



Alta Elementary School

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School Description

School Description Alta Elementary School opened in 1955 at its current site and is situated midway between Reedley and Orange Cove. The school serves approximately 360 students in grades TK-5 during the 2017-18 school year and includes a staff of 15 teachers. Alta Elementary School teachers and staff are dedicated to ensuring the academic success of every student and providing a safe and productive learning experience.

School Mission Statement

The mission of Alta Elementary School is to provide excellence in education to a diverse community through exemplary programs, service, and activities that foster a life-long commitment to academic and character development.

About the SARC

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.

2016-17 Student Enrollment by Grade Level	
Grade Level	Number of Students
Kindergarten	67
Grade 1	62
Grade 2	52
Grade 3	52
Grade 4	61
Grade 5	64
Total Enrollment	358

2016-17 Student Enrollment by Group	
Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0
Asian	0.6
Filipino	0.3
Hispanic or Latino	94.1
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0
White	3.9
Two or More Races	0.8
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	89.9
English Learners	62.6
Students with Disabilities	5
Foster Youth	0.6

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.

Teacher Credentials			
Alta Elementary School	15-16	16-17	17-18
With Full Credential	15	17	15
Without Full Credential	0	0	0
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	0	0	0
Kings Canyon Joint Unified School District	15-16	16-17	17-18
With Full Credential	♦	♦	423
Without Full Credential	♦	♦	23
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	♦	♦	0

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions at this School			
Alta Elementary School	15-16	16-17	17-18
Teachers of English Learners	0	0	0
Total Teacher Misassignments	0	0	0
Vacant Teacher Positions	0	0	0

* "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)

All students, including English learners, have standards-aligned textbooks or instructional materials, or both, to use in class and to take home. These have been State Board adopted and locally Board approved.

Textbooks and Instructional Materials Year and month in which data were collected: August 2017	
Core Curriculum Area	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/Year of Adoption
Reading/Language Arts	Grades TK-5 : Engage NY (June 2014) The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0%
Mathematics	Grades TK-5 : Engage NY (June 2014) The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0%
Science	MacMillan/McGraw-Hill: California Science, 2007 edition The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0%
History-Social Science	Scott Foresman, It's Revolutionary, 2005 edition The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0%

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

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements (Most Recent Year)

The district takes great effort to ensure that all schools are clean, safe, and functional. To assist in this effort, the district uses a facility survey instrument developed by the State of California Office of Public School Construction. The results of this survey are available at the KCUSD Business Office.

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. Additional information about the condition of the school's facilities may be obtained by speaking with the school principal.

Alta Elementary School has 19 classrooms, a multipurpose room, a library and an administration building. The main campus was built in 1955. Additional relocatable classrooms were constructed in 1990, 2001, and 2002.

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 ensures that emergency repairs are given the highest priority.

The Director of Maintenance, Custodial Supervisor, and the site principal work cooperatively 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 or exterior painting, and floor systems.

School Facility Good Repair Status (Most Recent Year) Year and month in which data were collected: 11/2017				
System Inspected	Repair Status			Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
	Good	Fair	Poor	
Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	X			
Interior: Interior Surfaces	X			
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/ Vermin Infestation	X			
Electrical: Electrical	X			

School Facility Good Repair Status (Most Recent Year)				
Year and month in which data were collected: 11/2017				
System Inspected	Repair Status			Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
	Good	Fair	Poor	
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	X			
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	X			
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	X			Roof leaks in classrooms 1,5 and 17. Maintenance to follow up with roof repairs
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	X			
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. The CAAs have replaced the California Alternate Performance Assessment [CAPA] for ELA and mathematics, which were eliminated in 2015. Only eligible students may participate in the administration of the CAAs. CAA items are aligned with alternate achievement standards, which are linked with the Common Core State Standards [CCSS] for students with 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

2016-17 CAASPP Results for All Students						
Subject	Percent of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standards (grades 3-8 and 11)					
	School		District		State	
	15-16	16-17	15-16	16-17	15-16	16-17
ELA	34	28	45	47	48	48
Math	29	34	27	32	36	37

* 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 Science for All Students						
Subject	Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced (meeting or exceeding the state standards)					
	School		District		State	
	14-15	15-16	14-15	15-16	14-15	15-16
Science	78	66	45	44	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.

