

Frank Augustus Miller Middle School

School Accountability Report Card

Reported Using Data from the 2016-17 School Year

Published During 2017-18

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, see the California Department of Education (CDE) SARC Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa/>.
- For more information about the LCFF or LCAP, see the CDE LCFF Web page at <http://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.

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 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).

Internet Access

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About This School

Contact Information (School Year 2017-18)

School Contact Information	
School Name	Frank Augustus Miller Middle School
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Superintendent	David C. Hansen, Ed.D.
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School Description and Mission Statement (School Year 2017-18)

At Frank Augustus Miller Middle school, we strive to ensure academic excellence. As well, we desire to see our students develop exemplary citizenship and leadership characteristics. Our commitment to excellence in these areas is demonstrated by our focus on incorporating the California State Standards into our daily instructional program, with a focus on growing well-rounded, contributing members of society. Students promoting from Miller should be prepared to succeed at the high school level and eventually, in college and careers. Academic growth is monitored throughout the school year using multiple forms of assessments and technology. Students are accountable to check their own grades on Aeries. Teachers maintain contact with parents and students using Power School Learning Webpages, Aeries portal, Progress Reports and grades to ensure that all students are successful. Miller students are also involved in a variety of clubs and activities including Dance Team, AVID, Associated Student Body (ASB), Color Guard, sports, jazz band, choir, and more.

Mission Statement: "Frank Augustus Miller Middle School prepares student to achieve academic excellence and become life-long learners who inquire, take risks in the pursuit of knowledge, and are compassionate in the classroom as well as throughout the community."

Student Enrollment by Grade Level (School Year 2016-17)

Grade Level	Number of Students
Grade 7	520
Grade 8	481
Total Enrollment	1,001

Student Enrollment by Group (School Year 2016-17)

Student Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	6.3
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.5
Asian	7.7
Filipino	3
Hispanic or Latino	40.5
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0
White	38.5
Two or More Races	2.4
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	40.5
English Learners	5.3
Students with Disabilities	11.7
Foster Youth	0.4

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.

Teacher Credentials

Teachers	School			District
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2017-18
With Full Credential	41	45	45	1909
Without Full Credential	0	0	0	0
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence (with full credential)	0	0	0	0

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions

Indicator	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners	0	1	0
Total Teacher Misassignments *	0	1	0
Vacant Teacher Positions	0	0	0

Note: "Misassignments" refers to the number of positions filled by teachers who lack legal authorization to teach that grade level, subject area, student group, etc.

* Total Teacher Misassignments includes the number of Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners.

Quality, Currency, Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials (School Year 2017-18)

Year and month in which data were collected: 10/16/2017

The table displays information collected in 10/16/17 about the quality, currency, and availability of the standards-aligned textbooks and other instructional materials used at the school.

It was determined that each RUSD school had sufficient and good quality textbooks, instructional materials, or science lab equipment, where appropriate, pursuant to the settlement of Williams vs. the State of California. All students, including English learners, are given their own individual standards-aligned textbooks or instructional materials, or both, in core subjects for use in the classroom and to take home. Textbooks and supplementary materials are adopted according to a 6-year cycle developed by the California Department of Education, making the textbooks used in the school the most current available. Materials approved for use by the State are reviewed by all teachers and a recommendation is made to the School Board by a selection committee composed of teachers and administrators. All recommended materials are available for parent examination at the district office prior to adoption.

Riverside Unified School District adopts instructional materials on a regular schedule based on State adoptions. All students receive appropriate, up-to-date instructional materials for use in the classroom and at home. All materials currently in use have been selected by the staff with parent input, and approved by the Board of Education according to state adoption requirements. Teachers are provided training in the use of new materials.

