

# 2023-24 School Accountability Report Card

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The purpose of the School Accountability Report Card is to provide parents with information about the school's instructional programs, academic achievement, materials, facilities, and the staff. Information about Ventura Unified School District is also provided.

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

Elmhurst Elementary School is the only AVID elementary school in the Ventura Unified School District. AVID (Advancement via Individual Determination) teaches students fundamental learning, study and academic behavioral skills. It is designed to be embedded into daily instruction. It encompasses writing, collaboration, organization, and reading, and utilizes research-based strategies that have proven to be successful.

In October of 2023, one of our special education teachers received the Teacher of the Year award from the Ventura County autism society. For the third year in a row, our fifth grade students have daily music classes with a credentialed music teacher. They learn to read music and play band and orchestra instruments. They perform concerts in front of parents and the school community to showcase their newly honed skills. This past summer our playgrounds will be upgraded and received new roofing and we are also moving toward solar installation.

We have made a commitment to provide the best educational program possible for our

students. The excellent quality of our program is a reflection of our highly committed staff. We are dedicated to ensuring that Elmhurst Elementary School is a welcoming, stimulating environment where students are actively involved in learning academics as well as positive values. Through our hard work, we will challenge our students to reach their maximum potential.

We encourage you to:

Read to your child - It is a great way to expand their vocabulary, model the love of reading and spend quality time together. Make attendance a priority - When students are absent from school, for any reason, they are missing learning opportunities. Get involved - Join the PTA, become a School Site Council member, represent Elmhurst at monthly PAC meetings with the superintendent, volunteer in the classroom or library, help at recess, or assist in organizing a school event.

### 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.

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## 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. 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.

### Elmhurst Elementary School

Elmhurst Elementary School serves students in grades transitional kindergarten through five following a traditional calendar. At the beginning of the 2023-24 school year, 364 students were enrolled, including 25% in special education, 17% qualifying for English Language Learner support, 8.2% homeless, 0.3% foster youth, and 73.6% qualifying for free or reduced price lunch.

Student Enrollment by Student Group and Grade Level 2023-24			
Student Group	% of Total Enrollment	Grade Level	# of Students
Female	49.2%	TK	29
Male	50.8%	Kindergarten	57
Non-Binary	0.0%	Grade 1	39
American Indian or Alaskan Native	0.0%	Grade 2	64
Asian	1.4%	Grade 3	63
Black or African American	2.2%	Grade 4	65
Filipino	1.4%	Grade 5	47
Hispanic or Latino	64.3%		
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0%		
Two or More Races	3.8%		
White	26.9%		
English Learners	17.0%		
Foster Youth	0.3%		
Homeless	8.2%		
Migrant	0.0%		
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	73.6%	Total Enrollment	364
Students with Disabilities	25.0%		

Elmhurst Elementary School is the "home" school for the severely learning impaired special education program which provides services to approximately 46 students throughout the Ventura Unified School District and neighboring school districts within the region.

## 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, school newsletters, teacher newsletters, the school website, PTA Facebook and Instagram page, teacher websites, the PTA website, and flyers. Contact the school office manager or PTA President at (805) 289-1860 for more information on how to become involved in your child's learning environment.

California Physical Fitness Test Results					
2023-24					
% 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%

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

California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress Test Results in Science						
All Students						
Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standards						
	Elmhurst		VUSD		CA	
	22-23	23-24	22-23	23-24	22-23	23-24
Science (Grades 5, 8, & 10)	25	21.95	32.57	33.34	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.

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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 receive scores.

- Opportunities to Volunteer
- Classroom, Office or Library Helpers
- Chaperone Field Trips
- Gardening / Beautification
- School Events
- Student Supervision

#### Committees

- School Site Council (SSC)
- English Learner Advisory Council (ELAC)
- District English Learner Advisory Council (DELAC)
- Parent Teacher Association (PTA)
- Special Education District Advisory Committee (SEDAC)
- Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

#### School Activities

- Back to School Night
- Book Fair
- Character Development
- Conferences
- Curbside Chat with Ventura PD
- Family Education / AVID Nights
- Family Picnics
- Fundraising
- Harvest Festival
- Kindness Rocks
- Multicultural Events
- Open House
- Read Across America
- Spelling Bee
- Student Performances
- Student Promotions
- Student Recognition Events

