

Morse Avenue Elementary School

Morse Wildcats are Responsible, Respectful, Prepared and Kind

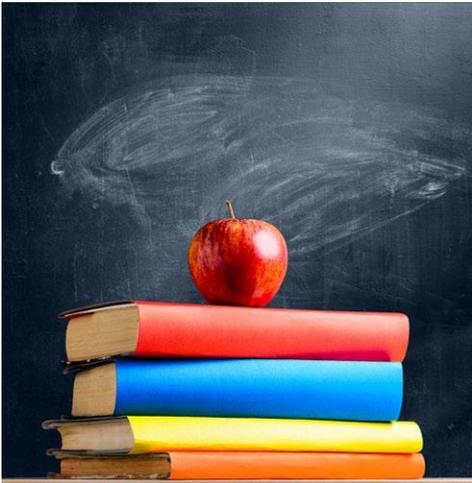
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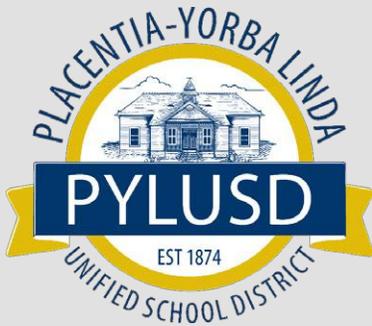
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District Mission Statement

We inspire all students through rigorous and relevant educational experiences that empower them to become responsible, ethical, and contributing citizens.

District Vision Statement

We are committed to being a dynamic and supportive learning community that prepares each and every student for success now and in the future.



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 Collaboration
 Communication
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 Excellence
 Innovation
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 The Future
 Happens!*

Superintendent's Message

Dear PYLUSD Families,

On behalf of our Board of Education, I want to wish you and your family an exciting and successful start to the 2019-20 school year in the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District (PYLUSD). I would like to take a moment to share a few updates regarding our district's strategic plan, known as The PYLUSD Advantage, and our ongoing efforts surrounding the plan's focus areas.

The PYLUSD Advantage serves as a compass to our decision-making and ensures that our students will have the advantage of an outstanding education. It is more than just a document, but rather a road map that outlines the reason we exist, the direction that drives us, what we stand for and so much more.

Earlier this year, a group of dedicated stakeholders including parents, students, community members, business and civic leaders, and our outstanding staff joined together to revise The PYLUSD Advantage that spanned from 2013 through 2018. This process required great attention to detail as the group carefully considered recent stakeholder survey data collected from PYLUSD families, students and employees. It involved many hours of commitment in order to build upon the plan's historic success. Now a finished product, the newly updated Advantage will be utilized from 2019 through 2024. It will continue to shape the future of our school district and can be viewed online anytime at www.pylusd.org/advantage.

The PYLUSD Advantage identifies five focus areas developed to direct the actions of our district. They are essential to the academic growth of our students and the sustained excellence of our organization. Our five focus areas are academic achievement, effective instruction and leadership, engaged community, safe and respectful environment, and optimized resources.

Focus Area 1.0: Academic Achievement is the core of our district's mission and vision. In PYLUSD, students are provided an array of enrichment opportunities to expand their educational experience. New this school year, five PYLUSD elementary schools will be participating in our full-day kindergarten pilot program. This includes Brookhaven, Glenknoll, Morse, Topaz and Woodsboro elementary schools. Our full-day program will be grounded in developmental research to ensure all participating students receive strong academic foundational instruction as well as additional time to participate in enriched visual and performing arts activities. Through the gift of additional time, students will have the opportunity to interact with other students during purposeful play, physical education, computer lab, library, music and movement, hands-on science and many other extended lessons. With the anticipated success of the pilot, PYLUSD hopes to expand the full-day kindergarten program districtwide for the 2020-21 school year.

Focus Area 2.0: Effective Instruction and Leadership ensures our district attracts, trains, and retains employees and strategic leaders who embrace our vision and values. Relative to this focus area for the 2019-20 school year, PYLUSD will provide an in-person training to school and district management staff on the important and challenging topic of bullying and harassment. Our commitment in this sensitive area of adolescence is recognized as essential to student success in PYLUSD. In addition, our district continues to be intentional about creating "belonging spaces" for all students on our campuses. We believe that when PYLUSD employees invest in students' name, face and story, they create a positive learning environment geared towards academic success and overall wellness.

Focus Area 3.0: Engaged Community encourages positive relationships among our students, staff, and parents as well as educational, business and community partners. PYLUSD looks forward to another school year of collaboration with two of our longstanding partners -- the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified Council (PYLUC) of Parent Teacher Association (PTAs) and Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSAs) and the REACH Foundation. The award-winning PYLUC assists our individual school PTAs/PTSAs by modeling good parliamentary procedures and advocating on behalf of PYLUSD schools. The REACH Foundation is an all-volunteer, education-focused, 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization established to provide our students with resources to expand their knowledge in the areas of arts, athletics and academics. I encourage you to continue your valuable connections with your school's PTA/PTSA and the REACH Foundation in whatever way you may be able to this school year.

