Barbara Benson Elementary School

2023-2024 School Accountability Report Card
(Published During the 2024-2025 School Year)

General Information about the School Accountability Report Card (SARC)

SARC Overview

By February 1 of each year, every school in California is required by state law to publish a School Accountability Report Card (SARC). The SARC contains information about the condition and performance of each California public school. Under the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) all local educational agencies (LEAs) are required to prepare a Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), which describes how they intend to meet annual school-specific goals for all pupils, with specific activities to address state and local priorities. Additionally, data reported in an LCAP is to be consistent with data reported in the SARC.

- For more information about SARC requirements and access to prior year reports, see the California Department of Education (CDE) SARC web page at https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa/.
- For more information about the LCFF or the LCAP, see the CDE LCFF web page at https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/aa/lc/.
- For additional information about the school, parents/guardians and community members should contact the school principal or the district office.

A hard copy of the School Accountability Report Card is available at your School Office, upon request.

DataQuest

DataQuest is an online data tool located on the CDE DataQuest web page at https://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/ that contains additional information about this school and comparisons of the school to the district and the county. Specifically, DataQuest is a dynamic system that provides reports for 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 Access

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.

Admission Requirements for the University of California (UC)	Admission requirements for the UC follow guidelines set forth in the Master Plan, which requires that the top one-eighth of the state's high school graduates, as well as those transfer students who have successfully completed specified college course work, be eligible for admission to the UC. These requirements are designed to ensure that all eligible students are adequately prepared for University-level work. For general admissions requirements, please visit the UC Admissions Information website at https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/.
Admission Requirements for the California State University (CSU)	Eligibility for admission to the CSU is determined by three factors: (1) Specific high school courses, (2) Grades in specified courses and test scores, and (3) Graduation from high school. Some campuses have higher standards for particular majors or students who live outside the local campus area. Because of the number of students who apply, a few campuses have higher standards (supplementary admission criteria) for all applicants. Most CSU campuses have local admission guarantee policies for students who graduate or transfer from high schools and colleges that are historically served by a CSU campus in that region. For admission, application, and fee information, see the CSU website at https://www2.calstate.edu/.

2024-25 School Contact Information

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Grade Span	P-5
County-District-School (CDS) Code	30-73643-6030688

2024-25 District Contact Information

District Name	Tustin Unified School District
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District Website	https://www.tustin.k12.ca.us/

2024-25 School Description and Mission Statement

Barbara Benson Elementary is an outstanding California Gold Ribbon and Title I Academic Achievement school that focuses on the educational achievement of all students through rigorous standards and engaging instructional strategies. As a Title I School with 64% socio-economically disadvantaged students (SED) and 15% English Language Learners (ELL), many students arrive at school with limited learning experiences and social-emotional challenges.

Benson Elementary seeks to increase the overall reading achievement of all students through Orton Gillingham (OG) Instruction in grades K-3, Morphology Instruction in Grades 3-5, and balanced literacy instruction with an emphasis on

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conferring during ELA and Math instructional blocks. Tier 1 interventions are being implemented by classroom teachers school-wide by differentiating instruction. Multi-Tier Support System (MTSS) Intervention Specialists/Teachers provide at-risk students with Tier 2 interventions in a small group setting. Furthermore, a full-time school counselor and Positive Behavior Support Staff are on campus five days a week to further support students' social-emotional needs.

TUSD's 1:1 iPad initiative offers students the chance to leverage technology to enhance their learning experiences and develop essential 21st century learning skills. Furthermore, this 1:1 learning environment increases student engagement and helps reduce negative behaviors, benefiting all students, including those in Special Education. Benson's staff continues to focus on our mission to "Engage all students with 21st century skills to become responsible, well-balanced life-long learners."

About this School

2023-24 Student Enrollment by Grade Level

Grade Level	Number of Students
Kindergarten	94
Grade 1	42
Grade 2	45
Grade 3	47
Grade 4	46
Grade 5	50
Total Enrollment	324

2023-24 Student Enrollment by Student Group

Student Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Female	44.1
Male	55.9
Asian	9
Black or African American	1.2
Filipino	2.8
Hispanic or Latino	65.1
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.3
Two or More Races	5.6
White	16
English Learners	14.8
Foster Youth	1.2
Homeless	0.6
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	64.2
Students with Disabilities	29

A. Conditions of Learning

State Priority: Basic

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;
- Pupils have access to standards-aligned instructional materials; and
- School facilities are maintained in good repair.