Subject	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/ Year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption?	Percent of Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
Reading/Language Arts	Language Arts 7 (adopted in 2002) Holt, Rinehart & Winston: Holt Literature and Language Arts, Course 1 Holt, Rinehart & Winston: Supplemental: Holt Handbook, Course 1 Language Arts 8 (adopted in 2002) Holt, Rinehart & Winston: Holt Literature and Language Arts, Course 2 Holt, Rinehart & Winston: Supplemental: Holt Handbook, Course 2 Language! (adopted in 2002) ELD 1, 2, 3 (adopted in 2009) Scholastic: READ 180/ System 44, Intensive Reading Intervention Program (adopted in 2010)	Yes	0
Mathematics	Introduction to Algebra / Introduction to Algebra Concepts (adopted in 2008) Holt, Rinehart & Winston: California Mathematics Course 2 – Pre-Algebra Holt, Rinehart & Winston: Pre-Algebra 8 / Pre-Algebra 8 Concepts (adopted in 2008) Holt, Rinehart & Winston: California Algebra Readiness – Volumes 1-4 Holt, Rinehart & Winston: Algebra 1 / Algebra 1 Concepts / Algebra 1B (adopted in 2008) Holt, Rinehart & Winston: California Algebra 1 Holt, Rinehart & Winston: Geometry (adopted in 2008) Holt, Rinehart & Winston: California Geometry	Yes	0
Science	Holt, Rinehart & Winston: Life Science, Grade 7 (adopted in 2007) McDougal Littell: Physical Science, Grade 8 (adopted in 2007)	Yes	0
History-Social Science	Holt, Rinehart & Winston: World History, Grade 7 (adopted in 2006) Holt, Rinehart & Winston: World History: Medieval to Modern Times: Holt CA Social Studies Holt, Reinhart & Winston: United States History, Grade 8 (adopted in 2006) Holt, Reinhart & Winston: United States History: Independence to 1914: Holt CA Social studies	Yes	0
Foreign Language	Holt, Reinhart & Winston: Spanish 1 (adopted in 2006) Holt, Reinhart & Winston: Ven Conmigo! Holt Spanish Level 1 Holt, Reinhart & Winston: Pre-AP Spanish (adopted in 2009) Holt, Reinhart & Winston: Ven Conmigo! Nuevas Vistas Uno	Yes	0

Subject	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/ Year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption?	Percent of Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
Health	N/A		N/A
Visual and Performing Arts	Offer standard-based visual art, instrumental music, and vocal music as electives.	Yes	0
Science Laboratory Equipment (grades 9-12)	N/A		

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements (Most Recent Year)

Year Constructed: 2009
 Last modernized: 2011
 Lot Size: 21.78 Acres
 43 Permanent Classrooms
 0 Relocatable Classrooms
 Science/Technology Lab
 Completely Air Conditioned
 Library
 Multi-Purpose Room
 Outdoor Cafeteria

Riverside Unified School District maintains both 5 and 15 year major maintenance plans for all schools. These plans are located at the District's Maintenance and Operations Office and are available for review.

Riverside Unified School District has instituted a formal school facility inspection system based on State of California School Facility Condition Criteria. The State criteria consist of 13 building components typically found in school facilities.

Riverside Unified School District has allocated funds for the sole purpose of school maintenance pursuant to Education Code sections 17002(d), 17014, 17032.5, 17070.75(a), and 17089(b). The information below displays the number of individual maintenance work orders completed in the last 12 months and the assessed value of the work completed.

Miller has a plant supervisor and a part-time custodial staff who along with other district personnel maintain the grounds and facilities.

