

Joshua Circle Elementary School

School Accountability Report Card

Reported Using Data from the 2015-16 School Year

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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.

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).

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About This School

Contact Information (School Year 2016-17)

School Contact Information	
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CDS Code	36-75044-6035943

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School Description and Mission Statement (School Year 2016-17)

It is the vision of the Joshua Circle Staff that we remain committed to empowering parents to be educational partners to educate for the 21st Century and to collaborating in grade level teams, to share best teaching practices and to continually assess individual student progress in reading, writing, and math, ensuring student mastery of State standards. The school is located in central Hesperia and is surrounded by a residential neighborhood. Joshua Circle is a TK-6 school, with approximately 800 students and has the most challenging demographics of any other elementary school in the district.

Mission: Promoting Higher Achievement through Critical Thinking, Collaboration, Communication, Creativity and Innovation.

Vision: Joshua Circle Elementary School, along with our parent and community partners, encourages students to be responsible and caring members of our community through meaningful and innovative educational programs. Our programs emphasize technology, real world problem solving, and application that prepares students for the 21st Century.

Student Enrollment by Grade Level (School Year 2015-16)

Grade Level	Number of Students
Kindergarten	123
Grade 1	104
Grade 2	98
Grade 3	105
Grade 4	130
Grade 5	116
Grade 6	117
Total Enrollment	793

Student Enrollment by Group (School Year 2015-16)

Student Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	6.4
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.3
Asian	0.5
Filipino	0
Hispanic or Latino	74.7
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.4
White	12.9
Two or More Races	0.6
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	83.2
English Learners	36.7
Students with Disabilities	11.3
Foster Youth	1.1

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

Teachers	School			District
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2016-17
With Full Credential				
Without Full Credential				
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence (with full credential)				

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions

Indicator	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners			
Total Teacher Misassignments *			
Vacant Teacher Positions			

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.

Core Academic Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers (School Year 2015-16)

Location of Classes	Percent of Classes In Core Academic Subjects	
	Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers	Not Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers
This School	100.0	0.0
All Schools in District	97.0	3.0
High-Poverty Schools in District	97.0	3.0
Low-Poverty Schools in District	0.0	0.0

Note: 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)

Year and month in which data were collected: October, 2012

All textbooks used in the core curriculum throughout Hesperia Unified School District are aligned to the California Content Standards and Frameworks. Instructional Materials for grades K-8 are selected from the state's most recent 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. The district follows the State Board of Education's six-year adoption cycle for core content materials and the eight-year cycle for textbook adoptions in foreign language, visual and performing arts, and health. District textbook review and adoption activities occur the year following the state's adoption. Parents are invited to preview proposed adoptions at the district office for one evening and ten days prior to approval by the school board.

In October, 2012, the Hesperia Unified School District 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.2012/13-11 which certifies as required by Education Code section 60119 (1) that textbooks and instructional materials were provided to all students, including English learners in the Hesperia Unified School District to the extent that each pupil has a textbook or instructional materials, or both, to use in class and to take home to study, (2) sufficient textbooks and instructional materials were provided to each student, including English learners, that are aligned to the academic content standards and consistent with the cycles and content of the curriculum frameworks in math, science, history-social science, and English/language arts, (3) sufficient textbooks or instructional materials were provided to each pupil enrolled in foreign language or health classes, and (4) sufficient laboratory science equipment was provided for science laboratory classes offered in grades 9-12, inclusive.

Subject	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/ Year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption?	Percent of Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
Reading/Language Arts	Houghton Mifflin Reading California - 2002	Yes	0%
Mathematics	Harcourt Math - 2002	Yes	0%
Science	Houghton Mifflin California Science - 2007	Yes	0%
History-Social Science	Houghton Mifflin Social Science - 2006	Yes	0%
Foreign Language			0%
Health			0%
Visual and Performing Arts			0%
Science Laboratory Equipment (grades 9-12)			0%

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements (Most Recent Year)

Site Williams Inspection by SBCSS completed August 2014 with no deficiencies noted.

School Facility Good Repair Status (Most Recent Year)

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Year and month of the most recent FIT report: 07/10/15				
System Inspected	Repair Status			Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
	Good	Fair	Poor	
Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	X			
Interior: Interior Surfaces	X			
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/Vermin Infestation	X			
Electrical: Electrical	X			
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/Fountains	X			
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	X			
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	X			
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	X			

Overall Facility Rating (Most Recent Year)

Year and month of the most recent FIT report: 07/10/15				
Overall Rating	Exemplary	Good	Fair	Poor
			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 Test Results in English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA) and Mathematics for All Students

Subject	Percent of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standards (grades 3-8 and 11)					
	School		District		State	
	2014-15	2015-16	2014-15	2015-16	2014-15	2015-16
English Language Arts/Literacy	13	16	31	34	44	48
Mathematics	10	12	19	21	34	36

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.

