

Emerson Middle School

School Accountability Report Card

Reported Using Data from the 2018-19 School Year

Published During 2019-20

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 <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa/>.
- For more information about the LCFF or 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

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About This School

School Contact Information (School Year 2019-20)

Entity	Contact Information
School Name	Emerson Middle School
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Entity	Contact Information
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Superintendent	Doc Ervin
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School Description and Mission Statement (School Year 2019-20)

The School Accountability Report Card was established by Proposition 98, an initiative passed by California voters, and is updated yearly. As you read the Report Card, you will gain a better understanding of Emerson as a school with a record for improvement, a faculty that is professionally skilled and personally committed to meeting the learning needs of students and a student body which is enthusiastic and motivated to perform well.

Emerson Middle School is located in southeast central Bakersfield. The school is 63 years old. The staff at Emerson Middle School is part of Bakersfield City School District's Professional Learning Community. Our school staff participate in collaborative planning, implements Good First Instruction, provides instructional coaching to teachers and analyze student's instructional data on a regular basis to improve the teaching and learning. We also provide a literacy intervention program and a math intervention program. We have 2 learning centers that help close the achievement gap for both reading and Math by giving direct intervention to students. All of our classrooms are equipped with SmartBoards and a 1:1 Chromebook population to assist our teachers with bringing student learning to life. We also have PLTW on site and compete in robotics. We also address the whole child with a social-emotional learning by providing 3 PBIS rooms that address various levels of PBIS. We have 35 classrooms that are utilized for instruction. We have Emerson offers a three hour after school program servicing over 140 students. During the first Academic Hour, the after school staff provides homework help. The second and third hours offer a variety of team sports, as well as recreational and co-curricular activities. The goal for our campus is to improve student learning, promote respect, encourage responsibility and resilience.

Our Mission at Emerson Middle School is to provide a caring, learning, and educational environment where all of our students can reach their maximum potential in their preparation for life.

Student Enrollment by Grade Level (School Year 2018-19)

Grade Level	Number of Students
Grade 6	238
Grade 7	293
Grade 8	296
Total Enrollment	827

Student Enrollment by Group (School Year 2018-19)

Student Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	17.5
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.8
Asian	0.4
Filipino	0.7
Hispanic or Latino	71.3
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.5
White	6.5
Two or More Races	2.2
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	96
English Learners	22.9
Students with Disabilities	17
Foster Youth	1.2
Homeless	2.4

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

Teachers	School 2017-18	School 2018-19	School 2019-20	District 2019-20
With Full Credential	25	16		
Without Full Credential	7	16		
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence (with full credential)	5	5		

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions

Indicator	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners	0	0	
Total Teacher Misassignments*	0	0	
Vacant Teacher Positions	0	0	

Note: "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 2019-20)

Year and month in which data were collected: September, 2019

Every student is provided with sufficient and standards-aligned textbooks or other instructional materials.

Subject	Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials/year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption?	Percent Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
Reading/Language Arts	<p>Grades TK-5: Benchmark Education Company, Benchmark Advance California; Benchmark Adelante California, 2018</p> <p>Grades 6-8: McGraw Hill, Study Sync, 2018</p> <p>Grades TK-5: Benchmark Education Company, Benchmark Advance (How English Works) (ELD), 2018</p> <p>Grades 6-8: HMH, English 3D (ELD), 2017</p>	Yes	0%
Mathematics	<p>Grades K-5: McGraw Hill, McGraw Hill My Math, 2013</p> <p>Grades 6-8: McGraw Hill, McGraw Hill California Math, Courses 1-3, 2013</p> <p>Grade 7: McGraw Hill, Glencoe Math Accelerated, 2013</p> <p>Grade 8: McGraw Hill, Glencoe Algebra 1, 2013</p>	Yes	0%
Science	<p>Grades K-5: Houghton Mifflin, Houghton Mifflin California Science, 2007</p> <p>Grades 6-8: Holt, Rinehart & Winston, Holt California Science: Earth, Life and Physical Science, 2007</p>	Yes	0%

