

# **Gerald P. Carr Intermediate School**

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# 2013-14 School Accountability Report Card Published During the 2014-15 School Year



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#### **School Mission**

Gerald P. Carr Intermediate School (Carr Intermediate) is a community of learners where students, staff and parents are valued and recognized. In order to achieve and maintain excellence, we are committed to maximizing student potential, emphasizing high expectations and standards and developing pride and appreciation for life-long education and achievement.

Carr Intermediate is located at the corner of West Edinger Street and South Raitt Street. We offer a wide range of programs to support our students. We offer after school tutoring in math to all students on a drop-in basis. We offer a variety of Saturday and vacation intervention programs as well, in English, math and social studies. We have an outstanding after school program which provides support and enrichment every day until 6:00 P.M.

Our parents are welcomed as partners in their children's education. General parent meetings are held on a monthly basis, both in the morning and in the evening. Parents also participate in leadership groups, such as our School Site Council, our English Language Advisory Committee, and our Parent-Teacher-Student Organization. We encourage parents to serve as volunteers in classrooms, in the lunch area and in the office; and parents are invited to observe their children at school at any time.

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At Carr Intermediate School, we challenge our students to:

- Think critically
- Analyze, argue, and defend critical issues
- Develop study skills
- Develop self-assessment skills
- Communicate effectively
- Increase their oral, written and reading proficiency
- Work collaboratively with others

At Carr Intermediate School, we challenge ourselves as educators to:

- Strengthen student/teacher/parent communication
- Provide a safe and orderly environment

#### **District Profile**

Santa Ana Unified School District is the seventh largest district in the state, currently serving over 57,000 students in grades K-12 and residing in the city of Santa Ana. The district operates 36 elementary schools, 9 intermediate schools, 7 high schools, 1 alternative high school, 2 continuation schools and 5 charter schools. The student population is comprised of 88.1% enrolled in the Free or Reduced Price Meal program, 47.8% qualifying for English language learner support, and approximately 11.0% receiving special education services. Our district's schools have received California Distinguished Schools, National Blue Ribbon Schools, California Model School, Title I Academic Achieving Schools and Governor's Higher Expectations awards in honor of their outstanding programs. In addition, 19 schools have received the Golden Bell Award since 1990.

Each of Santa Ana Unified School District's staff members, parents, and community partners have developed and maintained high expectations to ensure every student's intellectual, creative, physical, emotional, and social development needs are met. The district's commitment to excellence is achieved through a team of professionals dedicated to delivering a challenging, high quality educational program. Consistent success in meeting student performance goals is directly attributed to the district's energetic teaching staff and strong parent and community support.

#### **District Mission**

We assure well-rounded learning experiences, which prepare our students for success in college and career. We engage, inspire, and challenge all of our students to become productive citizens, ethical leaders, and positive contributors to our community, country and a global society.

#### **District Vision**

We will work collaboratively and comprehensively with staff, parents, and the community to strengthen a learning environment focused on raising the achievement of all students and preparing them for success in college and career.

#### About the SARC

Every school in California is required by state law to publish a School Accountability Report Card (SARC), by February 1 of each year. 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 Accountability Plan (LCAP), which describes how they intend to meet annual school-specific goals for all pupils, with specific activities to address state and local priorities. Additionally, data reported in an LCAP is to be consistent with data reported in the SARC.

- For more information about SARC requirements, see the California Department of Education (CDE) SARC Web page at http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa/.
- View this SARC online at the school and/or LEA Web sites.
- For more information about the LCFF or LCAP, see the CDE LCFF Web page at http://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/aa/lc/.
- For additional information about the school, parents and community members should contact the school at (714) 480-4100.

2013-14 Student Enrollment by Grade Level		
Grade Level Number of Students		
Gr. 6	550	
Gr. 7	549	
Gr. 8	520	
Total	1,619	

2013-14 Student Enrollment by Group					
Group Percent of Total Enrol					
Black or African American	0.2				
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.1				
Asian	0.9				
Filipino	0.0				
Hispanic or Latino	98.3				
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.0				
White	0.4				
Two or More Races	0.1				
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	98.2				
English Learners	35.3				
Students with Disabilities	13.5				

# A. Conditions of Learning

# **State Priority: Basic**

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the Basic State Priority (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				
Gerald P. Carr Intermediate School	12-13	13-14	14-15	
Fully Credentialed	63	59	63	
Without Full Credential	0	0	0	
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	0	0	0	
Santa Ana Unified School District	12-13	13-14	14-15	
Fully Credentialed	•	•	2,528	
Without Full Credential	•	+	14	
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	+	<b>*</b>		

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions at this School				
Gerald P. Carr Intermediate School	12-13	13-14	14-15	
Teachers of English Learners	0	0		
Total Teacher Misassignments	0	0		
Vacant Teacher Positions	0	0		

<sup>&</sup>quot;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.

