



Rancho Pico Junior High School

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School Description

Rancho Pico Junior High, a two-time California Distinguished School and a California Gold Ribbon School, is founded on the unwavering belief that students and their families are at the very core of our decision-making process. As such, our staff is dedicated to creating a positive learning environment that encourages growth and an authentic learning experience for each student we serve. Here at Rancho Pico, we cultivate thinkers through our academics, build leaders through extra-curricular opportunities and nurture relationships by fostering a culture of respect and inclusion.

As a team-based school, Rancho Pico continues to set the bar for academic excellence throughout the Santa Clarita Valley. Our curriculum is built upon project-based learning, collaboration, and crafting strong critical thinkers who are prepared for high school, college, and career while simultaneously nurturing the whole child. Beyond the classroom, creativity, citizenship, and character are emphasized as students enjoy the social aspects of junior high school. We are proud to offer a variety of specialty electives, exploratory courses, clubs, intramurals, brunch and lunch activities, school dances, and team events to our students.

We recognize the importance of establishing meaningful partnerships with each family we serve. Our Parent Advisory Council (PAC) works closely with staff to support classroom activities, school events, and fundraising efforts to enhance instruction and curriculum. The combined effort of our staff, students and parent community is what makes Rancho Pico one of the top performing schools in the William S. Hart Union High School District. It is certainly good to be a Mustang!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Erum Velek
PRINCIPAL

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 <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.

2017-18 Student Enrollment by Grade Level	
Grade Level	Number of Students
Grade 7	522
Grade 8	511
Total Enrollment	1,033

2017-18 Student Enrollment by Group	
Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	2.7
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.0
Asian	20.2
Filipino	6.1
Hispanic or Latino	22.0
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.1
White	41.9
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	15.3
English Learners	3.0
Students with Disabilities	14.0
Foster Youth	0.2

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			
Rancho Pico Junior High School	16-17	17-18	18-19
With Full Credential	39	42.4	
Without Full Credential	1	0	
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	0	0	
William S. Hart Union High School District	16-17	17-18	18-19
With Full Credential	♦	♦	
Without Full Credential	♦	♦	
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	♦	♦	

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions at this School			
Rancho Pico Junior High School	16-17	17-18	18-19
Teachers of English Learners	0	1	
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 2018-19)

Textbooks and Instructional Materials Year and month in which data were collected: December 2018	
Core Curriculum Area	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/Year of Adoption
Reading/Language Arts	Grade 7 - Collections - Houghton Mifflin Adopted 2016 Grade 8 - Collections - Houghton Mifflin Adopted 2016 The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0%
Mathematics	Math 7 - Carnegie Math Course 2 - Carnegie Learning Adopted 2018 Math 7 Accelerated - Glencoe Math Accelerated - Glencoe McGraw-Hill Adopted 2014 Math 8 - Carnegie Math Course 3 - Carnegie Learning Adopted 2018 Algebra - Hart Interactive Adopted 2016 The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0%
Science	Grade 7 - Focus on Life Science - Prentice Hall Adopted 2006 Grade 8 - Focus on Physical Science - Prentice Hall Adopted 2006 Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0%
History-Social Science	Grade 7 - Medieval and Early Modern Times - Prentice Hall Adopted 2006 Grade 8 - America: History of our Nation - Prentice Hall Adopted 2006 Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0%
Science Laboratory Equipment	N/A The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: N/A 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)

Each and every campus within the Wm. S Hart High School District is inspected by an on-site facility person on a daily basis. All deficiencies are reported electronically directly to District Maintenance and are corrected in an expeditious manner. As of 11/30/18 there are 14 work orders in process.

School Facility Good Repair Status (Most Recent Year) Year and month in which data were collected: 12/15/18		
System Inspected	Repair Status	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	

School Facility Good Repair Status (Most Recent Year)
Year and month in which data were collected: 12/15/18

System Inspected	Repair Status	Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	Good	
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	Good	
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	Good	
Overall Rating	Good	

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

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 Science for All Students						
Subject	Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced (meeting or exceeding the state standards)					
	School		District		State	
	16-17	17-18	16-17	17-18	16-17	17-18
Science	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

Note: The 2016–17 and 2017–18 data are not available. The CDE is developing a new science assessment based on the Next Generation Science Standards for California Public Schools (CA NGSS). The CAST was pilot-tested in spring 2017 and field-tested in spring 2018. The CAST will be administered operationally during the 2018–19 school year. The CAA for Science was pilot-tested for two years (i.e., 2016–17 and 2017–18) and the CAA for Science will be field-tested in 2018–19.

