

Nicolas Junior High

2024–25 School Accountability Report Card

Reported Using Data from the 2024–25 School Year

California Department of Education

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Grade Span: 7-8

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.

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/>.

About This School

Jose Varela, Principal

📍 Principal, Nicolas Junior High

About Our School



Nicolas Junior High students have unique opportunities to take STEM electives focused on science, technology, engineering and math across the curriculum. Nicolas offers six unique elective areas: Design and Engineering, Robotics, Computer Science, Media and Business, AVID, and The Arts. These are unique courses for Jr. High students that allow students to find their passion and take their learning to a more advanced level.

Students also have a technologically enriched experience with our 1:1 iPad program. We offer students challenging Honors classes in Social Studies, Science, English Language Arts, and Math. We also offer Algebra and Geometry classes. In 2025, Nicolas will be offering Spanish Dual Language Classes. The goal of the Dual Language Program is for students to attain the California State Seal of Bi-literacy. Lastly, college credit is awarded to those that pass the Advanced Placement Computer Science Test as well as those students that successfully pass the Advanced Placement English Language and Composition Test. At Nicolas Junior High School we work together with parents and teachers to provide our children with an excellent foundation to ensure that students are prepared for college and career while exploring their interests in STEM and other academic interests. Visit us at <http://nicolas.fullertonsd.org/>

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Contact Information (School Year 2025–26)

District Contact Information (School Year 2025–26)

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Website	www.fullertonsd.org

School Contact Information (School Year 2025–26)

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City, State, Zip	Fullerton, CA , 92833-4132
Phone Number	(714) 447-7775
Principal	Jose Varela, Principal
Email Address	jose_varela@myfsd.org
Website	http://www.fullertonsd.org/nicolas
Grade Span	7-8
County-District-School (CDS) Code	30665066028104

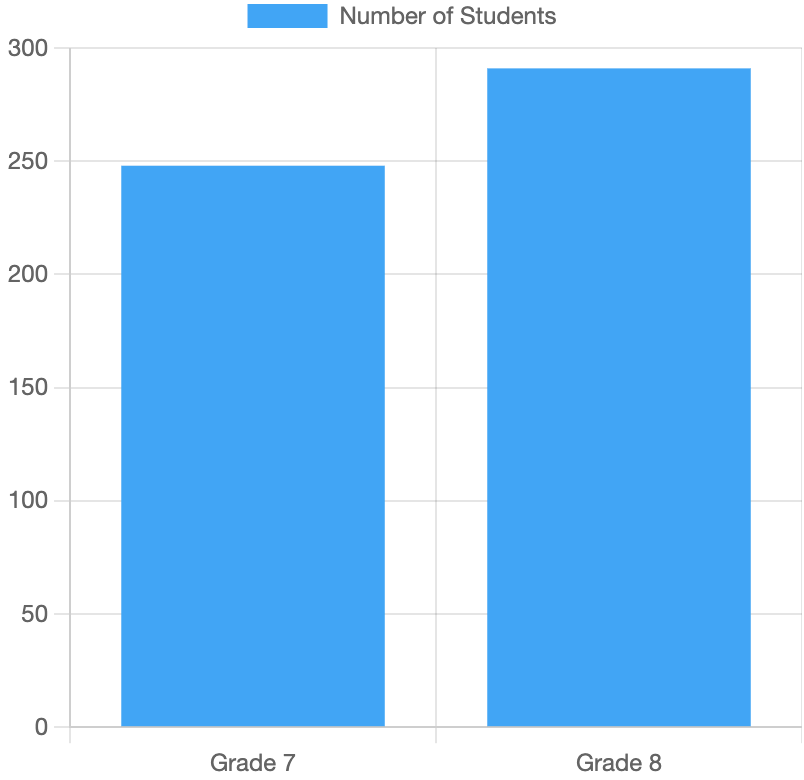
School Description and Mission Statement (School Year 2025–26)

Nicolas Junior High School is a comprehensive school serving 7th and 8th grade students located in the southern section of Fullerton and is one of 20 school sites in the Fullertons School District.