Focus Area 4.0: Safe and Respectful Environment will continue to serve as one of our primary objectives this school year. PYLUSD fosters a culture that promotes the emotional health, safety and well-being of students, staff and parents. We will continue to offer a long list of student wellness and mental health supports including our in-house board-certified behavior analyst and crisis counselor, as well as our registered behavior technicians, wellness specialists, psychologists and more. These individuals will provide counseling, guidance, and behavioral support to students both in and out of the classroom. Last school year, we implemented an electronic visitor management system at all PYLUSD school sites. The system, known as School Access Management or SAM, enhances school security by reading the drivers' license or other approved form of identification of campus visitors while comparing it to California Megan's Law and similar databases nationwide. SAM will continue to serve as a great support in helping protect our campuses, students and staff this school year. Furthermore, PYLUSD has entered into an agreement with Interquest Detection Canines, Inc. to provide trained detection canines to conduct random inspections of all high school campuses in our district throughout the 2019-20 year. These canines (Golden and Labrador Retrievers) are trained to detect the presence of illicit drugs, alcohol and gunpowder-based items. Lastly, every PYLUSD school site was scheduled to conduct an emergency lockdown drill with students and staff on campus before September 20. Our goal in conducting these drills is to reassure students, staff and families that we are prepared to respond to all safety-related concerns on our campuses.

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Focus Area 5.0: Optimized Resources ensures that all fiscal and capital resources are used to maximize educational opportunities in PYLUSD. New fencing systems continue to be installed at many of our schools to help maintain the flow and safety of our students during the school day, and to add an extra layer of support in securing our campus facilities. Summer also afforded essential time to enhance our learning environments with upgraded roofing, refreshed paint, brighter lights and much more. A special thanks to our maintenance and facilities department for their continued hard work in this area.

As you can see, it has been another busy summer here in PYLUSD! Before we begin, I encourage you to follow the district on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter to stay up-to-date on all of our exciting happenings. We often showcase the many accomplishments achieved by each and every one of our outstanding schools. Lastly, I thank you for your continued support as we work to always be the very best for our students, families, employees and community.

Happy new school year, PYLUSD ... It is sure to be our best year yet!

Sincerely,

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Principal's Message

Welcome to Morse Avenue Elementary School. Morse Avenue Elementary is a school with a history of academic success. Morse Avenue staff and students work diligently to achieve and exceed yearly goals. To be prepared for the school year and schoolwide expectations, it is important that all students, teachers, staff members, and families understand what it means to be a Morse Wildcat. Morse Wildcats are responsible, respectful, prepared and kind. Our mission is to ensure a high level of literacy and maximum achievement for all students. Working with parents and the community, we provide a motivating and challenging curriculum within a safe and nurturing environment. Students are taught 21st-century college and career readiness skills: collaboration, communication, technology and creativity, along with academic subjects so students are prepared to live in a diverse world. We are very proud of the students, staff and parents who make this school a great place to learn!

School Mission Statement

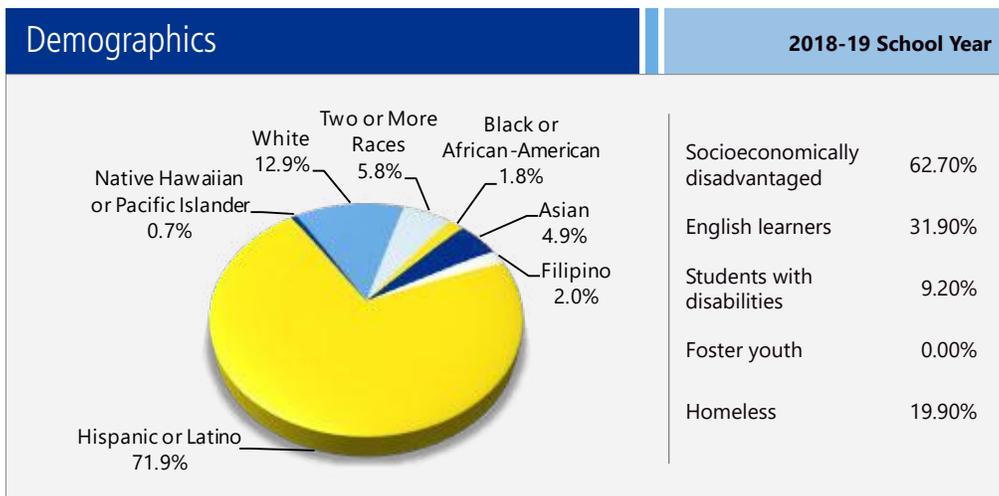
Morse Avenue Elementary supports a responsible, respectful, prepared, and kind dynamic learning community that empowers students to grow intellectually and emotionally. We hold high expectations for all students through rigorous and relevant educational experiences that challenge them to their highest potential to be college and career ready.

School Vision Statement

We hold high expectations for all students through rigorous and relevant educational experiences that challenge them to become responsible, ethical and engaged citizens.

Enrollment by Student Group

The total enrollment at the school was 448 students for the 2018-19 school year. The pie chart displays the percentage of students enrolled in each group.



Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District Core Values

What We Stand For and Represent

Excellence

We relentlessly pursue excellence in all academic and organizational endeavors.

Collaboration

We actively seek opportunities to serve and work together with all members of our school community to ensure student success.

Integrity

We foster relationships that promote respect, responsibility and honesty to ensure the wellbeing of all.

Innovation

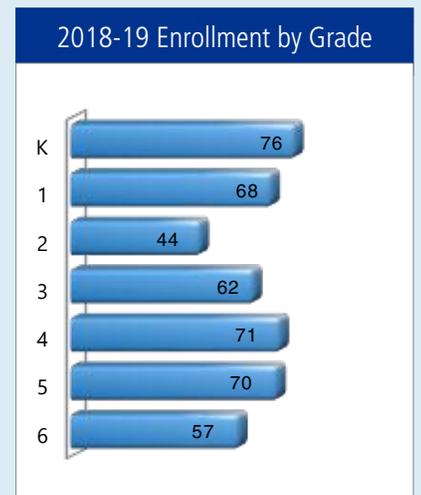
We create a culture that celebrates ingenuity, promotes adaptability and inspires intellectual exploration.