Grade Level	2016-17 Percent of Students Meeting Fitness Standards		
	4 of 6	5 of 6	6 of 6
5	23.4	21.9	25

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**2015-16 CAASPP Results by Student Group
Science (grades 5, 8, and 10)**

Group	Number of Students		Percent of Students	
	Enrolled	with Valid Scores	w/ Valid Scores	Proficient or Advanced
All Students	65	61	93.9	65.6
Male	33	30	90.9	73.3
Female	32	31	96.9	58.1
Hispanic or Latino	59	55	93.2	67.3
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	61	57	93.4	66.7
English Learners	26	22	84.6	36.4

* Science test results include CSTs, CMA, and CAPA in grades five, eight, and ten. The "Proficient or Advanced" is calculated by taking the total number of students who scored at Proficient or Advanced on the science assessment divided by the total number of students with valid scores. 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.

**School Year 2016-17 CAASPP Assessment Results - English Language Arts (ELA)
Disaggregated by Student Groups, Grades Three through Eight and Eleven**

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	177	176	99.44	27.84
Male	89	89	100	21.35
Female	88	87	98.86	34.48
Asian	--	--	--	--
Filipino	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	162	161	99.38	29.19
White	--	--	--	--
Two or More Races	--	--	--	--
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	160	159	99.38	27.04
English Learners	147	146	99.32	26.03
Students with Disabilities	--	--	--	--
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	--	--	--	--
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.

School Year 2016-17 CAASPP Assessment Results - Mathematics
Disaggregated by Student Groups, Grades Three through Eight and Eleven

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	177	176	99.44	33.52
Male	89	89	100	32.58
Female	88	87	98.86	34.48
Asian	--	--	--	--
Filipino	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	162	161	99.38	34.16
White	--	--	--	--
Two or More Races	--	--	--	--
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	160	159	99.38	33.33
English Learners	147	146	99.32	32.19
Students with Disabilities	--	--	--	--
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	--	--	--	--
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.

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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 for the school district and each schoolsite.

Opportunities for Parental Involvement (School Year 2017-18)

Parent involvement and communication are essential to school success. Alta Elementary School continually strives to involve parents by exchanging information that helps parents understand and support school programs and by providing opportunities for parent participation in school activities.

There are numerous and varied opportunities for parent involvement. Parents attend school functions and parent education nights, participate in parent-teacher conferences, volunteer in classrooms, and chaperone field trips. Parents may also serve on advisory committees and leadership teams, including Parent Teacher Club (PTC), English Learners Advisory Council (ELAC), School Site Council (SSC), District Advisory Committee (DAC), and District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC). Parents participate in Parenting Partners and Latino Family Literacy programs in alternate years, as a part of the KCUSD Parent Academy.

Home and school communication is enhanced through weekly notices, monthly newsletters, parent/teacher conferences, the student/parent handbook, the school website, student progress/report cards, phone messages, and other regular communication activities. Translation is regularly provided.

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.

School Safety Plan

Safety of students and staff is a primary concern of Alta Elementary School. Before, during, and after school, the campus is monitored by assigned staff. All visitors must sign in at the office and wear appropriate identification while on campus.

The comprehensive school safety plan is designed to assist in preparing for emergencies, managing emergency response efforts, and maintaining a safe school environment. The plan requires identification of security needs, development of prevention and intervention techniques, evaluation of physical facilities, and communication with staff and students. Components of the plan include: child abuse reporting procedures, teacher notification of potentially volatile pupils, disaster response procedures, procedures for safe entrance and evacuation from school, and policies for sexual harassment and suspension and expulsion. The safety plan is reviewed annually, updated as needed, and is fully compliant with federal and state regulations. The plan was last discussed and reviewed/updated with staff/parents in August of 2017. An updated copy is available to the public at the school office.

The school's disaster preparedness plan includes steps for ensuring the safety of students and staff during a disaster. Emergency preparedness drills are conducted regularly and the school staff is appropriately trained.

