

Pierce Elementary School

2021-2022 School Accountability Report Card (Published During the 2022-2023 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.

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.

2022-23 School Contact Information

School Name	Pierce Elementary School
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2022-23 District Contact Information

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2022-23 School Overview

School Mission

The mission of Pierce Elementary School is to provide a safe and welcoming community where all students feel supported in developing the skills necessary to prepare for a successful future.

School Vision

The vision of Pierce Elementary School is to work with all members of the school community to become an equitable and inclusive model in education.

School Description

At Pierce Elementary School, we believe that all people are unique and valuable and need to feel safe and respected in our learning community. We believe all students can be successful and become life-long learners. We believe that learning occurs by implementing a rigorous, balanced curriculum that engages and inspires the curiosity of students. We take pride in our campus and believe that children learn best in a welcoming, safe, and clean environment. We believe that the home-to-school connection is a critical element in the development of successful, life-long learners. Since we believe in providing families with educational opportunities and the support they may need to foster their child's academic success, we actively encourage parents and other family members to become involved in their children's education through school committees, parent organizations, surveys, and participation in family nights. At Pierce, our teaching staff is committed to continually improving their instructional practices through professional development and collaboration. All teachers have received or will receive Comprehensive Early Literacy training for kindergarten through grade three or Extended Literacy training for grades three through five. In the recent past, our English language development program has received commendations from the California Department of Education. In the spring of 2016, Pierce was recognized as a California Gold Ribbon School and a Title I

2022-23 School Overview

Achieving School.

About this School

2021-22 Student Enrollment by Grade Level

Grade Level	Number of Students
Kindergarten	33
Grade 1	52
Grade 2	72
Grade 3	59
Grade 4	56
Grade 5	45
Total Enrollment	317

2021-22 Student Enrollment by Student Group

Student Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Female	47.6
Male	52.4
American Indian or Alaska Native	1.6
Asian	1.6
Black or African American	9.5
Filipino	0.6
Hispanic or Latino	36.6
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.3
Two or More Races	5.4
White	42.9
English Learners	10.4
Foster Youth	0.3
Homeless	3.8
Migrant	0.0
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	70.0
Students with Disabilities	19.6

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)	11.00	68.75	158.40	68.07	228366.10	83.12
Intern Credential Holders Properly Assigned	2.00	12.50	10.50	4.54	4205.90	1.53
Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments (“ineffective” under ESSA)	1.00	6.25	21.00	9.05	11216.70	4.08
Credentialed Teachers Assigned Out-of-Field (“out-of-field” under ESSA)	0.00	0.00	20.60	8.85	12115.80	4.41
Unknown	2.00	12.50	22.00	9.49	18854.30	6.86
Total Teaching Positions	16.00	100.00	232.70	100.00	274759.10	100.00

2021-22 data was not included as part of the initial release of data on 1/13/23. The CDE has indicated that the data will be available after the 2/1/23 SARC deadline. The data will be populated when it is published by the CDE.

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)						
Intern Credential Holders Properly Assigned						
Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments (“ineffective” under ESSA)						
Credentialed Teachers Assigned Out-of-Field (“out-of-field” under ESSA)						
Unknown						
Total Teaching Positions						

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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
Permits and Waivers	1.00	
Misassignments	0.00	
Vacant Positions	0.00	
Total Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments	1.00	

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Credentialed Teachers Assigned Out-of-Field (considered “out-of-field” under ESSA)

Indicator	2020-21	2021-22
Credentialed Teachers Authorized on a Permit or Waiver	0.00	
Local Assignment Options	0.00	
Total Out-of-Field Teachers	0.00	

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2021-22 Class Assignments

Indicator	2020-21	2021-22
Misassignments for English Learners (a percentage of all the classes with English learners taught by teachers that are misassigned)	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)	18.70	

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

2022-23 Quality, Currency, Availability of Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials

The district chooses textbooks from lists that have been approved by the State Board of Education for Grades K-8. Sierra Sands Unified School District holds an annual public hearing prior to the eighth week of school to determine textbook and instructional materials sufficiency.

