

SARC Information

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 web page 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.

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.

Internet Access

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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.

School Mission Statement School Year 2022-2023

The school's mission is to provide students seeking an alternative school setting with a personalized approach to learning that empowers them to take responsibility for their education and to graduate with the skills they need to become responsible citizens and lifelong learners.

To carry out this mission, the school strives to equip the surrounding area students with the educational skills necessary in the 21st century – the ability to read, write, speak, and calculate with clarity and precision and the ability to participate intelligently and responsibly in a global society. The school offers alternative choices through site-based learning, independent study, and distance learning to enable students to acquire the knowledge necessary to make a difference in their lives.

The school provides a diverse, student-centered environment in which all students are held to high academic and behavioral standards. Students work in collaborative relationships, both within and outside the school, and perform service to the community. Through a personalized learning approach to education, the school strives to develop students who are competent, self-motivated, life-long learners. To accomplish this, the school emphasizes increased parental involvement, more one-on-one teacher and student interaction, attention to differences in learning styles, student-driven participation in developing the learning process, technology access, varied learning environments, teacher and parent development programs, and choices in curriculum programs.

The school places a strong emphasis on parental involvement within the learning process. Parents are viewed as an essential link in improving education; therefore, parents are encouraged to take part in their children's education through frequent communication with the teachers, participation in school related functions, and attendance in school sponsored parent development workshops. By providing a vehicle for meaningful parental involvement, the school strives to bridge the gap between school and home. It is the hope of the school that students will observe first-hand their parents and teachers working together to make a difference in their education and future.

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School Description and Profile

School Year 2022-2023

Desert Sands Charter School is a public charter school that offers a personalized educational program for 8-12 students and families who prefer using an Independent Study model to meet academic needs. Typical students are those who want an alternative to the local, public-school systems. Students come to the school because they were unsuccessful in the traditional high school setting, or they needed a more personalized approach to education. Other students need the flexibility of an independent study model to meet family obligations such as work or caring for a child. Regardless of the reason, the school offers a uniquely structured academic program, rigorously guided by the California Subject Area Content Standards that provides a challenging, yet highly individualized, education for students.

School Enrollment

TABLE 4: STUDENT ENROLLMENT BY GRADE LEVEL SCHOOL YEAR 2021-2022	
Grade Level	Number of Students
Grade 8	0
Grade 9	274
Grade 10	231
Grade 11	148
Grade 12	50
Total Enrollment	703

TABLE 5: STUDENT ENROLLMENT BY STUDENT GROUP SCHOOL YEAR 2021-2022	
Student Group	Percentage
Female	51%
Male	48%
Non-Binary	1%
American Indian or Alaska	0%
Asian	0%
Black or African American	17%
Filipino	0%
Hispanic or Latino	56%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0%
Two or More Races	4%
White	15%
English Learner	9%
Foster Youth	3%
Homeless	4%
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	86%
Students Receiving Migrant Ed	0%
Students with Disabilities	24%

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 Assignment

The school recruits and employs qualified credentialed teachers who meet all credential requirements in accordance with State of California guidelines. This chart displays information about teacher credentials at the school.

Note: As an independent charter school, the school's program, resources, and administration are run independently from the sponsoring district, so there is no district data to report for comparison in this section.

TABLE 6: TEACHER PREPARATION AND PLACEMENT SCHOOL YEAR 2020–2021

Authorization/Assignment	School Number	School Percent	State Number	State Percent
Fully (Preliminary or Clear) Credentialed for Subject and Student Placement (properly assigned)	41	98%	228,324	83.1%
Intern Credentialed Holders Properly Assigned	1	2%	4,121	1.5%
Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments ("ineffective" under ESSA)	0	0%	11,265	4.1%
Credentialed Teachers Assigned Out-of-Field ("out-of-field" under ESSA)	32	78%	12,089	4.4%
Unknown	0	0%	2,747	1.0%
Total Teaching Positions	42	100%	274,759	100%

Note: The data in this table is based on Full Time Equivalent (FTE) status. One FTE equals one staff member working full time; one FTE could also represent two staff members who each work 50 percent of full time. Additionally, an assignment is defined as a position that an educator is assigned based on setting, subject, and grade level. An authorization is defined as the services that an educator is authorized to provide to students.