Nicolas Junior High School is the home of future innovators and mindful citizens who exemplify our CARE attributes. Students are caring, always safe, responsible and respectful, and empathetic. In addition to these personal character traits, all students will develop critical skills that will allow them to effectively communicate and collaborate with their peers, investigate and problem solve, and achieve their full academic and creative potential. Students at Nicolas Junior High School receive a standards based rigorous curriculum. The Nicolas staff, through PLC's, will monitor individual student results progress, and revise goals and RTI strategies as necessary based on student needs.

Student Enrollment by Grade Level (School Year 2024–25)

Grade Level	Number of Students
Grade 7	248
Grade 8	291
Total Enrollment	539



Student Enrollment by Student Group (School Year 2024–25)

Student Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Female	44.70%
Male	55.30%
Non-Binary	0.00%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.70%
Asian	2.00%
Black or African American	1.90%
Filipino	1.50%
Hispanic or Latino	87.20%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.90%
Two or More Races	2.20%
White	3.50%

Student Group (Other)	Percent of Total Enrollment
English Learners	24.70%
Foster Youth	0.70%
Homeless	2.20%
Migrant	0.00%
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	85.30%
Students with Disabilities	16.90%

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 Preparation and Placement (School Year 2021–22)

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)	22.20	73.04%	444.20	89.46%	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)	1.80	6.08%	2.10	0.43%	12001.50	4.30%
Credentialed Teachers Assigned Out-of-Field ("out-of-field" under ESSA)	0.30	1.12%	0.80	0.16%	11953.10	4.28%
Unknown/Incomplete/NA	6.00	19.70%	49.30	9.94%	15831.90	5.67%
Total Teaching Positions	30.40	100.00%	496.60	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.

Teacher Preparation and Placement (School Year 2022–23)

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)	26.40	84.74%	442.40	91.60%	231142.40	83.24%
Intern Credential Holders Properly Assigned	0.00	0.00%	2.00	0.41%	5566.40	2.00%
Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments ("ineffective" under ESSA)	1.50	5.03%	5.50	1.15%	14938.30	5.38%
Credentialed Teachers Assigned Out-of-Field ("out-of-field" under ESSA)	0.00	0.00%	3.20	0.67%	11746.90	4.23%
Unknown/Incomplete/NA	3.10	10.23%	29.70	6.17%	14303.80	5.15%
Total Teaching Positions	31.10	100.00%	483.00	100.00%	277698.00	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.

Teacher Preparation and Placement (School Year 2023–24)

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)	26.60	88.73%	478.80	94.47%	230039.40	100.00%
Intern Credential Holders Properly Assigned	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00%	6213.80	2.23%
Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments ("ineffective" under ESSA)	0.00	0.00%	2.00	0.39%	16855.00	6.04%
Credentialed Teachers Assigned Out-of-Field ("out-of-field" under ESSA)	1.40	4.73%	7.20	1.43%	12112.80	4.34%
Unknown/Incomplete/NA	1.90	6.50%	18.70	3.70%	13705.80	4.91%
Total Teaching Positions	29.90	100.00%	506.80	100.00%	278927.10	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.

**Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments
(considered "ineffective" under ESSA)**

Authorization/Assignment	2021–22 Number	2022–23 Number	2023–24 Number
Permits and Waivers	0.80	1	0.00
Misassignments	1.00	0.5	0.00
Vacant Positions	0.00	0	0.00
Total Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments	1.80	1.5	0.00

**Credentialed Teachers Assigned Out-of-Field
(considered "out-of-field" under ESSA)**

Indicator	2021–22 Number	2022–23 Number	2023–24 Number
Credentialed Teachers Authorized on a Permit or Waiver	0.00	0	0.00
Local Assignment Options	0.30	0	1.40
Total Out-of-Field Teachers	0.30	0	1.40

Class Assignments

Indicator	2021– 22 Percent	2022– 23 Percent	2023– 24 Percent
Misassignments for English Learners (a percentage of all the classes with English learners taught by teachers that are misassigned)	3.6%	1.6%	0.00%
No credential, permit or authorization to teach (a percentage of all the classes taught by teachers with no record of an authorization to teach)	0%	0%	0.00%

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

Quality, Currency, Availability of Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials (School Year 2025–26)

The Fullerton School District wants every student to have the books and learning materials they need to be successful. Each year, our Governing Board reviews the availability of textbooks and instructional materials to make sure all students have access to high-quality, standards-aligned resources.