School Accountability Report Card

In accordance with state and federal requirements, the School Accountability Report Card (SARC) is put forth annually by all public schools as a tool for parents and interested parties to stay informed of the school's progress, test scores and achievements.

Enrollment by Grade

The bar graph displays the total number of students enrolled in each grade for the 2018-19 school year.



School Core Values

Our core values mirror that of our district's:

Excellence—we relentlessly pursue excellence in all academic and organizational endeavors.

Collaboration—we work together with all members of our school community to ensure student success.

Integrity—we foster relationships that promote respect, service and honesty to ensure the well-being of all students.

Innovation—we embrace a culture that celebrates ingenuity and inspires intellectual exploration.

Suspensions and Expulsions

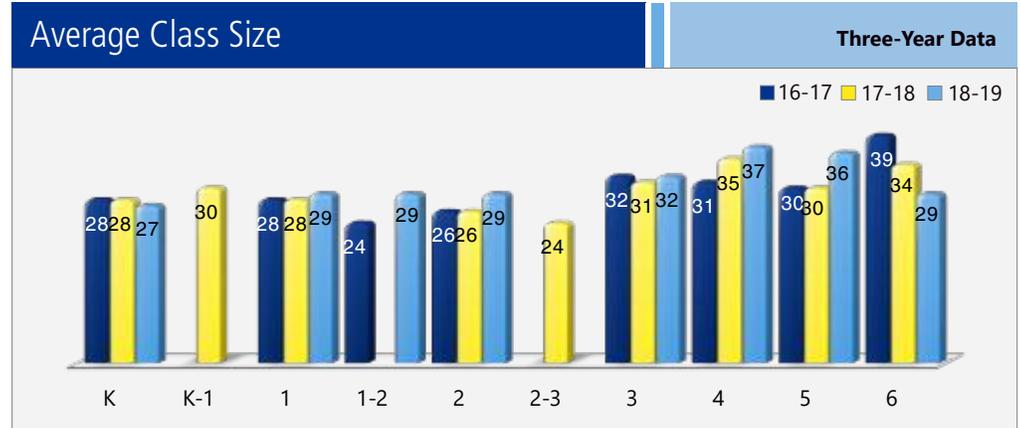
This table shows the school, district, and state suspension and expulsion rates for the most recent three-year period. Note: Students are only counted one time, regardless of the number of suspensions.

Suspension and Expulsion Rates			
Morse Avenue ES			
	16-17	17-18	18-19
Suspension rates	0.8%	1.0%	0.4%
Expulsion rates	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
PYLUSD			
	16-17	17-18	18-19
Suspension rates	2.6%	2.8%	2.0%
Expulsion rates	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
California			
	16-17	17-18	18-19
Suspension rates	3.6%	3.5%	3.5%
Expulsion rates	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%



Class Size Distribution

The bar graph displays the three-year data for average class size, and the table displays the three-year data for the number of classrooms by size. The 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.



Number of Classrooms by Size **Three-Year Data**

Grade	2016-17			2017-18			2018-19		
	Number of Students								
	1-20	21-32	33+	1-20	21-32	33+	1-20	21-32	33+
K		2		2				2	
K-1				1					
1		2		1				2	
1-2		1						1	
2		2		2				1	
2-3				1					
3		2		2				2	
4		2				2		2	
5		2		2				2	
6		2				2		2	

Parental Involvement

Parent involvement includes keeping communication lines between families and the school open in numerous ways. Weekly communication packets are sent home, which include information from the principal and the Parent Teacher Association (PTA), as well as general school information. Weekly emails and phone calls are sent that include weekly updates for parents, students, and staff. A calendar of upcoming events and other pertinent information is also sent to families. Written communications are sent in English and in other languages, as needed, to each family. Every student takes home a STAR folder on Tuesday. This folder includes all of the student's work from the previous week, as well as any correspondences from the school office. There is a sign-off sheet inside the folder with room for comments, which parents sign after they have gone through the folder with their child. These folders are prepared and distributed to classrooms by a group of dedicated parent volunteers who come weekly to assemble packets and deliver them to teachers. The attendance clerk, food-service coordinator, and many of the teachers speak Spanish and translate when necessary to ensure effective communication of school business. All meetings, such as the PTA, School Site Council (SSC), English Language Advisory Committee (ELAC) and other advisory committees are noted in the newsletter and are open to all who wish to attend. PTA meetings are held monthly on the second Monday of the month at 6 p.m. in the multipurpose room. There are SSC and ELAC meetings four times a year. Parents who attend are provided with information about school procedures, policies, budgets and programs, as well as trainings concerning parenting skills. Parents are welcome to provide input at these meetings so that plans can be made to better serve the needs of all students at Morse Avenue.

For more information on how to become involved at the school, please contact Jake Pon at MorseElementaryPTA@gmail.com.



CAASPP Test Results in Science for All Students (grades 5, 8 and high school)

The California Science Test (CAST) was administered operationally during the 2018–19 school year. However, these data are not available for inclusion in the 2018-19 SARC posting due February 1, 2020. These data will be included in the 2019-20 SARC posting due February 1, 2021.

Percentage of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced					Two-Year Data	
	Morse Avenue ES		PYLUSD		California	
Subject	17-18	18-19	17-18	18-19	17-18	18-19
Science	◇	◇	◇	◇	◇	◇

CAASPP Test Results in ELA and Mathematics for All Students (grades 3-8 and 11)

The table below shows the percentage of students meeting or exceeding the state standards in English language arts (ELA)/literacy and mathematics.

Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding State Standards					Two-Year Data	
	Morse Avenue ES		PYLUSD		California	
Subject	17-18	18-19	17-18	18-19	17-18	18-19
English language arts/literacy	56%	51%	68%	68%	50%	51%
Mathematics	44%	42%	59%	59%	38%	40%

California Physical Fitness Test

Each spring, all students in grades 5, 7 and 9 are required to participate in the California Physical Fitness Test (PFT). The Fitnessgram is the designated PFT for students in California public schools put forth by the State Board of Education. The PFT measures six key fitness areas:

1. Aerobic Capacity
2. Body Composition
3. Flexibility
4. Abdominal Strength and Endurance
5. Upper Body Strength and Endurance
6. Trunk Extensor Strength and Flexibility

Encouraging and assisting students in establishing lifelong habits of regular physical activity is the primary goal of the Fitnessgram. The table shows the percentage of students meeting the fitness standards of being in the "healthy fitness zone" for the most recent testing period. For more detailed information on the California PFT, please visit www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/pf.

California Physical Fitness Test		2018-19 School Year
Percentage of Students Meeting Fitness Standards		Morse Avenue ES
		Grade 5
Four of six standards		24.3%
Five of six standards		24.3%
Six of six standards		25.7%

◇ Not applicable.

California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP)

For the 2018-19 school year, the CAASPP consists of several key components, including:

California Alternate Assessments (CAA) test includes both ELA/literacy and mathematics in grades 3-8 and 11. The CAA is given to those students with the most significant cognitive disabilities whose current individualized education program (IEP) designates an alternate assessment.

Smarter Balanced Assessments include ELA/literacy and mathematics in grades 3-8 and 11. Smarter Balanced Assessments are designed to measure student progress toward college and career readiness.

The assessments under CAASPP show how well students are doing in relation to the state-adopted content standards. On each of these assessments, student aggregate scores are reported as achievement standards. For more information on the CAASPP assessments, please visit www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca.



CAASPP by Student Group: English Language Arts and Mathematics

The table on the following page displays the percentage of students that met or exceeded state standards in English language arts/literacy and mathematics for the school by student groups for grades 3-6.

The "percentage 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 on the CAA divided by the total number of students who participated in both assessments.

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 Results by Student Group: English Language Arts (grades 3-6)

Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding State Standards					2018-19 School Year
English Language Arts					
Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percentage Tested	Percentage Not Tested	Percentage Met or Exceeded
All students	266	264	99.25%	0.75%	51.14%
Male	131	131	100.00%	0.00%	47.33%
Female	135	133	98.52%	1.48%	54.89%
Black or African-American	❖	❖	❖	❖	❖
American Indian or Alaska Native	❖	❖	❖	❖	❖
Asian	❖	❖	❖	❖	❖
Filipino	❖	❖	❖	❖	❖
Hispanic or Latino	204	202	99.02%	0.98%	43.56%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	❖	❖	❖	❖	❖
White	35	35	100.00%	0.00%	74.29%
Two or more races	14	14	100.00%	0.00%	85.71%
Socioeconomically disadvantaged	185	183	98.92%	1.08%	41.53%
English learners	110	108	98.18%	1.82%	30.56%
Students with disabilities	27	27	100.00%	0.00%	22.22%
Students receiving Migrant Education services	❖	❖	❖	❖	❖
Foster Youth	❖	❖	❖	❖	❖
Homeless	59	59	100.00%	0.00%	33.90%

❖ Scores are not shown when the number of students tested is 10 or fewer, either because the number of students tested in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or to protect student privacy.

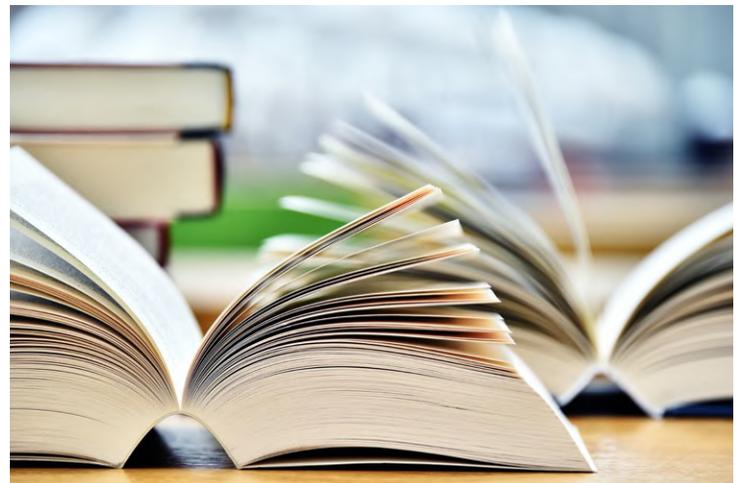
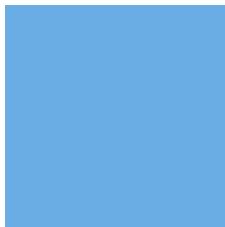
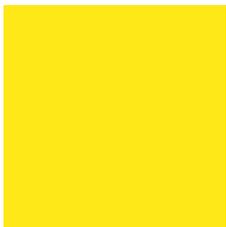




CAASPP Results by Student Group: Mathematics (grades 3-6)

Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding State Standards					2018-19 School Year
Mathematics					
Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percentage Tested	Percentage Not Tested	Percentage Met or Exceeded
All students	266	266	100.00%	0.00%	42.11%
Male	131	131	100.00%	0.00%	38.17%
Female	135	135	100.00%	0.00%	45.93%
Black or African-American	❖	❖	❖	❖	❖
American Indian or Alaska Native	❖	❖	❖	❖	❖
Asian	❖	❖	❖	❖	❖
Filipino	❖	❖	❖	❖	❖
Hispanic or Latino	204	204	100.00%	0.00%	37.75%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	❖	❖	❖	❖	❖
White	35	35	100.00%	0.00%	45.71%
Two or more races	14	14	100.00%	0.00%	71.43%
Socioeconomically disadvantaged	185	185	100.00%	0.00%	33.51%
English learners	110	110	100.00%	0.00%	30.00%
Students with disabilities	27	27	100.00%	0.00%	18.52%
Students receiving Migrant Education services	❖	❖	❖	❖	❖
Foster Youth	❖	❖	❖	❖	❖
Homeless	59	59	100.00%	0.00%	30.51%

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Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials

The following lists the percentage of pupils who lack their own assigned textbooks and instructional materials.

