



Piute Middle School

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2019-20 School Accountability Report Card Published During the 2020-21 School Year

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School Description

By providing an equity-driven education based on the California Content Standards, by promoting personal development, and by offering a safe and encouraging environment, Piute Middle School prepares students to work cooperatively, think critically, and problem solve.

Piute students are community members who are responsible, respectful, fair, and trustworthy and they leave Piute ready to succeed at future endeavors in their career choice and college.

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

2019-20 Student Enrollment by Grade Level

Grade Level	Number of Students
Grade 6	198
Grade 7	359
Grade 8	351
Total Enrollment	908

2019-20 Student Enrollment by Group

Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	26
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.7
Filipino	0.4
Hispanic or Latino	65.4
White	5
Two or More Races	2.5
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	96.6
English Learners	18.9
Students with Disabilities	19.5
Foster Youth	2.6
Homeless	3.3

A. Conditions of Learning

State Priority: Basic

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the State priority: Basic (Priority 1):

- Degree to which teachers are appropriately assigned and fully credentialed in the subject area and for the pupils they are teaching;
- Pupils have access to standards-aligned instructional materials; and
- School facilities are maintained in good repair

Teacher Credentials for Piute Middle School	18-19	19-20	20-21
With Full Credential	43	38	37
Without Full Credential	7	8	10
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	0	0	0

Teacher Credentials for Lancaster School District	18-19	19-20	20-21
With Full Credential	♦	♦	554
Without Full Credential	♦	♦	58
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	♦	♦	0

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions at Piute Middle School

Indicator	18-19	19-20	20-21
Teachers of English Learners	0	0	0
Total Teacher Misassignments*	0	0	0
Vacant Teacher Positions	0	0	0

Note: "Misassignments" refers to the number of positions filled by teachers who lack legal authorization to teach that grade level, subject area, student group, etc.

*Total Teacher Misassignments includes the number of Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners.

Quality, Currency, Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials (School Year 2020-21)

All textbooks were selected from the most recent list of standards-based materials adopted by the California State Board of Education and are consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum frameworks adopted by the SBE. Textbooks are chosen after careful review and piloting by teachers and then are approved by the Board of Trustees. There are textbooks/instructional materials for each student in each subject. All adopted textbooks and/or replacement textbooks are in fair to new condition

Textbooks and Instructional Materials

Year and month in which data were collected: August, 2020

Core Curriculum Area	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/Year of Adoption
Reading/Language Arts	6-8 McGraw Hill Study Sync / 2017 The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0%
Mathematics	6-8 McGraw Hill California Math 2014 The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0%
Science	Glencoe Science Focus On / 2007 The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0%
History-Social Science	McGraw Hill Impact California / 2019 The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0%

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

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements (Most Recent Year)

General

The district takes great efforts to ensure that all schools are clean, safe, and functional. To assist in this effort, the district uses a facility survey instrument developed by the Los Angeles County Office of Education. The results of this survey are available at the school office or at the district office.

Maintenance and Repair

District maintenance staff ensures that the repairs necessary to keep the school in good repair and working order are completed in a timely manner. A work order process is used to ensure efficient service and that emergency repairs are given the highest priority.

Cleaning Process & Schedule

The district governing board has adopted cleaning standards for all schools in the district. A summary of these standards is available at the district office. The principal works daily with the custodial staff to develop cleaning schedules to ensure a clean and safe school.

Deferred Maintenance Budget

Although the State no longer requires a Deferred Maintenance contribution, Lancaster School District is still dedicated to maintaining the facilities for our students. These expenditures would include but not be limited to roofing, plumbing, heating, air conditioning, electrical, painting, and flooring. For the 2020-21 school year, the district has budgeted \$1,508,500.00 for deferred maintenance projects.

School Building

Deferred Maintenance Project: Fire damage to the lounge will be repaired during Winter 2021.

School Facility Good Repair Status (Most Recent Year)

Using the **most recently collected** FIT data (or equivalent), provide the following:

- Determination of repair status for systems listed
- Description of any needed maintenance to ensure good repair
- The year and month in which the data were collected
- The rate for each system inspected
- The overall rating

Year and month in which data were collected: October, 2019

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

B. Pupil Outcomes

State Priority: Pupil Achievement

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

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

CAASPP Test Results in ELA and Mathematics for All Students

Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven

Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standard

Subject	School 18-19	School 19-20	District 18-19	District 19-20	State 18-19	State 19-20
ELA	17	N/A	31	N/A	50	N/A
Math	5	N/A	18	N/A	39	N/A

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

Note: The 2019-2020 data are not available. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Executive Order N-30-20 was issued which waived the requirement for statewide testing for the 2019-2020 school year.

