

# SIMI VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## VISTA FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A CALIFORNIA DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL  
A 2016 CALIFORNIA GOLD RIBBON SCHOOL  
A 2016 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

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# SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT CARD

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Vista Fundamental School is one of two alternative "schools of choice" elementary schools in the Simi Valley Unified School District. The Vista "Eagles" have a proud tradition of excellence. Our school motto is "Together Everyone Achieves More." It is important to our staff that we work in partnership with parents and that each student's experience at Vista is rich and memorable. We encourage the parents of the Vista community to get to know other parents, communicate regularly with your child's teacher, join PTA, get involved as a volunteer in a classroom or on a committee, and embrace all that Vista has to offer you and your child. It is our goal that Vista students are well prepared when they are promoted to middle school. As a result, Vista students often become leaders in both academic and extracurricular areas during their secondary school experience. Vista's staff strives to prepare our students for educational experiences and careers of the 21st century through differentiated instruction support using research based techniques including technology. Our staff are GATE trained. Our focus remains on achievement of the California State Standards and continually enhancing our technology on campus. Vista is a STEM focus school, and students engage in weekly learning opportunities in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. In addition, students have the opportunity to participate in after school learning opportunities in the arts and STEM. Vista is an exceptional learning environment with long lasting traditions and exciting new possibilities to support our student population. As the principal, I am proud to be a Vista "Eagle" and feel privileged to serve the students, families, and staff of the Vista Fundamental School community.



## DISTRICT & SCHOOL DESCRIPTION

### SIMI VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Simi Valley Unified School District offices are located in the northwest region of the city of Simi Valley. During the 2023-24 school year, the district's eighteen elementary schools, three middle schools, three comprehensive high schools, one continuation school, and one alternative/independent study school served a total of 15,677 students in grades TK-12. The district's student population is comprised of 11.9% identified as English learners, 13.4% receiving special education services, 0.3% foster youth, 1.8% homeless youth, and 45.2% enrolled in the Free & Reduced-Price Meal program.

### OUR PLEDGE

Their path.  
Our path.  
From here to anywhere.  
More than a promise, it's a commitment.  
To our town.  
Our schools.  
Our students.  
Our community.  
To empower ALL students to become the best potential versions of themselves.  
Their path starts in Simi Valley Schools and our pledge starts now.



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## VISTA FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

During the 2023-24 school year, Vista Fundamental Elementary School served 613 students in grades K-6. Student enrollment included 5.7% receiving special education services, 9.8% qualifying for English learner support, 0.3% homeless, and 33.9% enrolled in the Free & Reduced-Price Meal program.

Student Enrollment by Student Group and Grade Level 2023-24			
Student Group	% of Total Enrollment	Grade Level	# of Students
Female	48.8%	TK	0
Male	51.2%	Kindergarten	95
Non-Binary	0.0%	Grade 1	96
American Indian or Alaskan Native	0.2%	Grade 2	95
Asian	26.9%	Grade 3	96
Black or African American	1.3%	Grade 4	95
Filipino	2.9%	Grade 5	95
Hispanic or Latino	28.1%	Grade 6	41
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.3%		
Two or More Races	4.9%		
White	35.4%		
English Learners	9.8%		
Foster Youth	0.0%		
Homeless	0.3%		
Migrant	0.0%		
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	33.9%	Total Enrollment	613
Students with Disabilities	5.7%		

## SCHOOL VISION

Vista Fundamental School is dedicated to academic excellence within a structured learning environment that maintains a high level of commitment by students, parents and staff. This ongoing partnership between home and school is a critical attribute of the fundamental philosophy. A consistent educational program exists within a nurturing and challenging atmosphere. Emphasis is placed on the achievement of the California State Standards as well as the values of accountability, punctuality, diligence, personal responsibility, respect for authority, courtesy and teamwork.

## 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 appropriated 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); 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.

