

# Santa Maria-Bonita School District Tunnell Elementary School

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## Principal's Message

Welcome to Tunnell Elementary School's Annual School Accountability Report Card where you will find valuable information about our academic achievement, professional staff, curricular programs, instructional materials, safety procedures, classroom environment, and condition of facilities.

Tunnell Elementary School provides a warm, stimulating environment where students are actively involved in learning academic subject matter and positive values. Students receive a standards-based, rigorous curriculum provided by a dedicated and professional staff that is based on the individual needs of the students. Ongoing evaluation of student progress and achievement helps us refine the instructional program so students can achieve academic proficiency.

We are committed to providing the best educational programs and student learning experiences for our Tunnell Thunderbirds to help them reach their maximum potential.

## Mission

All students should have the opportunity to succeed to their fullest potential through the united efforts of students, staff, parents and the community while on a safe campus.

## School Description

Tunnell Elementary School is located in Santa Maria and serves students in grades transitional kindergarten through six following a traditional calendar. At the beginning of the 2023-24 school year, 874 students were enrolled, including 9.5% in special education, 45.3% qualifying for English Language Learner support, and 83% qualifying for free or reduced price lunch.

Student Enrollment by Student Group / Grade Level 2023-24			
Student Group	% of Total Enrollment	Grade Level	# of Students
Female	48.40%	Transitional Kindergarten	82
Male	51.60%	Kindergarten	114
Non-Binary	0.00%	Grade 1	99
Amer. Indian or Alaska Native	0.50%	Grade 2	123
Asian	0.80%	Grade 3	98
Black or African-Amer.	0.20%	Grade 4	132
Filipino	1.50%	Grade 5	114
Hisp. or Latino	88.20%	Grade 6	112
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.00%	Ungraded	0
Two or More Races	1.40%		
White	6.60%		
English Learners	45.30%		
Foster Youth	0.60%		
Homeless	16.20%		
Students Receiving Migrant Ed. Services	6.30%		
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	83.00%		
Students with Disabilities	9.50%		
<b>Total Enrollment</b>			<b>874</b>

## Student Achievement

### Physical Fitness

In the spring of each year, Tunnell Elementary School is required by the state to administer a physical fitness test to all students in grade five. 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 web site [www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/pf](http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/pf).

Physical Fitness Test % of Students Participating in each of the Five Fitness Components 2023-24					
Grade	Component 1: Aerobic Capacity	Component 2: Abdominal Strength and Endurance	Component 3: Trunk Extensor and Strength and Flexibility	Component 4: Upper Body Strength and Endurance	Component 5: Flexibility
5	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Note: 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.

### California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress

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 ELA and Mathematics - All Students						
	Percent of Students Meeting or Exceeding State Standards					
	School		District		State	
	22-23	23-24	22-23	23-24	22-23	23-24
English-Language Arts/Literacy (grades 3-8 and 11)	33.0	26.0	24.0	25.0	46.0	47.0
Mathematics (grades 3-8 and 11)	24.0	21.0	16.0	16.0	34.0	35.0

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ELA and mathematics test results include the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment 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 CAAs divided by the total number of students who participated in both assessments.

CAASPP Test Results in ELA by Student Group (2023-24)					
Student Groups	Total Enrollment	# Tested	% Tested	% Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	470	458	97.45	2.55	25.98
Female	221	212	95.93	4.07	28.77
Male	249	246	98.80	1.20	23.58
Amer. Indian or Alaska Native	--	--	--	--	--
Asian	--	--	--	--	--
Black or African-Amer.	--	--	--	--	--
Filipino	--	--	--	--	--
Hisp. or Latino	420	409	97.38	2.62	25.18
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0
Two or More Races	--	--	--	--	--
White	26	25	96.15	3.85	32.00
English Learners	184	173	94.02	5.98	5.20
Foster Youth	--	--	--	--	--
Homeless	74	72	97.30	2.70	25.00
Military	--	--	--	--	--
Students Receiving Migrant Ed. Services	37	33	89.19	10.81	9.09
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	387	382	98.71	1.29	22.77
Students with Disabilities	53	53	100.00	0.00	9.43