TABLE 7: TEACHER PREPARATION AND PLACEMENT SCHOOL YEAR 2021–2022

Authorization/Assignment	School Number	School Percent	State Number	State Percent
Fully (Preliminary or Clear) Credentialed for Subject and Student Placement (properly assigned)	33	92%	N/A	N/A
Intern Credentialed Holders Properly Assigned	3	8%	N/A	N/A
Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments ("ineffective" under ESSA)	0	3%	N/A	N/A
Credentialed Teachers Assigned Out-of-Field ("out-of-field" under ESSA)	29	88%	N/A	N/A
Unknown	0	0%	N/A	N/A
Total Teaching Positions	36	100%	N/A	N/A

Note: The data in this table is based on FTE status. One FTE equals one staff member working full time; one FTE could also represent two staff members who each work 50 percent of full time. Additionally, an assignment is defined as a position that an educator is assigned based on setting, subject, and grade level. An authorization is defined as the services that an educator is authorized to provide to students.



Teacher Misassignments & Vacancies

Misassignments refers to the number of positions filled by teachers who lack legal authorization to teach that grade level, subject area, student group, etc. Teacher vacancies reflect the number of positions to which a single designated certificated employee has not been assigned at the beginning of the year for an entire semester or year.

TABLE 8: TEACHERS WITHOUT CREDENTIALS AND MISASSIGNMENTS (CONSIDERED "INEFFECTIVE" UNDER ESSA)		
Authorizations/Assignments	2020-2021 Number	2021-2022 Number
Permits and Waivers	0	0
Misassignments	0	2
Vacant Positions	0	0
Total Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments	0	1

TABLE 9: CREDENTIALLED TEACHERS ASSIGNED OUT-OF-FIELD (CONSIDERED "OUT-OF-FIELD" UNDER ESSA)		
Indicator	2020-2021 Number	2021-2022 Number
Credentialed Teachers Authorized on a Permit or Waiver	0	0
Local Assignment Options	608	542
Total Out-of-Field Teachers	32	29

TABLE 10: CLASS ASSIGNMENTS		
Indicator	2020-2021 Percent	2021-2022 Percent
Misassignments for English Learners (a percentage of all the classes with English learners taught by teachers that are misassigned)	0%	0%
No credential, permit or authorization to teach (a percent-age of all the classes taught by teachers with no record of an authorization to teach)	0%	0%

Note: For more information refer to the Updated Teacher Equity Definitions web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/pd/ee/teacherequitydefinitions.asp>.

Textbooks & Instructional Materials School Year 2022-2023

The school determined that each student has sufficient and good quality textbooks, instructional materials, or science lab equipment pursuant to the settlement of Williams vs. the State of California.

All students, including English Learners, are given their own individual standards-aligned textbooks or instructional materials, or both, in core subjects, health, foreign languages, and visual and performing arts for use in the classroom and to take home.

The table displays information collected in November 2022 about the quality, currency, and availability of the standards-aligned textbooks and other instructional materials used at the school.

**TABLE 11: QUALITY, CURRENCY, AVAILABILITY OF TEXTBOOK AND OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
SCHOOL YEAR 2022-2023 / YEAR AND MONTH IN WHICH THE DATA WERE COLLECTED: NOVEMBER 2022**

Subject	Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials/ year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption?	Percentage Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
Reading/Language Arts	9th - 12th - English/Language Arts - Houghton Mifflin/Harcourt	2021	0.00%
Mathematics	9th - Algebra 1 - Houghton Mifflin/Harcourt 10th - Geometry - Houghton Mifflin/Harcourt 11th - Algebra II - Houghton Mifflin/Harcourt	2020 2020 2020	0.00%
Science	9th - 10th - Earth Science - Houghton Mifflin/ Harcourt 9th - 10th - Physics - Houghton Mifflin/ Harcourt 10th - Biology - Houghton Mifflin/Harcourt 11th - Chemistry - Houghton Mifflin/Harcourt	2018 2020 2018 2020	0.00%
History-Social Science	10th - World History - Houghton Mifflin 11th - United States History - Houghton Mifflin 12th - Economics - McGraw-Hill 12th - United States Government - McGraw-Hill	2018 2018 2018 2018	0.00%
Foreign Language	9th - 12th Rosetta Stone - World Languages 9th - 12th Edmentum _ World Languages 9th - 12th APEX - World Language 9th - 12th Foreign Language - Glencoe	2020 2012 2012 2005	0.00%
Health	N/A	N/A	0.00%
Visual and Performing Arts	N/A	N/A	0.00%
Science Laboratory Equipment (grades 9-12)	N/A	N/A	0.00%