Subject	Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials/year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption?	Percent Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
History-Social Science	Grades K-5: Harcourt School Publishers, Reflections, 2007 Grade 6: Holt, Rinehart & Winston, Holt California Social Studies: World History, Ancient Civilizations, 2006 Grade 7: Holt, Rinehart & Winston, Holt California Social Studies: World History Medieval to Early Modern Times, 2006 Grade 8: Holt, Rinehart & Winston, Holt California Social Studies: United States History Independence to 1914, 2006	Yes	0%
Visual and Performing Arts	Grades TK-6 (Elementary): The California Arts Project, BCSD Course of Study TK-5 (Online), 2019 Grades 6-8 (Jr Hi/Middle School): Pearson Scott Foresman, Pearson/Scott Foresman, Art, 2007 Grades 6-8: Silver Burdett, Silver Burdett Making Music, 2007	Yes	0%

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements (Most Recent Year)

Emerson School was built in 1956 and modernized in 1994. It sits on 11.36 acres of which 6.37 acres is playground. This school has 37 classrooms, a multi-purpose facility, library, two learning centers, teacher workroom, outreach specialist room, band room, nurse room and an instructional materials center. The campus has also has a staff lounge.

The custodial staff adheres to a weekly cleaning schedule that includes classrooms, restrooms, cafeteria and kitchen areas.

The District's Mobile Maintenance Team visits the school site at least twice a year. Maintenance emergencies are addressed immediately. District personnel maintain the grounds at least once every two weeks.

This site also is maintained to ensure a clean, safe, and functional facility as determined pursuant to a Facility Inspection Tool developed by the State of California Office of Public School Construction.

School Facility Good Repair Status (Most Recent Year)

Using the **most recently collected** FIT data (or equivalent), provide the following:

- Determination of repair status for systems listed
- Description of any needed maintenance to ensure good repair
- The year and month in which the data were collected
- The overall rating

Year and month of the most recent FIT report: 10/16/2019

System Inspected	Rating	Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	Good	
Interior: Interior Surfaces	Good	
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/ Vermin Infestation	Good	
Electrical: Electrical	Good	
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	Good	
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	Good	
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	Good	
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	Good	
Overall Rating	Exemplary	

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. 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); 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.

CAASPP Test Results in ELA and Mathematics for All Students

Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven

Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standard

Subject	School 2017-18	School 2018-19	District 2017-18	District 2018-19	State 2017-18	State 2018-19
English Language Arts/Literacy (grades 3-8 and 11)	21	21	35	36	50	50
Mathematics (grades 3-8 and 11)	11	6	23	22	38	39

Note: 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.

Note: 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.

CAASPP Test Results in ELA by Student Group

Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven (School Year 2018-19)

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	791	770	97.35	2.65	20.78
Male	384	372	96.88	3.12	15.59
Female	407	398	97.79	2.21	25.63
Black or African American	130	126	96.92	3.08	16.67
American Indian or Alaska Native	--	--	--	--	--
Asian	--	--	--	--	--
Filipino	--	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	578	565	97.75	2.25	20.88
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	--	--	--	--	--
White	48	45	93.75	6.25	26.67

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
Two or More Races	16	16	100.00	0.00	18.75
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	764	746	97.64	2.36	20.24
English Learners	282	272	96.45	3.55	13.60
Students with Disabilities	120	116	96.67	3.33	2.59
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	24	24	100.00	0.00	33.33
Foster Youth	--	--	--	--	--
Homeless	37	34	91.89	8.11	8.82

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.

CAASPP Test Results in Mathematics by Student Group Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven (School Year 2018-19)

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	792	767	96.84	3.16	6.13
Male	383	369	96.34	3.66	4.07
Female	409	398	97.31	2.69	8.04
Black or African American	129	125	96.90	3.10	7.20
American Indian or Alaska Native	--	--	--	--	--
Asian	--	--	--	--	--
Filipino	--	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	579	565	97.58	2.42	5.84
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	--	--	--	--	--
White	49	45	91.84	8.16	6.67
Two or More Races	16	14	87.50	12.50	0.00
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	765	743	97.12	2.88	6.19
English Learners	281	271	96.44	3.56	1.85
Students with Disabilities	121	115	95.04	4.96	0.00
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	24	24	100.00	0.00	16.67

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
Foster Youth	--	--	--	--	--
Homeless	37	34	91.89	8.11	5.88

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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CAASPP Test Results in Science for All Students

Grades Five, Eight, and Ten

Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standard

Subject	School 2017-18	School 2018-19	District 2017-18	District 2018-19	State 2017-18	State 2018-19
Science (grades 5, 8 and high school)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

Note: This is a placeholder for the California Science Test (CAST) which 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.

