Charter Renewal Public Hearing

California Montessori Project – Shingle Springs

Buckeye Union School District Board Meeting
November 18, 2026

CMP – Shingle Springs at a Glance

541

students enrolled at CMP – Shingle Springs

TK–8

grades served

25

years serving Buckeye Union families

3,000+

students across CMP's four Sacramento-region charter schools



More applicants than seats every year

CMP – Shingle Springs admits students through a public random lottery because more families apply each year than the school has space to serve.

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Mission & Vision

Independence. Respect. Confidence.

Our mission is to provide a quality, tuition-free Montessori education that challenges our students to reach their full potential.

Our vision is a Montessori education that supports the intellectual, social, and emotional development of every child, achieved by:

- Promoting independence
- Teaching respect for oneself and others
- Building confidence
- Creating a sense of social responsibility
- Empowering every student to be a global citizen

What Makes a Montessori Education Different

Multi-age classrooms

Students learn in multi-age groupings (TK–K, 1–3, 4–6, 7–8), so older students mentor and younger students learn by example.

Hands-on materials

Specially designed Montessori materials move students from concrete understanding to abstract mastery.

Individualized pacing

Teachers guide each child through lessons matched to readiness, monitored with i-Ready diagnostic assessments.

Standards-aligned

Montessori practice aligned to the Common Core State Standards, using state-adopted core instructional materials in grades K–8.

At Least Two Adults in Every Classroom

Every CMP – Shingle Springs classroom is staffed by a credentialed teacher and at least one instructional assistant, giving students more individual attention every day.

23

credentialed classroom teachers

16

classroom-based instructional assistants

4

credentialed staff supporting intervention and specials

15

staff supporting students with disabilities

Supporting Every Learner

Targeted Literacy Support

- Evidence-based programs for all students could include: SONDAY, SIPPS, and Reading Plus
- i-Ready diagnostics identify needs and track growth
- mClass used as diagnostic assessment tool for all grades

Full Inclusion Special Education

- Students with disabilities learn alongside general education peers
- Specialized staff and individualized accommodations ensure access to the full curriculum

The Whole Child

- Montessori peace curriculum, character education, and mindfulness build a peaceful school community
- Field-based learning at every grade level

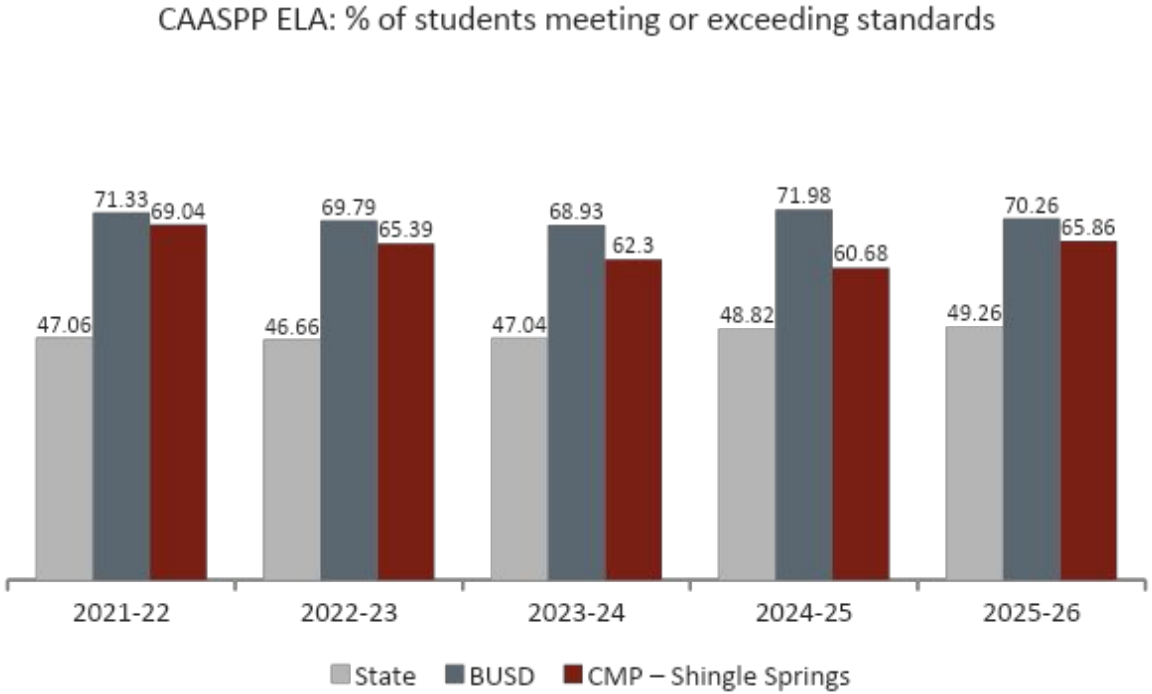
A High Performing Charter School



- CMP – Shingle Springs is designated High Performing (Criterion 2) in the California Department of Education's Charter School Performance Category Data File.
- High Performing is the highest of the three performance categories established by AB 1505.
- The designation reflects schoolwide results at or above the State average on every academic measure, with most student groups also above the State.

