

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

Internet access is available at public libraries and other locations that are publicly accessible (e.g., the California State Library). Access to the Internet at libraries and public locations is generally provided on a first-come, first-served

basis. Other use restrictions may include the hours of operation, the length of time that a workstation may be used (depending on availability), the types of software programs available on a workstation, and the ability to print documents.

School Mission Statement School Year 2025-2026

Desert Sands Charter High 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, Desert Sands strives to equip it's 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, night school and Saturday school to enable students to acquire the knowledge necessary to make a difference in their lives.

Desert Sands provides a diverse, student-centered environment in which all students are held to high academic and behavioral standards. Through a personalized learning approach to education, the school strives to develop students who are competent, self-motivated, and 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.

Desert Sands 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 Desert Sands 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 2025-2026

Desert Sands Charter High School is a public charter school that offers a personalized educational program for 8-12 students and families who prefer using a site based Independent Study model to meet academic needs. Typical students are those who want an alternative to the local public school systems. Students come to Desert Sands because they were not optimizing their success in the traditional high school setting, or they desire a more personalized approach to education. Others need the flexibility of an independent study model to meet family obligations such as work or caring for a child. Regardless of the reason, Desert Sands offers a uniquely structured academic program, rigorously guided by the California Subject Area Content Standards, which provides a challenging, yet highly individualized education for students.

School Enrollment

Grade Level	Number of Students
Grade 8	0
Grade 9	234
Grade 10	267
Grade 11	161
Grade 12	65
Total Enrollment	727

Data provided by CDE

**TABLE 5: STUDENT ENROLLMENT BY STUDENT GROUP
SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025**

Student Group	Percentage
Female	49%
Male	50%
Non-Binary	1%
American Indian or Alaska	0%
Asian	0%
Black or African American	14%
Filipino	0%
Hispanic or Latino	60%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0%
Two or More Races	4%
White	11%
English Learner	11%
Foster Youth	3%
Homeless	4%
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	80%
Students Receiving Migrant Ed	0%
Students with Disabilities	22%

Data provided by CDE

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 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%	234,405	84%
Intern Credentialed Holders Properly Assigned	3	8%	4,853	1.70%
Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments ("ineffective" under ESSA)	0	3%	12,001	4.30%
Credentialed Teachers Assigned Out-of-Field ("out-of-field" under ESSA)	29	88%	11,953	4.30%
Unknown	0	0%	864	0.30%
Total Teaching Positions	36	100%	279,044	100%

Data provided by CDE for State and LEA for School.

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 2022–2023

Authorization/Assignment	School Number	School Percent	State Number	State Percent
Fully (Preliminary or Clear) Credentialed for Subject and Student Placement (properly assigned)	32	97%	231,142	83.24%
Intern Credentialed Holders Properly Assigned	1	3%	5,566	2.00%
Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments ("ineffective" under ESSA)	0	0%	14,938	5.38%
Credentialed Teachers Assigned Out-of-Field ("out-of-field" under ESSA)	32	100%	11,746	4.23%
Unknown	0	0%	14,303	5.15%
Total Teaching Positions	33	100%	277,698	100%

Data provided by CDE for State and LEA for School.

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.

TABLE 8: TEACHER PREPARATION AND PLACEMENT SCHOOL YEAR 2023–2024

Authorization/Assignment	School Number	School Percent	State Number	State Percent
Fully (Preliminary or Clear) Credentialed for Subject and Student Placement (properly assigned)	38	97%	230,039	100%
Intern Credentialed Holders Properly Assigned	1	3%	6,213	2.20%
Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments ("ineffective" under ESSA)	0	0%	16,855	6.00%
Credentialed Teachers Assigned Out-of-Field ("out-of-field" under ESSA)	38	100%	12,112	4.30%
Unknown	0	0%	13,705	4.90%
Total Teaching Positions	39	100%	278,927	100%

Data provided by CDE for State and LEA for School.

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.