## 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	44	44	100.00%	0.00%	22.73%
Female	18	18	100.00%	0.00%	16.67%
Male	26	26	100.00%	0.00%	26.92%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	--	--	--	--	--
Asian	--	--	--	--	--
Black or African American	--	--	--	--	--
Filipino	--	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	28	28	100.00%	0.00%	21.43%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	--	--	--	--	--
Two or More Races	--	--	--	--	--
White	--	--	--	--	--
English Learners	--	--	--	--	--
Foster Youth	--	--	--	--	--
Homeless	--	--	--	--	--
Military	--	--	--	--	--
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	25	25	100.00%	0.00%	16.00%
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	--	--	--	--	--
Students with Disabilities	--	--	--	--	--

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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					
	Elmhurst		VUSD		CA
	22-23	23-24	22-23	23-24	22-23 23-24
English-Language Arts/Literacy	31	34	47	47	46 47
Mathematics	26	31	36	37	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	171	167	97.66%	2.34%	33.53%	171	167	97.66%	2.34%	31.14%
Female	86	84	97.67%	2.33%	34.52%	86	84	97.67%	2.33%	32.14%
Male	85	83	97.65%	2.35%	32.53%	85	83	97.65%	2.35%	30.12%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Asian	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Black or African American	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Filipino	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	116	113	97.41%	2.59%	33.63%	116	113	97.41%	2.59%	29.20%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Two or More Races	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
White	39	39	100.00%	0.00%	33.33%	39	39	100.00%	0.00%	41.03%
English Learners	27	25	92.59%	7.41%	0.00%	27	25	92.59%	7.41%	8.00%
Foster Youth	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Homeless	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Military	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	94	92	97.87%	2.13%	30.43%	94	92	97.87%	2.13%	29.35%
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Students with Disabilities	41	39	95.12%	4.88%	12.82%	41	39	95.12%	4.88%	7.69%

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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## Physical Fitness

In the spring of each year, Elmhurst 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. Elmhurst Elementary School's original facilities were built in 1960; 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. In the last 12 months, the following campus repairs were completed or scheduled for completion:

- New roofs (2023-24)
- New playgrounds (2024-25)
- Solar panel installation (2024-25)

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 Elmhurst Elementary School. The day custodian is responsible for:

- General Cleaning and Custodial Functions
- Restrooms
- Cafeteria Setup/Cleanup
- Routine Maintenance

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

- Office Areas
- Restrooms
- Classrooms
- 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, the principal, two paraeducators, and four ground supervisors are strategically assigned to designated entrance areas, the breakfast area and playground. During recess, the principal, counselors, teachers, and campus supervisors monitor playground activity. The principal, noon supervisors, and paraeducators monitor lunch time activity in the cafeteria and on the playground. At the end of the day when students are dismissed, the principal, teachers, and campus supervisors monitor student behavior to ensure a safe and orderly departure.

Elmhurst 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 Elmhurst 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 November 2024 and throughout the year at faculty meetings.

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 Elmhurst Elementary School on an annual basis in accordance with Education Code §17592.72(c)(1). Elmhurst 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 August 12, 2024. During fiscal year 2024-25, all restrooms were fully functional and available for student use at the time of the inspection.

Campus Description	
Year Built	1960
Acreage	8
Bldg. Square Footage	40010
	Quantity
# of Permanent Classrooms	22
# of Portable Classrooms	8
# of Restrooms (student use)	3 sets
Cafeteria/Multipurpose Room	1
Computer Lab	1
Library	1
Staff Lounge	1
Teacher Work Room	1
Resource Room	1
Speech Room	1
MakerSpace/Science Lab	1

School Facility Good Repair Status				
Item Inspected	Repair Status			
Inspection Date: August 12, 2024	Good	Fair	Poor	Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
Systems	✓			Classroom 17 - HVAC return grill is damaged
Interior Surfaces		✓		Admin - Water damaged ceiling tiles at the interior door; Classroom K1, Computer Lab 26 - Water damaged ceiling tiles at the center of the room; Classroom K2 - Water damaged ceiling tiles at the center and south west of the room; Library - Water damaged ceiling tiles throughout; Cafeteria - Excessive peeling paint under the windows along the south wall; Classroom 23 - Modular line trim is falling off and missing at the west wall, ceiling tiles falling at the door; Classroom 29 - Window sill trim is missing at the east window, cove base missing under the east window
Cleanliness	✓			
Electrical	✓			Classroom 27 - Two electrical outlet cover plates missing on the south wall; Classroom 29 - Sink GFCI outlet did not reset after testing
Restrooms/Fountains	✓			Building B Boy's RR - Left sink is out of order, center urinal is out of order
Safety	✓			
Structural	✓			Building 23-24 Exterior - Excessive rust on the west eaves of the building; Building 27-29 Exterior - Entrance ramp surface at classroom 29 is deteriorated/peeling, has holes in it, and is loose at the asphalt, trip hazard, excessive rust at the west eaves on room 27 roof beams
External	✓			
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.