Note: Percentages are not calculated when the number of students tested is ten or less, either because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or to protect student privacy.

Note: ELA and mathematics test results include the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment and the CAA. The “Percent Met or Exceeded” is calculated by taking the total number of students who met or exceeded the standard on the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment plus the total number of students who met the standard (i.e., achieved Level 3-Alternate) on the CAAs divided by the total number of students who participated in both assessments.

CAASPP Test Results in Science for All Students

Grades Five, Eight, and High School

Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standard

Subject	School 18-19	School 19-20	District 18-19	District 19-20	State 18-19	State 19-20
Science	2	N/A	14	N/A	30	N/A

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

Note: The 2019-2020 data are not available. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Executive Order N-30-20 was issued which waived the requirement for statewide testing for the 2019-2020 school year.

Note: The new California Science Test (CAST) was first administered operationally in the 2018-2019 school year.

State Priority: Other Pupil Outcomes

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

- Pupil outcomes in the subject areas of physical education.

2019-20 Percent of Students Meeting Fitness Standards

Grade Level	4 of 6	5 of 6	6 of 6
5	N/A	N/A	N/A
7	N/A	N/A	N/A
9	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

Note: The 2019–2020 data are not available. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Executive Order N-56-20 was issued which waived the requirement to administer the physical fitness performance test for the 2019–2020 school year.

**CAASPP Test Results in Science by Student Group
Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven (School Year 2019-2020)**

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Male	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Female	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Black or African American	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
American Indian or Alaska Native	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Asian	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Filipino	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic or Latino	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Two or More Races	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
English Learners	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Students with Disabilities	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Foster Youth	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Homeless	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

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**CAASPP Test Results in ELA by Student Group
Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven (School Year 2019-2020)**

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Male	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Female	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Black or African American	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
American Indian or Alaska Native	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Asian	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Filipino	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic or Latino	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Two or More Races	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
English Learners	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Students with Disabilities	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Foster Youth	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Homeless	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

Note: The 2019-2020 data are not available. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Executive Order N-30-20 was issued which waived the requirement for statewide testing for the 2019-2020 school year.

**CAASPP Test Results in Mathematics by Student Group
Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven (School Year 2019-2020)**

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Male	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Female	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Black or African American	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
American Indian or Alaska Native	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Asian	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Filipino	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic or Latino	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Two or More Races	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
English Learners	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Students with Disabilities	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Foster Youth	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Homeless	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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C. Engagement

State Priority: Parental Involvement

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

- Efforts the school district makes to seek parent input in making decisions for the school district and each school site

Opportunities for Parental Involvement (School Year 2020-21)

We seek to build positive partnerships with families and the community. The following opportunities for involvement exist at Piute Middle School:

- School Site Council
- English Learner Advisory Committee
- Parent Equity Action Committee

There are numerous other ways to get involved in your child's education. For further information, contact Principal, Dr. Solomon D. DeFrancis: defranciss@lancsd.org or 661-942-9508.

State Priority: School Climate

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

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

School Safety Plan (School Year 2020-2021)

Safety Plans are revised and reviewed annually with the staff and School Site Council at the beginning of each school year. Key elements addressed by the plan include:

- Child abuse reporting procedures
- Disaster and emergency procedures
- Incident Command System (ICS) responsibilities
- Teacher notification of dangerous students
- Sexual harassment policy
- School-wide dress code
- Provisions for safe ingress and egress to and from school
- Provisions for a safe and orderly environment conducive to learning
- Rules and procedures on school discipline
- Procedures for reporting hate crime
- Emergency response procedures
- COVID-19 prevention and response
- Bullying prevention, programs, and reporting procedures
- Suicide prevention policy and programs
- Threat assessment procedures
- Visitor policies and procedures
- School rules
- Equipment and supplies
- Communication systems

A full description of all elements is available from the school office or from the Pupil Safety and Attendance Department of the District Office.

Suspensions and Expulsions

(data collected between July through June, each full school year respectively)

Rate	School 2017-18	School 2018-19	District 2017-18	District 2018-19	State 2017-18	State 2018-19
Suspensions	15.0	10.8	6.1	5.2	3.5	3.5
Expulsions	0.6	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1

Suspensions and Expulsions for School Year 2019-2020 Only

(data collected between July through February, partial school year due to the COVID-19 pandemic)

Rate	School 2019-20	District 2019-20	State 2019-20
Suspensions	122	1375	
Expulsions	3	6	

Note: The 2019-2020 suspensions and expulsions rate data are not comparable to prior year data because the 2019-2020 school year is a partial school year due to the COVID-19 crisis. As such, it would be inappropriate to make any comparisons in rates of suspensions and expulsions in the 2019-2020 school year compared to prior years.