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 areas of physical education.

California Physical Fitness Test Results (School Year 2018-19)

Grade Level	Percentage of Students Meeting Four of Six Fitness Standards	Percentage of Students Meeting Five of Six Fitness Standards	Percentage of Students Meeting Six of Six Fitness Standards
7	24.5	17.0	13.2

Note: 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.

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 school site.

Opportunities for Parental Involvement (School Year 2019-20)

Research shows that when families are involved in a child's education, test scores are higher, attendance is better and students have a more positive attitude. Our school has a Parent Involvement Plan that relates to a school meeting its academic goals. The plan outlines opportunities for families to get engaged in their child's education. Our school has goals that reach beyond classroom volunteerism. In addition, our parents are actively involved in the school program through parent conferences, activities through our FACE department such as Family Learning Night, School Site Council, Parent Education Classes, Back-To-School Night, Community Forums, student awards assemblies, and involved parents serving as chaperones on our educational field trips, and volunteering on our school campus in many capacities. We also have Parent Cafes that involve a social gathering with the Principal. We have invited Parents to walk the classrooms to observe instruction. The Emerson Middle School community continues to support our school through active involvement in English Learners Advisory Committee, District English Learners Advisory Committee, DAAPAC, AAPAC, and various other parent involvement communities. Parents can call our school office at (661) 631-5260 to access information concerning participation opportunities.

State Priority: School Climate

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the State priority: School Climate (Priority 6):

- Pupil suspension rates;
- Pupil expulsion rates; and
- Other local measures on the sense of safety.

Suspensions and Expulsions

Rate	School 2016-17	School 2017-18	School 2018-19	District 2016-17	District 2017-18	District 2018-19	State 2016-17	State 2017-18	State 2018-19
Suspensions	1.7	3.1	6.7	2.1	2.3	2.1	3.6	3.5	3.5
Expulsions	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1

School Safety Plan (School Year 2019-20)

Emerson established its Comprehensive School Safety Plan in 1998. A law enforcement officer specializing in safety provided direction in the establishment of the School Safety Plan. Emerson's School Safety Plan is current and is updated annually. Key elements of Emerson's School Safety Plan include the following: (a) routine and emergency disaster procedures; (b) suspension, and expulsion procedures; (c) teacher notification of pupils with a specific discipline history; (d) child abuse reporting procedures, (e) the district's sexual harassment policy; (f) school crime data; (g) the student dress code; (h) safe entrance and exit procedures; (i) the civil defense and disaster plan; and (j) discipline rules and procedures. Our overall goal is to maintain a safe and orderly school environment conducive to learning. Our most recent update and review is February 6, 2020.

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Secondary)

Subject	2016-17	2016-17	2016-17	2016-17	2017-18	2017-18	2017-18	2017-18	2018-19	2018-19	2018-19	2018-19
	Average Class Size	# of Classes* Size 1-22	# of Classes* Size 23-32	# of Classes* Size 33+	Average Class Size	# of Classes* Size 1-22	# of Classes* Size 23-32	# of Classes* Size 33+	Average Class Size	# of Classes* Size 1-22	# of Classes* Size 23-32	# of Classes* Size 33+
English	18	28	14		18	33	16	1	21	20	23	3
Mathematics	17	19	9		20	16	11	1	20	16	13	
Science	25	2	15	1	26	8	6	6	24	8	13	3
Social Science	25	4	13	1	27	6	5	8	24	5	17	2

*Number of classes indicates how many classrooms fall into each size category (a range of total students per classroom). At the secondary school level, this information is reported by subject area rather than grade level.

Ratio of Academic Counselors to Pupils (School Year 2018-19)

Title	Ratio
Academic Counselors*	.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.

Student Support Services Staff (School Year 2018-19)

Title	Number of FTE* Assigned to School
Counselor (Academic, Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	
Psychologist	
Social Worker	
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)	2.0
Other	1.0

*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.

Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries (Fiscal Year 2017-18)

Level	Total Expenditures Per Pupil	Expenditures Per Pupil (Restricted)	Expenditures Per Pupil (Unrestricted)	Average Teacher Salary
School Site	\$7,976	\$2,232	\$5,744	\$69,599
District	N/A	N/A	\$3,176	\$72,033.00
Percent Difference - School Site and District	N/A	N/A	57.6	-3.4
State	N/A	N/A	\$7,506.64	\$82,663.00
Percent Difference - School Site and State	N/A	N/A	-26.6	-17.2

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

The California Department of Education issued guidance to LEAs on August 1, 2018, regarding how to calculate school-level per-pupil expenditures that will be reported on 2018-19 report cards.

Types of Services Funded (Fiscal Year 2018-19)

TITLE I
 CSI
 After School Program
 Migrant Ed.
 Special Ed.
 School Site Supplemental Funds
 NSLP

Teacher and Administrative Salaries (Fiscal Year 2017-18)

Category	District Amount	State Average For Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$48,021	\$45,741
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$72,393	\$81,840
Highest Teacher Salary	\$93,341	\$102,065
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)	\$134,518	\$129,221
Average Principal Salary (Middle)	\$133,064	\$132,874
Average Principal Salary (High)	\$0	\$128,660
Superintendent Salary	\$241,020	\$224,581
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	31%	36%
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	4%	5%

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

Professional Development (Most Recent Three Years)

Measure	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Number of school days dedicated to Staff Development and Continuous Improvement			

Professional development is designed to provide continuous learning opportunities for administrators, teachers, and classified personnel. Training opportunities affirm the basic philosophy of education that learning is a lifelong process that contributes to the well-being of the students, teachers, administrators, and community. Professional Development is an essential component of effective instruction and student learning.

All training revolves around identified needs of students and adults for the purpose of the improvement of instruction and increasing content knowledge. Central to all training are student achievement data, district focus areas, the Common Core State Standards, the state adopted standards-based instructional materials, and strategies to effectively teach the academic content standards to all students.

We also provided extensive professional development for Professional Learning Communities through our Service Delivery Model. On-site coaching and support is provided by academic coaches and district specialists for reading/language arts, mathematics, science, writing and social emotional learning. The district provides time and resources for collaboration, planning, and professional development. Additionally, we provided professional development on Multi-Tiered Systems of Support and Support to school and district teams.

Teachers new to the District received four days of professional development prior to the beginning of the school year focused on orientation to District and school site policies and services, Common Core State Standards, classroom management, curriculum and pacing, using technology and setting up the classroom. Teachers in their second year with the District received two days of professional development prior to the beginning of the school year provided by the school site and focused on improving best practices.

New teachers with California preliminary credentials received professional development through the Bakersfield City School District (BCSD) Teacher Induction Program (TIP). The focus of BCSD TIP is being mentored by an experienced teacher, growing in the California Standards for the Teaching Profession (CSTP) and meeting the California Induction standards. The culmination of TIP is the recommendation for the CA Clear Credential. Each TIP teacher was assigned a veteran teacher who served as a mentor. The mentors received on-going professional development in coaching/mentoring strategies, instructional strategies, and guiding cycles of inquiry. Professional development was provided through individual mentoring, monthly meetings, and after-school workshops.

Intern teachers received professional development at monthly meetings focusing on the initial teaching skills of the CSTP including classroom management, lesson planning, assessment, and establishing a climate that is conducive to student achievement. Each Intern was assigned a mentor that provided day-to-day support in these areas as well as advisement toward meeting credential requirements. Mentors received monthly professional development in meeting the needs of Intern teachers. Interns also received coursework and supervision from universities partnered with BCSD to provide the Intern Program.

Teachers on Short Term Staffing Permits (STSPs) were provided mentors and monthly trainings on beginning pedagogy and best teaching practices. Each teacher on a STSP designed a plan to meet requirements to move to a CA Intern or Preliminary Credential. Support was provided for required testing and BCSD staff worked closely with university partners to ensure teachers on permits were taking prerequisite requirements to move to credentials.

Teachers on Provisional Intern Permits (PIPs) were provided a weekly cohort meeting focused on beginning pedagogy. Two cohort meetings occurred weekly to allow teachers on a PIP to work around university course schedules. Support was provided for required testing and BCSD staff worked closely with university partners to ensure teachers on permits were taking prerequisite requirements to move to credentials.