**CAASPP Test Results in ELA by Student Group
 Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven (School Year 2015-16)**

Student Group	Grade	Number of Students		Percent of Students	
		Enrolled	Tested	Tested	Standard Met or Exceeded
All Students	3	104	103	99.0	20.4
	4	136	132	97.1	14.4
	5	132	131	99.2	16.8
	6	114	113	99.1	13.4
Male	3	56	55	98.2	12.7
	4	74	70	94.6	14.3
	5	60	59	98.3	13.6
	6	62	61	98.4	8.3
Female	3	48	48	100.0	29.2
	4	62	62	100.0	14.5
	5	72	72	100.0	19.4
	6	52	52	100.0	19.2
Black or African American	3	--	--	--	--
	4	--	--	--	--
	5	--	--	--	--
	6	11	11	100.0	9.1
American Indian or Alaska Native	3	--	--	--	--
	5	--	--	--	--
	6	--	--	--	--
Asian	3	--	--	--	--
	4	--	--	--	--
	5	--	--	--	--
	6	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	3	84	83	98.8	18.1
	4	101	98	97.0	14.3
	5	108	107	99.1	16.8
	6	81	81	100.0	13.8
White	3	--	--	--	--
	4	22	22	100.0	13.6
	5	13	13	100.0	15.4
	6	15	14	93.3	14.3
Two or More Races	3	--	--	--	--
	4	--	--	--	--
	6	--	--	--	--
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	3	92	92	100.0	20.6
	4	113	109	96.5	14.7

Student Group	Grade	Number of Students		Percent of Students	
		Enrolled	Tested	Tested	Standard Met or Exceeded
	5	110	110	100.0	11.8
	6	91	90	98.9	14.6
English Learners	3	37	36	97.3	11.1
	4	48	46	95.8	6.5
	5	48	47	97.9	6.4
	6	37	37	100.0	5.4
Students with Disabilities	3	--	--	--	--
	4	24	22	91.7	
	5	11	11	100.0	9.1
	6	26	26	100.0	
Foster Youth	3	--	--	--	--
	4	--	--	--	--
	5	--	--	--	--
	6	--	--	--	--

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 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.

Note: The number of students tested includes all students who participated in the test whether they received a score or not; however, the number of students tested is not the number that was used to calculate the achievement level percentages. The achievement level percentages are calculated using only students who received scores.

CAASPP Test Results in Mathematics by Student Group Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven (School Year 2015-16)

Student Group	Grade	Number of Students		Percent of Students	
		Enrolled	Tested	Tested	Standard Met or Exceeded
All Students	3	104	104	100.0	26.9
	4	135	131	97.0	9.9
	5	132	131	99.2	4.6
	6	114	113	99.1	8.9
Male	3	56	56	100.0	28.6
	4	73	69	94.5	7.3
	5	60	59	98.3	5.1
	6	62	61	98.4	6.7
Female	3	48	48	100.0	25.0
	4	62	62	100.0	12.9
	5	72	72	100.0	4.2
	6	52	52	100.0	11.5
Black or African American	3	--	--	--	--

Student Group	Grade	Number of Students		Percent of Students	
		Enrolled	Tested	Tested	Standard Met or Exceeded
	4	--	--	--	--
	5	--	--	--	--
	6	11	11	100.0	
American Indian or Alaska Native	3	--	--	--	--
	5	--	--	--	--
	6	--	--	--	--
Asian	3	--	--	--	--
	4	--	--	--	--
	5	--	--	--	--
	6	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	3	84	84	100.0	25.0
	4	101	98	97.0	11.2
	5	108	107	99.1	3.7
	6	81	81	100.0	10.0
White	3	--	--	--	--
	4	21	21	100.0	9.5
	5	13	13	100.0	15.4
	6	15	14	93.3	7.1
Two or More Races	3	--	--	--	--
	4	--	--	--	--
	6	--	--	--	--
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	3	92	92	100.0	27.2
	4	112	108	96.4	11.1
	5	110	110	100.0	3.6
	6	91	90	98.9	7.9
English Learners	3	37	37	100.0	21.6
	4	48	46	95.8	4.3
	5	48	47	97.9	
	6	37	37	100.0	2.7
Students with Disabilities	3	--	--	--	--
	4	24	22	91.7	
	5	11	11	100.0	9.1
	6	26	26	100.0	
Foster Youth	3	--	--	--	--
	4	--	--	--	--
	5	--	--	--	--
	6	--	--	--	--

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 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.

