



# Advanced Learning Academy

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## 2015-16 School Accountability Report Card Published During the 2016-17 School Year



### Santa Ana Unified School District

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### School Description

The Advanced Learning Academy aims to provide SAUSD students with personalized, student-centered instruction that accelerates learning. Students and teachers have the opportunity to be innovators and collaborators. The school is focused around unique instructional methods that support competency-based learning, coupled with project-based learning. Both students and teachers are given the space and support to “fail fast, and fail often”, as we innovate new paths in learning. Students will learn daily, iterate continuously, and engage in skills that support 21st Century Learning.

Our Mission is for ALA students to learn 21st Century skills through meaningful hands-on experiences that prepare them for college and career.

### District Profile

Santa Ana Unified School District (SAUSD) is the seventh largest district in the state, currently serving nearly 56,000 students in grades K-12, residing in the city of Santa Ana. As of 2015-16, SAUSD operates 37 elementary schools, 9 intermediate schools, 7 high schools, 3 alternative high schools, and 5 charter schools. The student population is comprised of 91% enrolled in the Free or Reduced Price Meal program, 60% qualifying for English language learner support, and approximately 12% 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, 20 schools have received the Golden Bell Award since 1990. Each of Santa Ana Unified School District’s staff members, parent, 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

By February 1 of each year, every school in California is required by state law to publish a School Accountability Report Card (SARC). The SARC contains information about the condition and performance of each California public school. Under the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) all local educational agencies (LEAs) are required to prepare a Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), which describes how they intend to meet annual school-specific goals for all pupils, with specific activities to address state and local priorities. Additionally, data reported in an LCAP is to be consistent with data reported in the SARC.

- For more information about SARC requirements, see the California Department of Education (CDE) SARC Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa/>.
- For more information about the LCFF or LCAP, see the CDE LCFF Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/aa/lc/>.
- For additional information about the school, parents/guardians and community members should contact the school principal or the district office.

**2015-16 Student Enrollment by Grade Level**

Grade Level	Number of Students
Grade 4	58
Grade 5	32
Grade 6	36
<b>Total Enrollment</b>	<b>126</b>

**2015-16 Student Enrollment by Group**

Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	0.8
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.8
Asian	0.8
Filipino	2.4
Hispanic or Latino	88.9
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.8
White	3.2
Two or More Races	2.4
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	81
English Learners	33.3
Students with Disabilities	9.5
Foster Youth	0

## 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**

Advanced Learning Academy	14-15	15-16	16-17
<b>With Full Credential</b>		6	11
<b>Without Full Credential</b>		0	0
<b>Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence</b>		0	0
Santa Ana Unified School District	14-15	15-16	16-17
<b>With Full Credential</b>	♦	♦	2140
<b>Without Full Credential</b>	♦	♦	0
<b>Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence</b>	♦	♦	10

**Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions at this School**

Advanced Learning Academy	14-15	15-16	16-17
<b>Teachers of English Learners</b>		0	0
<b>Total Teacher Misassignments</b>		0	0
<b>Vacant Teacher Positions</b>		0	0

\* "Misassignments" refers to the number of positions filled by teachers who lack legal authorization to teach that grade level, subject area, student group, etc. Total Teacher Misassignments includes the number of Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners.

### Core Academic Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers

2015-16 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 Teachers
<b>This School</b>	100.0	0.0
Districtwide		
<b>All Schools</b>	99.3	0.7
<b>High-Poverty Schools</b>	99.2	0.8
<b>Low-Poverty Schools</b>	100.0	0.0

\* 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 2016-17)

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 11, 2016, 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. 16/17-3135 which certifies as required by Education Code §60119 that for the 2016-2017 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 including those 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.

**Textbooks and Instructional Materials**  
**Year and month in which data were collected: October 11, 2016**

Year Adopted	Elementary School Textbook Publisher	Grades
<b>Mathematics</b>		
2008	Saxon Publishers <i>Saxon Math</i>	K-5
2008	Houghton-Mifflin	K-5
<b>Language Arts</b>		
2002	SRA/McGraw Hill <i>Open Court Reading</i>	K-5
2010	Sopris West <i>Language!</i>	4-5
<b>Science(s)</b>		
2008	MacMillan/ McGraw Hill California Science	K-5
<b>Social Science</b>		
2007	Scotts Foresman	K-5