2020-21 Teacher Preparation and Placement

Authorization/Assignment	School Number	School Percent	District Number	District Percent	State Number	State Percent
Fully (Preliminary or Clear) Credentialed for Subject and Student Placement (properly assigned)	11.80	79.77	757.60	88.24	228366.10	83.12
Intern Credential Holders Properly Assigned	0.00	0.00	1.90	0.22	4205.90	1.53
Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments ("ineffective" under ESSA)	2.90	20.16	31.20	3.64	11216.70	4.08
Credentialed Teachers Assigned Out-of-Field ("out-of-field" under ESSA)	0.00	0.00	11.00	1.28	12115.80	4.41
Unknown/Incomplete/NA	0.00	0.00	56.70	6.61	18854.30	6.86
Total Teaching Positions	14.80	100.00	858.60	100.00	274759.10	100.00

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 based on setting, subject, and grade level. An authorization is defined as the services that an educator is authorized to provide to students.

2021-22 Teacher Preparation and Placement

Authorization/Assignment	School Number	School Percent	District Number	District Percent	State Number	State Percent
Fully (Preliminary or Clear) Credentialed for Subject and Student Placement (properly assigned)	10.70	78.18	705.90	84.01	234405.20	84.00
Intern Credential Holders Properly Assigned	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4853.00	1.74
Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments ("ineffective" under ESSA)	0.00	0.00	12.70	1.51	12001.50	4.30
Credentialed Teachers Assigned Out-of-Field ("out-of-field" under ESSA)	0.00	0.00	14.70	1.75	11953.10	4.28
Unknown/Incomplete/NA	3.00	21.82	106.80	12.72	15831.90	5.67
Total Teaching Positions	13.70	100.00	840.20	100.00	279044.80	100.00

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 based on setting, subject, and grade level. An authorization is defined as the services that an educator is authorized to provide to students.

2022-23 Teacher Preparation and Placement

Authorization/Assignment	School Number	School Percent	District Number	District Percent	State Number	State Percent
Fully (Preliminary or Clear) Credentialed for Subject and Student Placement (properly assigned)	12.00	80.00	735.30	87.93	231142.40	100.00
Intern Credential Holders Properly Assigned	0.00	0.00	1.70	0.21	5566.40	2.00
Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments ("ineffective" under ESSA)	0.00	0.00	2.60	0.32	14938.30	5.38
Credentialed Teachers Assigned Out-of-Field ("out-of-field" under ESSA)	0.00	0.00	19.90	2.39	11746.90	4.23
Unknown/Incomplete/NA	3.00	20.00	76.40	9.15	14303.80	5.15
Total Teaching Positions	15.00	100.00	836.30	100.00	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 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	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Permits and Waivers	0.00	0.00	0
Misassignments	2.90	0.00	0
Vacant Positions	0.00	0.00	0
Total Teachers Without Credentials and	2.90	0.00	0

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	0.00	0.00	0
Local Assignment Options	0.00	0.00	0
Total Out-of-Field Teachers	0.00	0.00	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)	29.10	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)	0.00	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.

2024-25 Quality, Currency, Availability of Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials

Tustin Unified School District sets a high priority on ensuring that high-quality, standards-based textbooks and materials are available for every student to support instructional programs in the schools. Prior to adoption, the Tustin Unified School District conducts a thorough review of its curriculum to ensure that it is aligned with the California Standards for the Common Core.

District K-8 textbooks in the subjects of English language arts, mathematics, history/social science, health, foreign language, visual and performing arts, and science have been adopted from those approved by the State Board of Education. The Tustin Unified School District Board of Education has adopted district textbooks in the subjects listed below. K-12 textbooks for mathematics, history/social science, science, English language arts (including reading), and foreign language are aligned with state-adopted content standards and state or national frameworks. All TUSD students, including all English learners, have textbooks* and instructional materials, including science laboratory equipment at the 9-12 level, that are current and in good condition in accordance with Education Code requirements. All textbooks* and instructional materials are provided in sufficient quantities for each student for use in class and to access from home.

On September 23, 2024, the Tustin Unified School District Board of Education verified by resolution that each student at this school has a textbook and/or instructional materials for each core subject area that are aligned to the content and cycles of the curriculum framework adopted by the State of California.