Percentage of Students Lacking Materials by Subject	
2019-20 School Year	
Reading/language arts	0%
Mathematics	0%
Science	0%
History/social science	0%
Visual and performing arts	0%
Foreign language	0%
Health	0%



Currency of Textbooks

This table displays the date when the most recent hearing was held to adopt a resolution on the sufficiency of instructional materials.

Currency of Textbooks	
2019-20 School Year	
Data collection date	9/10/2019

Public 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 include the hours of operation, the length of time that a workstation may be used (depending on availability), the types of software programs available at a workstation, and the ability to print documents.

Textbooks and Instructional Materials

The deputy superintendent shall appoint a principal or other administrator to chair the districtwide textbook-selection process. A Steering Committee shall be selected and consist of one certificated staff member from each elementary school or at least one teacher from each school from the subject-area department for which adoption is pending (secondary). Appointments to the committee will be based on professional expertise, desire to serve insofar as possible, and the demographic diversity of the district. The Steering Committee shall review materials submitted on state-authorized lists and any other materials that may be considered for adoption. If pilot usage is to be pursued, the Steering Committee shall select the material to be piloted. With or without piloting, the Steering Committee will recommend adoption to the District Curriculum Council, which shall make an adoption recommendation to the deputy superintendent. The deputy superintendent is responsible for preparing recommendations for the Board of Education.

The most recent public hearing to adopt a resolution on the sufficiency of instructional materials was held in September 2019. English language arts (ELA) and English language development (ELD) textbooks were adopted in the spring of 2017 and were chosen from the state-approved list. Textbook content aligns within the curriculum frameworks adopted by the State Board of Education. The California State Science Framework and the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) were adopted in 2016. NGSS aligned science textbooks became available for preview in the spring of 2018. The Science Steering Committee recommended two K-5 publications two 6-8 publications for a pilot during the 2019-20 school year. The District Curriculum Council may recommend textbooks for adoption in the spring of 2020. If adopted, implementation of the NGSS aligned materials will begin in 2020-21.

Textbooks and Instructional Materials List		2019-20 School Year
Subject	Textbook	Adopted
English language arts	Benchmark Advance, Benchmark Education Company (K-5)	2017
English language arts	<i>Reading</i> , Houghton Mifflin (K-5)	2003
English language arts	<i>Medallions</i> , Houghton Mifflin (upgrade)	2003
English language arts	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt California Collections, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (6)	2017
English language arts	Language Circle Series, Project Read Phonology	2003
English language arts	<i>Written Expression</i>	2003
Mathematics	<i>California Math</i> , Houghton Mifflin (K-5)	2009
Mathematics	<i>Mathematics, Course 1</i> ; Prentice Hall (6)	2009
Science	Full Option Science System (FOSS), California Edition; Delta Education (K-5)	2008
Science	<i>Focus on Earth Science</i> , California Edition; Glencoe (6)	2007
History/social science	<i>History-Social Science for California</i> , Scott Foresman (K-5)	2007
History/social science	<i>Discovering Our Past: Ancient Civilizations</i> , Glencoe (6)	2006

Quality of Textbooks

The following table outlines the criteria required for choosing textbooks and instructional materials.

Quality of Textbooks		2019-20 School Year
Criteria		Yes/No
Are the textbooks adopted from the most recent state-approved or local governing-board-approved list?		Yes
Are the textbooks consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum frameworks adopted by the State Board of Education?		Yes
Do all students, including English learners, have access to their own textbooks and instructional materials to use in class and to take home?		Yes



School Facility Good Repair Status

The table shows the results of the school’s most recent inspection using the Facility Inspection Tool (FIT) or equivalent school form. This inspection determines the school facility’s good repair status using ratings of good condition, fair condition or poor condition. The overall summary of facility conditions uses ratings of exemplary, good, fair or poor.

School Facility Good Repair Status		2019-20 School Year
Items Inspected	Repair Status	
Systems: Gas leaks, sewer, mechanical systems (heating, ventilation and HVAC)	Good	
Interior: Interior surfaces (floors, ceilings, walls and window casings)	Good	
Cleanliness: Pest/vermin control, overall cleanliness	Good	
Electrical: Electrical systems	Good	
Restrooms/fountains: Restrooms, sinks and drinking fountains	Good	
Safety: Fire safety, emergency systems, hazardous materials	Good	
Structural: Structural condition, roofs	Good	
External: Windows/doors/gates/fences, playgrounds/school grounds	Good	
Overall summary of facility conditions	Good	
Date of the most recent school site inspection	4/9/2019	
Date of the most recent completion of the inspection form	4/9/2019	

Deficiencies and Repairs

For all items inspected that were found to not be in "good repair", a work order has been created and maintenance will be completed before the end of the 2019-20 school year. Maintenance items will be prioritized so that student safety is not compromised.