#Work Orders = 452
 Labor Hours = 1331.85
 Assessed Value of Work = \$68,177.03

School Facility Good Repair Status (Most Recent Year)

Using the **most recently collected** FIT data (or equivalent), provide the following:

- Determination of repair status for systems listed
- Description of any needed maintenance to ensure good repair
- The year and month in which the data were collected
- The overall rating

School Facility Good Repair Status (Most Recent Year)				
Year and month of the most recent FIT report: 12/11/2017				
System Inspected	Repair Status			Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
	Good	Fair	Poor	
Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	X			710: Door rubs on ground, AC missing filter, items stored in room, screws missing in electrical gutter, missing electrical cover

School Facility Good Repair Status (Most Recent Year)				
Year and month of the most recent FIT report: 12/11/2017				
System Inspected	Repair Status			Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
	Good	Fair	Poor	
Interior: Interior Surfaces	X			308:00:00 516: Wall damage
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/ Vermin Infestation	X			502: Items stored in front of electrical panel, floor is dirty 710: Door rubs on ground, AC missing filter, items stored in room, screws missing in electrical gutter, missing electrical cover 816: Ant problem, sink drinking fountain not working
Electrical: Electrical	X			306: Light fixture buzzing 709: Need one new floor receptacle, ballast out 710: Door rubs on ground, AC missing filter, items stored in room, screws missing in electrical gutter, missing electrical cover 808: Lights not working
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	X			816: Ant problem, sink drinking fountain not working Office: Drinking fountain near work room adjust
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	X			450: Room is being used as a storage, overfilled 502: Items stored in front of electrical panel, floor is dirty 523: Area around water heater needs to be cleaned
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	X			453: Entry door tiles are coming up, tripping hazard 454: Entry door tiles are coming up, tripping hazard 455: Entry door tiles are coming up, tripping hazard 456: Entry door tiles are coming up, tripping hazard 457: Entry door tiles are coming up, tripping hazard 458: Entry door tiles are coming up, tripping hazard 701: Wall cracking by door
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	X			301: Door drags on ground 313: Handle on cabinet fell off 710: Door rubs on ground, AC missing filter, items stored in room, screws missing in electrical gutter, missing electrical cover

Overall Facility Rating (Most Recent Year)

Year and month of the most recent FIT report: 12/11/2017				
Overall Rating	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, 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 alternate 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 education sequences or programs of study.

CAASPP Test Results in English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA) and Mathematics for All Students Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven

Subject	Percent of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standards (grades 3-8 and 11)					
	School		District		State	
	2015-16	2016-17	2015-16	2016-17	2015-16	2016-17
English Language Arts/Literacy (grades 3-8 and 11)	65	61	48	47	48	48
Mathematics (grades 3-8 and 11)	49	53	35	34	36	37

Note: Percentages are not calculated 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.

CAASPP Test Results in ELA by Student Group Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven (School Year 2016-17)

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	"1,007"	998	99.11	61.32
Male	523	518	99.04	54.83
Female	484	480	99.17	68.33
Black or African American	68	68	100	51.47
American Indian or Alaska Native	--	--	--	--
Asian	78	77	98.72	85.71
Filipino	27	27	100	88.89
Hispanic or Latino	412	407	98.79	52.58
White	378	375	99.21	64
Two or More Races	27	27	100	74.07
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	415	408	98.31	50.74
English Learners	93	87	93.55	28.74
Students with Disabilities	116	114	98.28	17.54
Foster Youth	--	--	--	--

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

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.

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

**CAASPP Test Results in Mathematics by Student Group
Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven (School Year 2016-17)**

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	1,006	1,001	99.5	53.3
Male	523	520	99.43	50.67
Female	483	481	99.59	56.13
Black or African American	68	68	100	36.76
American Indian or Alaska Native	--	--	--	--
Asian	78	78	100	79.49
Filipino	27	27	100	85.19
Hispanic or Latino	411	407	99.03	46.55
White	378	377	99.74	55.7
Two or More Races	27	27	100	51.85
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	414	411	99.28	41.61
English Learners	93	91	97.85	20.88
Students with Disabilities	116	114	98.28	13.16
Foster Youth	--	--	--	--

Note: 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.

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.