On September 16, 2025, the Board held a public meeting to check that every student, including English learners, has their own textbook or digital learning materials for use in class and at home. The Board also ensured that materials align with California’s academic standards.

After reviewing all information, the Board approved a resolution confirming that the Fullerton School District has provided sufficient, standards-aligned instructional materials for all students for the 2025–2026 school year. Our goal is to make sure every student has the tools they need to learn, grow, and succeed.

Year and month in which the data were collected: September 2025

Subject	List of Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials/Indicate if from Most Recent Adoption/Year of Adoption	Percent Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
Reading/Language Arts	6th-8th Grade - McGraw Hill Education: Study Sync / Yes / 2016	0
Mathematics	K-8th Grade - Houghton Mifflin Company: Go Math / Yes / 2016	0
Science	7th-8th Grade - Amplify: Amplify Science / Yes / 2020	0
History-Social Science	7th-8th Grade - McGraw-Hill: Impact / Yes / 2019	0
Foreign Language	7th-8th Grade - McGraw-Hill: Asi se Dice! / Yes / 2019	0
Health	7th Grade - Holt: McDougal Decisions for Health / Yes / 2005	0
Visual and Performing Arts	"All the Arts for all the Kids" lessons/curriculum in visual art, music, dance, and theater Band and string instruments and musical scores (grades 7-8)	0
Science Lab Eqpmt (Grades 9-12)	N/A	0

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

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements

The District takes great efforts to ensure that all schools are clean, safe, and functional. Listed below is more specific information on the condition of the school and the efforts made to ensure that students are provided with a clean, safe, and functional learning environment. Nicolas Junior High School has 37 classrooms, a multipurpose room, a physical education shower and locker building, a Healthy Start program building, speech/language room, and a library media center. The main campus was built in 1956. Additions were constructed in 1959, 1961, and 1964. Five portable classrooms were added in 2002, with one more added in 2003. 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. The District has established cleaning standards for all schools in the district. A summary of these standards is available at the district maintenance office. The Maintenance and Operations staff works with the custodial staff to develop cleaning schedules to ensure a clean and safe school. The District participates in the State School Deferred Maintenance Program, which provides state matching funds on a dollar-for-dollar basis, to assist school districts with expenditures for major repair or replacement of existing school building components. Typically, this includes roofing, plumbing, heating, air conditioning, electrical systems, interior and exterior painting, and floor systems. During 2024-25, the District spent \$0 on Deferred Maintenance. For the 2025-26 school year, the District budgeted \$0 for Deferred Maintenance expenditures.

School Facility Good Repair Status

Using the **most recently collected** Facility Inspection Tool (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 rate for each system inspected
- The overall rating

Year and month of the most recent FIT report: September 2025

System Inspected	Rating	Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	Good	
Interior: Interior Surfaces	Fair	Room 5 - Missing damaged ceiling tiles (FY25/26-32984)
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/Vermin Infestation	Good	
Electrical: Electrical	Good	
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/Fountains	Fair	Room 28 - Leak under sink, p-trap (FY25/26-32983) PE locker Room/Restrooms - Loose toilet, leaking valve
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	Good	
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	Good	
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/Doors/Gates/Fences	Good	Room 18 - Door gets stuck, really hard to open (FY25/26-32982)

Overall Facility Rate

Year and month of the most recent FIT report: September 2025

Overall Rating	Good
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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 assessments for English language arts/literacy [ELA], mathematics, and science for students in the general education population and the California Alternate Assessment [CAA]. Only eligible students may participate in the administration of the CAA. CAA items are aligned with alternate achievement standards, which are linked with the Common Core Standards [CCSS] or California Next Generation Science Standards [CA NGSS] 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 CAA for ELA** in grades three through eight and grade eleven.
 2. **Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments and CAA for mathematics** in grades three through eight and grade eleven.
 3. **California Science Test (CAST) and CAA 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.