Year and month in which the data were collected	August 2022
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Subject	Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials/year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption ?	Percent Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
Reading/Language Arts	Benchmark Advance (2017) Adopted in 2017	Yes	0
Mathematics	Go Math! Houghton Mifflin (2015) Adopted in 2015	Yes	0
Science	FOSS Next Generation Elementary (2019) Adopted in 2020	Yes	0
History-Social Science	California Studies Weekly (2018) Adopted in 2019	Yes	0
Foreign Language			
Health	Health and Fitness Adopted in 2005	Yes	0
Visual and Performing Arts	California Spotlight on Music Adopted in 2007 SRA Art Connections Adopted in 2007	Yes	0
Science Laboratory Equipment (grades 9-12)			

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements

Buildings

Due to renovations and modernization in 2009, Pierce Elementary School has updated plumbing, electrical, and heating/air conditioning systems. Our phone, fire, and alarm systems are state of the art and provide improved safety for our staff and students. As part of the remodel, our campus was also enclosed with security fencing, which provides additional safety for students and staff. The remodel also equipped each classroom with an ELMO document camera, an ENO Board with LCD projector, and a built-in sound system.

More facts about the condition of our school buildings are available in an online supplement to this report called for by the Williams legislation of 2004. What you will find is an assessment of more than a dozen aspects of our buildings: their structural integrity, electrical systems, heating and ventilation systems, and more. The important purpose of this assessment is to determine if our buildings and grounds are safe and in good repair. If anything needs to be repaired, this assessment identifies it and targets a date by which we commit to make those repairs. The guidelines for this assessment were written by the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) and were brought about by the Williams legislation. You can look at the six-page Facilities Inspection Tool used for the assessment on the Web site of the OPSC.

Library

A media clerk staffs our library. We continue to increase our number of up-to-date library books, including many bilingual resources. Each class has weekly library and research time. Circulation has increased dramatically, thanks to parent checkouts, library availability during recess and lunch breaks, and our Accelerated Reader program, which tracks student progress using computer-based testing. We have updated Accelerated Reader to the new Renaissance 360 which gives our students access to all Accelerated Reader quizzes. Our library clerk supports students in the annual third, fourth, and fifth grade Battle of the Books which requires students to read 20 books and compete against other schools in the district and the county.

Year and month of the most recent FIT report

December 2022

System Inspected	Rate Good	Rate Fair	Rate Poor	Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	X			No apparent problems.
Interior: Interior Surfaces			X	Classroom 2: Torn tackable wall. Classroom 5: Cracks on north upper wall. Classroom 6: Holes in wall, damaged wall corner. Classroom 7: Hole in tackable wall, small piece of cove base torn. Classroom 8: Large crack on east wall. Portable Classroom 9: Large section of tackable wall peeled off, hole in the wall. Portable Classroom 10: Several pieces torn off tackable wall, inside window trim missing. Portable 25: Torn tackable wall, broken ceiling tiles. Classroom 26: Ceiling tiles coming loose. State Preschool: Hole in wall. Office: Wall corners damaged. Cafeteria: Chipped walls. Kitchen: Wall peeling, broken floor tiles by back door, cracked wall.
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/Vermin Infestation	X			No apparent problems.

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements

Electrical	X		No apparent problems.
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	X		No apparent problems.
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	X		No apparent problems.
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	X		No apparent problems.
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	X		No apparent problems.

Overall Facility Rate

Exemplary	Good	Fair	Poor
	X		

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).
4. **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.