Suspensions and Expulsions			
School	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Suspensions Rate	0.0	0.2	0.0
Expulsions Rate	0.0	0.0	0.0
District	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Suspensions Rate	4.2	4.7	5.7
Expulsions Rate	0.0	0.0	0.1
State	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Suspensions Rate	3.8	3.7	3.6
Expulsions Rate	0.1	0.1	0.1

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.

2017-18 Federal Intervention Program		
Indicator	School	District
Program Improvement Status	Not in PI	In PI
First Year of Program Improvement		2008-2009
Year in Program Improvement		Year 3
Number of Schools Currently in Program Improvement		11
Percent of Schools Currently in Program Improvement		61.1

Academic Counselors and Other Support Staff at this School	
Number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)	
Academic Counselor	0
Counselor (Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	.55
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	0
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	.7
Psychologist	.2
Social Worker	0
Nurse	.40
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	.4
Resource Specialist	0
Other	1
Average Number of Students per Staff Member	
Academic Counselor	0

* 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.

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Elementary)												
Grade	Average Class Size			Number of Classrooms*								
				1-20			21-32			33+		
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
K	21	24	24	1			3	3	3			
1	26	21	20			1	2	2	2			
2	22	26	26				3	2	2			
3	24	28	28				3	2	2			
4	31	32	32				2	2	2			
5	34	32	32					2	2	2		
Other	12			1							2	

* Number of classes indicates how many classes fall into each size category (a range of total students per class).

Professional Development provided for Teachers

Professional development at Alta Elementary School is designed to meet the individual needs of teachers as well as broader school concerns. Professional development may take the form of trainings, conferences/workshops, coaching, peer observation, or constructive self-reflection and are consistent with our school vision and goals. Principal, teachers, instructional aides, and other support personnel may take part in these activities.

For the 2015-16 school year, Alta Elementary School continued its focus on the District's Instructional Action Plan. The school/District continued to emphasize and provide training in Thinking Maps, Literacy Centers, Number Talks, Illuminate, EdCaliber, implementing designated ELD lessons, BPST/SRI as formative assessments, and Write from the Beginning and Beyond. Additionally, several teachers continued their training in Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), as KCUSD is part of an implementation grant. Math support from Tulare County's math consultant was also provided.

For the 2016-17 and 2017-18 school years, Alta Elementary School continues to emphasize collaborative team building, assessment and data collection, emphasis on strategies to instruct English Language Learners, and effective teaching strategies for staff. Professional collaboration to analyze and interpret data is given to teachers weekly during Early Release schedules with site and District colleagues. Professional Development has been provided by the District to train teachers how to teach writing and math effectively to align with state standards. Teachers may also attend conferences and workshops and are supported with vertical team meetings to provide opportunities for collaboration. Three Buy-back days per year are also given, in addition to weekly early release days, to provide time for quality professional development and professional learning communities.

FY 2015-16 Teacher and Administrative Salaries		
Category	District Amount	State Average for Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$43,288	\$46,511
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$63,074	\$73,293
Highest Teacher Salary	\$92,087	\$92,082
Average Principal Salary (ES)	\$109,852	\$113,263
Average Principal Salary (MS)	\$119,527	\$120,172
Average Principal Salary (HS)	\$125,537	\$131,203
Superintendent Salary	\$224,808	\$213,732
Percent of District Budget		
Teacher Salaries	28%	36%
Administrative Salaries	5%	5%

* For detailed information on salaries, see the CDE Certificated Salaries & Benefits webpage at www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/.

FY 2015-16 Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries				
Level	Expenditures Per Pupil			Average Teacher Salary
	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	
School Site	\$7,314.66	\$1,401.30	\$5,913.36	\$83,133.28
District	◆	◆	\$5,572	\$69,005
State	◆	◆	\$6,574	\$74,476
Percent Difference: School Site/District			6.1	20.5
Percent Difference: School Site/ State			-10.0	11.6

* Cells with ◆ do not require data.

Types of Services Funded

State Lottery; Title I Part A; Save The Children; Migrant Education services; and Special Education services. CA Class Size Reduction provided in grades T-Kindergarten - Grade 3. After School Education After School support.

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

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.