### Opportunities to Volunteer

Art Docents  
Chaperone Field Trips  
Classroom Helpers  
Library Helpers

### Committees

English Learner Advisory Council  
District English Learner Advisory Council  
Parent Teacher Association  
School Safety Committee  
School Site Council  
STEM Committee

### School Activities

Back to School Night  
Family Nights  
Open House  
Parent Education Workshops  
Science Fair  
STEM Night  
Student Performances  
Student Recognition Assemblies

## SCHOOL NEWS

Parents stay informed on upcoming events and school activities through email, flyers, the school marquee, Twitter (@VistaSTEM), Facebook, the school/teacher website, weekly teacher newsletters, weekly parent updates, Aeries Portal, and Blackboard Connect (automated telephone message delivery system). Contact the PTA President at (805) 520-6750 or email the principal at brandi.young@simivalleyusd.org 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

	VFES		SVUSD		CA	
	22-23	23-24	22-23	23-24	22-23	23-24
Science (Grades 5, 8, & 10)	64.04	65.43	34.32	31.54	30.29	30.73

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.

# 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)					
2023-24					
	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students Tested	95	95	100.00%	0.00%	60.00%
Female	37	37	100.00%	0.00%	62.16%
Male	58	58	100.00%	0.00%	58.62%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	--	--	--	--	--
Asian	38	38	100.00%	0.00%	81.58%
Black or African American	--	--	--	--	--
Filipino	--	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	23	23	100.00%	0.00%	34.78%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	--	--	--	--	--
Two or More Races	--	--	--	--	--
White	22	22	100.00%	0.00%	50.00%
English Learners	--	--	--	--	--
Foster Youth	--	--	--	--	--
Homeless	--	--	--	--	--
Military	--	--	--	--	--
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	30	30	100.00%	0.00%	33.33%
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 for All Students in Grades Three Through Eight and High School						
Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standards						
	VFES		SVUSD		CA	
	22-23	23-24	22-23	23-24	22-23	23-24
English-Language Arts/Literacy	75	73	49	48	46	47
Mathematics	71	71	36	35	34	35

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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)										
2023-24										
	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	328	324	98.78%	1.22%	73.46%	328	324	98.78%	1.22%	70.99%
Female	148	145	97.97%	2.03%	73.79%	148	145	97.97%	2.03%	67.59%
Male	180	179	99.44%	0.56%	73.18%	180	179	99.44%	0.56%	73.74%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Asian	97	97	100.00%	0.00%	89.69%	97	97	100.00%	0.00%	87.63%
Black or African American	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Filipino	12	12	100.00%	0.00%	91.67%	12	12	100.00%	0.00%	83.33%
Hispanic or Latino	93	92	98.92%	1.08%	59.78%	93	92	98.92%	1.08%	57.61%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Two or More Races	16	16	100.00%	0.00%	68.75%	16	16	100.00%	0.00%	62.50%
White	103	100	97.09%	2.91%	68.00%	103	100	97.09%	2.91%	65.00%
English Learners	20	20	100.00%	0.00%	45.00%	20	20	100.00%	0.00%	55.00%
Foster Youth	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Homeless	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Military	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	115	112	97.39%	2.61%	61.61%	115	112	97.39%	2.61%	62.50%
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Students with Disabilities	24	24	100.00%	0.00%	54.17%	24	24	100.00%	0.00%	45.83%

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  
2023-24**

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

Note: The administration of the PFT requires only participation results for these five fitness areas.

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**PHYSICAL FITNESS**

In the spring of each year, Vista Fundamental 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 school 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).