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

**CAASPP Test Results in Science for All Students
Grades Five, Eight, and Ten**

Subject	Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced					
	School		District		State	
	2014-15	2015-16	2014-15	2015-16	2014-15	2015-16
Science (grades 5, 8, and 10)	82	84	58	54	60	56

Note: Science test results include California Standards Tests (CSTs), California Modified Assessment (CMA), and California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA) in grades five, eight, and ten.

Note: Scores are not shown 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.

Note: The 2016-17 data are not available. The California Department of Education is developing a new science assessment based on the Next Generation Science Standards for California Public Schools (CA NGSS). The new California Science Test (CAST) was piloted in spring 2017. The CST and CMA for Science will no longer be administered.

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 areas of physical education.

California Physical Fitness Test Results (School Year 2016-17)

Grade Level	Percent of Students Meeting Fitness Standards		
	Four of Six Standards	Five of Six Standards	Six of Six Standards
7	18.9	26.2	36

Note: Percentages are not calculated 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.

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 for the school district and each schoolsite.

Opportunities for Parental Involvement (School Year 2017-18)

All parents are welcome and encouraged to participate and assist with school activities. We have an active PTSA (Parent, Teacher, Student Association) that identifies student, parent, and staff needs and provides opportunities for parents to stay involved in the school community. Parents are encouraged to take an active role in their student's education by checking their planners and grades on Aeries, asking about class and homework, attending school events and maintaining ongoing communication with the school.

The school website keeps parents informed about school events and parent meetings. Aeries and Power School Learning provide parents with immediate access to student grades, assignments, and attendance records. Teachers also send home progress reports every four weeks to ensure parents are kept abreast of their student's academic performance. The ParentLink automated calling system is used to inform parents of student progress and school events. The school's website is updated frequently with information for parents. Electronic flyers are distributed via Peachjar.

The following contacts can be reached via Miller's main office phone line (951) 789-8181:

- Principal: Cheryl Simmons
- Assistant Principal: Mark Shaw
- PTSA President: Vanessa Hernandez
- Counselors: Michael Toner, Erin Tavalionne, Elisabeth Sanchez
- Parent Involvement: Cheryl Simmons, Mark Shaw

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

Rate	School			District			State		
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Suspensions	5.5	6.1	5.5	4.4	4.0	3.6	3.8	3.7	3.6
Expulsions	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1

School Safety Plan (School Year 2017-18)

The School Site Council or its delegate is responsible for the development and updating of the school's Comprehensive Safety Plan. A Site Comprehensive Safety Plan Checklist is provided by the Assistant Superintendent of Operations to give guidance on what should be included in the School's Safety Plan. The Safety Plan is discussed with staff, evaluated, amended/reviewed/updated by March 1 of each year. The school's safety committee makes monthly safety inspections. A school Disaster Preparedness Plan that deals with a wide variety of emergency situations is incorporated into the School Safety Plan. Earthquakes, fire, and lockdown drills are conducted as required. The key elements of the Comprehensive School Safety Plan include an assessment of current status of school crime; provisions of any schoolwide dress code including the definition of "gang related apparel"; safe movement of pupils, parents and school employees to and from school; strategies in maintaining a safe and orderly school environment; child abuse reporting procedures; disaster procedures, routine and emergency; policies related to suspensions, expulsion or mandatory expulsion and other school designated serious acts which would lead to suspension or expulsion, notification to teachers, anti-bullying policy and school discipline rules and procedures pursuant to EC 35291 and EC 35291.5. The school also has an assigned School Resource Officer (SRO).

D. Other SARC Information

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

Federal Intervention Program (School Year 2017-18)

Indicator	School	District
Program Improvement Status		In PI
First Year of Program Improvement		2007-2008
Year in Program Improvement*		Year 3
Number of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	N/A	22
Percent of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	N/A	68.8

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

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Secondary)

Subject	2014-15				2015-16				2016-17			
	Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms			Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms			Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms		
		1-22	23-32	33+		1-22	23-32	33+		1-22	23-32	33+
English	27	10	16	13	26	8	25	5	24	16	16	12
Mathematics	28	7	18	12	28	5	24	6	25	10	25	4
Science	30	3	10	20	29	3	19	11	27	4	27	5
Social Science	30	4	13	17	29	3	21	9	29	4	18	12

Note: Number of classes indicates how many classrooms fall into each size category (a range of total students per classroom). At the secondary school level, this information is reported by subject area rather than grade level.