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

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

### School Facility Good Repair Status (Most Recent Year) Year and month in which data were collected: 6/27/2016

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

## B. Pupil Outcomes

### State Priority: Pupil Achievement

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

- Statewide assessments (i.e., California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress [CAASPP] System, which includes the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments for students in the general education population and the California Alternate Assessments [CAAs] for English language arts/literacy [ELA] and mathematics given in grades three through eight and grade eleven. The CAAs have replaced the California Alternate Performance Assessment [CAPA] for ELA and mathematics, which were eliminated in 2015. Only eligible students may participate in the administration of the CAAs. CAA items are aligned with alternate achievement standards, which are linked with the Common Core State Standards [CCSS] for students with significant cognitive disabilities); and
- The percentage of students who have successfully completed courses that satisfy the requirements for entrance to the University of California and the California State University, or career technical education sequences or programs of study

CAASPP Results for All Students - Three-Year Comparison									
Subject	Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced (meeting or exceeding the state standards)								
	School			District			State		
	13-14	14-15	15-16	13-14	14-15	15-16	13-14	14-15	15-16
<b>Science</b>			14			41			54

\* Science test results include California Standards Tests (CSTs), California Modified Assessment (CMA), and California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA) in grades five, eight, and ten. 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.

Grade Level	2015-16 Percent of Students Meeting Fitness Standards		
	4 of 6	5 of 6	6 of 6
<b>5</b>	22.2	27.8	13.9

\* 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.

2015-16 CAASPP Results for All Students						
Subject	Percent of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standards (grades 3-8 and 11)					
	School		District		State	
	14-15	15-16	14-15	15-16	14-15	15-16
<b>ELA</b>		33		31		48
<b>Math</b>		17		25		36

\* 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.

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

Group	Number of Students		Percent of Students	
	Enrolled	with Valid Scores	w/ Valid Scores	Proficient or Advanced
All Students	36	36	100.0	13.9
Male	22	22	100.0	18.2
Female	14	14	100.0	7.1
Hispanic or Latino	34	34	100.0	14.7
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	31	31	100.0	9.7
English Learners	14	14	100.0	

\* Science test results include CSTs, CMA, and CAPA in grades five, eight, and ten. The "Proficient or Advanced" is calculated by taking the total number of students who scored at Proficient or Advanced on the science assessment divided by the total number of students with valid scores. Scores are not shown when the number of students tested is ten or less, either because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or to protect student privacy.

**School Year 2015-16 CAASPP Assessment Results - English Language Arts (ELA)  
Disaggregated by Student Groups, Grades Three through Eight and Eleven**

Student Group	Grade	Number of Students		Percent of Students	
		Enrolled	Tested	Tested	Standard Met or Exceeded
All Students	4	54	54	100.0	35.2
	5	36	36	100.0	30.6
	6	43	43	100.0	32.6
Male	4	33	33	100.0	30.3
	5	22	22	100.0	22.7
	6	20	20	100.0	35.0
Female	4	21	21	100.0	42.9
	5	14	14	100.0	42.9
	6	23	23	100.0	30.4
Hispanic or Latino	4	48	48	100.0	29.2
	5	34	34	100.0	29.4
	6	38	38	100.0	34.2
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	4	39	39	100.0	33.3
	5	31	31	100.0	22.6
	6	34	34	100.0	32.4
English Learners	4	13	13	100.0	7.7
	5	14	14	100.0	
	6	13	13	100.0	

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 on the CAAs divided by the total number of students who participated in both assessments. 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. 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 2015-16 CAASPP Assessment Results - Mathematics**  
**Disaggregated by Student Groups, Grades Three through Eight and Eleven**

Student Group	Grade	Number of Students		Percent of Students	
		Enrolled	Tested	Tested	Standard Met or Exceeded
All Students	4	54	54	100.0	24.1
	5	36	36	100.0	11.1
	6	43	43	100.0	11.6
Male	4	33	33	100.0	21.2
	5	22	22	100.0	13.6
	6	20	20	100.0	10.0
Female	4	21	21	100.0	28.6
	5	14	14	100.0	7.1
	6	23	23	100.0	13.0
Hispanic or Latino	4	48	48	100.0	20.8
	5	34	34	100.0	11.8
	6	38	38	100.0	10.5
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	4	39	39	100.0	25.6
	5	31	31	100.0	3.2
	6	34	34	100.0	8.8
English Learners	4	13	13	100.0	15.4
	5	14	14	100.0	7.1
	6	13	13	100.0	

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 on the CAAs divided by the total number of students who participated in both assessments. 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. 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.

### 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 (School Year 2016-17)

Parents are encouraged to get involved at the Advanced Learning Academy by volunteering their time, attending school events, or sharing in the decision making process. Parents are invited to chaperon field trips and assist during special events as well. Advanced Learning Academy 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
- Project-Based Learning Public Presentations
- Fundraisers/Parent Teacher Organization Events
- Student recognition assemblies- Trimester Awards
- Parent education training and/or workshops- Family STEM Night

The following campus organizations provide opportunities for parents to give input on curricular programs, activities, and the design of the schools Single Plan for Student Achievement:

- School Site Council
- English Language Advisory Council
- Parent Leaders Group

**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 2015-2016 school year. Schools are required to forward updated safety plans after review to the District Office annually.

