

Taft Elementary School

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School Description

Taft Elementary School (Taft School) is located at the corner of Keller Avenue and Pasteur Street. The mission of Taft School is fulfilled by highly competent staff working in concert with parents and outside resources. School staff are committed to celebrating the uniqueness of the individual and guiding each child to fulfillment of his or her potential. All children can learn - it is the commitment of Taft School to educate its students for positive and varied roles in society.

Taft School has a large concentration of students with special needs, including the regionalized deaf and hard of hearing program. Over 16 classrooms are dedicated to servicing these special education students based upon their individual needs and abilities. Taft School hosts a special education infant/preschool program for students up to age five. Identified students have an IFSP (Individualized Family Service Plan) or an IEP (Individualized Education Plan).

School Vision:

Our vision is to maximize student achievement by:

- Providing high quality, standards-based instruction for students in the two programs offered at Taft School: Elementary K-6 (general and special education) and Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH).
- Providing a school-based system of accountability measures, which will ensure continuous progress for all students.
- Providing teachers with training, which includes research-based strategies and best practices.
- Providing innovative programs in order to give students the opportunity to excel in higher level thinking skills for all curricular areas.
- Partnering with the community to provide a wide variety of support for our students and families.
- Providing opportunities for parents to be meaningfully involved in the education of their children.
- Providing students with positive character trait expectations of being "respectful, responsible and safe," utilizing the tenets of the Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (P.B.I.S.) program.
- Providing a college/career focus by implementing S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) curricula.

School Mission:

Our mission is to promote a partnership that includes students, staff, parents and the community to ensure the academic success of all students. Teachers and support staff provide a rigorous, standards-based instructional program to Taft's diverse student population. Instruction is data-driven to meet grade level expectancy and individual needs. A strong focus will be the Common Core State Standards as teachers are trained and implement this high rigor of instruction.

Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports:

Taft has implemented Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS), a school-wide discipline program that utilizes proactive strategies for defining, teaching and supporting appropriate student behaviors. At Taft, PBIS encompasses an integrated approach that focuses on prevention, instruction, and intervention by way of Taft's PBIS coaches, its PBIS team and staff members. A positive school climate and support for all students is implemented in both classroom and non-classroom areas utilizing "Tiger Tickets", students of the week and other positive reinforcements which are a daily part of life at Taft Elementary School.

Taft and Target's (TnT) Fit to Read Lab:

In January of 2012, Taft Elementary School was the recipient of a \$100,000 unrestricted grant from Target and the Ellen DeGeneres Show. The funds have been used to create a one-of-a-kind exercise and reading lab that utilizes gym-quality recumbent bicycles coupled with student reading activities. The purpose of the lab is to measure and take advantage of the effects of exercise and reading.

In October 2014, Taft opened up a completely remodeled state of the art library and digital learning center courtesy of 'Heart of America' along with volunteers from Target.

Fun Fitness Fridays:

As a support to both Taft's PBIS program and physical fitness goals, Taft has implemented Fun Fitness Fridays. This is a school-wide, physical education activity which focuses on 8 different centers of enriched physical activity where students are constantly engaged. The activities range from jump ropes to hula-hoops, kick boxing and basketball drills. All activities are designed and led by student leaders from our 5th-6th grade classes.

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		
Kindergarten	88		
Grade 1	82		
Grade 2	91		
Grade 3	97		
Grade 4	87		
Grade 5	87		
Grade 6	55		
Total Enrollment	587		

2015-16 Student Enrollment by Group				
Group	Percent of Total Enrollment			
Black or African American	1.7			
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.5			
Asian	6.3			
Filipino	0.7			
Hispanic or Latino	85			
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.3			
White	4.1			
Two or More Races	1.4			
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	87.9			
English Learners	48.7			
Students with Disabilities	26.7			
Foster Youth	0.7			

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							
Taft Elementary School	14-15	15-16	16-17				
With Full Credential	38	42	37				
Without Full Credential	0	0	0				
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	0	0	0				
Santa Ana Unified School District	14-15	15-16	16-17				
With Full Credential	+	*	2140				
Without Full Credential	+	*	0				
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	+	+	10				

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions at this School							
Taft Elementary School 14-15 15-16 16-17							
Teachers of English Learners	0	0	0				
Total Teacher Misassignments	0	0	0				
Vacant Teacher Positions	0	0	0				