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

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements School Year 2022-2023

All facilities are in safe and functioning condition. All sites meet city and state codes. There are no improvements planned at this time. The chart displays the results of the most recent facilities inspection at the school. Facilities information was collected in November 2022.

**TABLE 13: SCHOOL FACILITY GOOD REPAIR STATUS | DATE OF LAST INSPECTION: NOVEMBER 2022
OVERALL SUMMARY OF SCHOOL FACILITY CONDITIONS: EXEMPLARY
DATA COLLECTED: NOVEMBER 2022**

System Inspected	Rate Good	Rate Fair	Rate Poor	Deficiency & Remedial Actions Taken or Planned
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 Rate
Year and month of the most recent inspection:
November 2022

TABLE 14: OVERALL RATING				
Exemplary	Good	Fair	Poor	Deficiency & Remedial Actions Taken or Planned
X				

Overall Summary of School Facility Conditions:
Exemplary

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 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)

The CAASPP System encompasses the following assessments and student participation requirements:

- Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments and CAAs for ELA** in grades three through eight and grade eleven.
- Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments and CAAs for mathematics** in grades three through eight and grade eleven.
- California Science Test (CAST) and CAAs for Science** in grades five, eight, and once in high school (i.e., grade ten, eleven, or twelve).

- College and Career Ready:** 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.

Note: As an independent charter school, the school’s program, resources, and administration are run independently from the sponsoring district, so there is no district data to report for comparison in this section

TABLE 15: CAASPP TEST RESULTS IN ELA AND MATHEMATICS FOR ALL STUDENTS GRADES THREE THROUGH EIGHT AND GRADE ELEVEN TAKING AND COMPLETING A STATE-ADMINISTERED ASSESSMENT				
PERCENT OF STUDENTS MEETING OR EXCEEDING THE STATE STANDARD				
Subject	School 2020-2021	School 2021-2022	State 2020-2021	State 2021-2022
English Language Arts/Literacy (Grades 3-8 and 11)	N/A	34.03%	N/A	47.06%
Mathematics (Grades 3-8 and 11)	N/A	4.86%	N/A	33.38%

Note: Where it was the most viable option, in 2020-21, LEAs were required to administer the statewide summative assessment in ELA and mathematics and where a statewide summative assessment was not the most viable option for the LEA, LEAs were permitted to report results from a different assessment that meets the criteria established by the California State Board of Education on March 16, 2021. The 2020-21 data cells for the school, district, state have N/A values because these data are not comparable to 2021-22 data.

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.



**TABLE 16: CAASPP TEST RESULTS IN ELA BY STUDENT GROUP FOR STUDENTS TAKING AND COMPLETING A STATE-ADMINISTERED ASSESSMENT
GRADES THREE THROUGH EIGHT AND GRADE ELEVEN SCHOOL YEAR 2021-2022**

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	156	144	92%	8%	34%
Female	85	76	89%	11%	26%
Male	70	67	96%	4%	42%
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	100%	0%	100%
Asian	0	0	0%	100%	0%
Black or African American	17	15	88%	12%	7%
Filipino	0	0	0%	100%	0%
Hispanic or Latino	86	80	93%	7%	33%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0	0%	100%	0%
Two or More Races	21	18	86%	14%	28%
White	31	30	97%	3%	53%
English Learners	*	*	100%	0%	0%
Foster Youth	*	*	50%	50%	0%
Homeless	*	*	60%	40%	0%
Military	*	*	100%	0%	0%
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	114	106	93%	7%	34%
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	0	0	0%	100%	0%
Students with Disabilities	36	33	92%	8%	21%

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 (i.e., achieved Level 3–Alternate) on the CAAs divided by the total number of students who participated in both assessments.