CAASPP Test Results in ELA and Mathematics for All Students taking and completing state-administered assessments Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standard

Subject	School 2023– 24	School 2024– 25	District 2023– 24	District 2024– 25	State 2023– 24	State 2024– 25
English Language Arts / Literacy (grades 3-8 and 11)	40%	37%	57%	60%	47%	48%
Mathematics (grades 3-8 and 11)	23%	19%	50%	51%	35%	37%

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.

Note: 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 by Student Group for students taking and completing state-administered assessment Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven (School Year 2024–25)

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	544	530	97.43%	2.57%	37.36%
Female	238	237	99.58%	0.42%	41.35%
Male	306	293	95.75%	4.25%	34.13%
American Indian or Alaska Native	--	--	--	--	--
Asian	11	11	100.00%	0.00%	63.64%
Black or African American	--	--	--	--	--
Filipino	--	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	474	463	97.68%	2.32%	34.56%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	--	--	--	--	--
Two or More Races	13	12	92.31%	7.69%	66.67%
White	20	19	95.00%	5.00%	47.37%
English Learners	98	98	100.00%	0.00%	6.12%
Foster Youth	--	--	--	--	--
Homeless	17	17	100.00%	0.00%	17.65%
Military	0	0	0%	0%	0%
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	356	349	98.03%	1.97%	30.37%
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	0	0	0%	0%	0%
Students with Disabilities	94	81	86.17%	13.83%	13.58%

Note: ELA 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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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 for students taking and completing state-administered assessment Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven (School Year 2024–25)

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	544	530	97.43%	2.57%	19.47%
Female	238	237	99.58%	0.42%	18.22%
Male	306	293	95.75%	4.25%	20.48%
American Indian or Alaska Native	--	--	--	--	--
Asian	11	11	100.00%	0.00%	54.55%
Black or African American	--	--	--	--	--
Filipino	--	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	474	463	97.68%	2.32%	17.10%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	--	--	--	--	--
Two or More Races	13	12	92.31%	7.69%	33.33%
White	20	19	95.00%	5.00%	26.32%
English Learners	98	98	100.00%	0.00%	4.08%
Foster Youth	--	--	--	--	--
Homeless	17	17	100.00%	0.00%	5.88%
Military	0	0	0%	0%	0%
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	356	349	98.03%	1.97%	14.37%
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	0	0	0%	0%	0%
Students with Disabilities	94	81	86.17%	13.83%	5.00%

Note: 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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**CAASPP Test Results in Science for All Students
Grades Five, Eight and High School
Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standard**

Subject	School 2023– 24	School 2024– 25	District 2023– 24	District 2024– 25	State 2023– 24	State 2024– 25
Science (grades 5, 8, and high school)	21.43%	21.20%	41.22%	40.89%	30.73%	32.52%

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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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 by Student Group
Grades Five, Eight and High School (School Year 2024–25)**

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	292	283	96.92%	3.08%	21.20%
Female	129	128	99.22%	0.78%	18.75%
Male	163	155	95.09%	4.91%	23.23%
American Indian or Alaska Native	--	--	--	--	--
Asian	--	--	--	--	--
Black or African American	--	--	--	--	--
Filipino	--	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	246	240	97.56%	2.44%	18.33%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	--	--	--	--	--
Two or More Races	--	--	--	--	--
White	11	10	90.91%	9.09%	--
English Learners	39	39	100.00%	0.00%	2.56%
Foster Youth	--	--	--	--	--
Homeless	11	10	90.91%	9.09%	--
Military	0	0	0%	0%	0%
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	189	185	97.88%	2.12%	15.14%
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	0	0	0%	0%	0%
Students with Disabilities	48	40	83.33%	16.67%	17.50%

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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

California Physical Fitness Test Results (School Year 2024–25)

Percentage of Students Participating in each of the five Fitness Components

Grade	Component 1: Aerobic Capacity	Component 2: Abdominal Strength and Endurance	Component 3: Trunk Extensor and Strength and Flexibility	Component 4: Upper Body Strength and Endurance	Component 5: Flexibility
7	97.6%	97.2%	98%	94.4%	98%

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

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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

Opportunities for Parental Involvement (School Year 2025–26)

Nicolas Junior High School offers parent involvement opportunities through Parent Conferences, Open House, School Site Council, ELAC, DELAC, PTSA, Champions for Learnings, Cafecito with the Principal, workshop classes led by our Community Center, including computer courses held before school and after school, and a parent room with a parent liaison to facilitate parent needs.