**TABLE 10: CREDENTIALLED TEACHERS ASSIGNED OUT-OF-FIELD (CONSIDERED "OUT-OF-FIELD" UNDER ESSA)**

Indicator	2021-2022 Number	2022-2023 Number	2023-2024 Number
Credentialed Teachers Authorized on a Permit or Waiver	0	0	0
Local Assignment Options	542	697	797
Total Out-of-Field Teachers	29	38	38

Data provided by LEA

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 9: TEACHERS WITHOUT CREDENTIALS AND MISASSIGNMENTS (CONSIDERED "INEFFECTIVE" UNDER ESSA)

Authorizations/Assignments	2021-2022 Number	2022-2023 Number	2023-2024 Number
Permits and Waivers	0	0	0
Misassignments	2	0	0
Vacant Positions	0	0	1
Total Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments	1	0	0

Data provided by LEA

TABLE 11: CLASS ASSIGNMENTS

Indicator	2021-2022 Percent	2022-2023 Number	2023-2024 Number
Misassignments for English Learners (a percentage of all the classes with English learners taught by teachers that are misassigned)	0%	0%	0%
No credential, permit or authorization to teach (a percentage of all the classes taught by teachers with no record of an authorization to teach)	0%	0%	0%

Data provided by LEA

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 2025-2026

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 December 2025 about the quality, currency, and availability of the standards-aligned textbooks and other instructional materials used at the school.

TABLE 12: QUALITY, CURRENCY, AVAILABILITY OF TEXTBOOK AND OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SCHOOL YEAR 2025-2026 / YEAR AND MONTH IN WHICH THE DATA WERE COLLECTED: DECEMBER 2025			
Subject	Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials/ year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption?	Percentage Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
Reading/Language Arts	6th -8th - StudySync - McGraw-Hill 9th - 12th - English/Language Arts - Houghton Mifflin/Harcourt	2022 2021	0.00%
Mathematics	K-5th - Envision - SavvasRealize 6th-8th - Digits - SavvasRealize 9th - Algebra 1 - Houghton Mifflin/Harcourt 10th - Geometry - Houghton Mifflin/Harcourt 11th - Algebra II - Houghton Mifflin/Harcourt v 9th - Integrated Mathematics I - National Geographic/Cengage 10th - Integrated Mathematics 2 - National Geographic/Cengage 11th - Integrated Mathematics 3 - National Geographic/Cengage 12th - Mathematics for Business and Personal Finance - Glencoe 12th - Introductory Statistics: Exploring the World (2020) -Savvas Learning Company LLC (Pearson)	2015 2015 2020 2020 2020 2016 2016 2016 2015 2020	0.00%
Science	K-8th - ElevateScience - SavvasRealize 9th - 10th - Earth Science - Houghton Mifflin/ Harcourt 9th - 10th - Physics - Houghton Mifflin/ Harcourt 10th - Biology - Houghton Mifflin/Harcourt 11th - Chemistry - Houghton Mifflin/Harcourt	2020 2018 2020 2018 2020	0.00%
History-Social Science	K-8th - Social Studies - Studies Weekly 10th - World History - Houghton Mifflin/Harcourt 11th - American History - Houghton Mifflin/Harcourt 12th - Economics - Houghton Mifflin/Harcourt 12th - Civics - Houghton Mifflin/Harcourt	2022 2018 2018 2018 2018	0.00%
Foreign Language	9th - 12th Rosetta Stone - World Languages 9th - 12th Edmentum _ World Languages 9th - 12th APEX - World Language	2020 2012 2012	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%

Data provided by LEA

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

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements School Year 2024-2025

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 September 2025.

TABLE 14: SCHOOL FACILITY GOOD REPAIR STATUS | DATE OF LAST INSPECTION: SEPTEMBER 2025
OVERALL SUMMARY OF SCHOOL FACILITY CONDITIONS: EXEMPLARY
DATA COLLECTED: SEPTEMBER 2025

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			

Data provided by LEA

Overall Facility Rate Year and month of the most recent inspection: September 2025

TABLE 15: OVERALL RATING				
Exemplary	Good	Fair	Poor	Deficiency & Remedial Actions Taken or Planned
x				

Data provided by LEA

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:

1. **Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments and CAAs for ELA** in grades three through eight and grade eleven.
 2. **Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments and CAAs for mathematics** in grades three through eight and grade eleven.
 3. **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.

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TABLE 16: 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 2023-2024	School 2024-2025	State 2023-2024	State 2024-2025
English Language Arts/Literacy (Grades 3-8 and 11)	31.62%	40.33%	47.04%	48.82%
Mathematics (Grades 3-8 and 11)	3.68%	6.72%	35.54%	37.30%

Data provided by CDE for State and LEA for School.

Note: To protect student privacy, an asterisk (*) is used in the table when the cell size within a selected student population is ten or fewer.