# **Core Academic Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers**

2013-14 Percent of Classes In Core Academic Subjects Core Academic Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers				
Location of Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers Not Taught by Highly Qualified				
This School	100.00	0.00		
	Districtwide			
All Schools	99.40	0.60		
High-Poverty Schools	99.36	0.64		
Low-Poverty Schools	100.00	0.00		

<sup>\*</sup> High-poverty schools are defined as those schools with student eligibility of approximately 40 percent or more in the free and reduced price meals program. Low-poverty schools are those with student eligibility of approximately 39 percent or less in the free and reduced price meals program.

# Quality, Currency, Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials (School Year 2014-15)

All textbooks used in the core curriculum throughout Santa Ana Unified School District are aligned to the California Content Standards and Frameworks. Instructional materials for grades K-8 are selected from the state's list of standards-based materials and adopted by the State Board of Education. Instructional materials for grades 9-12 are standards based and approved by the district's Board of Trustees. On October 14, 2014, the Santa Ana Unified School District's Board of Trustees held a public hearing to certify the extent to which textbooks and instructional materials have been provided to students. The Board of Trustees adopted Resolution No 14/15-3027 which certifies as required by Education Code §60119 that for the 2014-2015 school year, the Santa Ana Unified School District has provided sufficient textbooks or instructional materials, or both, that are consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum frameworks adopted by the State Board, to each pupil enrolled in a foreign language or health course, and that sufficient laboratory science equipment applicable to science laboratory courses offered in grades 9-12, inclusive, is available to pupils.

Year Adopted	Intermediate School Textbook Publisher	Grades
	Mathematics	
2008	CGP Education, California Mathematics	6
2008	CGP Education, California Mathematics	7
2008	Holt, Rinehart, Winston, Holt California Algebra Readiness	8
2008	College Preparatory Mathematics, California Algebra Connections	8
	Language Arts	
2010	Hampton Brown, Inside Language (A-G))	6-8
2002	Holt, Rinehart, Winston	6-8
	Science(s)	
2007	Holt, Rinehart, Winston, Earth Science	6
2007	Holt, Rinehart, Winston, Life Science	7
2007	Holt, Rinehart, Winston, Physical	8
	Social Science	
2006	Pearson/Prentice-Hall, Ancient Civilization	6
2006	Pearson/Prentice-Hall, Medieval & Early Modern Times	7
2006	Glencoe/McGraw Hill, Discovering our past: The American Journey to WWI	8

# School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements (Most Recent Year)

School custodial staff and the district's maintenance department work together to ensure classrooms and campus grounds are well-maintained and kept safe and functioning for students, staff, and visitors. Maintenance and Operations (M&O) employs an electronic work order system enabling school staff to communicate unscheduled maintenance needs, urgent repairs, or special projects. Most of the school's repairs and maintenance projects are performed by the district's highly qualified, professional trade specialists. Emergency situations are immediately resolved either by the school custodian or district maintenance staff, based upon the nature of the situation. Day and evening custodians work closely as a team and with the principal for routine maintenance, daily custodial duties, and special events preparations. The principal and day custodian communicate daily to discuss campus cleaning needs and safety concerns. Every morning before school begins, the custodian, principal, and assistant principal inspect facilities for safety hazards, graffiti, and other conditions that require removal prior to students and staff entering school grounds. School safety and cleanliness are the custodians' highest priority and strongly emphasized as a component of their daily routines. Custodians are trained by M&O's administrators on proper cleaning procedures, use of chemicals, and use of equipment. The day custodians are responsible for following an established set of cleaning standards and prioritization procedures for general campus maintenance. The day custodian checks restrooms twice a day as a proactive measure in keeping facilities well stocked, safe, and sanitary. The evening custodians are responsible for thorough cleaning of classrooms, office areas, and restrooms. Groundskeepers are dispatched by the district office to perform general maintenance of landscaping, gardening, sports fields, and irrigation systems.