School Facilities

Education is a top priority in the community of Placentia-Yorba Linda, and maintaining a safe and orderly environment maximizes student learning. Facilities are maintained through the diligent efforts of the site custodial crews and the district maintenance staff. PYLUSD principals and the custodial supervisor work with the site custodial staff to develop cleaning schedules to maintain clean and safe schools. District maintenance staff performs the repairs necessary to keep the schools in good working order in a timely manner. A work-order process is used to ensure efficient service and that emergency repairs are given the highest priority.

Morse Avenue Elementary School was built in 1964, and celebrated its 50th anniversary in May 2013. It is located on vast acreage surrounded by long-standing mulberry trees and a large field used by local community sports teams. It currently houses 16 general-education classrooms for grades TK-6, a resource specialist and speech and language services classrooms, two Title I RTI/ELD (Response to Intervention/English language development) intervention rooms, facilities for before and after-school child care, a computer lab, library, and multipurpose room. Four portables house the district biweekly music program for students in fifth and sixth grades and a counseling intern.

A major modernization of the school facilities took place in 2004. The modernization project involved a complete renovation of the each building, which included all classrooms, restrooms and common areas. Brand-new carpeting, paint, cabinetry, plumbing, electrical and furniture were installed. Each classroom has state-of-the-art classroom technologies, including an interactive whiteboard, 36 student responders, an LCD projector, DVD player and a built-in sound system. Also included are computer pods in the center of each building with 8-10 computers and Chromebook carts with 40 Chromebooks in each pod. New playground equipment in all play areas was installed in 2004. The campus is clean and well maintained through the services of 1.5 full-time equivalent custodians in the day and evening. Morse Avenue Elementary continues to maintain spotless facilities throughout the campus.

Morse maintains effective security procedures by securing the campus perimeter daily. Entrance to the school during regular school hours can be accessed only through the office. Visitors are required to sign in and wear a visitor’s badge while on campus. Regularly scheduled district maintenance crews facilitate necessary repairs and routine maintenance checks of all buildings. Administration, along with the school’s lead custodian, regularly walk the campus and discuss any work orders that need to be submitted for repairs of the school. In addition, Morse daily custodial procedures provide timely maintenance in addition to maintaining the cleanliness and attractive appearance of the campus and classrooms.

School Safety

Student safety is a primary concern of all those involved in the education of students at Morse Avenue Elementary School and in the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District. It is the desire of the school board and superintendent that all efforts are made to provide a safe learning environment for students and staff.

The School Safety Committee—parents, administrators, certificated and classified staff members—oversee the development and implementation of a comprehensive school safety plan that encompasses the four components of a safe school. The plan includes developing an environment of nonviolence through the teaching and reinforcement of clear behavioral expectations, consistent, fair disciplinary policies, and recognition for positive behavior. The committee reviews and updates the safety plan annually and it is reviewed at a staff meeting at the beginning of the school year. In developing the policies and procedures of this plan, the administration solicits the participation, views and advice from the following representatives: SSC, PTA and school staff.

The following documents were reviewed in preparation for writing the school safety plan:

- Annual Stakeholder Survey Results
- Yearly Suspension/Expulsion Data
- Healthy Kids Survey
- Discipline Policies and Procedures
- Truancy Rates/Action
- SART/SARB Referral Data

Through the development of this plan, the Morse Avenue staff is committed to:

- A safe teaching and learning environment for all
- Students are taught safety expectations when traveling to and from school or school activities
- District programs and community resources are made available to all
- An educational environment where students, parents, staff and community shall effectively communicate in a manner that is respectful to all
- A staff well-informed regarding health issues
- Each year, students and staff participate in monthly fire and/or earthquake drills and in the annual Great California ShakeOut in October
- Students participate in programs that emphasize healthy choices and develop resiliency skills

The school safety plan was last reviewed, updated and discussed with the school faculty in September 2109.



School Description

Morse Avenue Elementary School has served students and the community for more than 50 years. Children from the suburban community who attend Morse Avenue develop a deep love of learning. It is common to find that many parents of the children at Morse Avenue attended our school as well, choosing to remain or relocate within our boundaries. This suburban neighborhood school embodies the motto, "Morse Wildcats are responsible, respectful, prepared, and kind." Morse Avenue is a place where students are eager to learn each day, as evidenced by a 95 percent or better attendance rate. With just under 500 students enrolled, Morse Avenue Elementary serves the community of Placentia by supporting students in their academic, emotional, social and physical development.

The student population is a shining example of California's diverse population. As a culturally diverse school, Morse Avenue students, parents and staff recognize, nurture and celebrate individual differences.

The staff at Morse Avenue Elementary is committed to providing students with a challenging and rigorous academic program based on California content standards and high expectations for all. The Morse Avenue Elementary staff, students and community continually challenge themselves to keep the success growing. Each week, the teaching staff meets in professional learning communities to evaluate student work and assess learning toward meeting the end-of-the-year expectations, which guides further instruction. In addition, professional development and collaboration occur to improve our best practices in instruction to insure student success.

To achieve excellence, the staff and community established several goals and work toward continuous improvements in all of these areas:

- Hold high expectations for all students
- Focus on academics and teaching the California content standards
- Provide quality opportunities and programs for all students
- Maximize instructional time, effectiveness and time on task
- Participate in research-based staff development and professional-growth opportunities
- Provide a positive environment that nurtures and encourages all students to learn
- Utilize technology and computer resources to improve instruction
- Provide support and interventions during school

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Professional Development

2017-18

PYLUSD facilitates professional development in ways that impact all teachers. In late August, prior to the return of students, all PYLUSD teachers participated in a half-day of professional development. The primary focus of training for K-6 teachers and middle school English Language Arts/English Language Development (ELA/ELD) teachers was to provide an overview of the district's new universal screener, iReady. Teachers learned about the overall iReady program, specifically how to administer assessments and interpret student, class, and school level reports. PYLUSD also provided content specific professional development training to all middle and high school teachers on curriculum transitions in specific content areas and in Common Core State Standards (CCSS).