[&]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

2015-16 Percent of Classes In Core Academic Subjects **Core Academic Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers** Not Taught by Highly **Taught by Highly Location of Classes Qualified Teachers Qualified Teachers** This School 100.0 0.0 Districtwide **All Schools** 99.3 0.7 **High-Poverty Schools** 99.2 8.0 0.0 **Low-Poverty Schools** 100.0

^{*} 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					
	Mathematics						
2008	Saxon Publishers Saxon Math	K-5					
2008	Houghton-Mifflin	K-5					
	Language Arts						
2002	SRA/McGraw Hill Open Court Reading	K-5					
2010	Sopris West Language!	4-5					
	Science(s)						
2008	MacMillan/ McGraw Hill California Science	K-5					
	Social Science						
2007	Scotts Foresman	K-5					

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.

School Facility Good Repair Status (Most Recent Year) Year and month in which data were collected: 7/1/2016					
Coston broaded		Repair	Status		Repair Needed and
System Inspected	Good	Fa	air	Poor	Action Taken or Planned
Systems:	Х				
Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer					
Interior: Interior Surfaces			X		BLDG B HALLWAY: Carpet is frayed and torn w/o: 263853 BLDG B LUNCH AREA: Tear in carpet w/o: 263853 RM A-10: Frayed carpet w/o: 263853 RM A-12: Frayed carpet w/o: 263853 RM A-14: Frayed carpet w/o: 263853 RM A-16: Carpet is frayed and torn w/o: 263853 RM A-17: Frayed carpet w/o: 263853 RM A-24.1: Tear in carpet w/o: 263853 RM A-24.2: Tear in carpet w/o: 263853 RM A-37: Carpet is frayed and torn w/o: 263853 RM A-37: Carpet dearpet w/o: 263853 RM A-38: Frayed carpet w/o: 263853 RM A-39: Frayed carpet w/o: 263853 RM B-42: Frayed carpet w/o: 263853 RM B-42: Frayed carpet w/o: 263853 RM B-61: Frayed carpet w/o: 263853
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/ Vermin Infestation	Х				
Electrical:	Х				
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	Х				BOYS RR BY RM 17: Toilet leaks from handle w/o: 263859 GIRLS RR BY RM 69: Needs new toilet seat w/o: 263859 GIRLS RR BY RM A-30: Toilet leaks from handle w/o: 263859 KINDER RR: Loose faucet w/o: 263859 RM A-30: Loose faucet in restroom w/o: 263859
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	Х				
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	Х				
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	Х				
Overall Rating	Exemplary	Good	Fair	Poor	
-		Х			

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

2015-16 CAASPP Results for All Students								
	Percent of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standards (grades 3-8 and 11)							
Subject	Sch	ool	Dist	District		State		
	14-15	15-16	14-15	15-16	14-15	15-16		
ELA	18	26	27	31	44	48		
Math	17	20	22	25	34	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.

	CAASPP 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				
	13-14	14-15	15-16	6 13-14 14-15 15-16			13-14	14-15	15-16
Science	44	40	32	44	40	41	60	56	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	2015-16 Percent of Students Meeting Fitness Standards					
Level	4 of 6	5 of 6	6 of 6			
5	20.7	15.9	4.9			

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 by Student Group Science (grades 5, 8, and 10)						
0.000	Number of	Students	Percen	Percent of Students		
Group	Enrolled	with Valid Scores	w/ Valid Scores	Proficient or Advanced		
All Students	93	91	97.9	31.9		
Male	50	50	100.0	30.0		
Female	43	41	95.4	34.2		
Hispanic or Latino	76	74	97.4	27.0		
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	88	86	97.7	31.4		
English Learners	43	41	95.4	19.5		
Students with Disabilities	33	32	97.0	43.8		

^{*} 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

		Number o	f Students	Percent of Students		
Student Group	Grade	Enrolled	Tested	Tested	Standard Met or Exceeded	
All Students	3	98	98	100.0	20.4	
	4	90	89	98.9	14.6	
	5	93	91	97.8	26.4	
	6	56	55	98.2	50.9	
Male	3	44	44	100.0	22.7	
	4	53	53	100.0	15.1	
	5	50	50	100.0	20.0	
	6	29	28	96.5	46.4	
Female	3	54	54	100.0	18.5	
	4	37	36	97.3	13.9	
	5	43	41	95.3	34.1	
	6	27	27	100.0	55.6	
Hispanic or Latino	3	89	89	100.0	19.1	
	4	71	70	98.6	15.7	
	5	76	74	97.4	23.0	
	6	43	42	97.7	42.9	
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	3	90	90	100.0	18.9	
	4	80	79	98.8	13.9	
	5	88	86	97.7	25.6	
	6	50	49	98.0	51.0	
English Learners	3	43	43	100.0	7.0	
	4	42	41	97.6	17.1	
	5	43	41	95.3	4.9	
	6	12	11	91.7	27.3	
Students with Disabilities	3	31	31	100.0		
	4	31	31	100.0	3.2	
	5	33	32	97.0	3.1	