The most recent facilities inspection at Gerald P. Carr Intermediate School took place on 6/26/2014. Schools are required by state law to report the condition of their facilities; the School Site Inspection table illustrated in this report identifies the state required inspection areas and discloses the operational status in each of those areas.

		ir Status (Most Re ta were collected		
		Repair Status	. 0, 20, 2014	Repair Needed and
System Inspected	Good	Fair	Poor	Action Taken or Planned
Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	[X]	[]	[]	201: Vent in office has no cover s/c: 255219 Replace office door s/c: 255218 604: Tiles around a/c unit needs repair s/c: 255218 902: Office vent needs cover s/c: 255219 Blue internet cable needs covers s/c: 255220
Interior: Interior Surfaces	[x]	[]	[]	613: Panel needs to be replaced has cuts on the wall s/c: 255218 Auditorium: Ceiling tiles falling over 40 to repair s/c: 255218 Emergency lights not working s/c: 255216 Kitchen: Outlet falling out of the wall s/c: 255216 Tile came off the floor s/c: 255217
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/ Vermin Infestation	[X]	[]	[]	
Electrical: Electrical	[X]	[]	[]	608: Cover for light fixture is broken s/c: 255216 611: Light switch not working s/c: 255216 902: Office vent needs cover s/c: 255219 Blue internet cable needs covers s/c: 255220 Auditorium: Ceiling tiles falling over 40 to repair s/c: 255218 Emergency lights not working s/c: 255216 Kitchen: Outlet falling out of the wall s/c: 255216 Tile came off the floor s/c: 255217
Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	[X]	[]	[]	507: Need to eliminate sinks in classroom per principal s/c: 255222 903: Teacher sink leaking s/c: 255222
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	[X]	[]	[]	
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	[X]	[]	[]	
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	[X]	[]	[]	201: Vent in office has no cover s/c: 255219 Replace office door s/c: 255218 202: Cabinet shelves and doors need replacement s/c: 255218 502: Door closer need replacement s/c: 255224 503: Broken cabinet doors s/c: 255218 504: Hallway door closer needs replacement s/c: 255224
Overall Rating	Exemplary	Good Fair	Poor	
_	[]	[X] [ ]	[]	

# **B. Pupil Outcomes**

# State Priority: Pupil Achievement

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the Pupil Achievement State Priority (Priority 4):

- Statewide assessments (i.e., California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress and its successor the Standardized Testing and Reporting Program);
- The Academic Performance Index; and
- The percentage of pupils 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	Result	s for All	Studer	nts - Thi	ree-Yea	r Comp	arison	
	Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced (meeting or exceeding the state standards)								
Subject	School		District		State				
	11-12	12-13	13-14	11-12	12-13	13-14	11-12	12-13	13-14
Science	43	48	42	48	47	47	60	59	60

Science (grades 5, 8, and 10) assessments include California Standards Tests (CSTs), California Modified Assessment (CMA), and California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA). Scores are not shown when the number of students tested is ten or less, either because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or to protect student privacy.

	STAR Results for All Students - Three-Year Comparison								
	Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced (meeting or exceeding the state standards)								
Subject		School			District			State	
	10-11	11-12	12-13	10-11	11-12	12-13	10-11	11-12	12-13
ELA	34	40	36	43	45	44	54	56	55
Math	57	51	38	47	48	45	49	50	50
HSS	32	41	41	37	40	41	48	49	49

STAR Program was last administered in 2012-13. 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.

Academic Performance Index Ranks - Three-Year Comparison				
API Rank	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	
Statewide	3	4	3	
Similar Schools	6	8	7	

For 2014 and subsequent years, the statewide and similar schools ranks will no longer be produced.

Grade	2013-14 Percent o	of Students Meeting	Meeting Fitness Standards		
Level	4 of 6	5 of 6	6 of 6		
7	26.4	22.6	26.6		

\* 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.

Group	Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced
	Science (grades 5, 8, and 10)
All Students in the LEA	47
All Student at the School	42
Male	46
Female	37
Black or African American	
American Indian or Alaska Native	
Asian	
Filipino	
Hispanic or Latino	41
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	
White	
Two or More Races	
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	42
English Learners	13
Students with Disabilities	22
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	

CAASPP includes science assessments (CSTs, CMA, and CAPA) in grades 5, 8, and 10. Scores are not shown when the number of students tested is ten or less, either because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or to protect student privacy.

