a full-time position and the employee is on campus and available all day every day of the week; an FTE of 0.5 indicates that the staff member is available and on campus a portion (50%) of the week.

Academic Counselors and Other Support Staff 2022-23		
	No. of Staff	FTE*
Academic Counselor	1	1.0
Health Technician	1	0.8
Psychologist	1	0.3
School Nurse	1	0.2
Library Technician	1	0.5
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	1	0.4
Home Liaison	1	0.6

\*One Full Time Equivalent (FTE) equals one staff member working full time; one FTE could also represent two staff members who each work 50% of full time.

### Teacher Preparation and Credentials

The charts in this report identify the number of teachers at E.P. Foster Elementary School, Ventura Unified School District and the State who are 1) fully credentialed; 2) intern credential holders who are properly assigned; 3) teachers without credentials and misassignments; and 4) credentialed teachers who are assigned out-of-field under ESSA.

The charts also report E.P. Foster Elementary School information related to 1) the number of teachers on permits and waivers; 2) the number misassigned; 3) the number of vacant positions; 4) the number of credentialed teachers authorized on a permit or waiver; 5) the number of local assignment options; 6) the percent of misassignments for English Learners; and 7) the percent with no credential, permit or authorization to teach.

## DISTRICT EXPENDITURES

### Salary & Budget Comparison

State law requires comparative salary and budget information to be reported to the general public. For comparison purposes, the State Department of Education has provided average salary data from school districts having similar average daily attendance throughout the state. (Note: 2021-22 salary comparison data was the most recent data available at the time this report was published.)

### Expenditures Per Student

For the 2021-22 school year, Ventura Unified School District spent an average of \$15,181 of total general funds to educate each student (based on 2021-22 audited financial statements and in accordance with calculations defined in Education Code §41372). The table in this report 1) compares the school's per pupil expenditures from unrestricted (basic) and restricted (supplemental) sources with other schools in the district and throughout the state, and 2) compares the average teacher salary at the school site with average teacher salaries at the district and state levels. Detailed information regarding expenditures and salaries can be found at the CDE web site at [www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/ec/](http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/ec/) and [www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/](http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/). (The figures shown in the following table reflect the direct cost of educational services, per ADA, excluding food services, facilities acquisition and construction, and certain other expenditures.)

Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teachers Salaries 2021-22					
Dollars Spent Per Student					
Expenditures Per Pupil	E. P. Foster	VUSD	% Difference - School and District	State Average for Districts of Same Size and Type	% Difference - School and State
Total Restricted and Unrestricted	9,075	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Restricted (Supplemental)	2,763	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Unrestricted (Basic)	6,312	6,550	96.4%	7,607	86.1%
Average Teacher Salary	86,228	79,491	N/A	90,632	N/A

Note: Cells with N/A values do not require data.

In addition to general fund state funding, Ventura Unified School District receives state and federal categorical funding for special programs. For the 2021-22 school year, the district received categorical, special education, and support programs funds for:

- A-G Completion Grant
- After School Education and Safety (ASES)
- After School Kids Code Grant Pilot Program
- American Rescue Plan – Homeless Children and Youth
- Child Nutrition: Food Service Staff Training Funds
- Child Nutrition: Kitchen Infrastructure Upgrade Funds
- Classified School Employee Summer Assistance Program
- Career and Technical Education Programs
- Career Technical Education Incentive Grant Program
- COVID Relief Funding
- Department of Rehabilitation
- Educator Effectiveness
- Education Protection Account
- Expanded Learning Opportunities Program
- Indian Education
- Lottery: Instructional Materials
- On-Behalf Pension Contributions
- Other Federal Funds
- Other Local: Locally Defined
- Other State: Locally Defined
- Special Education
- State COVID Relief Funding
- State Lottery
- Strong Workforce Program
- Supplementary Programs
- Title I, II, III, IV
- Tobacco Use Prevention Education

## SARC DATA

### DataQuest

DataQuest is an online data tool located on the CDE DataQuest web page at <http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/> that contains additional information about E.P. Foster Elementary School and comparisons of the school to the district and the county. DataQuest is a dynamic system that provides reports for school accountability (e.g., test data, enrollment, high school graduates, dropouts, course enrollments, staffing and data regarding English learners).

### California School Dashboard

The California School Dashboard (Dashboard) <https://www.caschooldashboard.org/> reflects California's new accountability and continuous improvement system and provides information about how LEAs and schools are meeting the needs of California's diverse student population. The Dashboard contains reports that display the performance of LEAs, schools, and student groups on a set of state and local measures to assist in identifying strengths, challenges, and areas in need of improvement.

### Internet

Internet access is available at public libraries and other locations that are publicly accessible (e.g., the California State Library). Access to the Internet at libraries and public locations is generally provided on a first-come, first served basis. Other use restrictions may include the hours of operation, the length of time that a workstation may be used (depending on availability), the types of software programs available on a workstation and the ability to print documents.

### Disclosure

The statistical information disclosed in this report is obtained from the California Department of Education and the Ventura Unified School District. At the time of publication, this report met all SARC-related state and federal requirements, using the most current data available. Data to prepare the instructional materials sections and the school facilities section was acquired in December 2023.