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 **Number of Students Percent of Students Student Group** Grade Standard Met or **Enrolled Tested** Tested **Exceeded** All Students 3 98 98 100.0 27.6 4 90 89 98.9 10.1 98.9 5 93 14.1 92 6 56 56 100.0 32.1 Male 3 44 44 100.0 36.4 4 53 53 100.0 13.2 18.0 5 50 50 100.0 6 29 29 100.0 27.6 **Female** 3 54 54 100.0 20.4 4 36 97.3 5.6 97.7 5 43 42 9.5 6 27 27 100.0 37.0 **Hispanic or Latino** 3 89 89 100.0 28.1 4 71 70 98.6 12.9 5 76 75 98.7 9.3 100.0 6 43 43 23.3 Socioeconomically Disadvantaged 3 90 90 100.0 26.7 4 80 79 98.8 7.6

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.

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97.7

100.0

100.0

100.0

97.0

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13.9

4.9

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3.2

C. Engagement

English Learners

Students with Disabilities

State Priority: Parental Involvement

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

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• 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 in Taft Elementary 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, library and/or media center on special days. Parents are always invited to help chaperon field trips. Taft Elementary 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/choir and/or theater performances
- Science fairs
- Sports events
- Promotion activities
- Student recognition assemblies
- Parent education training and/or workshops

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). PTA has been cited as an exemplary organization that continues to provide on going support to the Taft community.

Parents seeking more information about becoming an active member in the school community may contact the principal or assistant principal at (714) 550-1400.

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:

- EduLink or Tell-A-Parent Computerized Phone System
- School web site
- Public Service Channel 31 or 51
- School and/or Class newsletters
- Flyers
- Letters
- School Marquee/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 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	0.6	0.4	0.6			
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 Impro	54				
Percent of Schools Currently in Program Impro	90.0				

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)	.75					
Psychologist	1.75					
Social Worker	0					
Nurse	.2					
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	4					
Resource Specialist	1					
Other	1					
Average Number of Students per Staff Member						
Academic Counselor N/A						

^{*} 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)												
	Average Class Size			Number of Classrooms*								
Grade				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
К	21	25	25	3	1	1	4	3	3			
1	22	27	27	1			2	2	2			
2	21	22	22	1	1	1	2	3	3			
3	22	24	24	2	1	1	3	3	3			
4	30	22	22		2	2	2				2	2
5	29	17	17	1	3	3		3	3	3		
6	19	21	21	1	1	1	2	2	2			
Other	10	12	12	3	3	3		1	1			

Professional Development provided for Teachers

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

All staff development activities at Santa Ana Unified School District are focused on increasing student learning and proficiency. During the 2015-16 school year, our school sponsored 2.5 days of staff development. 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 is continuing to receive 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. During the 2015-16 school year, district training opportunities focused on the following:

At the elementary level -

- Common Core State Standards
- Open Court Curriculum
- GLAD Training (Guided Language Acquisition Design)
- SDAIE Training (Specially Designed Academic Instruction In English)
- CTAP Technology Training (California Technology Assistance Project)
- 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 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 www.sausdtips.org

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.

School professional development has been focused on implementation of AVID and WICOR strategies, since since we are in our second year of AVID and will be 'certified' by the end of the 2016-17 school year. While we are doing this school wide we are concentrating on 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grades. More specifically, teachers have received training in the following areas; each grade level has adopted a college/university name; students are being taught organizational skills by utilizing a binder for record keeping, etc., and students are learning note taking skills via Cornell notes. At staff meetings, teachers are presenting to their peers successful strategies being implemented within their classrooms.

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/.

FY 2014-15 Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries						
Level	Ехр	Average Teacher				
	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	Salary		
School Site	\$10,171	\$5,468	\$4,702	\$83,052		
District	*	*	\$3,423.06	\$82,966		
State	*		State +		\$5,677	\$75,837
Percent Diffe	rence: School S	37.4	0.1			
Percent Diffe	rence: School S	-17.2	9.5			

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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.