API Growth by Student Group – Three-Year Comparison						
<b>C</b> 12222	Actual API Change					
Group	10-11	11-12	12-13			
All Students at the School	1	32	-26			
Black or African American						
American Indian or Alaska Native						
Asian						
Filipino						
Hispanic or Latino	0	33	-26			
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander						
White	hite					
Two or More Races						
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	-3	40	-26			
English Learners	3	30	-22			
Students with Disabilities	80	52	27			

"N/D" means that no data were available to the CDE or LEA to report. "B" means the school did not have a valid API Base and there is no Growth or target information. "C" means the school had significant demographic changes and there is no Growth or target information

# C. Engagement

#### State Priority: Parental Involvement

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the Parental Involvement State Priority (Priority 3):

Efforts the school district makes to seek parent input in making decisions for the school district and each schoolsite.

#### **Opportunities for Parental Involvement**

Parents are encouraged to get involved in Carr Intermediate School's learning community by volunteering their time, attending school events, or sharing in the decision-making process. The school welcomes assistance in the classroom, and library and/or media center on special days. Parents are always invited to help chaperone field trips. Carr Intermediate School provides a wide range of opportunities for parents to interact with school staff while supporting their child's academic efforts; these may include:

- Back to School Night
- Open House
- Student performances
- Fundraisers
- Career Day
- Music and dance performances

- Science fairs
- Sports events
- Promotion activities
- Student recognition assemblies
- Parent education training and/or workshops
- \* Parent Academies

The following campus organizations provide opportunities for parents to have input on curricular programs, activities, and the design of the School's Plan:

- School Site Council
- English Language Advisory Council

- Parent Teacher Association (PTA)
- Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

Parents seeking more information about becoming an active member in the school community may contact the principal or assistant principal at 714-480-4100.

School-to-home communication is provided in both English and Spanish. Through routine correspondence and special announcements, parents are kept informed on school news, student activities, schedules, policy changes, and class curriculum updates including the following formats:

- XTEND Computerized Phone System
- School web site
- Public Service Channel 31 or 51
- School and/or Class newsletters

- Flyers
- Letters
- School Marquees/Banners
- New Student Orientations

# **State Priority: School Climate**

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

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

# School Safety Plan

The Comprehensive School Site Safety Plan was developed in collaboration with local agencies and the district office to fulfill Senate Bill 187 requirements. Components of this plan include child abuse reporting procedures, teacher notification of dangerous pupil procedures, disaster response procedures, procedures for safe arrival and departure from school, sexual harassment policy, and dress code policy. The school's most current safety plan was reviewed and updated to address the safety plan components and individual responsibilities during the 2013-2014 school year. The Santa Ana Unified School District's Board of Trustees reviews the safety plans annually by March 1.

Suspensions and Expulsions					
School	11-12	12-13	13-14		
Suspensions Rate	12.7	12.9	12.8		
Expulsions Rate	0.6	0.5	0.2		
District	11-12	12-13	13-14		
Suspensions Rate	7.0	4.9	4.3		
Expulsions Rate	0.1	0.1	0.1		
State	11-12	12-13	13-14		
Suspensions Rate	5.7	5.1	4.4		
Expulsions Rate	0.1	0.1	0.1		

<sup>\*</sup> The rate of suspensions and expulsions is calculated by dividing the total number of incidents by the total enrollment x 100.

# 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.

2013-14 Adequate Yearly Progress Overall and by Criteria				
AYP Criteria School Distri				
Made AYP Overall				
Met Participation Rate: English-Language Arts				
Met Participation Rate: Mathematics				
Met Percent Proficient: English-Language Arts				
Met Percent Proficient: Mathematics				
Met API Criteria				
Met Graduation Rate (if applicable)				

On March 7, 2014, the U.S. Department of Education approved California's testing waiver for certain statutory and regulatory requirements. Specifically, a one-year waiver was granted that allowed flexibility in making Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) determinations for schools and LEAs participating in the Smarter Balanced assessment field test. The CDE did not produce a 2014 AYP report for elementary and middle schools and elementary and unified school districts.

2014-15 Federal Intervention Program				
Indicator	District			
Program Improvement Status	In PI	In PI		
First Year of Program Improvement	2004-2005			
Year in Program Improvement	Year 3			
Number of Schools Currently in Program Impro	54			
Percent of Schools Currently in Program Improv	90.0			

DW (determination waiver) indicates that the PI status of the school was carried over from the prior year in accordance with the flexibility granted through the federal waiver process.