Source: CDE Charter Schools Division, Charter School Performance Category Data File – [confirm year and update date]

ELA: Well Above the State, Rising in 2025-26



65.9%

met or exceeded standards (2025-26)

+5.2 pts

growth from 2024-25 to 2025-26

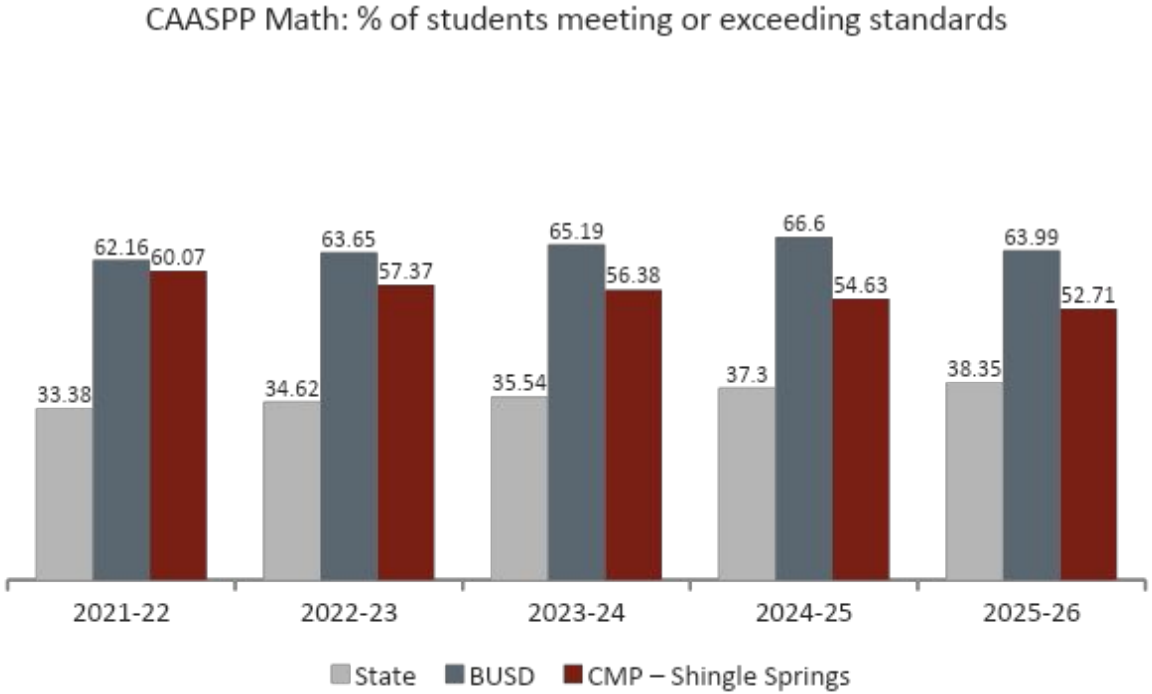
+16.6 pts

above the State; gap with BUSD narrowed to 4.4 pts

Source: CAASPP results, 2021-22 through 2025-26

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Math: Above the State Every Year