*textbooks may be digital or hard copy depending on the textbook and adoption cycle

Year and month in which the data were collected	September 2024

Subject	Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials/year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption ?	Percent Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
Reading/Language Arts	Tara West: Guided Phonics & Beyond (TK) Heggerty: Phonemic Awareness: Pre-Kindergarten Curriculum Estrellita: PreK Sonidos Program (for TK DI students) Heineman: Units of Study in Reading, K-5 (various) Heineman: Units of Study in Opinion, Information, and Narrative Writing, K-5 (various) McGraw Hill: Wonders ELD K-5 (2017) Supplemental Textbooks and Materials Students have access to classroom libraries containing both literature and non-fiction text.	Yes	0%
Mathematics	Tara West: PreK Math Curriculum Units	Yes	0%

	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt: Math Expressions Common Core K-5 (2015) District created Materials: CGI/Counting Collections (TK)		
Science	Twig Education Inc: Twig Science, K-5 (2020) This curriculum is aligned to the Next Generation Science Standards and incorporates the three-dimensional learning model including cross-cutting concepts, science and engineering practices and disciplinary core ideas. Digital interactive curriculum is used in grades TK-5 and is supported with inquiry-based, hands-on exploration activities. District created Materials: Guided Language Acquisition Design (GLAD) (TK)	Yes	0%
History-Social Science	Committee for Children: Second Step Social Emotional Curriculum (TK) Savvas: myWorld Interactive, K-5 (2019)	Yes	0%
Foreign Language	Not applicable		N/A
Health	Health curriculum was developed by Tustin Unified School District based on the Positive Prevention Plus curriculum which is recommended by the State Board of Education (2017)	Yes	0%
Visual and Performing Arts	Not applicable		N/A
Science Laboratory Equipment (grades 9-12)	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements

The Tustin Unified School District takes great efforts to ensure that all schools are clean, safe, and functional. To assist in this effort, the District uses a facility survey instrument developed by the State of California Office of Public School Construction (OPSC). The results of this survey are available at the school office, the District office, or on the Internet at https://tinyurl.com/TUSD-Facility-Inspection-Tool. The District maintenance staff ensures that the repairs necessary to keep the school in good repair and working order are completed in a timely manner. A work order process is used to ensure efficient service and that emergency repairs are given the highest priority.

Barbara Benson Elementary School is a beautifully maintained school built in 1960. It closed for a period of time, and re-opened in 1991. The school was refurbished in 2006 with Measure G monies. Recently, an extended parking lot was added to the school. This allowed for more staff to park on site, improving traffic flow. Landscape was updated to enhance curb appeal. Benson also received three portables which were painted and created a beautiful new look for the school campus. Carpet was replaced in all classrooms and school buildings during the summer of 2019. Benson displays hand painted murals around the campus and our grounds are maintained by District staff. Solar panels over our play yard were installed in 2020. In the summer of 2023, Benson received a new roof over the multi-purpose room as well as a new blacktop for the entire campus, and in the summer of 2024, Benson received new roofing over the remainder of the campus. Benson also received a new portable for the afterschool ELOP program as well as murals over the summer of 2024. Visitors who walk on campus are welcomed by pleasant staff members and safe, happy students, who are surrounded by beautiful flowers and a clean campus.

Year and month of the most recent FIT report	August 2024

System Inspected	Rate Good	Rate Fair	Rate Poor	Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements

Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	X			
Interior: Interior Surfaces	X			
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/Vermin Infestation	X			
Electrical	X			
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	X			
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	X			
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	X			
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	X			

Overall Facility Rate

Exemplary	Good	Fair	Poor
X			

B. Pupil Outcomes

State Priority: Pupil Achievement

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 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 alternate achievement standards, which are linked with the Common Core State Standards [CCSS] for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities).

The CAASPP System encompasses the following assessments and student participation requirements:

1. **Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments and CAAs for ELA** in grades three through eight and grade eleven.
2. **Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments and CAAs for mathematics** in grades three through eight and grade eleven.
3. **California Science Test (CAST) and CAAs for Science** in grades five, eight, and once in high school (i.e., grade ten, eleven, or twelve).

College and Career Ready
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 education sequences or programs of study.

Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standard on CAASPP

This table displays CAASPP test results in ELA and mathematics for all students grades three through eight and grade eleven taking and completing a state-administered assessment.