Suspensions and Expulsions			
School	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Suspensions Rate	0.0	0.0	3.3
Expulsions Rate	0.0	0.0	0.0
District	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Suspensions Rate	4.3	3.5	3.0
Expulsions Rate	0.1	0.1	0.1
State	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Suspensions Rate	4.4	3.8	3.7
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.

2016-17 Federal Intervention Program		
Indicator	School	District
Program Improvement Status		In PI
First Year of Program Improvement		2004-2005
Year in Program Improvement		Year 3
Number of Schools Currently in Program Improvement		
Percent of Schools Currently in Program Improvement		

Academic Counselors and Other Support Staff at this School	
Number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)	
Academic Counselor	0
Counselor (Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	0
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	0
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	0
Psychologist	0.2
Social Worker	0
Nurse	0
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	0.4
Resource Specialist	0.4
Other	0
Average Number of Students per Staff Member	
Academic Counselor	0

\* One Full Time Equivalent (FTE) equals one staff member working full time; one FTE could also represent two staff members who each work 50 percent of full time.

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Elementary)												
Grade	Average Class Size			Number of Classrooms*								
				1-20			21-32			33+		
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16

## Professional Development provided for Teachers

All curriculum and instructional improvement activities at Santa Ana Unified School District are aligned to the Common Core State Standards. Staff development concentrations are selected and identified based upon student assessment results, LCAP requirements, teacher input, California State Standards, and professional development surveys. All staff development activities at Santa Ana Unified School District are focused on increasing student learning and proficiency. Staff training topics at the individual school sites may have included: Common Core State Standards, Open Court, Frontloading, Thinking Maps, Guided Language Acquisition Design, effective teaching strategies from Marzano, et al., effective grading practices, strategic schooling strategies, etc. Utilizing technology to provide access, staff has received initial exposure to strategies such as personalized and blended learning with a focus of small group collaborative instruction.

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. Teachers received professional development in teaching and learning that focused on: Common Core State Standards.

- Open Court Curriculum
- GLAD Training (Guided Language Acquisition Design)
- SDAIE Training (Specially Designed Academic Instruction In English)
- Differentiated Instruction
- Frontloading
- Gifted and Talented Education
- Working with Parents
- Special Education
- Data Analysis and Using Data to Drive Instruction using the new Illuminate program
- Curriculum Mapping
- Thinking Maps
- Write from the Beginning
- Benchmark Assessments in Language Arts and Math

As necessary, new teachers and teachers not yet fully credentialed are supported by peer coaching and extensive staff development. The Santa Ana Unified TIPS Induction Program (Teacher Induction and Professional Support) 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. More information about the TIPS Induction Program is available at <http://www.sausdtips.org/>

FY 2014-15 Teacher and Administrative Salaries		
Category	District Amount	State Average for Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$51,618	\$45,092
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$77,227	\$71,627
Highest Teacher Salary	\$100,016	\$93,288
Average Principal Salary (ES)	\$123,500	\$115,631
Average Principal Salary (MS)	\$125,613	\$120,915
Average Principal Salary (HS)	\$139,614	\$132,029
Superintendent Salary	\$313,500	\$249,537
Percent of District Budget		
Teacher Salaries	39%	37%
Administrative Salaries	4%	5%

\* For detailed information on salaries, see the CDE Certificated Salaries & Benefits webpage at [www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/](http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/).

## Types of Services Funded

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
- Gear Up IV (RSCC Fiscal Agent)
- Head Start
- Irvine Mathematics Project – UCI
- Kinder Readiness Program II
- Lighthouse Academy Project
- Governor’s CTE Initiative: CA Partnership Academies
- Lottery: Instructional Materials
- Medi-Cal Billing Options
- Migrant Ed
- Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention (NEOP) Grant Program
- Partnership Academies Program
- Special Education
- Title I, II, III, and IV part B

## DataQuest

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

## Internet Access

Internet access is available at public libraries and other locations that are publicly accessible (e.g., the California State Library). Access to the Internet at libraries and public locations is generally provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Other use restrictions may include the hours of operation, the length of time that a workstation may be used (depending on availability), the types of software programs available on a workstation, and the ability to print documents.

FY 2014-15 Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries				
Level	Expenditures Per Pupil			Average Teacher Salary
	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	
School Site				
District	♦	♦		\$82,966
State	♦	♦	\$5,677	\$75,837
Percent Difference: School Site/District				
Percent Difference: School Site/ State				

\* Cells with ♦ do not require data.