CAASPP Test Results in Mathematics by Student Group (2023-24)					
Student Groups	Total Enrollment	# Tested	% Tested	% Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	472	470	99.58	0.42	21.32
Female	221	220	99.55	0.45	18.64
Male	251	250	99.60	0.40	23.69
Amer. Indian or Alaska Native	--	--	--	--	--
Asian	--	--	--	--	--
Black or African-Amer.	--	--	--	--	--
Filipino	--	--	--	--	--
Hisp. or Latino	422	420	99.53	0.47	19.76
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0
Two or More Races	--	--	--	--	--
White	26	26	100.00	0.00	36.00
English Learners	186	185	99.46	0.54	7.03
Foster Youth	--	--	--	--	--
Homeless	76	76	100.00	0.00	23.68
Military	--	--	--	--	--
Students Receiving Migrant Ed. Services	37	37	100.00	0.00	5.41
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	389	389	100.00	0.00	19.54
Students with Disabilities	53	53	100.00	0.00	7.55

Note: ELA test results include the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment 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 CAAs divided by the total number of students who participated in both assessments.

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Note: 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.

CAASPP Test Results in Science for All Students						
	Percent of Students Meeting or Exceeding State Standards					
	School		District		State	
	22-23	23-24	22-23	23-24	22-23	23-24
Science (grades 5, 8, and 10)	28.4	14.8	13.1	11.5	30.3	30.7

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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.

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.

CAASPP Test Results in Science by Student Group (2023-24)					
Student Groups	Total Enrollment	# Tested	% Tested	% Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	115	115	100.00	0.00	14.78
Female	56	56	100.00	0.00	8.93
Male	59	59	100.00	0.00	20.34
Amer. Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0	0	0
Asian	--	--	--	--	--
Black or African-Amer.	0	0	0	0	0
Filipino	--	--	--	--	--
Hisp. or Latino	108	108	100.00	0.00	12.04
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0
Two or More Races	--	--	--	--	--
White	--	--	--	--	--
English Learners	47	47	100.00	0.00	2.13
Foster Youth	0	0	0	0	0
Homeless	17	17	100.00	0.00	17.65
Military	--	--	--	--	--
Students Receiving Migrant Ed. Services	--	--	--	--	--
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	95	95	100.00	0.00	16.84
Students with Disabilities	14	14	100.00	0.00	7.14

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## Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)

As part of the new Local Control Funding Formula, school districts are required to develop, adopt, and annually update a three-year Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP). The following components of this SARC address some of the priorities identified in the District's LCAP:

**Conditions of Learning (Basic Services) – State Priority 1:** Degree to which teachers are appropriately assigned and fully credentialed in the subject areas and for the pupils they are teaching; pupils have access to standards-aligned instructional materials and school facilities are maintained in good repair. Covered in *Teacher Preparation and Placement*, including the *Teacher Credentials & Misassignments* chart; *Instructional Materials*, including the *Textbooks* chart; and *School Facilities & Maintenance*, including the *Campus Description* and *School Facility Good Repair Status* charts.

**Conditions of Learning (Implementation of State Standards) – State Priority 2:** Implementation of academic content and performance standards adopted by the state board for all pupils. Not covered in the School Accountability Report Card.

**Parental Involvement – State Priority 3:** Efforts to seek parent input in decision making, promotion of parent participation in programs for unduplicated pupils and special need subgroups. Covered in *Parent Involvement*.

**Pupil Achievement – State Priority 4:** Performance on standardized tests, score on Academic Performance Index, share of pupils that are college and career ready, share of English learners that become English proficient, English learner reclassification rate, share of pupils that pass Advanced Placement exams with a 3 or higher, and share of pupils determined prepared for college by the Early Assessment Program. Covered in *California*

*Assessment of Student Performance and Progress*, including the CAASPP charts.