State Priority: Pupil Engagement

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the State priority: Pupil Engagement (Priority 5):

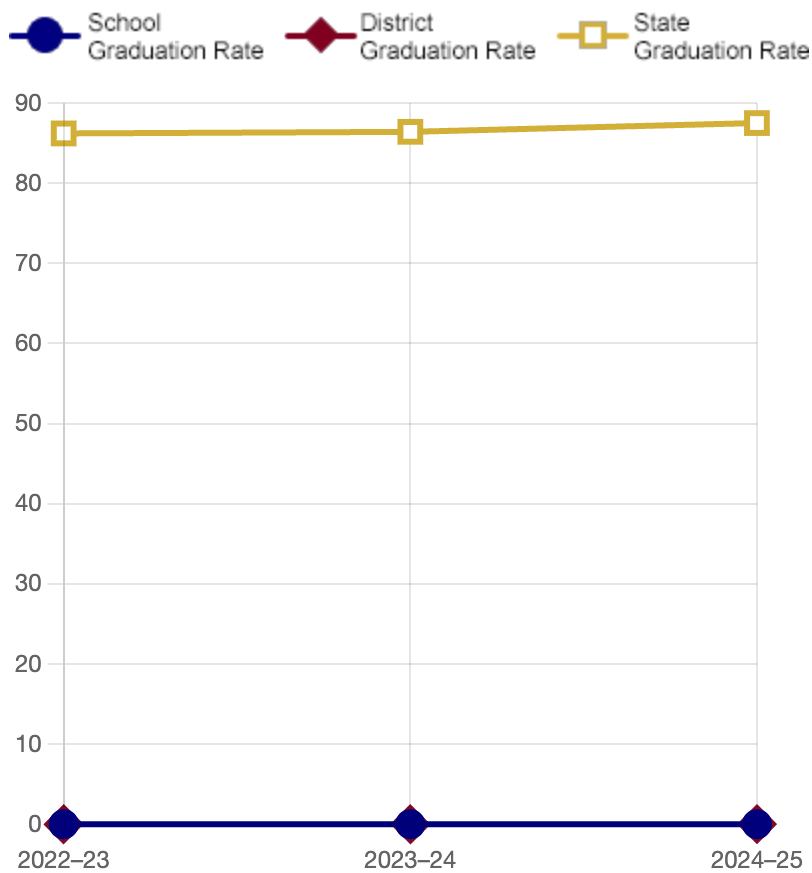
- High school graduation rates;
- High school dropout rates; and
- Chronic Absenteeism

Graduation Rate and Dropout Rate (Four-Year Cohort Rate)