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution												
Number of Classrooms* Average Class Size												
Ave	rage C	lass Siz	е		1-20			21-32			33+	
Grade	12	13	14	12	12 13 14 12 13 14			12	13	14		
Kinder.												
Gr. 6		28	24		37	59		6	22		74	59
English	31.2	31	30	9	9	10	24	1	12	34	24	21
Math	30	31	33	7	8	5	12	3	1	16	23	26
Science	31.8	34	31	7	4	4	3	2	9	23	25	21
SS	31.8	34	31	5	4	6	4	1	10	24	26	19

- \* 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.
- \* Blanks indicate unreported data

Academic Counselors and Other Support Staff at this School				
Number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)				
Academic Counselor	2			
Counselor (Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	0			
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	1			
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	0			
Psychologist	1			
Social Worker	0			
Nurse	1			
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	1			
Resource Specialist	0			
Other 1				
Average Number of Students per Staff Member				
Academic Counselor	800			

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.

FY 2012-13 Teacher and Administrative Salaries					
Category	District Amount	State Average for Districts In Same Category			
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$48,660	\$41,761			
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$74,308	\$66,895			
Highest Teacher Salary	\$94,284	\$86,565			
Average Principal Salary (ES)	\$115,715	\$108,011			
Average Principal Salary (MS)	\$118,268	\$113,058			
Average Principal Salary (HS)	\$127,729	\$123,217			
Superintendent Salary	\$265,000	\$227,183			
Percent of District Budget					
Teacher Salaries	39	38			
Administrative Salaries	4	5			

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

FY 2012-13 Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries						
Level	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	Average Teacher Salary		
School Site	\$4,681	\$1,459	\$3,221	\$72,214		
District	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>	\$4,130	\$78,285		
State	•	<b>*</b>	\$4,690	\$70,720		
Percent Difference: School Site/District			-22.0	-7.8		
Percent Difference: School Site/ State			-31.3	2.1		

# Types of Services Funded at Gerald P. Carr Intermediate School

In addition to general fund state funding, Santa Ana Unified School District received federal, state, and local aid for categorical, special education, and support programs, including but not limited to:

- After School Education and Safety (ASES) (Proposition 49)
- California Career Pathways Trust
- California Clean Energy Jobs Act (Prop 39)
- Carl Perkins
- Carol M White PEP Grant
- Common Core State Standards (CCSS)
- Gear Up IV (RSCC Fiscal Agent)
- Head Start
- Irvine Mathematics Project UCI
- Kinder Readiness Program II

- Lighthouse Academy Project Governor's CTE Initiative: CA Parnership Academies
- Lottery: Instructional Materials
- Medi-Cal Billing Option
- Migrant Ed
- Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention (NEOP) Grant Program
- Partnership Academies Program
- Quality Education Investment Act QEIA
- Special Ed
- Title I, II, III, and IV part B

#### Professional Development provided for Teachers at Gerald P. Carr Intermediate School

All curriculum and instructional improvement activities at Santa Ana Unified School District are aligned to the California State Content Standards and Frameworks. Staff development concentrations are selected and identified based upon student assessment results, NCLB requirements, teacher input, state content standards, and professional development surveys.

All staff development activities in the Santa Ana Unified School District are focused on increasing student learning and proficiency.

Santa Ana Unified School District offers supplemental training and support for new and ongoing program implementation. Training activities take place throughout the school year, after school, and during the summer and generally focus on curriculum, teaching strategies, and methodologies. During the 2014-2015 school year, district training opportunities focused on the following:

At the secondary level -

- Common Core
- Language Arts/Math
- AVID Training (Advancement Via Individual Determination)
- Working with Parents
- GATE Training (Gifted And Talented Education)

- Special Education
- Data Analysis and Using Data to Drive Instruction
- Curriculum Mapping
- Professional Learning Communities

New teachers are supported by peer coaching and extensive staff development. The BTSA Induction Program (Beginning Teacher Support and Assistance) is a state-approved program that offers additional support and assistance to newly credentialed teachers. All new teachers are assigned to a Support Provider (mentor teacher) and provided individualized support over a two-year period.

To support veteran teachers as well as new teachers to the district, Santa Ana Unified School District offers Peer Assistance and Review (PAR) which is easily defined as teachers helping teachers. Experienced and knowledgeable veteran teachers, referred to as Consulting Teachers, provide ongoing assistance to teachers who need to improve their instructional skills, classroom management strategies, subject knowledge, and/or related aspects of their teaching performance.

Staff members are encouraged to attend professional workshops and conferences. New teachers, experienced teachers, mentor/ teacher leaders, administrators, and support staff are encouraged to participate in workshops sponsored by the Orange County Office of Education and courses offered by community colleges and universities. Classified support staff may receive additional job-related training from vendors, department supervisors, and district representatives.