To protect student privacy, double dashes (--) are used in the table when the cell size within a selected student population is ten or fewer.

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.

Subject	School 2022-23	School 2023-24	District 2022-23	District 2023-24	State 2022-23	State 2023-24
English Language Arts/Literacy (grades 3-8 and 11)	46	42	60	61	46	47
Mathematics (grades 3-8 and 11)	41	44	49	52	34	35

2023-24 CAASPP Test Results in ELA by Student Group

This table displays CAASPP test results in ELA by student group for students grades three through eight and grade eleven taking and completing a state-administered assessment.

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 CAA divided by the total number of students who participated in both assessments.

To protect student privacy, double dashes (--) are used in the table when the cell size within a selected student population is ten or fewer.

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 Student Groups	CAASPP Total Enrollment	CAASPP Number Tested	CAASPP Percent Tested	CAASPP Percent Not Tested	CAASPP Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	145	144	99.31	0.69	42.36
Female	66	66	100.00	0.00	45.45
Male	79	78	98.73	1.27	39.74
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0	0	0
Asian	15	15	100.00	0.00	53.33
Black or African American	--	--	--	--	--
Filipino	--	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	89	89	100.00	0.00	35.96
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	--	--	--	--	--
Two or More Races	--	--	--	--	--

White	26	25	96.15	3.85	52.00
English Learners	18	18	100.00	0.00	11.11
Foster Youth	--	--	--	--	--
Homeless	--	--	--	--	--
Military	--	--	--	--	--
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	67	67	100.00	0.00	31.34
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	0	0	0	0	0
Students with Disabilities	40	39	97.50	2.50	17.95

2023-24 CAASPP Test Results in Math by Student Group

This table displays CAASPP test results in Math by student group for students grades three through eight and grade eleven taking and completing a state-administered assessment.

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 CAA divided by the total number of students who participated in both assessments.

To protect student privacy, double dashes (--) are used in the table when the cell size within a selected student population is ten or fewer.

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 Student Groups	CAASPP Total Enrollment	CAASPP Number Tested	CAASPP Percent Tested	CAASPP Percent Not Tested	CAASPP Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	145	144	99.31	0.69	43.75
Female	66	66	100.00	0.00	42.42
Male	79	78	98.73	1.27	44.87
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0	0	0
Asian	15	15	100.00	0.00	60.00
Black or African American	--	--	--	--	--
Filipino	--	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	89	89	100.00	0.00	34.83
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	--	--	--	--	--
Two or More Races	--	--	--	--	--
White	26	25	96.15	3.85	68.00
English Learners	18	18	100.00	0.00	5.56
Foster Youth	--	--	--	--	--
Homeless	--	--	--	--	--
Military	--	--	--	--	--

Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	67	67	100.00	0.00	26.87
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	0	0	0	0	0
Students with Disabilities	40	39	97.50	2.50	15.38

CAASPP Test Results in Science for All Students

This table displays the percentage of all students grades five, eight, and High School meeting or exceeding the State Standard.

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.

To protect student privacy, double dashes (--) are used in the table when the cell size within a selected student population is ten or fewer.

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.

Subject	School 2022-23	School 2023-24	District 2022-23	District 2023-24	State 2022-23	State 2023-24
Science (grades 5, 8 and high school)	37.50	43.48	43.28	47.17	30.29	30.73

2023-24 CAASPP Test Results in Science by Student Group

This table displays CAASPP test results in Science by student group for students grades five, eight, and High School. 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.

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	52	52	100.00	0.00	38.46
Female	19	19	100.00	0.00	42.11
Male	33	33	100.00	0.00	36.36
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0	0	0
Asian	--	--	--	--	--
Black or African American	--	--	--	--	--
Filipino	--	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	34	34	100.00	0.00	26.47
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0
Two or More Races	--	--	--	--	--
White	--	--	--	--	--
English Learners	--	--	--	--	--
Foster Youth	0	0	0	0	0
Homeless	--	--	--	--	--
Military	--	--	--	--	--
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	25	25	100.00	0.00	32.00
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	0	0	0	0	0
Students with Disabilities	14	14	100.00	0.00	7.14

B. Pupil Outcomes

State Priority: Other Pupil Outcomes

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.

2023-24 California Physical Fitness Test Results

This table displays the percentage of students participating in each of the five fitness components of the California Physical Fitness Test Results. The administration of the PFT requires only participation results for these five fitness areas. Percentages are not calculated and double dashes (--) appear in the table when the number of students tested is ten or less, either because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or to protect student privacy.