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 17: 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 2024-2025

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	120	118	98%	2%	39.8%
Female	63	61	97%	3%	37.7%
Male	55	55	100%	0%	43.6%
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*	100%	*
Asian	*	*	*	100%	*
Black or African American	15	13	87%	13%	7.7%
Filipino	*	*	100%	0%	100.0%
Hispanic or Latino	66	66	100%	0%	39.4%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	*	*	*	100%	*
Two or More Races	20	20	100%	0%	50.0%
White	18	18	100%	0%	50.0%
English Learners	*	*	100%	0%	*
Foster Youth	*	*	60%	40%	*
Homeless	*	*	100%	0%	50.0%
Military	*	*	*	100%	*
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	98	96	98%	2%	36.5%
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	*	*	*	100%	*
Students with Disabilities	25	24	96%	4%	16.7%

Data provided by LEA

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.

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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 MATHEMATICS BY STUDENT GROUP FOR STUDENTS TAKING AND COMPLETING A STATE-ADMINISTERED ASSESSMENT GRADES THREE THROUGH EIGHT AND GRADE ELEVEN SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	120	118	98%	2%	6.8%
Female	63	61	97%	3%	6.6%
Male	55	55	100%	0%	7.3%
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*	100%	*
Asian	*	*	*	100%	*
Black or African American	15	13	87%	13%	*
Filipino	*	*	100%	0%	*
Hispanic or Latino	66	66	100%	0%	7.6%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	*	*	*	100%	*
Two or More Races	20	20	100%	0%	*
White	18	18	100%	0%	16.7%
English Learners	*	*	100%	0%	*
Foster Youth	*	*	60%	40%	*
Homeless	*	*	100%	0%	*
Military	*	*	*	100%	*
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	98	96	98%	2%	6.3%
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	*	*	*	100%	*
Students with Disabilities	25	24	96%	4%	*

Data provided by LEA

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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TABLE 19: 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 2023-2024	School 2024-2025	State 2023-2024	State 2024-2025
Science (grades 5, 8 and high school)	*	32.0%	30.70%	32.66%

Data provided by CDE for State and LEA for School.

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.

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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 20: CAASPP TEST RESULTS IN SCIENCE BY STUDENT GROUP
GRADES FIVE, EIGHT, AND HIGH SCHOOL / SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025**

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	25	25	100%	0%	32.0%
Female	11	11	100%	0%	36.4%
Male	13	13	100%	0%	23.1%
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*	100%	*
Asian	*	*	*	100%	*
Black or African American	*	*	100%	0%	33.3%
Filipino	*	*	*	100%	*
Hispanic or Latino	14	14	100%	0%	35.7%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	*	*	*	100%	*
Two or More Races	*	*	100%	0%	*
White	*	*	100%	0%	50.0%
English Learners	*	*	100%	0%	*
Foster Youth	*	*	*	100%	*
Homeless	*	*	100%	0%	*
Military	*	*	*	100%	*
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	17	17	100%	0%	35.3%
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	*	*	*	100%	*
Students with Disabilities	*	*	100%	0%	*

Data provided by LEA

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Career Technical Education (CTE) Programs School Year 2024-2025

Desert Sands Charter High 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. Desert Sands is committed to bringing students greater opportunities in developing these skills through their continued efforts in developing relationships with community partners, local businesses and community colleges. Currently Desert Sands offers CTE courses in Child Development and Graphic Design.

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

TABLE 22: CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) PARTICIPATION SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025

Measure	CTE Program Participation
Number of Pupils Participating in CTE	223
Percent of Pupils that Complete a CTE Program and Earn a High School Diploma	5.90%
Percent of CTE Courses that are Sequenced or Articulated Between the School and Institutions of Postsecondary Education	7.70%

Data provided by LEA

UC/CSU Course Completion

Admission Requirements for the University of California (UC)

Admission requirements for the UC follow guidelines set forth in the Master Plan, which requires that the top one-eighth of the state’s high school graduates, as well as those transfer students who have successfully completed specified college course work, be eligible for admission to the UC. These requirements are designed to ensure that all eligible students are adequately prepared for University-level work. For general admissions requirements, please visit the UC Admissions Information website at <https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/>.

Admission Requirements for the California State University (CSU)

Eligibility for admission to the CSU is determined by three factors: (1) Specific high school courses, (2) Grades in specified courses and test scores, and (3) Graduation from high school. Some campuses have higher standards for particular majors or students who live outside the local campus area. Because of the number of students who apply, a few campuses have higher standards (supplementary admission criteria) for all applicants. Most CSU campuses have local admission guarantee policies for students who graduate or transfer from high schools and colleges that are historically served by a CSU campus in that region. For admission, application, and fee information, see the CSU website at <https://www2.calstate.edu/>.