Chronic Absenteeism by Student Group (2023-24)				
Student Group	Cumulative Enrollment	Chronic Absenteeism Eligible Enrollment	Chronic Absenteeism Count	Chronic Absenteeism Rate
All Students	382	374	97	25.90%
Female	185	183	49	26.80%
Male	197	191	48	25.10%
Non-Binary	--	--	--	--
American Indian or Alaska Native	--	--	--	--
Asian	--	--	--	--
Black or African American	--	--	--	--
Filipino	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	248	244	65	26.60%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	--	--	--	--
Two or More Races	14	14	3	21.40%
White	101	99	24	24.20%
English Learners	69	67	14	20.90%
Foster Youth	--	--	--	--
Homeless	38	36	14	38.90%
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	285	280	79	28.20%
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	--	--	--	--
Students with Disabilities	112	111	42	37.80%

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Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution				
2021-22				
Grade Level	Average Class Size	Number of Classes*		
		1-20	21-32	33+
K	30.0		2	1
1	23.0		2	
2	36.0		1	1
3	21.0	1	1	
4	26.0		2	
5	27.0		2	
Other**	12.0	5	1	
2022-23				
K	26.0	1	1	1
1	24.0		2	
2	32.0	1		1
3	24.0		2	
4	20.0	1	1	
Other**	16.0	3	3	
2023-24				
K	19.0	1	2	
1	22.0		1	
2	33.0		1	1
3	28.0		2	
4	19.0	1	2	
5	21.0	1	1	
Other**	14.0	3	1	

\*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.

Suspensions and Expulsions								
	Elmhurst			VUSD			CA	
	21-22	22-23	23-24	21-22	22-23	23-24	21-22	22-23
Suspensions	0.00%	0.78%	1.31%	2.74%	3.22%	2.81%	3.17%	3.60%
Expulsions	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.01%	0.00%	0.07%	0.08%

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Suspensions & Expulsions by Student Group (2023-24)		
Student Group	Suspensions Rate	Expulsions Rate
All Students	1.3%	0.0%
Female	0.0%	0.0%
Male	2.5%	0.0%
Non-Binary	0.0%	0.0%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.0%	0.0%
Asian	0.0%	0.0%
Black or African American	0.0%	0.0%
Filipino	0.0%	0.0%
Hispanic or Latino	0.8%	0.0%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%
Two or More Races	0.0%	0.0%
White	2.0%	0.0%
English Learners	2.9%	0.0%
Foster Youth	0.0%	0.0%
Homeless	2.6%	0.0%
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	1.4%	0.0%
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	0.0%	0.0%
Students with Disabilities	0.9%	0.0%

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## CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT

### Discipline & Climate for Learning

Elmhurst Elementary School's discipline policies are based upon a schoolwide discipline plan and Guidelines for Success, which are used as guides to develop school rules, develop behavior management programs, promote responsibility, promote respect, and minimize classroom disruptions. Teachers clearly identify and explain behavior

expectations to their students and discuss consequences for poor or disruptive behavior in the classroom. At grade level assemblies, the principal emphasizes the importance of following expectations for student behavior. Elmhurst Elementary School employs CHAMPS, a positive behavior support program focused on improving classroom behavior, establishing clear behavior expectations, reducing misbehavior, motivating students to put forth their best effort, increasing academic engagement, and teaching students to behave respectfully and to value diversity. Elmhurst also utilizes "Kelso's Choice" to assist with decision-making, as well as daily announcements, classroom lessons, and school rules. Elmhurst Elementary School utilizes "Second Step" social emotional curriculum to aid students in gaining confidence, making better decisions, setting goals, and collaborating with others.

### Chronic Absenteeism

The chart in this report identifies the chronic absenteeism rates by student group for Elmhurst 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

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.

## CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

### 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 September 24, 2024, 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 Resolution #24-17 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 2024-25 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.