Grade Level	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
Grade 5	92.3%	96.2%	96.2%	96.2%	96.2%

C. Engagement

State Priority: Parental Involvement

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 regarding the school district and at each school site.

2024-25 Opportunities for Parental Involvement

Tustin Unified School District values our parents and community. We believe that parental engagement is integral to student success and one of our goals is to continuously increase parental involvement in our schools. In TUSD, parents receive regular emails from a Parent Square that provides information on district and school-wide updates and events, available resources, training, opportunities, etc.

In addition to district-wide efforts, our school believes that parent involvement drives the daily learning for all students. Parents and credentialed teachers work together to review the core program, academic support, and supplemental learning opportunities available to students. Annually, parents have the opportunity to meet with their child's teacher and/or counselor and work together in the development of the student's educational plan and goal setting at the beginning of each school year. Additionally, parents always have the opportunity to communicate with the administrative team, teachers, counselors, and other school support staff when the need arises.

For Special Education students, there is ongoing parental collaboration and support provided to the parents to ensure that their student's needs are met as part of the Individualized Education Program. Parents have access to special education support providers as well as special education department administration.

Parents at Benson Elementary School participate in activities such as Title I Parent Information meetings, Parent/Teacher Conferences, School Site Council meetings, English Language Advisory Committee meetings, Pastries with the Principal, and Parent/Teacher Association events as well as school based family nights. All parents have the opportunity to be on our School Site Council or to attend the meetings. School Site Council members are elected for a two-year term and meet a minimum of four times per year. The function of the School Site Council is two-fold: to provide feedback and advice to the School Plan for Student Achievement, as well as suggestions and ideas for improving the school's educational programs; and to uphold the mission of the school and contribute to the success of the school. Parents of EL students have access to our TUSD Office of Language Acquisition, site-based ELAC, and district DELAC committees to learn about the EL Program and the comprehensive support available to EL families. Parents of ELs are able to provide input into decisions related to English language acquisition at the ELAC and DELAC meetings.

The Benson community works together to support students and school programs on a daily basis. We encourage parents to

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attend parent involvement opportunities that are offered to educate parents on topics such as homework, responsibility, and supporting their students with academic and social-emotional learning. In addition, Benson's Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) works hard to raise funds to pay for enrichment programs that support the curriculum.

For more information on how to become involved at the school, please contact Jazmin Aguilar at (714) 730-7531.

2023-24 Chronic Absenteeism by Student Group

Student Group	Cumulative Enrollment	Chronic Absenteeism Eligible Enrollment	Chronic Absenteeism Count	Chronic Absenteeism Rate
All Students	346	338	73	21.6
Female	150	147	34	23.1
Male	196	191	39	20.4
Non-Binary	--	--	--	--
American Indian or Alaska Native	--	--	--	--
Asian	29	29	5	17.2
Black or African American	--	--	--	--
Filipino	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	228	222	52	23.4
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	--	--	--	--
Two or More Races	20	18	3	16.7
White	55	55	13	23.6
English Learners	65	63	22	34.9
Foster Youth	--	--	--	--
Homeless	11	11	1	9.1
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	241	235	55	23.4
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	--	--	--	--
Students with Disabilities	111	110	43	39.1

Note: To protect student privacy, double dashes (--) are used in the table when the cell size within a selected student population is ten or fewer.

C. Engagement

State Priority: School Climate

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

Suspensions and Expulsions

This table displays suspensions data.

Suspensions								
School 2021-22	School 2022-23	School 2023-24	District 2021-22	District 2022-23	District 2023-24	State 2021-22	State 2022-23	State 2023-24
1.41	1.14	0.87	2.01	2.33	1.74	3.17	3.6	3.28

This table displays expulsions data.

Expulsions								
School 2021-22	School 2022-23	School 2023-24	District 2021-22	District 2022-23	District 2023-24	State 2021-22	State 2022-23	State 2023-24
0	0	0	0.07	0.01	0.02	0.07	0.08	0.07

2023-24 Suspensions and Expulsions by Student Group

Student Group	Suspensions Rate	Expulsions Rate
All Students	0.87	0.00
Female	0.00	0.00
Male	1.53	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	0.44	0.00
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.00	0.00
Two or More Races	0.00	0.00
White	1.82	0.00
English Learners	0.00	0.00
Foster Youth	0.00	0.00
Homeless	0.00	0.00
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	0.83	0.00
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	0.00	0.00
Students with Disabilities	0.90	0.00

Note: To protect student privacy, double dashes (--) are used in the table when the cell size within a selected student population is ten or fewer.