**SCHOOL FACILITIES & SAFETY**

**FACILITIES PROFILE**

The district takes great efforts to ensure that all schools are clean, safe, and functional through proper facilities maintenance and campus supervision. Vista Fundamental Elementary's original facilities were built in 1962; 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

Campus Description	
	Quantity
Year Built	1962
# of Permanent Classrooms	16
# of Portable Classrooms	9
# of Restrooms (student use)	3
Library	1
Multipurpose Room/Cafeteria	1
Outdoor Covered Patio	1
Reading Intervention Room	1
Staff Lounge/Teacher Work Room	1
Computer Lab	1
Resource Room	1
Special Education Room	1
Indoor STEM Lab	1

repairs necessary to keep the school in good condition are completed in a timely manner. The District Governing Board has adopted cleaning standards for all schools in the District. A summary of these standards is available at the school office, at the District Office, or on the Internet at [www.simivalleyusd.org](http://www.simivalleyusd.org).

A work order process is used by school and district staff to communicate non-routine maintenance requests. Emergency repairs are given the highest priority.

The day custodian is responsible for:

- Classroom cleaning
- Cafeteria setup/cleanup
- General grounds maintenance
- Lunch area setup/cleanup
- Restroom cleaning

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

- Classroom cleaning
- Office area cleaning
- Restroom cleaning

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

**SUPERVISION & SAFETY**

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 supervisors are strategically assigned to designated entrance areas and the playground. During recess and lunch, campus supervisors monitor playground activity. At the end of the day when students are dismissed, campus supervisors monitor student behavior to ensure a safe and orderly departure.

Vista Fundamental Elementary School is a closed campus. During school hours, all visitors must sign in at the school's office with a valid state issued identification to be scanned through the visitor management system and wear an identification sticker while on school grounds. They must then check out at the school office upon exit from the school site.

**SCHOOL SITE SAFETY PLAN**

The Comprehensive School Site Safety Plan was developed for Vista Fundamental Elementary 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 school safety plan is reviewed, updated, and discussed with school staff each year by March 1st.

School Facility Good Repair Status				
Item Inspected	Repair Status			
Inspection Date:	Good	Fair	Poor	Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
September 25, 2024				
Systems	✓			
Interior Surfaces	✓			
Cleanliness	✓			
Electrical	✓			
Restrooms/Fountains	✓			
Safety	✓			
Structural	✓			
External	✓			
Overall Summary of School Facility Good Repair Status				
Overall Summary	Exemplary	Good	Fair	Poor
	✓			

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.

**Chronic Absenteeism by Student Group (2023-24)**

Student Group	Cumulative Enrollment	Chronic Absenteeism Eligible Enrollment	Chronic Absenteeism Count	Chronic Absenteeism Rate
All Students	616	614	47	7.70%
Female	302	301	23	7.60%
Male	314	313	24	7.70%
Non-Binary	--	--	--	--
American Indian or Alaska Native	--	--	--	--
Asian	167	165	5	3.00%
Black or African American	--	--	--	--
Filipino	18	18	1	5.60%
Hispanic or Latino	173	173	18	10.40%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	--	--	--	--
Two or More Races	30	30	2	6.70%
White	217	217	20	9.20%
English Learners	60	60	4	6.70%
Foster Youth	--	--	--	--
Homeless	--	--	--	--
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	215	213	24	11.30%
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	--	--	--	--
Students with Disabilities	49	49	5	10.20%

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.

**Suspensions and Expulsions**

	VFES			SVUSD			CA		
	21-22	22-23	23-24	21-22	22-23	23-24	21-22	22-23	23-24
Suspensions	1.46%	0.16%	0.49%	3.60%	3.65%	3.63%	3.17%	3.60%	3.28%
Expulsions	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.09%	0.11%	0.08%	0.07%	0.08%	0.07%

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**Suspensions & Expulsions by Student Group (2023-24)**

Student Group	Suspensions Rate	Expulsions Rate
All Students	0.49%	0.00%
Female	0.00%	0.00%
Male	0.96%	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	0.58%	0.00%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.00%	0.00%
Two or More Races	3.33%	0.00%
White	0.46%	0.00%
English Learners	0.00%	0.00%
Foster Youth	0.00%	0.00%
Homeless	0.00%	0.00%
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	0.93%	0.00%
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	0.00%	0.00%
Students with Disabilities	0.00%	0.00%