SARC Reporting in the 2020-2021 School Year Only

Where the most viable option, LEAs were required to administer the statewide summative assessment in ELA and mathematics. Where a statewide summative assessment was not the most viable option for the LEA (or for one or more grade-level[s] within the LEA) due to the pandemic, LEAs were allowed to report results from a different assessment that met the criteria established by the State Board of Education (SBE) on March 16, 2021. The assessments were required to be:

- Aligned with CA CCSS for ELA and mathematics;
- Available to students in grades 3 through 8, and grade 11; and
- Uniformly administered across a grade, grade span, school, or district to all eligible students.

Options

Note that the CAAs could only be administered in-person following health and safety requirements. If it was not viable for the LEA to administer the CAAs in person with health and safety guidelines in place, the LEA was directed to not administer the tests. There were no other assessment options available for the CAAs. Schools administered the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments for ELA and mathematics, other assessments that meet the SBE criteria, or a combination of both, and they could only choose one of the following:

- Smarter Balanced ELA and mathematics summative assessments;
- Other assessments meeting the SBE criteria; or
- Combination of Smarter Balanced ELA and mathematics summative assessments and other assessments.

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.

The 2020-21 data cells have N/A values because these data are not comparable to other year data due to the COVID-19 pandemic during the 2020-21 school year. Where the CAASPP assessments in ELA and/or mathematics is not the most viable option, the LEAs were allowed to administer local assessments. Therefore, the 2020-21 data between school years for the school, district, state are not an accurate comparison. As such, it is inappropriate to compare results of the 2020-21 school year to other school years.

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.

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 2020-21	School 2021-22	District 2020-21	District 2021-22	State 2020-21	State 2021-22
English Language Arts/Literacy (grades 3-8 and 11)	N/A	24	N/A	41	N/A	47
Mathematics (grades 3-8 and 11)	N/A	13	N/A	25	N/A	33

2021-22 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 CAAs divided by the total number of students who participated in both assessments.

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.

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	170	160	94.12	5.88	24.38
Female	78	74	94.87	5.13	28.38
Male	92	86	93.48	6.52	20.93
American Indian or Alaska Native	--	--	--	--	--
Asian	--	--	--	--	--
Black or African American	19	19	100.00	0.00	10.53
Filipino	--	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	69	69	100.00	0.00	18.84
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Two or More Races	13	11	84.62	15.38	9.09
White	61	54	88.52	11.48	37.04
English Learners	26	25	96.15	3.85	0.00
Foster Youth	--	--	--	--	--
Homeless	--	--	--	--	--
Military	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	126	117	92.86	7.14	19.66
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Students with Disabilities	42	39	92.86	7.14	5.13

2021-22 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 CAAs divided by the total number of students who participated in both assessments.

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.

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	170	161	94.71	5.29	13.13
Female	78	75	96.15	3.85	13.51
Male	92	86	93.48	6.52	12.79
American Indian or Alaska Native	--	--	--	--	--
Asian	--	--	--	--	--
Black or African American	19	19	100.00	0.00	0.00
Filipino	--	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	69	69	100.00	0.00	11.59
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Two or More Races	13	11	84.62	15.38	9.09
White	61	54	88.52	11.48	18.52
English Learners	26	26	100.00	0.00	0.00
Foster Youth	--	--	--	--	--
Homeless	--	--	--	--	--
Military	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	126	118	93.65	6.35	7.69
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Students with Disabilities	42	39	92.86	7.14	5.13

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.

For any 2020–21 data cells with N/T values indicate that this school did not test students using the CAASPP for Science.

Subject	School 2020-21	School 2021-22	District 2020-21	District 2021-22	State 2020-21	State 2021-22
Science (grades 5, 8 and high school)	17.86	26.09	23.93	25.4	28.5	29.47

2021-22 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	48	46	95.83	4.17	26.09
Female	22	21	95.45	4.55	19.05
Male	26	25	96.15	3.85	32
American Indian or Alaska Native	--	--	--	--	--
Asian	--	--	--	--	--
Black or African American	--	--	--	--	--
Filipino	0	0	0	0	0
Hispanic or Latino	20	20	100	0	15
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0
Two or More Races	--	--	--	--	--
White	18	16	88.89	11.11	43.75
English Learners	--	--	--	--	--
Foster Youth	0	0	0	0	0
Homeless	--	--	--	--	--
Military	0	0	0	0	0
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	34	32	94.12	5.88	25
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	0	0	0	0	0
Students with Disabilities	--	--	--	--	--

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.