Academic Counselors and Other Support Staff (School Year 2016-17)

Title	Number of FTE Assigned to School	Average Number of Students per Academic Counselor
Academic Counselor	2	0
Counselor (Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	0	N/A
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	1	N/A
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	0.9	N/A
Psychologist	0.4	N/A
Social Worker	0	N/A
Nurse	0.2	N/A
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	0	N/A
Resource Specialist	2	N/A
Other	0	N/A

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

*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.

Expenditures per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries (Fiscal Year 2015-16)

Level	Expenditures Per Pupil			Average Teacher Salary
	Total	Supplemental/ Restricted	Basic/ Unrestricted	
School Site	6918	1174	5744	82465
District	N/A	N/A	\$5,857	\$87,199
Percent Difference: School Site and District	N/A	N/A	9.6	-10.8
State	N/A	N/A	\$6,574	\$79,228
Percent Difference: School Site and State	N/A	N/A	-2.3	-1.9

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

Types of Services Funded (Fiscal Year 2016-17)

Frank Augustus Miller Middle School received the following Categorical Program/Supplemental funds which can be used to provide the following services:

\$15,498 Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF): for increased or improved services for Low Income Students, English Learners, or Foster Youth for site goals in alignment with the RUSD Local Control Accountability Plan

Teacher and Administrative Salaries (Fiscal Year 2015-16)

Category	District Amount	State Average for Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$56,035	\$47,808
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$82,647	\$73,555
Highest Teacher Salary	\$100,547	\$95,850
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)	\$125,192	\$120,448
Average Principal Salary (Middle)	\$132,039	\$125,592
Average Principal Salary (High)	\$144,725	\$138,175
Superintendent Salary	\$282,285	\$264,457
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	40%	35%
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	6%	5%

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

Professional Development (Most Recent Three Years)

Before determining staff development needs, the school administrators, district and teachers analyze data from a variety of sources, including assessment scores and grades, combined with identified areas for instructional focus. Based on these findings, goals and objectives that include the instructional priorities are created for use schoolwide and in departments. These priorities then become the focus of the staff development provided by site teachers, administrators, and district specialists.

Classroom walk-through and teacher requests determine the professional development needs of individual teachers and departments, as do informal needs assessments. All staff members at Miller have participated in a wide variety of staff development training on the instructional shifts required for the California State Standards and schoolwide consistent practices. In addition, all departments work in Professional Learning Communities to align teaching with content standards at the appropriate level of rigor for the grade level. As well, site administrators provide feedback and direction to teachers regarding next steps for using research-based instructional strategies. Miller teachers have also participated in RUSD instructional committees, other workshops and training sponsored by the school district. The major topics covered during school and district based training include:

During 2015-16:

- Technology strategies
- Focused note-taking
- Use of complete sentences and sentence frames
- Pre Advanced Placement strategies
- Close Reading
- Vocabulary strategies
- Writing strategies including Claim, Reason, Evidence (CRE) and Document-based Questions (DBQs)

During 2016-17:

- Philosophical Chairs strategy
- Socratic Seminar strategy
- Close Reading

- Writing strategies including Claim, Reason, Evidence (CRE) and Document-based Questions(DBQs)
- Review of student work samples related to instructional strategies above

Depending on the grade level, subject or school focus, teachers participated in 3 – 10 days of professional development.

During 2017-18:

- Collaborative Study Groups
- Strategies to support English Learners
- Providing specific feedback and praise
- Goal setting related to data from assessments