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**SCHOOL INSPECTIONS**

On an annual basis, schools are required by the state to perform a comprehensive inspection and report those findings to the school community. The most recent inspection for Vista Fundamental Elementary School took place on September 25, 2024. The School Facility Good Repair Status table illustrated in this report identifies the state-required inspection areas and discloses the operational status in each of those areas. During fiscal year 2024-25, all restrooms were fully functional and available for student use at the time of the inspection.

**CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT**

**DISCIPLINE & CLIMATE FOR LEARNING**

Vista Fundamental 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. Proactive instruction is provided through monthly character traits, Growth Mindset lessons, and digital citizenship curriculum. Progressive discipline and proactive measures are employed in the classroom for those students experiencing difficulty following school rules and demonstrating positive behavior. Disciplinary intervention is managed by school administrators in a fair, firm, and consistent manner based upon the nature

of each situation. Vista Fundamental Elementary School's conduct policies are based upon Positive Behavioral Supports and Interventions (PBIS) schoolwide behavior expectations.

The Simi Valley Unified School District maintains a firm policy prohibiting all forms of bullying. Everyone is to be treated with respect and dignity. Bullying by anyone, including students, teachers, administrators, or other adults will not be tolerated by any circumstances. Administrators will respond to all reports of alleged bullying in a timely manner.

**CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM**

The chart in this report identifies the chronic absenteeism rates by student group for Vista Fundamental 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."

**CLASS SIZE DISTRIBUTION**

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				
2021-22				
Grade Level	Average Class Size	Number of Classes*		
		1-20	21-32	33+
K	22.0	4		
1	23.0	4		
2	24.0	4		
3	29.0	3	1	
4	31.0	3		
5	30.0	3		
2022-23				
K	24.0	4		
1	24.0	4		
2	24.0	4		
3	24.0	4		
4	32.0	3		
5	30.0	3		
2023-24				
K	24.0	4		
1	24.0	4		
2	24.0	4		
3	24.0	4		
4	32.0	3		
5	32.0	3		

\*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.

# CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

## STAFF DEVELOPMENT

All training and curriculum development activities at Vista Fundamental Elementary revolve around the California State Standards. During the 2023-24 school year, Vista Fundamental Elementary held site-based staff development devoted to:

- California State Standards
- CAASPP Training
- Differentiation
- Digital Citizenship
- Focus on Grit & Mindset
- i-Ready Training
- Mandated Reporter Training
- Nearpod Training
- Panorama Education
- Professional Learning Communities (PLCs)
- Response to Intervention (RtI)
- SPSA Training
- STAR / Early Literacy Assessment Training
- STEM Training
- Technology Training
- Universal Access Differentiation

During the 2022-23, 2023-24, and 2024-25 school years, Vista Fundamental Elementary School's teachers attended the following events hosted by the Simi Valley Unified School District:

Number of School Days/Topics Dedicated to Staff Development & Continuous Improvement	
2022-23	3 days
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RTI/Literacy Coach Training</li> <li>• Soliday Training (Reading Intervention)</li> <li>• Renaissance/STAR Training</li> <li>• Universal Design for Learning</li> </ul>	
2023-24	3 days
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professional Learning Communities</li> <li>• Response to Intervention</li> <li>• Science of Reading</li> <li>• Math Instruction</li> <li>• Multi-Tiered Systems of Support</li> </ul>	
2024-25	3 days
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Positive Behavior Support</li> <li>• Instructional Practices</li> <li>• Professional Learning Community</li> </ul>	

Decisions concerning selection of staff development activities are performed by all staff using tools such as teacher input, state assessment results, and data analysis to determine the areas in which additional teacher training may enhance classroom instruction and increase student achievement levels. Vista Fundamental Elementary supports ongoing professional growth throughout the year during