A wide variety of professional development opportunities for individuals, small groups, as well as large groups are made available throughout the school year. For 2017-2018, specific professional development emphasis has been placed on recently adopted ELA/ELD materials. Other areas of focus include integrated and designated ELD, transitioning toward Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), Universal Design for Learning (UDL), writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization and reading (WICOR), Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) Strategies, technology, including the annual Google Summit, and districtwide initiatives, such as Cognitively Guided Instruction (CGI), Extending Children's Mathematics (ECM), FOSS Science (with embedded literacy strategies and science and engineering practices), Step up to Writing, Project Read, and Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS). These trainings are provided in the form of all-day trainings, half-day trainings, Professional Learning Communities (PLC) modules, and on-site coaching opportunities.

PYLUSD's district wide Induction program provides numerous professional development opportunities and supports for new general and special education teachers and their advisors. Elementary teachers also receive ongoing professional development at the site throughout the school year during early release Wednesdays. At the middle and high school levels, professional development takes place on designated "late-start" Mondays. Both of these models allow teachers the time necessary for collaboration by grade level and department. Educational Services also ensures the ongoing training of teachers in the International Baccalaureate Program and AVID Institutes.

2018-19

PYLUSD facilitates professional development in a variety of innovative ways to positively impact classroom instruction. In late August, prior to the return of students, all K-12 teachers participated in a half-day of professional development with Dr. Kate Kinsella. The primary focus of training was academic vocabulary for all students, as well as five specific Instructional Routines (5 for All) to support students in the acquisition of academic vocabulary and increased academic achievement across all subject areas. Teachers continue to receive training on 5 for All through onsite professional development, Instructional Routine modules and classroom observations.

Many professional development opportunities for individuals, small groups, as well as large groups are made available throughout the school year. For 2018-19, specific professional development emphasis has been placed on the adopted ELA/ELD materials Benchmark Advance (K-5), Collections (6-8) and Study Sync (9-12). Other areas of focus include integrated and designated ELD, transitioning toward NGSS, UDL, WICOR (AVID Strategies) and technology, including You Cube hybrid PD and the annual Google Summit provided by the EdTech Team that integrates educational technology into instruction. Districtwide training on initiatives such as CGI, ECM, FOSS Science (with embedded literacy strategies and science and engineering practices), Step up to Writing, Project Read, Student Study Team (SST) and PBIS are also provided to teachers. In addition to content specific professional development, Educational Services supports the training of teachers on PLCs and working in collaborative teams, the International Baccalaureate Program and AVID. Professional development opportunities are provided in the form of all-day trainings, half-day trainings, collaborative team meetings and on-site coaching.

PYLUSD's districtwide induction program provides numerous professional development opportunities and supports for new general and special education teachers and their mentors. Elementary teachers also receive ongoing professional development at the site throughout the school year during early release Wednesdays. At the middle and high school levels, professional development takes place on designated "late-start" Mondays. Both of these models allow teachers the time necessary for collaborative team meetings by grade level and department.

2019-2020

PYLUSD provides a variety of professional development opportunities for teachers throughout the year. In August, before the school year began, all K-12 teachers participated in a half-day of professional development. K-5 teachers learned about the tenants of Love & Logic for classroom management from Dr. Charles Faye of the Love & Logic Institute. Following this, they participated in grade-level breakout groups to examine the California Common Core Standards in math and discuss which math standards should comprise Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum (GVC) for PYLUSD students at each grade level. 6-12 grade teachers also learned about Love & Logic student management principles from Dr. Charles Faye. Following this, they broke out into subject-specific workshops of their choosing. These workshops covered a variety of topics, including NGSS instruction, useful classroom technology tools, water safety, mindfulness techniques, and utilizing WICOR strategies to improve student learning.

A wide variety of professional development opportunities for individuals, small groups and large groups are made available throughout the school year.

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For 2019-20, while we continue to provide training in the adopted ELA/ELD materials, Benchmark Advance (K-5), Collections (6-8) and StudySync (9-12). Specific professional development emphasis has been placed on math, science and writing instruction. All 4th grade through Algebra math teachers have received two full days of instruction on mindset, meaningful classroom activities, and the use of interim assessments to guide instruction from consultant Carl Veater, Director of the San Joaquin Valley Mathematics Project. In science, district teachers on special assignment (TOSAs) are training all K-5 teachers and 6-8 teachers of science in NGSS practices, with specific training in Toolkit for Instructional Materials Evaluation and Ambitious Science Teaching for members of the materials adoption steering committee. Meanwhile, the 14-member 9-12 Science Leadership Team is working on incorporating NGSS into existing high school science courses ahead of adopting new instructional materials for high school. Additionally, PYLUSD is fortunate to have Dr. Kate Kinsella conducting three day writing workshops for all 3-12 grade ELA teachers, and consulting on designated ELD instruction as well as 5 for All Essential Routines for integrated ELD K-12 instruction. Other areas of focus continue to be UDL, WICOR (AVID Strategies), CGI, ECM, and the annual Google Summit that helps teachers learn to integrate educational technology into instruction. In addition to content-specific professional development, educational services supports the training of teachers on PLCs, SST, PBIS, the International Baccalaureate Program, and AVID. Professional development opportunities are provided in the form of all-day trainings, half-day trainings, collaborative team meetings, after school workshops and on-site coaching.

PYLUSD's districtwide induction program provides numerous professional development opportunities and supports for new general and special education teachers and their mentors. All teachers also receive ongoing professional development at the site throughout the school year during early release Wednesdays or late-start Mondays. These days allow teachers the time necessary for collaborative team meetings by grade level and department.