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 24: CALIFORNIA PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST 2024-2025 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	94.20%	94.20%	93.80%	93.80%	94.20%

Data provided by LEA

Note: The administration of the PFT requires only participation results for these five fitness areas.

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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 regarding the school district and at each school site

Opportunities for Parental Involvement School Year 2025-2026

Desert Sands Charter High School values the diverse backgrounds of each student and works to create trusting relationships with families by empowering the uniqueness of each individual. Desert Sands believes it is the responsibility of all educators, community members, students, and family members to cultivate student success in areas such as academics, college/career readiness, social responsibilities and life skills. Desert Sands is committed to providing a safe, supportive, and respectful environment in which all educational partners work collectively to provide students the means to reach their full potential and make a positive impact in the community.

Desert Sands encourages parental involvement throughout the school year with a variety of engagement opportunities. The Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) and the English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC) meet quarterly each school year. During these meetings valuable input from families and community members with regard to planning, developing, implementing, and evaluating Desert Sands’ school program is shared. Amongst other items, the PAC and ELAC Committees advise on Desert Sands’ Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) and parents are provided updates and asked to provide input on the progress of the LCAP throughout the year.

Other major events and opportunities for involvement offered by Desert Sands include Open House, Back-to-School Night, the Annual Survey, Community Events and Parent/Teacher Conferences. Parents are notified about these engagement opportunities by automated phone calls, flyers, web-based communications, texts and phone calls from teachers and/or administrators. These events are held during the school year

TABLE 23: COURSE ENROLLMENT/COMPLETION OF UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA (UC) AND/OR CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY (CSU) ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS SCHOOL YEAR 2024–25

UC/CSU Course Measure	Percent
Pupils Enrolled in Courses Required for UC/CSU Admission	99.31%
Graduates Who Completed All Courses Required for UC/CSU Admission	5.67%

Data provided by CDE

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).



to help strengthen the bond between the school, students, their families and community members. Parents may contact the school office at 661-942-3357 if needing more information, and they are encouraged to call and meet with their child's teacher as often as they like.

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-promise" 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. 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 26: DROPOUT RATE AND GRADUATION RATE

Indicator	School Cohort 2022-2023	School Cohort 2023-2024	School Cohort 2024-2025	State Cohort 2022-2023	State Cohort 2023-2024	State Cohort 2024-2025
One-Year Cohort Drop Rate	6.7%	7.4%	4.75%	N/A	N/A	N/A
One-Year Cohort Grad Rate	84.0%	95.0%	93.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Four-Year Cohort Drop Rate	23.3%	19.82%	18.5%	8.2%	8.9%	8.0%
Four-Year Cohort Grad Rate	17.8%	14.9%	22.1%	86.2%	86.4%	87.5%

Data provided by CDE for State and LEA for School.

Note: To protect student privacy, an asterisk (*) is used in the table when the cell size within a selected student population is ten or fewer.

**TABLE 27a: GRADUATION RATE BY STUDENT GROUP, ONE-YEAR DASS COHORT RATE
SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025**

Student Group	Number of Students in Cohort	Number of Cohort Graduates	Cohort Graduation Rate
All Students	147	137	93%
Female	94	88	94%
Male	52	48	92%
Non-Binary	*	*	100%
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*
Asian	*	*	100%
Black or African American	19	18	95%
Filipino	*	*	*
Hispanic or Latino	84	75	89%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	*	*	*
Two or More Races	*	*	100%
White	16	16	100%
English Learners	12	12	100%
Foster Youth	*	*	100%
Homeless	*	*	100%
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	103	100	97%
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	*	*	*
Students with Disabilities	34	33	97%

Data provided by LEA

The one-year graduation rate reflects the CDE rate for DASS schools, and the data above is from PowerBI.

Note: To protect student privacy, an asterisk (*) is used in the table when the cell size within a selected student population is ten or fewer.



**TABLE 27b: GRADUATION RATE BY STUDENT GROUP, FOUR-YEAR COHORT RATE
SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025**

Student Group	Number of Students in Cohort	Number of Cohort Graduates	Cohort Graduation Rate
All Students	249	55	22.1%
Female	132	41	31.1%
Male	113	14	12.4%
Non-Binary	*	*	*
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*
Asian	*	*	*
Black or African American	40	*	25.0%
Filipino	*	*	*
Hispanic or Latino	144	28	19.4%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	*	*	*
Two or More Races	*	*	*
White	21	*	23.8%
English Learners	37	*	16.2%
Foster Youth	19	*	21.1%
Homeless	25	*	20.0%
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	227	43	18.9%
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	*	*	*
Students with Disabilities	49	*	16.3%

Data provided by CDE

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>.