Note: Asterisks (*) 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.

**TABLE 17: CAASPP TEST RESULTS IN MATHEMATICS BY STUDENT GROUP FOR STUDENTS TAKING
AND COMPLETING A STATE-ADMINISTERED ASSESSMENT
GRADES THREE THROUGH EIGHT AND GRADE ELEVEN SCHOOL YEAR 2021-2022**

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	156	144	92%	8%	5%
Female	85	76	89%	11%	3%
Male	70	67	96%	4%	7%
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	100%	0%	0%
Asian	0	0	0%	100%	0%
Black or African American	17	15	88%	12%	0%
Filipino	0	0	0%	100%	0%
Hispanic or Latino	86	80	93%	7%	4%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0	0%	100%	0%
Two or More Races	21	18	86%	14%	11%
White	31	30	97%	3%	7%
English Learners	*	*	100%	0%	0%
Foster Youth	*	*	50%	50%	0%
Homeless	*	*	60%	40%	0%
Military	*	*	100%	0%	0%
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	114	106	93%	7%	6%
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	0	0	0%	100%	0%
Students with Disabilities	36	33	92%	8%	3%

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 (i.e., achieved Level 3-Alternate) on the CAAs divided by the total number of students who participated in both assessments.

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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.

**TABLE 18: 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 2020-2021	School 2021-2022	State 2020-2021	State 2021-2022
Science (grades 5, 8 and high school)	17%	15.79%	28.72%	29.45%

Note: Science test results include the CAST 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 CAST 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.

Note: For any 2020-21 data cells with N/T values indicate that this school did not test students using the CAASPP for Science.

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.

**TABLE 19: CAASPP TEST RESULTS IN SCIENCE BY STUDENT GROUP
GRADES FIVE, EIGHT, AND HIGH SCHOOL / SCHOOL YEAR 2021-2022**

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	41	38	93%	7%	16%
Female	19	17	89%	11%	12%
Male	22	21	95%	5%	19%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0%	100%	0%
Asian	*	*	100%	0%	0%
Black or African American	*	*	100%	0%	0%
Filipino	0	0	0%	100%	0%
Hispanic or Latino	16	14	88%	12%	14%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0	0%	100%	0%
Two or More Races	*	*	100%	0%	13%
White	*	*	86%	14%	50%
English Learners	*	*	100%	0%	0%
Foster Youth	*	*	100%	0%	0%
Homeless	*	*	100%	0%	0%
Military	0	0	0%	100%	0%
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	31	30	97%	3%	17%
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	0	0	0%	100%	0%
Students with Disabilities	*	*	100%	0%	10%

Note: Asterisks (*) 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.

Career Technical Education (CTE) Programs School Year 2021-2022

The school continues to develop its Career Technical Education (CTE) program. The school recognizes the need to integrate core academic knowledge with technical skills as needed for today's modern workforce, and the school is committed to bringing students greater opportunities in developing these skills through their continued efforts in developing relationships with local businesses and community colleges.

The school offers several work readiness skills and CTE courses that include the following:

- Career Planning (DE)
- Professional Skills
- Media Arts
- Entrepreneurship
- Career Planning (DE)
- Veterinary Science
- Culinary
- Business Administration
- College Success (DE)
- Information Technology
- Graphic Design

This table displays information about participation in the school's Career Technical Education (CTE) programs.

TABLE 21: CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) PARTICIPATION SCHOOL YEAR 2021-2022

Measure	CTE Program Participation
Number of Pupils Participating in CTE	63
Percent of Pupils that Complete a CTE Program and Earn a High School Diploma	4.9%
Percent of CTE Courses that are Sequenced or Articulated Between the School and Institutions of Postsecondary Education	7.0%

UC/CSU Course Completion

Students are encouraged to take University of California/ California State University (UC/CSU) preparatory courses if they plan to attend a four-year university. All students must pass each course with a grade no lower than a 'C'.

TABLE 22: COURSE ENROLLMENT/COMPLETION OF UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA (UC) AND/OR CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY (CSU) ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

UC/CSU Course Measure	Percent
2021-2022 Pupils Enrolled in Courses Required for UC/CSU Admission	97%
2020-2021 Graduates Who Completed All Courses Required for UC/CSU Admission	0.0%

*Duplicate Count (one student can be enrolled in several courses).