2021-22 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. Due to changes to the 2021-22 PFT administration, only participation results are required 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	81.1%	18.9%	88.7%	94.3%	94.3%

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.

2022-23 Opportunities for Parental Involvement

The Pierce staff encourages parents to become involved in their children's school. Parents assist in classrooms, in the library, and at school wide events such as our back-to-school ice cream social, PBIS reward activities, the Junior Olympics, Holiday Programs and Family Nights. They chaperone field trips and/or activities and are involved in governance roles on our School Site Council, English Language Advisory Committee, Superintendents council, and other site and district advisory committees. In addition, we update our parent-involvement policy annually. We require parent and community volunteers to sign in at the office and wear a badge while on campus. To find out how one can become involved and make a difference at Pierce School, please call the office at (760) 499-1670 and ask to speak with our principal, Mrs. Sandra Castro.

2021-22 Chronic Absenteeism by Student Group

Student Group	Cumulative Enrollment	Chronic Absenteeism Eligible Enrollment	Chronic Absenteeism Count	Chronic Absenteeism Rate
All Students	387	367	136	37.1
Female	186	177	73	41.2
Male	201	190	63	33.2
American Indian or Alaska Native	5	5	3	60.0
Asian	13	11	1	9.1
Black or African American	53	45	26	57.8
Filipino	2	2	1	50.0
Hispanic or Latino	134	132	50	37.9
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	1	1	1	100.0
Two or More Races	22	19	5	26.3
White	153	148	47	31.8
English Learners	48	45	14	31.1
Foster Youth	7	7	3	42.9
Homeless	20	17	10	58.8
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	292	278	120	43.2
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	0	0	0	0.0
Students with Disabilities	88	83	32	38.6

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 and expulsions data collected between July through February, partial school year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The 2019-20 suspensions and expulsions rate data are not comparable to other year data because the 2019-20 school year is a partial school year due to the COVID-19 crisis. As such, it would be inappropriate to make any comparisons in rates of suspensions and expulsions in the 2019-20 school year compared to other school years.

Subject	School 2019-20	District 2019-20	State 2019-20
Suspensions	4.93	5.69	2.45
Expulsions	0.00	0.13	0.05

This table displays suspensions and expulsions data collected between July through June, each full school year respectively. Data collected during the 2020-21 school year may not be comparable to earlier years of this collection due to differences in learning mode instruction in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Subject	School 2020-21	School 2021-22	District 2020-21	District 2021-22	State 2020-21	State 2021-22
Suspensions	0.00	8.79	0.17	8.47	0.20	3.17
Expulsions	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.07

2021-22 Suspensions and Expulsions by Student Group

Student Group	Suspensions Rate	Expulsions Rate
All Students	8.79	0.00
Female	5.91	0.00
Male	11.44	0.00
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.00	0.00
Asian	0.00	0.00
Black or African American	13.21	0.00
Filipino	0.00	0.00
Hispanic or Latino	4.48	0.00
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.00	0.00
Two or More Races	18.18	0.00
White	8.50	0.00
English Learners	6.25	0.00
Foster Youth	0.00	0.00
Homeless	25.00	0.00
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	10.27	0.00
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	0.00	0.00
Students with Disabilities	22.73	0.00

2022-23 School Safety Plan

Staff members provide supervision at all times while students are on campus. In the morning, designated staff members supervise students until the gates and cafeteria are open. Then supervision shifts to staff members in those areas, and a roster of staff members provide supervision during all snack breaks and recesses. Four noon duty supervisors ensure that the playground remains safe during all lunch recesses, and staff members are designated to provide supervision in front of the school until all students have left campus. All visitors must sign in at the office with valid government-issued identification and wear badges when entering the campus. As a part of the annual update, the School Safety Plan is reviewed and approved by the School Site Council. The school holds monthly drills which include fire, earthquake, bus evacuation, and lockdown drills. The School Safety Committee meets monthly to review and address campus safety concerns. Parents and other visitors are encouraged to share safety concerns with Pierce staff as well.