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%

## Staff Development

All curriculum and instructional improvement 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 2022-23, 2023-24, and 2024-25 school years, the teachers at Elmhurst Elementary School had the opportunity to participate in districtwide staff development training focused on:

### 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
- 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

### 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)

### 2024-25 Trainings:

- K-5 Grade Level Collaboratives
- Trauma Informed Practices
- District Assessments
- Dual Language Education
- MAP Reports
- ELPAC Task Types
- Family Engagement
- Multilingual Learner Liaisons Collaboration
- Strategies and Techniques to Support All Students in Reading
- K-5 English Language Development

Supplemental site-based training takes place during faculty and grade level meetings. The principal identifies teacher training needs based upon parent survey results, teacher input, teacher evaluations, and the Healthy Kids Survey. During the 2023-24 school year, Elmhurst Elementary School's staff development activities concentrated on:

- AVID Strategies
- Bloodborne Pathogens
- Data Analysis
- Lockdown/Safety
- Mandated Reporter
- MAP Assessments
- School Climate and Behavior
- Social Emotional Learning (SEL)

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

## PROFESSIONAL STAFF

### Counseling & Support Staff

Elmhurst 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 Elmhurst 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.

Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments (Considered "Ineffective" under ESSA) / Authorization/Assignment	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Permits and Waivers	1	0	0
Misassignments	0	2	4
Vacant Positions	0	0	0
Total Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments	1	2	4

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	9.5	20
No credential, permit or authorization to teacher (a percentage of all the classes taught by teachers with no record of an authorization to teach)	4.7	4.5	0

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

Academic Counselors and Other Support Staff 2023-24		
	No. of Staff	FTE*
Academic Counselor	0	0.00
Health Technician	1	0.75
Psychologist	1	1.00
School Nurse	1	0.20
Library Technician	1	0.50
Occupational Therapist	As needed	
Adaptive PE Specialist	As needed	
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	2	1.3
School Counselor	1	1.00
Bilingual Paraeducator	1	0.36

\*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 Elmhurst 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 Elmhurst 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.

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)	16.5	88	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)	1	5.33	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	1.2	6.67	29.7	4.57	18854.3	6.86
Total Teaching Positions	18.7	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	77.33	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)	2	10.67	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	2.2	12	43.2	6.6	15831.9	5.67
Total Teaching Positions	18.7	100	654.7	100	279044.8	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)	11	64.85	495.7	78.16	231142.4	100
Intern Credential Holders Properly Assigned	0	0	6.9	1.09	5566.4	2
Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments ("Ineffective" under ESSA)	4	23.39	37.3	5.9	14938.3	5.38
Credentialed Teachers Assigned Out-of-Field ("out-of-field" under ESSA)	0	0	61.4	9.68	11746.9	4.23
Unknown	2	11.7	32.7	5.17	14303.8	5.15
Total Teaching Positions	17.1	100	634.2	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.

## 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.)

### Expenditures Per Student

For the 2022-23 school year, Ventura Unified School District spent an average of \$17,067 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 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.)

Teacher and Administrative Salaries 2022-23		
	VUSD	State Average of Districts in Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	54,404	59,551
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	78,341	93,855
Highest Teacher Salary	108,510	120,219
Average Principal Salaries:		
Elementary School	138,247	151,525
Middle School	150,507	158,215
High School	156,704	171,087
Superintendent Salary	269,500	300,043
Percentage of Budget For:		
Teacher Salaries	26.7	31
Administrative Salaries	5.47	4.91

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

- Strong Workforce Program
- Supplementary Programs
- Title I, II, III, IV

## 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 Elmhurst 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 November 2024.

Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teachers Salaries 2022-23					
Dollars Spent Per Student					
Expenditures Per Pupil	Elmhurst	VUSD	% Difference - School and District	State Average for Districts of Same Size and Type	% Difference - School and State
Total Restricted and Unrestricted	7,592	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Restricted (Supplemental)	3,281	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Unrestricted (Basic)	4,311	6,510	66.2%	10,771	60.4%
Average Teacher Salary	74,519	87,311	N/A	97,756	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 2022-23 school year, the district received categorical, special education, and support programs funds for:

- A-G Completion Grant
- After School Education and Safety (ASES)
- Agricultural Career Technical Education Incentive
- American Rescue Plan – Homeless Children and Youth
- Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant
- Career and Technical Education Programs
- Career Technical Education Incentive Grant Program
- Child Development
- Child Nutrition: Food Service Staff Training Funds
- Child Nutrition: Kitchen Infrastructure and Training Funds
- Classified School Employee Summer Assistance Program
- COVID Relief Funding
- Department of Rehabilitation
- Educator Effectiveness
- Education Protection Account
- Expanded Learning Opportunities Program
- Indian Education
- Learning Recovery Emergency Block Grant
- Lottery: Instructional Materials
- On-Behalf Pension Contributions
- Other Federal Funds
- Other Local: Locally Defined
- Other State: Locally Defined
- Special Education
- Special Education Early Intervention Preschool Grant
- State COVID Relief Funding
- State Lottery