Note: Science test results include the CAST and the CAA for Science. The “Percent Met or Exceeded” is calculated by taking the total number of students who met or exceeded the standard on the CAST plus the total number of students who met the standard (i.e., achieved Level 3–Alternate) on the CAA for Science divided by the total number of students who participated on both assessments.

2017-18 CAASPP Results for All Students						
Subject	Percent of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standards (grades 3-8 and 11)					
	School		District		State	
	16-17	17-18	16-17	17-18	16-17	17-18
ELA	83.0	81.0	68.0	69.0	48.0	50.0
Math	73.0	69.0	48.0	50.0	37.0	38.0

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

State Priority: Other Pupil Outcomes

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the State priority: Other Pupil Outcomes (Priority 8):

- Pupil outcomes in the subject area of physical education

Grade Level	2017-18 Percent of Students Meeting Fitness Standards		
	4 of 6	5 of 6	6 of 6
7	16.9	26.2	43.1

* 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.

**School Year 2017-18 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	1016	1005	98.92	80.60
Male	517	512	99.03	76.17
Female	499	493	98.80	85.19
Black or African American	31	30	96.77	70.00
Asian	208	207	99.52	92.27
Filipino	47	47	100.00	85.11
Hispanic or Latino	214	214	100.00	65.42
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	--	--	--	--
White	429	421	98.14	82.19
Two or More Races	86	85	98.84	83.53
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	141	140	99.29	60.00
English Learners	128	128	100.00	78.13
Students with Disabilities	128	126	98.44	46.83
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 2017-18 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	1,017	1,002	98.53	69.26
Male	518	510	98.46	67.45
Female	499	492	98.6	71.14
Black or African American	31	30	96.77	46.67
Asian	208	207	99.52	89.86
Filipino	47	46	97.87	71.74
Hispanic or Latino	214	212	99.07	49.06
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	--	--	--	--
White	430	421	97.91	69.83
Two or More Races	86	85	98.84	72.94
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	141	138	97.87	47.1
English Learners	128	127	99.22	67.72
Students with Disabilities	128	123	96.09	35.77
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 school site

Opportunities for Parental Involvement (School Year 2018-19)

We welcome and actively encourage parent involvement on our campus and appreciate our parent volunteers. The Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) is our parent information and volunteer group. Our families help support school field trips, organize and run fundraisers, attend a variety of school events, host staff appreciation events, volunteer to answer phones, help with supervision during brunch and lunch, volunteer as guest speakers to support career presentations and so on. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend our PAC meetings. For more information, please contact the school at (661) 284-3260.

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

The school safety plan is reviewed annually to ensure Rancho Pico maintains a safe and healthy learning environment for all students and staff. The plan includes child abuse reporting procedures, dangerous student notification, bullying and cyber bullying, school site discipline, evacuation procedures, lock down procedures, risk management assessment, and crisis management and intervention. The plan is shared with staff before and after scheduled drills to ensure its efficiency. The plan was reviewed in September and updated to enhance procedures for evacuations and lock-downs.

Prevention of harassment of any kind continues to be a priority at Rancho Pico. Administrators, counselors, teachers, and staff are proactive in identifying and responding to peer conflict to prevent issues. At the start of this school year, all students and their parents signed our Fair Treatment Policy located in each student's daily planner. Our peer mediation program has been successful in assisting students to resolve issues before conflict escalates, requiring adult intervention and school consequences. Additionally, our Safe School Ambassadors program has empowered students to be positive influences within their peer group. We continue to address school wide issues by educating students through our daily live news broadcast and during advisory.

Rancho Pico is a closed campus. Campus supervisors and school personnel monitor campus before, during, and after school. All visitors must sign-in upon entering the front office and wear their visitor badge at all times while on campus. The administrative team works closely with law enforcement and our School Resource Officer (SRO). Our positive relationship with law enforcement provides students and parents an opportunity to interact and build relationships with our site's SRO. Our partnership with local law enforcement allows administration to stay current with issues and needs present in our local community along with immediate support at the school site when necessary.

Suspensions and Expulsions			
School	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Suspensions Rate	1.0	2.3	1.2
Expulsions Rate	0.0	0.1	0.0
District	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Suspensions Rate	1.3	1.5	1.6
Expulsions Rate	0.1	0.0	0.1
State	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Suspensions Rate	3.7	3.7	3.5
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.