Professional Development Days	Three-Year Data		
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Number of school days dedicated to staff development and continuous improvement	0.5 days	0.5 days	0.5 days

Teacher Qualifications

This table shows information about teacher credentials and teacher qualifications. Teachers without a full credential include teachers with district and university internships, pre-internships, emergency or other permits, and waivers. For more information on teacher credentials, visit www.ctc.ca.gov.

Teacher Credential Information	Three-Year Data			
	PYLUSD	Morse Avenue ES		
Teachers	19-20	17-18	18-19	19-20
With a full credential	1,077	19	18	18
Without a full credential	9	0	0	0
Teaching outside subject area of competence (with full credential)	0	0	0	0

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions

This table displays the number of teacher misassignments (positions filled by teachers who lack legal authorization to teach that grade level, subject area, student group, etc.) and the number of vacant teacher positions (not filled by a single designated teacher assigned to teach the entire course at the beginning of the school year or semester). Please note that total teacher misassignments includes the number of teacher misassignments of English learners.

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions	Three-Year Data		
	Morse Avenue ES		
Teachers	17-18	18-19	19-20
Teacher misassignments of English learners	0	0	0
Total teacher misassignments	0	0	0
Vacant teacher positions	0	0	0

School Description

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- Involve parents and the community in their children's education

Today, Morse Avenue Elementary glows as it incorporates all the facets of a California Distinguished School and a Title I Academic Achievement School. Walking through the classrooms, it is evident that students are exposed to a print-rich technological environment. At Morse Avenue Elementary, students have the opportunity to participate in curriculum that enhances learning and explores new ideas in a language rich environment where students are taught to communicate their understanding and the importance of education for all in our society.

Academic Counselors and School Support Staff

This table displays information about academic counselors and support staff at the school and their full-time equivalent (FTE).

Academic Counselors and School Support Staff Data	
2018-19 School Year	
	Ratio
Academic counselors	◇
Support Staff	FTE
Counselor (academic, social/behavioral or career development)	0.0
Library media teacher (librarian)	0.5
Library media services staff (paraprofessional)	0.0
Psychologist	0.2
Social worker	0.0
Nurse	0.0
Speech/language/hearing specialist	0.5
Resource specialist (nonteaching)	1.0

◇ Not applicable.

Types of Services Funded

In addition to school site budgets, our school also receives the following supplemental funding.

- School and Library Improvement Plan budget
- PTA gifts funds: Used for a variety of programs beneficial to the children such as field trips, assemblies, after-school programs, technology resources and other instructional supplies
- Title I federal funding: Based on free and reduced-price lunch participation rates to provide additional services
- Title III federal funding: For English learners

School Financial Data

The following table displays the school's average teacher salary and a breakdown of the school's expenditures per pupil from unrestricted and restricted sources.

School Financial Data	
2017-18 Fiscal Year	
Total expenditures per pupil	\$6,053
Expenditures per pupil from restricted sources	\$694
Expenditures per pupil from unrestricted sources	\$5,358
Annual average teacher salary	\$87,425

Expenditures Per Pupil

Supplemental/restricted expenditures come from money whose use is controlled by law or by a donor. Money that is designated for specific purposes by the district or governing board is not considered restricted. Basic/unrestricted expenditures are from money whose use, except for general guidelines, is not controlled by law or by a donor.

Financial Data

The financial data displayed in this SARC is from the 2017-18 fiscal year. The most current fiscal information available provided by the state is always two years behind the current school year and one year behind most other data included in this report. For detailed information on school expenditures for all districts in California, see the California Department of Education (CDE) Current Expense of Education & Per-pupil Spending web page at www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/ec. For information on teacher salaries for all districts in California, see the CDE Certificated Salaries & Benefits web page at www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs. To look up expenditures and salaries for a specific school district, see the Ed-Data website at www.ed-data.org.

District Financial Data

This table displays district teacher and administrative salary information and compares the figures to the state averages for districts of the same type and size based on the salary schedule. Note: The district salary data does not include benefits.

Salary Data	2017-18 Fiscal Year	
	PYUSD	Similar Sized District
Beginning teacher salary	\$44,630	\$48,612
Midrange teacher salary	\$82,740	\$74,676
Highest teacher salary	\$103,802	\$99,791
Average elementary school principal salary	\$116,469	\$125,830
Average middle school principal salary	\$118,850	\$131,167
Average high school principal salary	\$135,949	\$144,822
Superintendent salary	\$299,970	\$275,796
Teacher salaries: percentage of budget	37%	34%
Administrative salaries: percentage of budget	5%	5%

Financial Data Comparison

This table displays the school's per-pupil expenditures from unrestricted sources and the school's average teacher salary and compares it to the district and state data.

Financial Data Comparison	2017-18 Fiscal Year	
	Expenditures Per Pupil From Unrestricted Sources	Annual Average Teacher Salary
Morse Avenue ES	\$5,358	\$87,425
PYUSD	\$7,860	\$87,995
California	\$7,507	\$82,403
School and district: percentage difference	-31.8%	-0.6%
School and California: percentage difference	-28.6%	+6.1%

Data for this year's SARC was provided by the California Department of Education and school and district offices. For additional information on California schools and districts and comparisons of the school to the district, the county and the state, please visit DataQuest at <http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest>. DataQuest is an online resource that provides reports for accountability, test data, enrollment, graduates, dropouts, course enrollments, staffing and data regarding English learners. Per Education Code Section 35256, each school district shall make hard copies of its annually updated report card available, upon request, on or before February 1. All data accurate as of December 2019.