Engagement (Pupil Engagement) – State Priority 5: School attendance rates, chronic absenteeism rates, middle school dropout rates, high school dropout rates, and high school graduation rates. Covered in *Dropout & Graduation Rates*, including the Dropout chart; and *Graduation Requirements*, including the Graduation Rate chart for high schools only.

School Climate – State Priority 6: Pupil suspension rates, pupil expulsion rates, other local measures including surveys of pupils, and parents and teachers on the sense of safety and school connectedness. Covered in *Discipline & Climate for Learning*, including Suspension & Expulsion chart; and *School Site Safety Plan*.

Conditions of Learning (Course Access) – State Priority 7: Pupil enrollment in a broad course of study that includes all of the subject areas. Not covered in the School Accountability Report Card.

Other Pupil Outcomes – State Priority 8: Pupil outcomes in the subject areas. Covered in *Physical Fitness*, including the Physical Fitness Test chart.

## 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, attending school events, and joining the PTO.

Parents stay informed on upcoming events and school activities through Parent Square (automated message delivery system and classroom/school level posts in English and Spanish), parent conferences, the school marquee, the school website, Twitter ("X"), and Facebook. Contact the office manager at (805) 361-7940 for more information on how to become involved in your child's learning environment.

### Opportunities to Volunteer

Chaperone Field Trips  
Classroom Helper  
Parent Teacher Organization  
Special Events

### Committees

District Advisory Council  
District English Learner Advisory Council  
Parent Involvement Committee  
Parent Teacher Organization  
School Site Council / English Learner Advisory Council

### School Activities

Back to School Night  
Field Trips  
Jog-A-Thon  
Open House  
Parent Education Classes  
Parent Nights  
Parent Teacher Conferences  
PTO Harvest Festival  
Sports Events  
Title I Parent Presentation Night

## 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. Tunnell Elementary School's original facilities were built in 1967; ongoing maintenance and campus improvements ensure facilities remain up to date and provide adequate space for students and staff. 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. During the 2023-24 school years, the following campus repairs or improvements planned:

2023-24 Campus Repairs or Improvements:

- Mechanical improvement
- Playground improvement
- Shade improvement
- Solar improvements
- Portable ramp replacement

2024-25 Planned Campus Repairs or Improvements:

- Kinder classrooms mechanical improvements
- Painting improvements

Every morning before school begins, the 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 are assigned to Tunnell Elementary School. The day custodian is responsible for:

- Cafeteria setup/cleanup
- Groundskeeping
- Restroom cleaning
- Trash removal

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

- Classroom cleaning
- Office area cleaning
- Restroom cleaning

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



Campus Description	
Year Built	1967
Acreage	8.5
Square Footage	-
	Quantity
Permanent Classrooms	21
Portable Classrooms	12
Restrooms (sets)	4
Band Room	1
Cafeteria	1
Library/Media Center	1
Outdoor Stage	1
School Garden	1
Staff Lounge / Staff Workroom	1

### Facilities Inspection

The district's maintenance department inspects Tunnell Elementary School on an annual basis in accordance with Education Code §17592.72(c)(1). Tunnell 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 Thursday, January 18, 2024. Deficiencies noted in the school inspection survey were corrected immediately by the district's maintenance department. During fiscal year 2024-25, all restrooms were fully functional and available for student use at the time of the inspection.

School Facility Good Repair Status Most Recent Inspection: Thursday, January 18, 2024			
Item Inspected	Repair Status		
	Good	Fair	Poor
A. Systems	✓		
B. Interior	✓		
C. Cleanliness	✓		
D. Electrical	✓		
E. Restrooms / Fountains	✓		
F. Safety	✓		
G. Structural	✓		
H. External	✓		

Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned	
Section Number	Comment
(B)	P 33, P 26, P 27, P 28, P 29 - Water stain ceiling tiles

Overall Summary of School Facility Good Repair Status			
Exemplary	Good	Fair	Poor
✓			