Note: The number of students tested includes all students who participated in the test whether they received a score or not; however, the number of students tested is not the number that was used to calculate the achievement level percentages. The achievement level percentages are calculated using only students who received scores.

CAASPP Test Results in Science for All Students

Subject	Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced (meeting or exceeding the state standards)								
	School			District			State		
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Science (grades 5, 8, and 10)	28	28	21	46	36	33	60	56	54

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

Note: 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.

CAASPP Test Results in Science by Student Group Grades Five, Eight, and Ten (School Year 2015-16)

Student Group	Total Enrollment	# of Students with Valid Scores	% of Students with Valid Scores	% of Students Proficient or Advanced
All Students	131	130	99.2	20.8
Male	60	59	98.3	20.3
Female	71	71	100.0	21.1
Hispanic or Latino	107	106	99.1	22.6
White	13	13	100.0	15.4
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	109	109	100.0	19.3
English Learners	48	47	97.9	4.3
Students with Disabilities	11	11	100.0	18.2

Note: 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.

Note: 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.

State Priority: Other Pupil Outcomes

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

- Pupil outcomes in the subject areas of physical education.

California Physical Fitness Test Results (School Year 2015-16)

Grade Level	Percent of Students Meeting Fitness Standards		
	Four of Six Standards	Five of Six Standards	Six of Six Standards
5	23.2	15.2	36.8

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.

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)

Parent and community partnerships are important to the staff at Joshua Circle Elementary. To align our instructional practices with the parents and community needs, we have established the Joshua Circle Vision Coalition (JCVC). The JCVC is made up of parents, community members, and staff for the purpose of developing a school wide vision and aligning our educational practices to that vision. Parents are also encouraged to volunteer in the classroom, help with school events, tutoring programs, and be involved in the decision-making process through school committees. The School Site Council, Parent Teacher Club, English Language Advisory Council, Back to School Night, community nights, Parenting Classes, and Business and Innovation Nights are a few ways we offer for parent and community involvement.

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.

Suspensions and Expulsions

Rate	School			District			State		
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Suspensions	2.6	2.2	2.6	5.9	5.6	5.8	4.4	3.8	3.7
Expulsions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1

School Safety Plan (School Year 2016-17)

SCHOOL FACILITIES & SAFETY

Joshua Circle Elementary provides a safe, clean environment for learning through proper facilities maintenance and campus supervision. Original school facilities were built in 1956/1957; ongoing maintenance and modernization projects ensure the campus remains safe and in good working condition and provides adequate space for students and staff.

CAMPUS DESCRIPTION

Year Built - 1956/1957

Acreage - 10 ac

Square Footage - 46,596 sf

Number of Permanent Classrooms - 14

Number of Portable Classrooms - 18

Number of Restrooms (student use) - 5 sets

Computer Lab - 1

Library - 1

Cafeteria/Multipurpose Room - 1

Health Office - 1

Staff Work room/Lounge - 1

CAMPUS MAINTENANCE

The custodial staff and district's maintenance department work together to ensure playgrounds, classrooms, and campus grounds are well-maintained and kept safe and functioning for students, staff, and visitors. The principal and lead day custodian communicates daily regarding maintenance issues and special projects. Request forms are completed by school staff and forwarded to custodians for special projects. Custodians, administrators, and proctors carry hand-held two-way radios to enhance communication efforts and help facilitate an immediate response to emergency situations.

One full-time day custodian, one full-time evening custodian and one part-time evening custodian are assigned to Joshua Circle Elementary; the day custodian relays direction from the principal to evening custodial staff for routine maintenance, daily custodial duties, and special events. Every morning before school begins, the day custodian inspects facilities for safety hazards or other conditions that need attention prior to students and staff entering school grounds. The evening custodians clean classrooms, office areas, restrooms, and are responsible for set up and take down of equipment and/or furniture for afternoon and evening events.

Joshua Circle Elementary works closely with the district's Maintenance & Operations department (M&O) for larger projects, and school inspections. M&O employs a work order process that enables Joshua Circle Elementary to communicate unscheduled maintenance needs, urgent repairs, or special projects. Emergency situations are regularly resolved in one hour or less.

SCHOOL SAFE PLAN

The Joshua Circle Elementary is dedicated to the safety of the students, staff, and community members safety while on the campus. Our School Safe Plan is reviewed and modified on a regular basis, by the School Safety Committee. The School Safety Committee is made up of administration, staff, and parent volunteers. Within the plan are safety process and procedures for students, staff, and parents in the case of a natural disasters, fire, as well as Code Red Lock Down. The Joshua Circle School Safe Plan is located in the schools front office as well as at the Hesperia Unified School Districts. If anyone would like to review the plan, please contact the schools front office at (760) 244-6133.

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.