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 area of physical education

Physical Fitness

In the spring of each year, all California schools are required by the state to administer a physical fitness test to students in the fifth, seventh, and ninth grades. The physical fitness test is a standardized evaluation that measures each student's ability to perform fitness tasks in five major areas. Students who meet or exceed the standards in all six fitness areas are considered physically fit or in the "Healthy Fitness Zone" (HFZ).

TABLE 23: CALIFORNIA PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST 2021-2022 PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN EACH OF THE FITNESS COMPONENTS

Grade	Component 1: Aerobic Capacity	Component 2: Abdominal Strength and Endurance	Component 3: Trunk Extensor and Strength and Flexibility	Component 4: Upper Body Strength and Endurance	Component 5: Flexibility
9	91.04%	90.45%	90.45%	90.45%	90.75%

Note: Due to changes to the 2021-2022 PFT administration, only participation results are required for these five fitness areas.

Note: Percentages are not calculated and asterisks (*) appear in the table 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 State priority: Parental Involvement (Priority 3):

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

Opportunities for Parental Involvement School Year 2022-2023

Desert Sands Charter School encourages parental involvement on throughout the school year. Our Parent Advisory Committee and English Learner Advisory Committee meets quarterly throughout the school year. The Parent Advisory Committee provides advice in planning, developing, implementing, and evaluating our school program. Parents and educational partners are encouraged to participate in the development of the Local Control and Accountability Plan, and they are asked to provide input on the progress of the LCAP throughout the year. Parents are notified by automated phone calls, web-based communications, flyers and phone calls from teachers and administrators. Parents may contact the school office at (661) 942-3357 if interested in attending. Parent Conferences, Back to School Night, Open House events, Awards Nights, and Community Events are also held during the school year to facilitate communication between parents, teachers, students, and community partners. Parents are encouraged to call and meet with their child's teacher as needed to support academic progress towards graduation.

State Priority: Pupil Engagement

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the State priority: Pupil Engagement (Priority 5):

- High school dropout rates;
- High school graduation rates; and
- Chronic Absenteeism.

Dropout & Graduation Rates

In knowing that we serve a large population of "at-risk" youth, we begin interventions from the point of enrollment.. Upon enrollment, students participate in a course entitled Tools for Success. Upon enrollment students' complete credit 1 of Tools for Success and receive a personalized learning plan to meet their goals. In addition, students are supported in determining their college and career interests and plans, The teacher builds upon this throughout the year to support academic planning as well as college and career readiness.

Students also participate in academic assessments, such as NWEA, after enrollment. The academic assessments assist faculty and the students to understand the strengths and weaknesses of the student. More importantly, this method helps students receive any remedial help they may need and ensures students are not enrolling in courses too far removed from their current academic abilities. Unlimited free tutoring availability also serves as an intervention for students when they struggle with concepts. Together, all early interventions are intended to promote



attendance and reduce the likelihood of student dropouts. However, these standard interventions are not always met with student success.

When school faculty and staff witness a decline in the attendance of a particular student, more specific and targeted interventions take place in progressive steps:

- A missed day of school results in a call home from the student’s teacher
- A pattern of missed school days results in a parent-teacher or adult student-teacher conference
- A continued pattern of missed school days after a teacher conference results in an Attendance Intervention Meeting (A.I.M). In this meeting the parent or adult student meet with the Student Retention Support specialist to discuss the legal requirements of school attendance for minors and problems adults face as high school dropouts. If the student/parent cannot be reached, a home visit will be conducted.
- A continued pattern of missed school days after an A.I.M. intervention is escalated to a Student Retention Meeting (S.R.M) intervention. Student Retention Meetings include the School

Counselor, Supervising Teacher, School Administrator, and the Student Retention Support specialist. When the student and parent meet with the S.R.M. team, serious conversations take place about the appropriateness of independent study for the student, school options, and the serious long-term consequences of dropping out of school.