2024-25 School Safety Plan

Date Last Reviewed by School Site Council (SSC): 11/7/2024
Date Updated and Approved by SSC: 2/6/2024 (pending revisions and approval in February 2025)
Date Discussed by Staff: 8/09/2024

2024-25 School Safety Plan

Our School Safety Plan includes the following elements: Child abuse reporting procedures, disaster procedures, routine and emergency; suspension, expulsion, or mandatory expulsion recommendations; procedures to notify teachers of dangerous pupils; discrimination/harassment policy; provisions of any school-wide dress code; procedures for safe ingress and egress; safe and orderly environment; rules and procedures on school discipline and dress code; hate crime reporting; school safety goals and objectives. We run monthly drills and work closely with our Student Services department to ensure that we have updated procedures and practices in place to ensure school-wide safety.

At Barbara Benson Elementary, we also have a School Safety Committee that annually updates the School Safety Plan and runs annual school safety drills for all students and staff. The committee is made up of administrators, certificated and classified staff, and may include parents or students.

Additionally, during the 2023-24 school year, we participated in a training called Stop the Bleed, which prepares staff to respond to critical emergency scenarios and Comprehensive School Threat Assessment Guidelines (CSTAG) training for some employees, which provides a systematic approach for K-12 schools to assess and respond to student threats of violence.

D. Other SARC Information

Information Required in the SARC

The information in this section is required to be in the SARC but is not included in the state priorities for LCFF.

2021-22 Elementary Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution

This table displays the 2021-22 average class size and class size distribution. The columns titled “Number of Classes” indicates how many classes fall into each size category (a range of total students per class). The “Other” category is for multi-grade level classes.

Grade Level	Average Class Size	Number of Classes with 1-20 Students	Number of Classes with 21-32 Students	Number of Classes with 33+ Students
K	19	2	1	
1	25		1	
2	26		1	
3	64			1
4	32		1	
5	29		2	
Other	19	3	3	

2022-23 Elementary Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution

This table displays the 2022-23 average class size and class size distribution. The columns titled "Number of Classes" indicates how many classes fall into each size category (a range of total students per class). The "Other" category is for multi-grade level classes.

Grade Level	Average Class Size	Number of Classes with 1-20 Students	Number of Classes with 21-32 Students	Number of Classes with 33+ Students
K	22	1	2	
1	23		1	
2	25		2	
3	35		1	1
4	29		1	
5	28		1	
Other	17	3	2	

2023-24 Elementary Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution

This table displays the 2023-24 average class size and class size distribution. The columns titled "Number of Classes" indicates how many classes fall into each size category (a range of total students per class). The "Other" category is for multi-grade level classes.

Grade Level	Average Class Size	Number of Classes with 1-20 Students	Number of Classes with 21-32 Students	Number of Classes with 33+ Students
K	16	1	1	
1	23		1	
2	24		1	
3	58			1
5	33			
Other	20	3	3	

2023-24 Ratio of Pupils to Academic Counselor

This table displays the ratio of pupils to Academic Counselor. One Full Time Equivalent (FTE) equals one staff member working full time; one FTE could also represent two staff members who each work 50 percent of full time.

Title	Ratio
Pupils to Academic Counselor	0

2023-24 Student Support Services Staff

This table displays the number of FTE support staff assigned to this school. One Full Time Equivalent (FTE) equals one staff member working full time; one FTE could also represent two staff members who each work 50 percent of full time. The "Other" category is for all other student support services staff positions not listed.

Title	Number of FTE Assigned to School
Counselor (Academic, Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	
Psychologist	1.1
Social Worker	
Nurse	
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	1.1
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)	
Other	6.8

Fiscal Year 2022-23 Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries

This table displays the 2022-23 expenditures per pupil and average teacher salary for this school. Cells with N/A values do not require data.