#### Rating Description

*Exemplary: The school meets most or all standards of good repair. Deficiencies noted, if any, are not significant and/or impact a very small area of the school.*

### Campus Supervision

School administration and staff place a high priority on providing adequate adult supervision on campus before, during, and after school. As students arrive on campus each morning, the principal, assistant principal, the cafeteria supervisor, and student supervisors are strategically assigned to designated entrance areas and

the playground. During recess, the principal, assistant principal, and playground supervisors monitor playground activity. The principal, assistant principal, and playground supervisors monitor lunch time activity in the cafeteria and on the playground. At the end of the day when students are dismissed, the principal, assistant principal, teachers, and certificated staff monitor student behavior to ensure a safe and orderly departure.

Tunnell Elementary School is a closed campus. During school hours, all visitors sign in at the school's office with a valid state issued identification card to be scanned through the Raptor security system and wear the printed identification sticker while on school grounds.

### School Site Safety Plan

The Comprehensive School Site Safety Plan was developed for Tunnell 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, and dress code policy. The school's most recent school safety plan was reviewed, updated, and discussed with school staff in August 2024.

## Classroom Environment

### Discipline & Climate for Learning

Tunnell Elementary School's discipline practices and behavior management strategies comply with approved board policies and are designed to create effective learning environments and minimize classroom disruptions. Progressive discipline is employed in the classroom for those students experiencing difficulty following school rules, and proactive measures are utilized for those demonstrating positive behavior. Disciplinary intervention is managed by school administrators in a fair, firm, and consistent manner based upon the nature of each situation.

	Suspensions & Expulsions		
	21-22	22-23	23-24
	School		
% Students Suspended	0.7	0.6	0.3
% Students Expelled	0.0	0.0	0.0
	District		
% Students Suspended	3.8	4.0	4.3
% Students Expelled	0.0	0.0	0.0
	State		
% Students Suspended	3.2	3.6	3.3
% Students Expelled	0.1	0.1	0.1

Suspensions and Expulsions by Student Group (2023-24)		
Student Group	Suspensions Rate	Expulsions Rate
All Students	0.3	0.0
Female	0.0	0.0
Male	0.6	0.0
Non-Binary	0.0	0.0
Amer. Indian or Alaska Native	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0
Black or African-Amer.	0.0	0.0
Filipino	0.0	0.0
Hisp. or Latino	0.4	0.0
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0
Two or More Races	0.0	0.0
White	0.0	0.0
English Learners	0.4	0.0
Foster Youth	0.0	0.0
Homeless	0.6	0.0
Students Receiving Migrant Ed. Services	0.0	0.0
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	0.4	0.0
Students with Disabilities	0.0	0.0

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### 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. Calculations exclude classrooms of 50 or more students.

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution				
2021-22				
Grade	Avg. Class Size	Number of Classes		
		1-20	21-32	33+
K	39.0	2	4	1
1	25.0		4	
2	31.0	1	3	1
3	47.0		3	2
4	25.0		4	1
5	42.0		4	1
6	30.0	4	4	
Other**	77.0	1		4
2022-23				
Grade	Avg. Class Size	Number of Classes		
		1-20	21-32	33+
K	21.0	2	4	
1	24.0		5	
2	24.0		4	
3	30.0		4	
4	27.0		4	
5	28.0		4	
6	29.0		4	
2023-24				
Grade	Avg. Class Size	Number of Classes		
		1-20	21-32	33+
K	38.0		4	2
1	40.0		4	1
2	41.0	1	4	2
3	35.0	1	4	1
4	40.0		3	3
5	41.0	1	4	1
6	39.0	1	4	2
Other**	17.0	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.

## Pupil Engagement

### Chronic Absenteeism

The following chart identifies the chronic absenteeism rates by student group for Tunnell Elementary School for the 2023-24 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."