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.

2019-20 Elementary Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution

This table displays the 2019-20 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	27		3	
1	20	3		
2	29		2	
3	18	1	2	
4	28		2	
5	20	2	1	
6				
Other	12	2		

2020-21 Elementary Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution

This table displays the 2020-21 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	21	1	1	
1	20	2	1	
2	27		2	
3	21	1	2	
4	21		2	
5	27		2	
6				
Other	8	2		

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	11	2	1	
1	17	1	2	
2	17	1	3	
3	12	3	2	
4	17	1	2	
5	14	3		
6				
Other	9	2		

2021-22 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	317

2021-22 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.

Title	Number of FTE Assigned to School
Counselor (Academic, Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	1.0
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	
Psychologist	
Social Worker	
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)	
Other	1.0

2020-21 Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries

This table displays the 2020-21 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	6412.85	3540.87	2871.98	50626.86
District	N/A	N/A	4412.83	\$69,611
Percent Difference - School Site and District	N/A	N/A	-42.3	-31.6
State	N/A	N/A	\$6,594	\$79,175
Percent Difference - School Site and State	N/A	N/A	-78.6	-44.0

2021-22 Types of Services Funded

Federal Title I money was utilized to fund a full-time project teacher, a classroom paraprofessional, and parent involvement opportunities. In addition, a grant from the California Department of Education was received, which provided funding for the After School Education and Safety (ASES) program and a before-school enrichment program. Along with the general education funding from the state and special funding for these special projects, the Parent Connection fundraisers and donations from local businesses contribute to purchases for student incentives, P.E. equipment, supplemental technology programs, and new resource materials for our library. The district's Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) provides funding for the full-time counselor who provides Tier I (classroom), Tier II (small groups), and Tier III (individual) supports and to further implement the site's Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) goals. The district's LCAP also provides funding for the full-time computer paraprofessional who provides supplemental support in technology and intervention to lessen the digital divide. Our Parent Connection group sponsors fundraisers to fund assemblies, school wide activities, and the purchase of school improvement items.

2020-21 Teacher and Administrative Salaries

This table displays the 2020-21 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	\$44,278	\$48,503
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$72,191	\$74,912
Highest Teacher Salary	\$101,241	\$100,321
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)	\$110,607	\$122,160
Average Principal Salary (Middle)	\$111,408	\$127,632
Average Principal Salary (High)	\$130,970	\$137,578
Superintendent Salary	\$171,000	\$198,665
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	30%	31%
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	5%	6%

Professional Development

Sierra Sands Unified School District provided a minimum average of 3 days (or eighteen hours based on 6 hours/day) of professional development in the 2020-21 school year, 3 days (or 18 hours based on 6 hours/day) in the 2021-22 school year, and 3 days (or 18 hours based on 6 hours/day) in the 2022-23 school year. The primary/major areas of focus for professional development include but are not limited to: full implementation of adopted programs, alignment to Common Core State Standards, identification and implementation of best instructional practices, technology proficiency, data analysis of student performance, and student engagement. Additionally, sites provide professional development throughout the year as outlined in the School Plan for Student Achievement. Areas of focus were selected based on department needs, CAASPP results, Interim Assessment Block (IAB) results, and Dashboard results. Professional development is delivered in a variety of ways including but not limited to conference attendance, contracted professional development/SSUSD Instructional Coaching delivered within the contractual workday, individual instructional coaching, and after-school workshops.

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

Subject	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Number of school days dedicated to Staff Development and Continuous Improvement	5	3	3