Note: The California Department of Education DataQuest system reports four-year cohort graduation and dropout numbers for 2020-2021. The one-year graduation rate is reported through the California School Dashboard and internal student information systems data was used in the chart below, because it was the most recently available source. The school is a Dashboard Alternative School Status (DASS), because the student population served is typically behind in credits. The tables display the most current data available. N/A is displayed when the school is new, or there is no data available to report, because the state did not report their data when this report was published.

Note: The California Department of Education DataQuest system reports the Four-Year Adjusted Cohort Rate (ACGR) for all regular high schools. However, the ACGR is not a match for our school, because we are an approved Dashboard Alternative School Status (DASS). We serve a student population who are typically behind in credits, and not likely to graduate on time in a regular school setting. As a DASS school, we report the one-year graduation rate, which is calculated internally or from the California School Dashboard. The tables display the most current data available. N/A means that data was not available at the time of publication.

TABLE 25: DROPOUT RATE AND GRADUATION RATE						
Indicator	School Cohort 2019-2020	School Cohort 2020-2021	School Cohort 2021-2022	State Cohort 2019-2020	State Cohort 2020-2021	State Cohort 2021-2022
One-Year Cohort Drop Rate	8.4%	10.1%	3.9%	N/A	N/A	N/A
One-Year Cohort Grad Rate	70.9%	82.1%	86.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Four-Year Cohort Drop Rate	19.7%	27.3%	22.4%	8.9%	9.4%	N/A
Four-Year Cohort Grad Rate	11.1%	17.3%	13.0%	84.3%	83.6%	87.0%



**TABLE 26a: GRADUATION RATE BY STUDENT GROUP, ONE-YEAR DASS COHORT RATE
SCHOOL YEAR 2021-2022**

Student Group	Number of Students in Cohort	Number of Cohort Graduates	Cohort Graduation Rate
All Students	118	102	86%
Female	59	52	88%
Male	58	49	84%
Non-Binary	*	*	100%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0%
Asian	*	*	100%
Black or African American	23	22	96%
Filipino	0	0	0%
Hispanic or Latino	59	49	83%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0	0%
Two or More Races	11	*	91%
White	19	17	89%
English Learners	*	*	86%
Foster Youth	*	*	50%
Homeless	*	*	88%
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	94	82	87%
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	0	0	0%
Students with Disabilities	33	28	85%

For information on the Four-Year Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR), visit the CDE Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/ad/acgrinfo.asp>.

To protect student privacy, data are suppressed (*), if the cell size is 10 or less. Data is N/A, not available, because the CDE did not provide for the student group.



**TABLE 26b: GRADUATION RATE BY STUDENT GROUP, FOUR-YEAR COHORT RATE
SCHOOL YEAR 2021-2022**

Student Group	Number of Students in Cohort	Number of Cohort Graduates	Cohort Graduation Rate
All Students	254	33	13.0%
Female	126	16	12.7%
Male	127	16	12.6%
Non-Binary	*	*	*
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*
Asian	*	*	*
Black or African American	48	*	8.3%
Filipino	*	*	*
Hispanic or Latino	132	15	11.4%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	*	*	*
Two or More Races	12	*	16.7%
White	48	*	16.7%
English Learners	32	*	15.6%
Foster Youth	17	*	5.9%
Homeless	31	*	9.7%
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	234	30	12.8%
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	*	*	*
Students with Disabilities	52	*	17.3%

For information on the Four-Year Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR), visit the CDE Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/ad/acgrinfo.asp>.

To protect student privacy, data are suppressed (*), if the cell size is 10 or less. Data is N/A, not available, because the CDE did not provide for the student group.

Chronic Absenteeism

The current Chronic Absentee rate is not calculated in a manner for non-classroom based DASS programs to reflect the nature of the students served. According to the CDE, students are determined to be chronically absent if they were eligible to be considered chronically absent at the selected level during the academic year and they were absent for 10% or more of the days they were expected to attend. Desert Sands follows all the required CA State School Dashboard requirements.