Federal Intervention Program (School Year 2016-17)

Indicator	School	District
Program Improvement Status	In PI	In PI
First Year of Program Improvement	2009-2010	2004-2005
Year in Program Improvement*	Year 5	Year 3
Number of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	N/A	20
Percent of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	N/A	80.0

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

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Elementary)

Grade Level	2013-14			2014-15			2015-16					
	Avg. Class Size	Number of Classes			Avg. Class Size	Number of Classes			Avg. Class Size	Number of Classes		
		1-20	21-32	33+		1-20	21-32	33+		1-20	21-32	33+
K	27	1	3		30		4		30		4	
1	25		4		27		3		27		3	
2	30		4		27		4		27		4	
3	27		4		23	1	4		23	1	4	
4	31		3		27	1	3	1	27	1	3	1
5	30		4		31		3		31		3	
6	27	1	4		22	2	3	1	22	2	3	1

Number of classes indicates how many classes fall into each size category (a range of total students per class).

Academic Counselors and Other Support Staff (School Year 2015-16)

Title	Number of FTE Assigned to School	Average Number of Students per Academic Counselor
Academic Counselor	0	0
Counselor (Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	0	N/A
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	0	N/A
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	.75	N/A
Psychologist	.5	N/A
Social Worker	0	N/A
Nurse	.25	N/A
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	.75	N/A
Resource Specialist	0	N/A
Other	0	N/A

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

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

Expenditures per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries (Fiscal Year 2014-15)

Level	Expenditures Per Pupil			Average Teacher Salary
	Total	Supplemental/ Restricted	Basic/ Unrestricted	
School Site				
District	N/A	N/A		\$69,949
Percent Difference: School Site and District	N/A	N/A		
State	N/A	N/A	\$5,677	\$75,837
Percent Difference: School Site and State	N/A	N/A		

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

Types of Services Funded (Fiscal Year 2015-16)

In addition to general fund state funding, Hesperia Unified School District receives state and federal categorical funding for special programs. For the 2013-14 school year, the District received federal, state, and local aid for the following categorical, special education, and support programs:

- Class Size Reduction
- Drug/Alcohol/Tobacco Education
- Economic Impact Aid
- Gifted & Talented
- Home-to-School Transportation
- Instructional Materials
- Special Education
- Title I (some schools)
- Vocation Education, Handicapped
- Vocational and Applied Technology

Teacher and Administrative Salaries (Fiscal Year 2014-15)

Category	District Amount	State Average for Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$45,290	\$45,092
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$71,772	\$71,627
Highest Teacher Salary	\$90,580	\$93,288
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)	\$114,281	\$115,631
Average Principal Salary (Middle)	\$117,442	\$120,915
Average Principal Salary (High)	\$128,138	\$132,029
Superintendent Salary	\$169,132	\$249,537
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	34%	37%
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	5%	5%

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

Professional Development (Most Recent Three Years)

All professional development activities in Hesperia Unified School District revolve around the Common Core State standards and the 21st century learning skills. .

The Certificated staff builds teaching skills and concepts through participation in ongoing training sponsored by the district and school site. During the 2013-14 school year, the district provide a staff development buy-back days. Each school site identifies and coordinates its own staff development activities based upon individual student needs, school site plans, and the districts designated focus areas. Supplemental training involving curriculum, teaching strategies, and methodologies in the content areas of reading/language arts and math were provided at site request via Coordinator of Staff Development and Academic Coaches.

Supplemental training topics were selected by the principal, assistant principal, and Staff Council. Training programs and topics were chosen based upon the school focus and student needs. Results for the Grade level single assessments, common formative assessments, teacher feedback, and findings from classroom observations help identify areas for improvement and training programs that will enable teachers to deliver a challenging and rigorous standards-based education fostering student success and proficiency.

The district supplements site-level professional development to follow up and support year-round and ongoing programs centered on Common Core State standards and the 21st Century Learning Skills. Supplemental professional development is offered throughout the school year on early student release days, during summer vacation, and on weekends. Staff development topics and focus areas are identified and selected based upon input from the district's Professional Development Committee, Principals' Roundtable, and teacher survey results. The Principals' Roundtable provides opportunities for school principals to discuss and share training needs based upon data analysis and classroom observations from each school site.

New teachers receive intensive support and training through the district's Induction Program and New Teachers Academy. For beginning and out-of-state teachers, the district utilized the state Induction Program (formerly known as Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment), a statewide and state-mandated research-based program providing support and skill building through formative assessment and individualized support based on assessment. The New Teachers Academy sponsors three new teacher orientations each year to support year-round hiring practices; the orientation is a comprehensive overview of the district's policies, school law, English language learners support, curriculum, instruction, and grade-level and content area specialties.