Academic Counselors and Other Support Staff at this School	
Number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)	
Academic Counselor	3.0
Counselor (Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	0
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	1.0
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	0.5
Psychologist	1
Social Worker	0
Nurse	1.0
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	2
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)	0
Other	
Average Number of Students per Staff Member	
Academic Counselor	349

* 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 (Secondary)												
Subject	Average Class Size			Number of Classrooms*								
				1-22			23-32			33+		
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
English	41.0	48.0	56.0	10	8	4			2	14	13	13
Mathematics	28.0	38.0	48.0	7	2	4		2	3	2	2	14
Science	52.0	54.0	68.0	6	5	2	1	1	1	11	12	12
Social Science	45.0	51.0	63.0	9	7	2	1	2	2	12	12	12

* 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.

Professional Development provided for Teachers

The Director of Professional Development at the Administrative Center oversees the professional development structure for the William S. Hart School District consisting of a school site Administrator, a school site Instructional Coach, and a school site Professional Development Team. Professional Development for the 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years focuses on the implementation of the Common Core State Standards, the California ELA / ELD Framework, and the California History-Social Sciences Framework. Beyond simply understanding of the standards, English, Math, Science, and Social Studies content teams are developing resources, refining curriculum guides, and designing rigorous units supported by Teachers on Special Assignment and Curriculum Specialists. Instructional Coaches support all teachers as they teach literacy across the curriculum, differentiate instruction, develop best practices for student engagement, and implement strategies for increasing student achievement. Annually, teachers participate in Lesson Study as a means of systematically examining successful teaching strategies to increase student learning, and improve effective methods of instruction. Teachers also focus on ways to apply the Common Core Anchor Standards which identify reading, writing, listening and speaking skills that students utilize across all content areas in all grade levels, and how to increase critical thinking through depth of knowledge. All teachers participate in site and district level professional development centered around strengthening and supporting core instruction of subject-specific content and common literacy practices. After school workshops are available for teachers to attend on a myriad of additional contemporary topics related to student engagement, positive school culture, instructional and assessment strategies, wellness, and curriculum mapping. School site PD teams are responsible for providing personalized professional development - meeting the needs of teachers individually and collectively, supporting the school site goals and plans. PD teams also provide professional learning opportunities to teachers on PD days and minimum days, during site-based collaboration time, and at staff meetings according to their annual PD plan. All teachers are also provided with mobile technology to support and enhance instruction and increase the effective use of technology in the classroom.

FY 2016-17 Teacher and Administrative Salaries		
Category	District Amount	State Average for Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$47,400	\$50,747
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$73,675	\$86,127
Highest Teacher Salary	\$95,863	\$106,915
Average Principal Salary (ES)	\$0	
Average Principal Salary (MS)	\$129,725	\$136,636
Average Principal Salary (HS)	\$143,879	\$150,286
Superintendent Salary	\$244,088	\$238,058
Percent of District Budget		
Teacher Salaries	35.0	34.0
Administrative Salaries	5.0	5.0

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

Types of Services Funded

Staffing Costs, Textbooks, Materials, Supplies, and Facility/Operating Expenses are funded out of the district's general budget as described in the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP). Additional programs and services to support students are funded through State supplemental funds for parallel support intervention classes, after-school intervention time, increased parent engagement, bilingual instructional assistance, translating for family participation, and professional development for staff in intentional teaching practices to increase student learning. Federal categorical funds are used to provide additional support for English Learners, Homeless students, Foster Youth, Students with Disabilities, and counseling services focused on overall student wellness.

DataQuest

DataQuest is an online data tool located on the CDE DataQuest web page at <https://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/> that contains additional information about this school and comparisons of the school to the district and the county. Specifically, DataQuest is a dynamic system that provides reports for accountability (e.g., test data, enrollment, high school graduates, dropouts, course enrollments, staffing, and data regarding English learners).

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.

FY 2016-17 Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries				
Level	Expenditures Per Pupil			Average Teacher Salary
	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	
School Site	\$10,365	\$2,546	\$7,819	\$78,286
District	◆	◆	\$7,734	\$78,175
State	◆	◆	\$7,125	\$85,815
Percent Difference: School Site/District			1.1	0.1
Percent Difference: School Site/ State			9.3	-9.2

* Cells with ◆ 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.