TABLE 27: CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM BY STUDENT GROUP SCHOOL YEAR 2020-2021				
Student Group	Cumulative Enrollment	Chronic Absenteeism Eligible Enrollment	Chronic Absenteeism Count	Chronic Absenteeism Rate
All Students	1126	1,014	508	50.10%
Female	589	1,014	508	50.10%
Male	531	478	238	49.80%
American Indian or Alaska	*	*	*	*
Asian	*	*	*	*
Black or African American	215	192	120	62.50%
Filipino	*	*	*	*
Hispanic or Latino	574	525	253	48.20%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*
Two or More Races	53	47	20	42.60%
White	180	158	72	45.60%
English Learner	91	98	45	45.90%
Foster Youth	40	40	27	67.50%
Homeless	41	38	28	73.70%
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	912	838	430	51.30%
Students Receiving Migrant Ed	*	*	*	*
Students with Disabilities	245	231	130	56.30%

To protect student privacy, data are suppressed (*), if the cell size is 10 or less. Data is N/A, not available, because the CDE did not provide for the student group.

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

Suspensions & Expulsions

The table displays the suspension and expulsion rates at the school and throughout the state. Expulsions occur only when required by law or when all other alternatives are exhausted. Additionally, please note that the suspension and expulsion rate for the state was not available at time of publication.

TABLE 28: 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 2019-2020	State 2019-2020
Suspensions	0.00%	2.50%
Expulsions	0.00%	0.05%

Note: The 2019-20 suspensions and expulsions rate data are not comparable to other year data because the 2019-20 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 2019-20 school year compared to other school years.

TABLE 29: SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS DATA COLLECTED BETWEEN JULY THROUGH JUNE, EACH FULL SCHOOL YEAR RESPECTIVELY

Rate	School 2020-2021	School 2021-2022	State 2020-2021	State 2021-2022
Suspensions	0.09%	0.00%	13.80%	N/A
Expulsions	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	N/A

Note: Data collected during the 2020-21 school year may not be comparable to earlier years of this collection due to differences in learning mode instruction in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

TABLE 30: SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS BY STUDENT GROUP SCHOOL YEAR 2021-2022

Student Group	Suspensions Rate	Expulsions Rate
All Students	0%	0%
Female	0%	0%
Male	0%	0%
Non-Binary	0%	0%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0%	0%
Asian	0%	0%
Black or African American	0%	0%
Filipino	0%	0%
Hispanic or Latino	0%	0%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0%	0%
Two or More Races	0%	0%
White	0%	0%
English Learners	0%	0%
Foster Youth	0%	0%
Homeless	0%	0%
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	0%	0%
Students Receiving Mi-grant Education Services	0%	0%
Students with Disabilities	0%	0%

School Safety School Year 2022-2023

Our school Safety Plan consists of our Injury and Illness Prevention Program, Emergency Procedures and Section 4 of our Employee handbook. Sponsoring School Districts ask for these safety programs as part of our charter's renewal process. We review our School Safety Plans annually and update them if necessary.

The safety of students and staff is a primary concern for the school. Both teachers and administrators supervise the students throughout the school day to ensure a safe and positive learning environment. Both school personnel and students on campus are expected to wear their school identification cards at all times. Visitors to the school must register at the front office to sign in and receive appropriate identification badges. The school safety plan was last updated and reviewed with school staff in December 2022.

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.

Class Size

Due to the nature of independent study, class size distribution data is unavailable for this school.

Counseling & Support Staff School Year 2021-2022

The school seeks to assist students in their social, emotional, and personal development as well as academics. The school provides special attention to students who experience achievement problems, difficulty coping with personal and family problems, trouble with decision making, or handling peer pressure.

The following is a list of support staff available to students at the school.

**TABLE 38: RATIO OF PUPILS TO ACADEMIC COUNSELOR
SCHOOL YEAR 2021-2022**

Title	Ratio
Pupils to Academic Counselor*	1:155

*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.

**TABLE 39: STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES STAFF
SCHOOL YEAR 2021-2022**

Title	Number of FTE* Assigned to School
Counselor (Academic, Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	4.55
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	0.00
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	0.00
Psychologist	1.00
Social Worker	2.00
Nurse	0.00
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	0.10
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)	0.00
Other	16.00

*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.

School Expenditures Fiscal Year 2020-2021

The table provides a comparison of a school's per pupil funding from unrestricted sources with other schools throughout the state. Supplemental/ Restricted expenditures come from money whose use is controlled by law or donor. Money designated for specific purposes by the district or governing board is not considered restricted. Basic/Unrestricted expenditures, except for general guidelines, are not controlled by law or donor. The California Department of Education issued guidance regarding how to calculate school-level per-pupil expenditures.