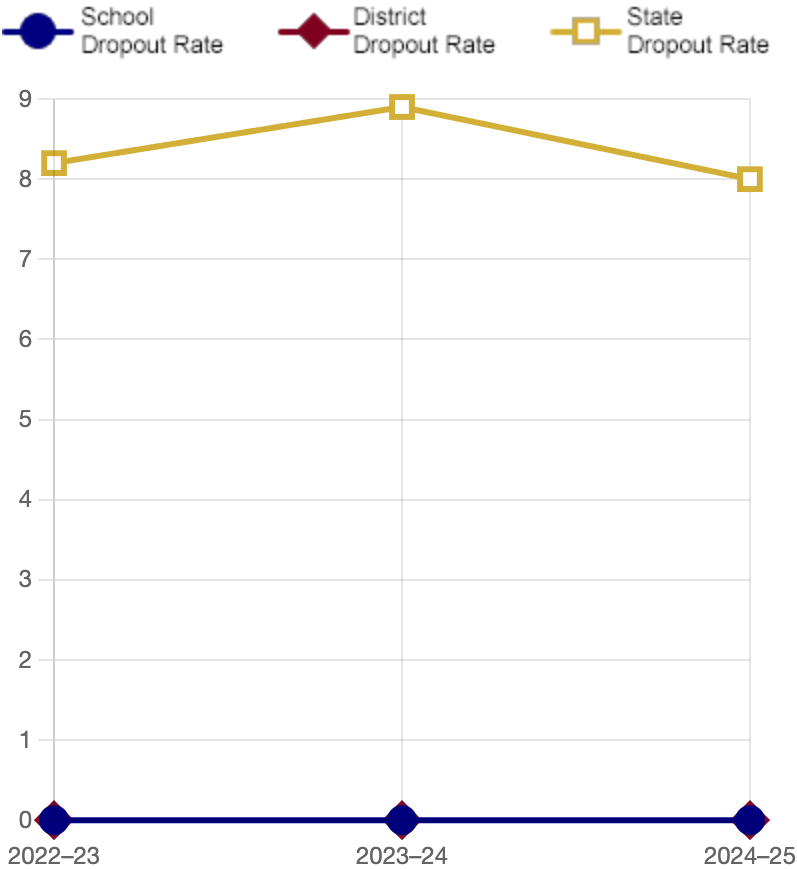
Indicator	School	School	School	District	District	District	State	State	State
	2022– 23	2023– 24	2024– 25	2022– 23	2023– 24	2024– 25	2022– 23	2023– 24	2024– 25
Graduation Rate							86.2%	86.4%	87.5%
Dropout Rate							8.2%	8.9%	8.0%

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

Graduation Rates



Dropout Rates



Chronic Absenteeism by Student Group (School Year 2024–25)

Student Group	Cumulative Enrollment	Chronic Absenteeism Eligible Enrollment	Chronic Absenteeism Count	Chronic Absenteeism Rate
All Students	584	560	75	13.4%
Female	261	249	40	16.1%
Male	323	311	35	11.3%
Non-Binary	--	--	--	--
American Indian or Alaska Native	--	--	--	--
Asian	16	12	0	0.0%
Black or African American	12	12	2	16.7%
Filipino	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	498	486	69	14.2%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	--	--	--	--
Two or More Races	16	13	1	7.7%
White	23	20	3	15.0%
English Learners	146	143	18	12.6%
Foster Youth	--	--	--	--
Homeless	22	18	8	44.4%
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	505	491	70	14.3%
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	--	--	--	--
Students with Disabilities	104	99	17	17.2%

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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 2022– 23	School 2023– 24	School 2024– 25	District 2022– 23	District 2023– 24	District 2024– 25	State 2022– 23	State 2023– 24	State 2024– 25
Suspensions	5.06%	3.09%	3.77%	1.10%	1.33%	1.34%	3.60%	3.28%	2.94%
Expulsions	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.01%	0.00%	0.00%	0.08%	0.07%	0.06%

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Suspensions and Expulsions by Student Group (School Year 2024–25)

Student Group	Suspensions Rate	Expulsions Rate
All Students	3.77%	0.00%
Female	1.15%	0.00%
Male	5.88%	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	8.33%	0.00%
Filipino	0.00%	0.00%
Hispanic or Latino	4.02%	0.00%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.00%	0.00%
Two or More Races	0.00%	0.00%
White	4.35%	0.00%
English Learners	2.05%	0.00%
Foster Youth	0.00%	0.00%
Homeless	4.55%	0.00%
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	4.36%	0.00%
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	0.00%	0.00%
Students with Disabilities	3.85%	0.00%

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School Safety Plan (School Year 2025–26)

A comprehensive school safety plan was developed and approved in compliance with Education Code Sections 33126, 35256, and 32286 as well as applicable District policies and regulations. Each year, prior to March 1, the school's safety plan is reviewed, updated and discussed with staff and School Site Council. Annually, the school's staff reports on the status of its safety plan with the school leadership team, PTA and School Site Council. Status reports and updates are reviewed at the beginning of each school year and again in December before the finished School Safety Plan is approved by the members of the School Site Council on March 1. The key elements of the plan include: a) providing a safe teaching and learning environment for all students and staff members, b) ensuring that all students are safe and secure while at school sponsored activities, c) making district programs and community resources available to students and parents, and d) creating a school where students, programs, and community members interact in an atmosphere of mutual respect that enhances the environment for learning. Each year the school submits along with the safety plan a detailed "action plan" which addresses the identified areas the staff and School Site Council has brought forward as critical areas of concern or how they should improve. A copy of the plan is available at all times in the school office and will provide a more detailed description of each element of the plan including specific actions, resources and time lines to be implemented by the school. Copies are also available at the District Office in the office of Child Welfare and Attendance.