Chronic Absenteeism By Student Group (2023-24)				
Student Group	Cumulative Enrollment	Chronic Absenteeism Eligible Enrollment	Chronic Absenteeism Count	Chronic Absenteeism Rate
All Students	962	928	130	14.0
Female	468	451	60	13.3
Male	494	477	70	14.7
Amer. Indian or Alaska Native	--	--	--	0.0
Asian	--	--	--	0.0
Black or African-Amer.	--	--	--	0.0
Filipino	13	13	0	0.0
Hisp. or Latino	850	819	114	13.9
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	--	--	--	0.0
Two or More Races	12	12	5	41.7
White	64	61	7	11.5
English Learners	470	448	62	13.8
Foster Youth	--	--	--	0.0
Homeless	164	156	18	11.5
Students Receiving Migrant Ed. Services	72	68	10	14.7
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	804	777	108	13.9
Students with Disabilities	99	99	17	17.2

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## Curriculum & Instruction

### Staff Development

All training and curriculum development activities at Tunnell Elementary School revolve around the California State Content Standards and Frameworks. During the 2023-24 school year, Tunnell Elementary School held staff development training devoted to:

- High Quality Instructional Indicators (HCIIs)
- Professional Learning Communities (PLCs)
- English Language Development (ELD)
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
- Math Support for our New Programs

Decisions concerning selection of staff development activities are performed by all staff using tools such as teacher input and data analysis to determine the areas in which additional teacher training may enhance classroom instruction and increase student achievement levels. Tunnell Elementary School supports ongoing professional growth throughout the year on early release days. Teachers meet in grade level teams to conduct data analysis to identify areas of need. Teaching staff are provided the opportunity to participate in district-sponsored staff development workshops or training sessions as 1) a supplement to site-based staff development, 2) for reinforcement of or follow-up on previous training, or 3) follow-up training for newly implemented programs/curricula.

During the 2022-23, 2023-24, and 2024-25 school years, Tunnell Elementary School's teachers had the opportunity to attend the following events hosted by the Santa Maria-Bonita School District:

### 2022-23 Training Topics:

- Goalbook Training
- English Language Development
- Practice Guidance to Gifted Children
- CRT & The Brain Strategies
- How to Maximize Classroom Technology for Student Engagement
- Maximize Math Instruction with Restructured GoMath!
- Support Structured Discourse in a Science Classroom
- Designing the 21st Century Classroom
- Engagement Strategies for Amplify Science Reading & Writing Tasks
- School City Reports & Assessments
- AVID - Introducing Students to Focused Notes
- RIGOR Literacy and Language Interventions
- STEAM Language Routines: Develop Language through Math & Science Content
- Developing Positive Math Mindsets
- Routines for Chromebook Use
- Scaffolds and Differentiation within the ELA Curriculum

### 2023-24 Training Topics:

- TK / Literacy
- Haggerty for TK - Implementation Strategies (TK-2)
- Creating Inclusive Classroom for Student's Success (TK)
- i-Ready
- Math Training
- Tier I & Tier II Training
- LETRS Training
- Benchmark Phonics Intervention
- Handwriting Without Tears
- Migrant Education
- TWIG Science
- Response to Intervention (RtI)
- English Language Development (ELD)
- Technology Training

### 2024-25 Training Topics:

- Building a Meaningful Community
- Classroom Management and Routines (TK)
- Benchmark Advance
- i-Ready
- Amplify Science
- English Language Development (ELD) Supports
- ELA Scaffolds & Differentiation
- Second Step Curriculum
- StudySync Curriculum
- Handwriting Without Tears
- Cultivating an Inclusive Culture in Your Classroom
- Twig Science
- Classroom Collaborative Planning
- Formal Assessments: Digital Platforms
- Strategies for Dynamic Learning
- Inquiry Cycle - Data Driven Teaching & Analysis

Tunnell Elementary School offers support to new and veteran teachers through peer coaching and mentoring.

Instructional aides are provided targeted training focused on teaching strategies and curriculum content. Substitute teachers are invited to participate in designated staff development activities. All staff are encouraged to attend professional workshops and conferences. Classified support staff receive job-related training from department supervisors and district representatives.