5 of 5 years

above the State, by 14 to 27 pts

+14.4 pts

above the State in 2025-26

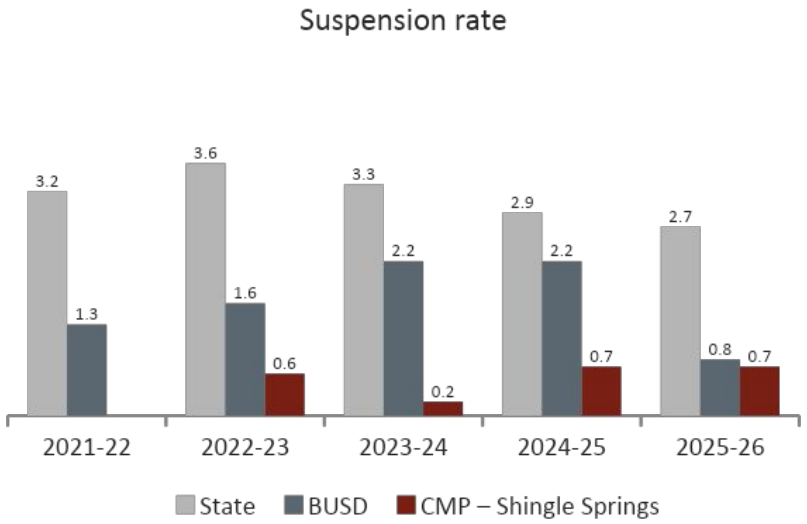
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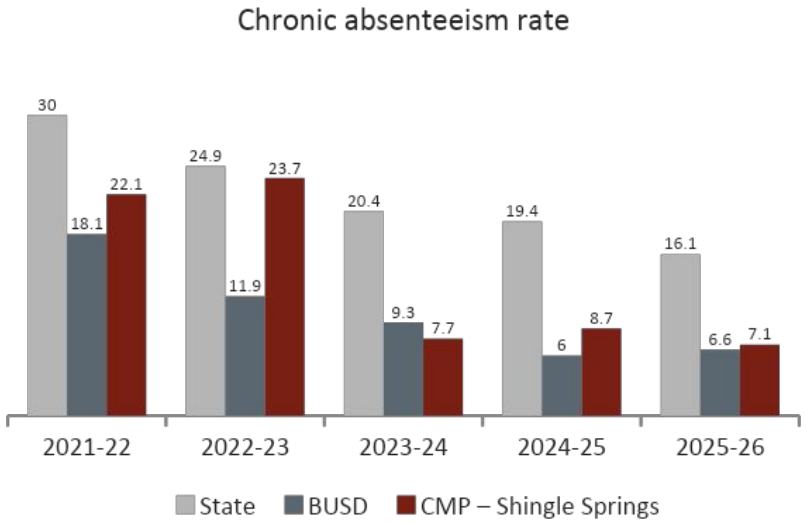
on the 2026 Dashboard, matching BUSD and above the State

Source: CAASPP results, 2021-22 through 2025-26; California School Dashboard, 2026

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Students Are in School and Engaged





0.7% suspension rate in 2025-26; Blue for every student group on the 2026 Dashboard

–15.0 pts drop in chronic absenteeism since 2021-22, now less than half the State rate

Source: California School Dashboard / DataQuest, 2021-22 through 2025-26

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What Our Community Tells Us

Survey item (% agree)	Students Grades 3–6	Students Grades 7–8	Families	Staff
High standards for achievement	94%	70%	85%	100%
Feels safe at school	83%	86%	80%	97%
Teachers treat students with respect	90%	82%	75%	—
Knows an adult they can talk to	89%	76%	—	—
Parents attend conferences or meetings	—	—	98%	91%

CMP – Shingle Springs School Climate Survey, Spring 2026. Response rates: grades 3–6, 74% (175 students); grades 7–8, 98% (98 students); families, 11% (60 families); staff, 43% (33 staff).

Our Commitment to Access

We believe every child deserves access to a high-quality, tuition-free Montessori education.

Where we are

CMP – Shingle Springs serves a smaller share of students with disabilities (12.5% in 2025-26) than BUSD (17.6%) and the State (14.8%).

What we are doing

- Partnering with the El Dorado County Charter SELPA to provide the full continuum of special education services, with Child Find for every enrolled student
- Providing full inclusion supports so every enrolled student can thrive

Partnership with Buckeye Union



25 years in Buckeye Union

CMP – Shingle Springs has served Buckeye Union families for 25 years, including more than 19 years under BUSD oversight.



Transparent oversight

CMP presents regular campus updates to the BUSD Board and welcomes the District's review of its operations.



A shared goal

CMP values its collaborative relationship with BUSD and the support of the District's academic and operational teams.

Recognition and Accreditation

WASC Accreditation

Six-year accreditation (2024–2030) from the Accrediting Commission for Schools

AMS Accredited

Accredited by the American Montessori Society for authentic Montessori practice (2024–2030)

California PBIS Silver Award

Silver Recognition Award for Tier 1 systems two years in a row

Renewal Criteria

CMP – Shingle Springs meets the standard for renewal

- AB 1505 (2019) amended Education Code Section 47607 and created Section 47607.2. At renewal, a chartering authority considers the school's performance on the state and local indicators of the California School Dashboard.
- CMP – Shingle Springs is in the High Performing category, the highest renewal tier.
- Under Education Code Section 47607, High Performing charter schools are eligible for a renewal term of five to seven years.
- **CMP – Shingle Springs respectfully requests that the Board approve the renewal of its charter for a term of seven years (July 1, 2027 – June 30, 2034).**

Thank You

On behalf of the California Montessori Project, thank you for your time and continued partnership. We would love to welcome you to our Shingle Springs campus.

Questions?





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