It was updated and presented to the staff in October 22, 2025

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.

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Secondary) (School Year 2022–23)

Subject	Average Class Size	Number of Classes* 1-22	Number of Classes* 23-32	Number of Classes* 33+
English Language Arts	29.00	4	14	7
Mathematics	28.00	4	9	9
Science	33.00	0	7	11
Social Science	33.00	0	8	10

* 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.

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Secondary) (School Year 2023–24)

Subject	Average Class Size	Number of Classes* 1-22	Number of Classes* 23-32	Number of Classes* 33+
English Language Arts	29.00	4	7	11
Mathematics	25.00	7	10	8
Science	32.00		6	12
Social Science	32.00	1	6	11

* 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.

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Secondary) (School Year 2024–25)

Subject	Average Class Size	Number of Classes* 1-22	Number of Classes* 23-32	Number of Classes* 33+
English Language Arts	29.00	3	12	5
Mathematics	26.00	3	12	5
Science	30.00	2	9	6
Social Science	32.00	2	11	4

* 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.

Ratio of Pupils to Academic Counselor (School Year 2024–25)

Title	Ratio
Pupils to Academic Counselor*	246

* 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.

Student Support Services Staff (School Year 2024–25)

Title	Number of FTE* Assigned to School
Counselor (Academic, Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	2.50
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	0.50
Psychologist	1.00
Social Worker	
Nurse	0.25
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	1.50
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)	
Other**	1.00

* 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.

** "Other" category is for all other student support services staff positions not listed.

Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries (Fiscal Year 2023–24)

Level	Total Expenditures Per Pupil	Expenditures Per Pupil (Restricted)	Expenditures Per Pupil (Unrestricted)	Average Teacher Salary
School Site	\$7539.00	\$347.00	\$7192.00	\$97988.00
District	N/A	N/A	\$6613.00	\$105590.00
Percent Difference – School Site and District	N/A	N/A	8.80%	-7.20%
State	N/A	N/A	\$11146.18	\$101700.00
Percent Difference – School Site and State	N/A	N/A	-35.50%	-3.70%

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

Types of Services Funded (Fiscal Year 2024–25)

<p>Primary Focus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TK-8 Intervention Programs • TK-8 English Language Development • TK-8 Writing Strategies • TK-8 Language Arts Strategies • TK-8 Mathematics Strategies • TK-8 Technology/AI Integration • TK-8 Science/HSS Programs • TK-8 Social Emotional Learning • TK-8 Dual Language Program • TK-8 PBIS <p>Delivery of Professional Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff Development Day • Workshops • Conferences • After-school Workshops • In-class Coaching • Virtual Workshops/Trainings