Number of School Days Dedicated to Staff Development and Continuous Improvement		
2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
2	2	2

### Instructional Materials

All textbooks used in the core curriculum at Tunnell Elementary School are aligned to the California Content Standards and Frameworks. Instructional materials are selected from the state's most recent list of standards-based materials and adopted by the State Board of Education. The district follows the State Board of Education's eight-year adoption cycle for core content materials (English/language arts, math, science, and social science).

On Wednesday, September 11, 2024, the Santa Maria-Bonita School District's 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 Resolution 24-04 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 has a textbook or instructional materials, or both, to use in class and to take home, and (2) 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.

In addition to core subject areas, districts are required to disclose in their SARCs the sufficiency of instructional materials used for their visual/performing arts curricula. During the 2024-25 school year, Santa Maria-Bonita 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.

Textbooks		
Adoption Year	Publisher & Series	Pupils Lacking Textbooks
<b>English Language Arts</b>		
2017	Benchmark Education, <i>Benchmark Advance</i>	0 %
2017	McGraw Hill, <i>Study Sync</i>	0 %
<b>History-Social Science</b>		
2019	SAVVAS, <i>MyWorld</i>	0 %
<b>Mathematics</b>		
2023	Curriculum Associates, <i>iReady</i>	0 %
2023	MidSchoolMath, <i>MidSchoolMath</i>	0 %
<b>Science</b>		
2020	Amplify Education, Inc., <i>Amplify</i>	0 %
2020	Twig Education, <i>Twig Science, CA Edition</i>	0 %

### Specialized Instruction

All curriculum and instruction are aligned to the California State Standards approved by the State Board of Education. The instructional program is structured so that all students receive instruction appropriate to their learning level. Teachers use a variety of research-based instructional strategies and techniques using state-approved instructional materials to ensure academic success.

For students whose primary language is not English and who have limited English proficiency, Tunnell Elementary School offers programs to help them acquire English as quickly as possible and prepare them to meet the state's academic content standards. English learners are grouped by their ability each day for Language Arts instruction by a certified teacher. Instruction focuses on reinforcement of class lessons, reading intervention, and targeted support in areas of need. All students receive English Language Development instruction as a supplement to their regular language arts instruction. Tunnell Elementary School's teachers utilize Benchmark for grades K-5 and Study Sync for grade 6, both state-approved textbook adoptions. English learners are assessed annually using the ELPAC exam (English Language Proficiency Assessment for California); results are used to evaluate student progress, intervention programs, and teaching strategies.

Tunnell Elementary School's special education program is staffed by two Resource Specialist Program teachers. Instruction is provided in the least restrictive environment and based on each student's Individual Education Plan (IEP). Students have access to a comprehensive curriculum and are mainstreamed into the general education class, with small group and individualized instruction in the resource room and/or in the classroom. The IEP team meets annually to establish goals and objectives, define academic instruction, evaluate the effectiveness of the student's plan, and make instructional adjustments as necessary. Tunnell Elementary School takes advantage of the district's participation in the Santa Barbara Special Education Local Plan Area, which provides a pool of professional resources and expertise in the field of special education.

Tunnell Elementary School provides a variety of intervention and remediation programs to support students' efforts to achieve academic success and reach



grade level expectations. Using district benchmark assessments, end-of-unit exams and MTSS data through SPIRE testing (reading to identify struggling students), NWEA Assessments, teachers and administrators can identify students who are struggling or performing below state proficiency grade level standards. For those students who need extra help in any subject area, a Student Study Team pulls together school and family resources to identify and develop strategies to help students improve academic and/or behavioral performance. Intervention strategies include:

- After School Program (ASP)
- English Language Development Coach
- Instructional Coach
- Learning Center
- Multi-Tiered Systems of Support
- Schoolwide Response to Intervention Program
- Tutor.com (online tutoring program)

Supplementary instructional materials are purchased as needed to support intervention programs. Classroom teachers monitor student performance on district benchmark assessments, daily classwork, homework, and end-of-unit tests to measure ongoing academic progress and adjust instructional needs.