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			
2017	Yes	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt: <i>Collections</i>	0%
2009	Yes	Cambrium Learning: <i>Focus on English Learners</i>	0%
Math			
2015	Yes	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt: <i>Big Ideas Math</i>	0%
Science			
2022	Yes	LabAids/SEPUP: <i>Lab-Aids</i>	0%
	Yes	<i>Focus on Earth Science</i>	0%
	Yes	<i>Focus on Life Science</i>	0%
	Yes	<i>Focus on Physical Science</i>	0%
Social Science			
	Yes	TCI: <i>History Alive!</i>	0%
Foreign Language			
2004	Yes	McDougal Littell: <i>En Espanol</i>	0%
2008	Yes	Cheng& Tsui: <i>Integrated Chinese</i>	0%
2004	Yes	McDougal Littell: <i>Discovering French</i>	0%
Visual & Performing Arts			
2001	Yes	Davis Publishing: <i>Art &amp; the Human Experience</i>	0%

Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) times. 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 such 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.

Vista Fundamental Elementary 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. All staff are encouraged to attend professional workshops and conferences. Classified support staff receive job-related training from department supervisors and district representatives.

## INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

All textbooks used in the core curriculum throughout Simi Valley Unified School District are being aligned to the California State Standards. Instructional materials for core content areas are approved by the district's Board of Education. The district follows the State Board of Education's adoption cycle for core content materials and for textbook adoptions in foreign language, visual and performing arts, and health.

On September 10, 2024, the Simi Valley Unified 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 No. 8-24/25 which certifies as required by Education Code §60119 that (1) sufficient textbooks and instructional materials have been provided to each student, including English learners, that are aligned to the academic content standards and consistent with the cycles and context of the curriculum frameworks in the following subjects: history/social science, mathematics, reading/language arts, and science, (2) sufficient textbooks or instructional materials were provided to each pupil enrolled in foreign language or health classes, (3) laboratory equipment was available for science laboratory classes offered in grades 9-12, inclusive. In addition, each student enrolled in a performing arts class was provided sufficient textbooks or instructional materials to use in class or to take home.

Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments (Considered "Ineffective" under ESSA) / Authorization/Assignment	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Permits and Waivers	0	0	0.5
Misassignments	0	0	0
Vacant Positions	0	0	0
Total Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments	0	0	0.5

Credentialed Teachers Assigned Out-of-Field (Considered "out-of-Field" under ESSA) / Indicator	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Credentialed Teachers Authorized on a Permit or Waiver	0	0	0
Local Assignment Options	0	0	0
Total Out-of-Field Teachers	0	0	0

Class Assignments / Indicator	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Misassignments for English Learners (a percentage of all the classes with English learners taught by teachers that are misassigned)	0	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	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)	24	100	602.4	85.13	228366	83.12
Intern Credential Holders Properly Assigned	0	0	1.4	0.2	4205.9	1.53
Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments ("ineffective" under ESSA)	0	0	22.7	3.21	11216.7	4.08
Credentialed Teachers Assigned Out-of-Field ("out-of-field" under ESSA)	0	0	49.8	7.04	12115.8	4.41
Unknown	0	0	31.2	4.42	18854.3	6.86
Total Teaching Positions	24	100	707.7	100	274759	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)	25.2	100	624.2	86.24	234405	84
Intern Credential Holders Properly Assigned	0	0	2.6	0.36	4853	1.74
Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments ("ineffective" under ESSA)	0	0	20.3	2.81	12001.5	4.3
Credentialed Teachers Assigned Out-of-Field ("out-of-field" under ESSA)	0	0	51.2	7.08	11953.1	4.28
Unknown	0	0	25.4	3.51	15831.9	5.67
Total Teaching Positions	25.2	100	723.8	100	279045	100