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.

Ratio of Pupils to Academic Counselor (School Year 2019-2020)

Title	Ratio
Academic Counselor*	454

*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.

Student Support Services Staff (School Year 2019-2020)

Title	Number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)
Counselor (Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	2
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	
Psychologist	2
Social Worker	
Nurse	0.3
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	0.5
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)	
Other	1

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

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Secondary)

Subject	2017-18	2017-18	2017-18	2017-18	2018-19	2018-19	2018-19	2018-19	2019-20	2019-20	2019-20	2019-20
	Average Class Size	# of Classes* Size 1-20	# of Classes* Size 21-32	# of Classes* Size 33+	Average Class Size	# of Classes* Size 1-20	# of Classes* Size 21-32	# of Classes* Size 33+	Average Class Size	# of Classes* Size 1-20	# of Classes* Size 21-32	# of Classes* Size 33+
English	18	37	19		15	43	17		20	29	17	1
Mathematics	23	22	33	3	18	42	17	1	21	29	28	1
Science	21	22	12		19	28	8		22	14	14	1
Social Science	21	20	11	1	19	24	10		26	5	19	1

*Number of classes indicates how many classrooms fall into each size category (a range of total students per classroom). At the secondary school level, this information is reported by subject area rather than grade level.

Professional Development (Most Recent Three Years)

Measure	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Number of school days dedicated to Staff Development and Continuous Improvement	25	26	25

The Lancaster School District provides professional development throughout the school year that trains and supports staff in the effective implementation of our adopted core and cornerstone programs including, but not limited to: 21st Century Instructional Strategies, Unit and Lesson Design and Delivery, Data Analysis, Leadership Training, Writing Instruction, Coaching, Direct Instruction, Conceptual Development, Building Academic Vocabulary, Culturally Responsive Teaching and Learning (including Capturing Kids Hearts), Integrating Technology into the Classroom, PBIS, Intervention, and Differentiation in Strategies for teaching EL, GATE, and at-risk students. High-quality, ongoing professional development opportunities are recognized as an important component in our work towards continuous improvement in student learning.

Ongoing opportunities include in-services during and after the work day as well as through site and district in-class and on-site coaching. All teachers are provided multiple opportunities to receive optional paid professional development. The school year calendar allows for 38 minimum days in which 17 days are utilized to provide 1-2 hours of district and site designed professional development specific to their needs. Outside workshops, conferences and other in-services that provide more in-depth training and further prepare our staff members to become trainers for our district are available as approved by the Board of Trustees.

Professional development supporting our instructional programs and services for students is also provided for our classified staff members. Additionally, workshops designed to improve technology skills, provide training with key software programs utilized in the district, and offer information on personal excellence and social responsibility are included in the professional development course offerings for classified staff throughout the school year.

FY 2018-19 Teacher and Administrative Salaries

Category	District Amount	State Average for Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$48,709	\$51,004
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$78,875	\$82,919
Highest Teacher Salary	\$104,235	\$104,604
Average Principal Salary (ES)	\$132,972	\$131,277
Average Principal Salary (MS)	\$129,876	\$136,163
Average Principal Salary (HS)		\$128,660
Superintendent Salary	\$224,352	\$230,860

Percent of District Budget	District Amount	State Average for Districts In Same Category
Teacher Salaries	34.0	35.0
Administrative Salaries	5.0	5.0

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

FY 2018-19 Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries

Level	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	Average Teacher Salary
School Site	9,259	2,474	6,785	80,257
District	N/A	N/A	89,806,274	\$81,631
State	N/A	N/A	\$7,750	\$84,183

Percent Differences	Unrestricted	Average Teacher Salary
School Site/District	-200.0	-1.7
School Site/ State	-13.3	-4.8

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

Types of Services Funded

Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) Base, Supplemental, and Concentration funds are utilized as outlined in the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) to ensure that all students receive the intervention or enrichment support and services that are needed to help them become proficient in academic areas and details the actions associated with meeting the specific needs of English Learners, foster and homeless youth, and low-income students. Before and after school tutoring for at risk and EL students is available through Title I funding.

DataQuest

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

California School Dashboard

The California School Dashboard (Dashboard) <https://www.caschooldashboard.org/> reflects California’s new accountability and continuous improvement system and provides information about how LEAs and schools are meeting the needs of California’s diverse student population. The Dashboard contains reports that display the performance of LEAs, schools, and student groups on a set of state and local measures to assist in identifying strengths, challenges, and areas in need of improvement.