For detailed information on school expenditures for all districts in California, see the CDE Current Expense of Education & Per-pupil Spending Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/ec/>.

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

To look up expenditures and salaries for a specific school district, see the Ed-Data Web site at: <http://www.ed-data.org>.

School Site Teacher Salaries Fiscal Year 2020-2021

The Average Teacher Salaries table illustrates the average teacher salary at the school and compares it to the average teacher salary throughout the state.

**TABLE 40: EXPENDITURES PER PUPIL AND SCHOOL SITE
TEACHER SALARIES
FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021**

Level	Total Expenditures Per Pupil	Expenditures Per Pupil (Restricted)	Expenditures Per Pupil (Unrestricted)	Average Teacher Salary
School Site	\$13,526.00	\$920.00	\$12,606.00	\$78,662.00
State	N/A	N/A	\$13,846.00	\$83,849.00
Percent Difference School Site and State	N/A	N/A	-2.34%	-6.38%

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

Types of Services Funded Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Utilizing all of the funding sources provided to the school, we provide the following programs for students:

- Special Education programs for SELPA, students with special needs
- English Language Development – support for students in English Language acquisition – instructional and support methods
- Tutoring support – one-on-one, walk-in, in-person, and virtual tutoring support
- General operations –services, materials, technology, salaries, benefits, and support to the general education

School Site Teacher Salaries Fiscal Year 2020-2021

The Average Teacher Salaries table illustrates the average teacher salary at the school and compares it to the average teacher salary throughout the state.

TABLE 42: TEACHER AND ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021		
Category	LEA Amount	State Average for State In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$75,000.00	\$50,352.00
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$80,000.00	\$83,849.00
Highest Teacher Salary	\$85,000.00	\$103,007.00
Average Principal Salary (High)	\$120,000.00	\$144,431.00
Superintendent Salary	\$157,500.00	\$193,259.00
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	34.11%	30.40%
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	2.88%	5.68%

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

Advanced Placement (AP) Classes School Year 2021-2022

TABLE 43: ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) COURSES SCHOOL YEAR 2021-2022	
Subject	Number of AP Courses Offered*
Computer Science	0
English	0
Fine and Performing Arts	0
Foreign Language	0
Mathematics	0
Science	0
Social Science	0
Total AP Courses Offered*	0
Percent of Students in AP Courses: (Data Pulled from CALPADS)	0%

*Where there are student course enrollments of at least one student.

Professional Development

The school's certificated staff members and administrators participate in ongoing professional development to improve its curriculum and delivery of instruction. Professional development sessions are held two times per month throughout the school year and focus on a wide variety of topics aimed at strengthening pedagogy and content knowledge to meet the needs of the school's diverse learners. Special emphasis is placed on targeting the unique needs of its English language learners, special education students, and trauma-informed practices.

In addition, school administrators participate in ongoing professional learning with the focus being on effective school leadership practices and instructional leadership. The Leadership Team identifies school-wide focuses for its campuses each year for professional development and take the lead in conducting or organizing large and small group staff development opportunities and ongoing instructional coaching to its teachers aimed at the school needs. Topics covered through professional developments are based on the needs of the school, suggestions made by the school staff through department meetings and/or staff surveys, and through the collection and analysis of data indicating school needs and/or needed changes. Newly hired teachers are partnered with existing teachers for the first year and participate in a required on the job training for the purpose of familiarizing them to the program and mission of the school.

The school also provides Induction training to its preliminary credentialed teachers through its partnership with the [Riverside County Office of Education's Center for Teacher Innovation Program]. Participating teachers are assigned a support provider from their assigned site and participate in all required Induction activities. The school's special education teachers receive annual training on new procedures and processes, as well as effective instructional strategies for improving academic achievement. In addition to ongoing professional development opportunities offered locally, staff also participates in the California Charter Schools Association's annual CCSA Conferences, annual A-plus+ conferences, and other conferences sponsored by local county offices of education.

TABLE 44: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT			
Measure	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Number of school days dedicated to Staff Development and Continuous Improvement	29	32	30