School Year 2022-23						
Teacher Preparation and Placement / Authorization/Assignment	School #	School %	District #	District %	State #	State %
Fully (Preliminary or Clear) Credentialed for Subject and Student Placement (properly assigned)	26.1	98.12	645.6	85.87	231142	100
Intern Credential Holders Properly Assigned	0	0	1.2	0.17	5566.4	2
Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments ("ineffective" under ESSA)	0.5	1.88	39.5	5.26	14938.3	5.38
Credentialed Teachers Assigned Out-of-Field ("out-of-field" under ESSA)	0	0	48.4	6.44	11746.9	4.23
Unknown	0	0	16.9	2.25	14303.8	5.15
Total Teaching Positions	26.6	100	751.8	100	277698	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.

## PROFESSIONAL STAFF

### TEACHER PREPARATION AND CREDENTIALS

The charts in this report identify the number of teachers at Vista Fundamental Elementary School, Simi Valley 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 Vista Fundamental 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.

### COUNSELORS & SUPPORT PERSONNEL

Vista Fundamental Elementary 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 Vista Fundamental Elementary'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 2023-24		
	No. of Staff	FTE*
Academic Counselor	0	0.0
Library Clerk	1	0.5
Nurse	As Needed	
Occupational Therapist	As Needed	
Psychologist	1	0.2
Speech Therapist	1	0.2
Health Clerk	1	0.5
Resource Officer	As Needed	
Reading Intervention Specialist	1	0.4
School Counselor	1	0.4

\*One Full Time Equivalent (FTE) equals one staff

## 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.

### EXPENDITURES PER STUDENT

For the 2022-23 school year, Simi Valley Unified School District spent an average of \$16,065 to educate each student (Current Expense of Education per ADA, based on 2022-23 audited financial statements and calculated in accordance with Ed Code 41372). The table below 1) compares the school's per pupil expenditures from unrestricted (basic) 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 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.)

Teacher and Administrative Salaries 2022-23		
	SVUSD	State Average of Districts in Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	54,699	59,551
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	86,102	93,855
Highest Teacher Salary	111,254	120,219
Average Principal Salaries:		
Elementary School	141,414	151,525
Middle School	150,885	158,215
High School	157,759	171,087
Superintendent Salary	264,471	300,043
Percentage of Budget For:		
Teacher Salaries	30.25	31
Administrative Salaries	4.43	4.91

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

## 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 Vista Fundamental 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) [www.caschooldashboard.org/](http://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 Simi Valley 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 sections were acquired in October 2024.

Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teachers Salaries 2022-23					
Dollars Spent Per Student					
Expenditures Per Pupil	VFES	SVUSD	% Difference - School and District	State Average for Districts of Same Size and Type	% Difference - School and State
Total Restricted and Unrestricted	13,096	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Restricted (Supplemental)	3,816	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Unrestricted (Basic)	9,280	10,612	87.4%	10,771	98.5%
Average Teacher Salary	92,373	91,819	N/A	97,756	N/A

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

In addition to general fund state funding, Simi Valley Unified School District receives state and federal categorical funding for special programs. For the 2022-23 school year, the District received federal, state, and local aid for the following categorical, special education, and support programs:

- After School Education & Safety (ASES)
- Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant
- Career Technical Education Incentive Grant Program
- Child Development
- Child Nutrition: Kitchen Infrastructure and Training Funds
- Classified School Employee Summer Assistance Program
- COVID Relief Funding
- Education Protection Account
- Expanded Learning Opportunities Program
- Governor's CTE Initiative: California Partnership Academies
- Learning Recovery Emergency Block Grant
- Lottery: Instructional Materials
- Mental Health-Related Services
- On-Behalf Pension Contributions
- Other Local: Locally Defined
- Special Education
- Special Education Early Intervention Preschool Grant
- State COVID Relief Funding
- State Lottery
- Strong Workforce Program
- Title I, II, III, IV
- Tobacco-Use Prevention Education



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