## Professional Staff

### Counseling & Support Staff

Tunnell 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 Tunnell 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 & Other Support Staff (Nonteaching Professional Staff) 2023-24		
	No. of Staff	FTE
Academic Counselor	0	0
Community Liaisons	2	2.0
Outreach Mentors	2	2.0
Adaptive PE Specialist	1	0.4
Computer Lab Technician	1	1.0
Counselor	1	1.0
Health Assistant	1	1.0
Library Media Clerk	1	1.0
Nurse	1	0.2
Psychologist	1	0.2
School-Based Therapist	1	0.5
Speech Therapist	1	1.0

Note: 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 Placement

The charts below identify the number of teachers at Tunnell Elementary School, Santa Maria-Bonita 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 Tunnell 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.

Teacher Preparation and Placement Authorization / Assignment (2022-23)	School Number	School Percent	District Number	District Percent	State Number	State Percent
Fully (Preliminary or Clear) Credentialed for Subject and Student Placement (properly assigned)	32.7	91.6	654.5	89.8	234405.2	84.0
Intern Credential Holders Properly Assigned	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.2	4853.0	1.7
Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments ("ineffective" under ESSA)	2.0	5.6	35.4	4.9	12001.5	4.3
Credentialed Teachers Assigned Out-of-Field ("out-of-field" under ESSA)	0.0	0.0	12.1	1.7	11953.1	4.3
Unknown	1.0	2.8	25.8	3.5	15831.9	5.7
Total Teaching Positions	35.7	100.0	729.2	100.0	279044.8	100.0

Teacher Preparation and Placement Authorization / Assignment (2021-22)	School Number	School Percent	District Number	District Percent	State Number	State Percent
Fully (Preliminary or Clear) Credentialed for Subject and Student Placement (properly assigned)	32.7	91.6	654.5	89.8	234405.2	84.0
Intern Credential Holders Properly Assigned	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.2	4853.0	1.7
Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments ("ineffective" under ESSA)	2.0	5.6	35.4	4.9	12001.5	4.3
Credentialed Teachers Assigned Out-of-Field ("out-of-field" under ESSA)	0.0	0.0	12.1	1.7	11953.1	4.3
Unknown	1.0	2.8	25.8	3.5	15831.9	5.7
Total Teaching Positions	35.7	100.0	729.2	100.0	279044.8	100.0

Teacher Preparation and Placement Authorization / Assignment (2020-21)	School Number	School Percent	District Number	District Percent	State Number	State Percent
Fully (Preliminary or Clear) Credentialed for Subject and Student Placement (properly assigned)	33.1	84.7	666.8	86.2	228366.1	83.1
Intern Credential Holders Properly Assigned	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.3	4205.9	1.5
Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments ("ineffective" under ESSA)	0.0	0.0	24.4	3.2	11216.7	4.1
Credentialed Teachers Assigned Out-of-Field ("out-of-field" under ESSA)	0.0	0.0	7.4	1.0	12115.8	4.4
Unknown	6.0	15.3	72.9	9.4	18854.3	6.9
Total Teaching Positions	39.1	100.0	773.6	100.0	274759.1	100.0

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.

Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments (Considered "ineffective" under ESSA) Authorization/Assignment (2022-23)	
	Number
Permits and Waivers	1.0
Misassignments	1.0
Vacant Positions	0.0
<b>Total Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments</b>	<b>2.0</b>

Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments (Considered "ineffective" under ESSA) Authorization/Assignment (2021-22)	
	Number
Permits and Waivers	0.0
Misassignments	2.0
Vacant Positions	0.0
<b>Total Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments</b>	<b>2.0</b>

Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments (Considered "ineffective" under ESSA) Authorization/Assignment (2020-21)	
	Number
Permits and Waivers	0.0
Misassignments	0.0
Vacant Positions	0.0
<b>Total Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Credentialed Teachers Assigned Out-of-Field (Considered "out-of-field" under ESSA) / Indicator (2022-23)	
	Number
Credentialed Teachers Authorized on a Permit or Waiver	0.0
Local Assignment Options	0.0
<b>Total Out-of-Field Teachers</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Credentialed Teachers Assigned Out-of-Field (Considered "out-of-field" under ESSA) / Indicator (2021-22)	
	Number
Credentialed Teachers Authorized on a Permit or Waiver	0.0
Local Assignment Options	0.0
<b>Total Out-of-Field Teachers</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Credentialed Teachers Assigned Out-of-Field (Considered "out-of-field" under ESSA) / Indicator (2020-21)	
	Number
Credentialed Teachers Authorized on a Permit or Waiver	0.0
Local Assignment Options	0.0
<b>Total Out-of-Field Teachers</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Class Assignments / Indicator (2022-23)	
	Percent
Misassignments for English Learners (a percentage of all the classes with English Learners taught by teachers that are misassigned)	2.1
No credential, permit or authorization to teach (a percentage of all the classes taught by teachers with no record of an authorization to teach)	0.0

Class Assignments / Indicator (2021-22)	
	Percent
Misassignments for English Learners (a percentage of all the classes with English Learners taught by teachers that are misassigned)	4.0
No credential, permit or authorization to teach (a percentage of all the classes taught by teachers with no record of an authorization to teach)	0.0

Class Assignments / Indicator (2020-21)	
	Percent
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 teach (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>

## 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: 2022-23 salary comparison data was the most recent data available at the time this report was published.)

Teacher and Administrative Salaries 2022-23		
	District	State Average of Districts in Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$51,083	\$58,553
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$92,511	\$93,924
Highest Teacher Salary	\$115,456	\$119,489
Superintendent Salary	\$248,000	\$270,432
<b>Average Principal Salaries:</b>		
Elementary School	\$141,681	\$149,898
Middle School	\$145,250	\$157,111
High School	N/A	\$151,698
<b>Percentage of Budget:</b>		
Teacher Salaries	0.31%	31.93%
Administrative Salaries	0.04%	5.62%

For detailed information on salaries, see the CDE Certificated Salaries & Benefits Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/>.

### Expenditures Per Student

For the 2022-23 school year, Santa Maria-Bonita School District spent an average of \$16,323 of total general funds to educate each student (based on 2022-23 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 salaries can be found at the CDE website 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 table below reflect the direct cost of educational services, per ADA, excluding food services, facilities acquisition and construction, and certain other expenditures.)

In addition to general fund state funding, Santa Maria-Bonita School District receives state and federal categorical funding for special programs. For the 2022-23 school year, the district received categorical, special education, and support programs funds for:

- After School Education & Safety (ASES)
- American Rescue Plan - Homeless Children and Youth
- Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant
- Child Development
- Child Nutrition: Kitchen Infrastructure and Training Funds
- COVID Relief Funding

- Educator Effectiveness
- Education Protection Account
- Expanded Learning Opportunities Program
- Learning Recovery Emergency Block Grant
- Literacy Coaches & Reading Specialists Grant Program
- Lottery: Instructional Materials
- Mental Health-Related Services
- On-Behalf Pension Contributions
- Other Local: Locally Defined
- Special Education
- Special Education Early Intervention Preschool Grant
- State Lottery
- Title I
- Title II
- Title III
- Title IV

Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries 2022-23					
	Dollars Spent per Student				
	% Diff. School & Dist.			% Diff. School & State	
	School	District	State	School & State	School & State
Total**	\$8,661	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Restricted	\$1,103	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Unrestricted	\$7,557	\$12,327	61.31	\$10,771	70.17
Average Teacher Salary	\$84,346	\$93,989	89.74	\$96,325	87.56

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

## 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 Tunnell 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 Santa Maria-Bonita 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 section were acquired in December 2024. Data to prepare the school facilities section were acquired in January 2024.