- Professional Learning Communities
- Webinars

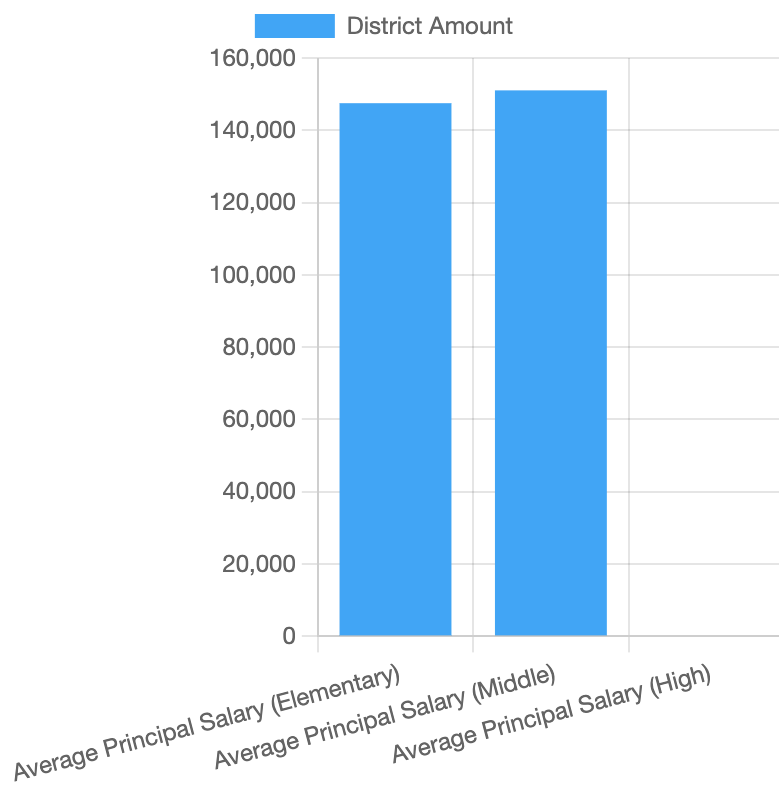
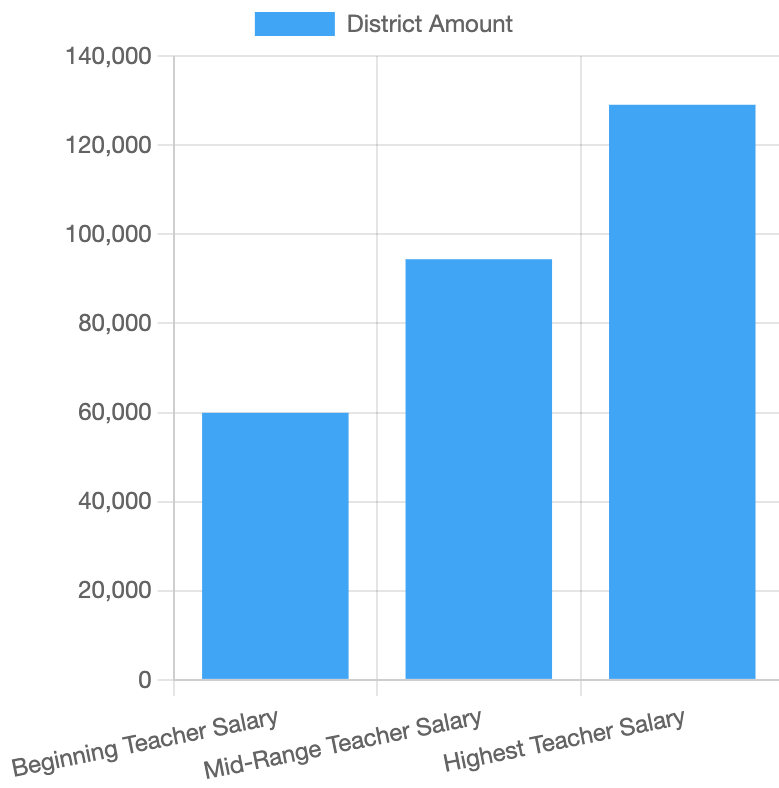
Other Related Professional Development Activities

- Data-Driven instruction
- Technology/AI Integration
- Designated/Integrated ELD
- Response to Intervention
- Thinking Maps
- Writer's Workshop
- Reader's Workshop
- NGSS Programs
- Mathematics Instructional Strategies
- English Language Arts Instructional Strategies
- Cultivating Belonging
- GATE Strategies

Teacher and Administrative Salaries (Fiscal Year 2023–24)

Category	District Amount	State Average For Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$59927.00	\$61596.88
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$94397.00	\$98902.37
Highest Teacher Salary	\$129055.00	\$126339.83
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)	\$147497.00	\$158382.71
Average Principal Salary (Middle)	\$151044.00	\$165207.00
Average Principal Salary (High)	\$0.00	\$162237.00
Superintendent Salary	\$308900.00	\$288331.69
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	30.70%	31.29%
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	6.84%	5.38%

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



Professional Development

Measure	2023–24	2024–25	2025–26
Number of school days dedicated to Staff Development and Continuous Improvement	10	10	10