Level	Total Expenditures Per Pupil	Expenditures Per Pupil (Restricted)	Expenditures Per Pupil (Unrestricted)	Average Teacher Salary
School Site	$17,603	$6,340	$11,263	$104,057
District	N/A	N/A	$10,145	$106,526
Percent Difference - School Site and District	N/A	N/A	10.4	-2.3
State	N/A	N/A	$10,771	$94,625
Percent Difference - School Site and State	N/A	N/A	4.5	9.5

Fiscal Year 2023-24 Types of Services Funded

In addition to the base per-pupil funding, Benson Elementary School receives both one-time and ongoing supplemental funds aimed at enhancing academic achievement for all students and specific student groups. The school also benefits from Title I categorical funding, allocated based on unduplicated student counts. These funds are in addition to our base funding and help support the diverse needs of all students. Furthermore, we are extremely grateful for the generous donations provided by the Tustin Public Schools Foundation and our site's PTO/PTA. These contributions provide valuable support throughout the year, enabling us to offer a wide range of school-wide programs and events for our students.

The School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) identifies student needs and addresses specifically how these categorical funds will support student learning and achievement through a Multi-Tiered System of Support. The allocated funds are used to provide tiered and targeted supports or interventions for unduplicated students in the areas of academics, behavior and social-emotional learning, absenteeism, professional development, instructional materials, additional personnel to support all students in accessing academic standards, and technology resources.

Students are administered local assessments three times per year, and more often if at-risk and being monitored for progress.

Fiscal Year 2023-24 Types of Services Funded

Within the MTSS model, students scoring two or more grade levels below their current grade level on any standard were eligible for intervention and targeted academic support. Our intervention students are provided class-based or small-group intervention sessions which target their specific performance level, focusing on ELA or Math standards. In addition, using ESSER and categorical instructional funds, our students and their teachers have a variety of supplemental print and online intervention curriculum options to choose from.

Some of these district and school-wide programs include Lexia, Freckle, Reflex, SeeSaw, Learning A-Z, and Lexia English.

Funding for staff development is focused on targeting skill instruction and providing in-services on research-based best practices in the core instructional areas related to writing, Professional Learning Communities (PLCs), supporting students at-risk for retention, supporting students who are English learners, building relationships with students and connectedness to school, and varied parent education. Personnel costs include Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) staff to support student success, and a portion of the community liaison's salary to support connections with our parent community. Supplemental materials to address needs were also purchased to support English/Language Arts, Mathematics, English Language Development, Student Wellness, and School/Community Partnerships.

Please refer to our district LCAP or School Plan for Student Achievement for a more detailed list of goals and actions that the school currently funds.

Fiscal Year 2022-23 Teacher and Administrative Salaries

This table displays the 2022-23 Teacher and Administrative salaries. For detailed information on salaries, see the CDE Certification Salaries & Benefits web page at http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/.

Category	District Amount	State Average for Districts in Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	$60,818	$56,573
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	$98,110	$87,186
Highest Teacher Salary	$130,589	$119,665
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)	$162,705	$148,486
Average Principal Salary (Middle)	$171,509	$154,835
Average Principal Salary (High)	$195,092	$170,008
Superintendent Salary	$388,722	$338,699
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	33%	31%
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	5%	5%

Professional Development

Tustin Unified School District provides dedicated time for professional development for all staff. The comprehensive training takes place before the school year starts, providing teachers with current best practices and opportunities for collaboration around instruction/curriculum for the upcoming year with site and district colleagues. An all district professional development day is also provided on a non-student day in the fall, focusing on any current instructional or organizational professional learning needs at the time.

Schools also provide professional development opportunities based on school-wide student needs driven by an analysis of student data and funded by site categorical or supplemental allocations. Staff development opportunities can take place before, during, or after school and by release time throughout the school year. All new teachers engage in the Induction Program through OCDE, which provides new teachers with ongoing support through the first two years of teaching.

Benson teachers meet in weekly Professional Learning Communities (PLC) to plan and target instructional practices. In

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regards to our educational programs and instruction, our dedicated teachers engage in collaborative planning during weekly release time and on two Wednesday afternoons each month. The principal provides staff professional development meetings that focus on best first instruction and developing grade level goals for improvement.

The school Leadership Team meets monthly to discuss school-wide timelines, data, and systems to support student learning. Classified and other non-instructional staff are offered professional development opportunities at the beginning of each school year.

This table displays the number of school days dedicated to staff development and continuous improvement.

Subject	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Number of school days dedicated to Staff Development and Continuous Improvement	11	12	11