Note: To protect student privacy, an asterisk (*) is used in the table when the cell size within a selected student population is ten or fewer.

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 28: CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM BY STUDENT GROUP SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025

Student Group	Cumulative Enrollment	Chronic Absenteeism Eligible Enrollment	Chronic Absenteeism Count	Chronic Absenteeism Rate
All Students	1156	1058	659	62.3%
Female	582	530	310	58.5%
Male	567	521	344	66.0%
Non-Binary	*	*	*	71.4%
American Indian or Alaska	*	*	*	*
Asian	*	*	*	*
Black or African American	194	173	126	72.8%
Filipino	*	*	*	*
Hispanic or Latino	685	627	368	58.7%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*
Two or More Races	48	44	32	72.7%
White	127	117	68	58.1%
English Learner	131	120	67	55.8%
Foster Youth	52	44	36	81.8%
Homeless	58	50	37	74.0%
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	938	857	543	63.4%
Students Receiving Migrant Ed	*	*	*	*
Students with Disabilities	253	235	174	74.0%

Data provided by CDE

Note: To protect student privacy, an asterisk (*) is used in the table when the cell size within a selected student population is ten or fewer.

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 29: SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS						
DATA COLLECTED BETWEEN JULY THROUGH JUNE, EACH FULL SCHOOL YEAR RESPECTIVELY						
Rate	School 2022-2023	School 2023-2024	School 2024-2025	State 2022-2023	State 2023-2024	State 2024-2025
Suspensions	0.26%	0.1%	0.6%	3.6%	3.3%	2.9%
Expulsions	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%

Data provided by CDE for State and LEA for School.

Note: To protect student privacy, an asterisk (*) is used in the table when the cell size within a selected student population is ten or fewer.

TABLE 30: SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS BY STUDENT GROUP		
SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025		
Student Group	Suspensions Rate	Expulsions Rate
All Students	0.6%	0.1%
Female	0.3%	0.0%
Male	0.9%	0.2%
Non-Binary	0.0%	0.0%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.0%	0.0%
Asian	0.0%	0.0%
Black or African American	2.1%	0.5%
Filipino	0.0%	0.0%
Hispanic or Latino	0.3%	0.0%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%
Two or More Races	0.0%	0.0%
White	0.8%	0.0%
English Learners	0.0%	0.0%
Foster Youth	1.9%	0.0%
Homeless	5.2%	0.0%
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	0.8%	0.1%
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	0.0%	0.0%
Students with Disabilities	1.2%	0.0%

Data provided by CDE

Note: To protect student privacy, an asterisk (*) is used in the table when the cell size within a selected student population is ten or fewer.

School Safety School Year 2025-2026

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 2025.

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 2024-2025

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 2024-2025	
Title	Ratio
Pupils to Academic Counselor*	1:121

Data provided by LEA

*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 2024-2025	
Title	Number of FTE* Assigned to School
Counselor (Academic, Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	6.00
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	0.00
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	0.00
Psychologist	1.10
Social Worker	2.00
Nurse	0.50
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	0.20
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)	0.80
Other	5.60

Data provided by LEA

*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.

**"Other" category is for all other student support services staff positions not listed.

School Expenditures Fiscal Year 2023-2024

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 2023-2024

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 2023-2024				
Level	Total Expenditures Per Pupil	Expenditures Per Pupil (Restricted)	Expenditures Per Pupil (Unrestricted)	Average Teacher Salary
School Site	17,852.63	3,330.48	14,522.15	94,581
State	N/A	N/A	20,281.45	101,084.00
Percent Difference School Site and State	N/A	N/A	-12.74%	-6.65%

Data provided by LEA

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

Types of Services Funded Fiscal Year 2024-2025

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 2023-2024

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 2023-2024		
Category	LEA Amount	State Average for State In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	79,500.00	59,531.00
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	90,100.00	95,178.00
Highest Teacher Salary	100,700.00	118,880.00
Average Principal Salary (High)	132,500.00	163,784.00
Superintendent Salary	177,187.50	227,673.00
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	24.78%	26.91%
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	4.83%	5.63%

Data provided by LEA

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 2024-2025

TABLE 43: ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) COURSES SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025	
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)	0.00%

Data provided by CDE

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

Professional Development

Desert Sands Charter High School's staff members and administrators participate in ongoing professional development throughout the year. A majority of the professional development is focused on how to improve student outcomes and better support students. A wide variety of topics are used to strengthen pedagogy and content knowledge to meet the needs of

the school's diverse learners. Special emphasis is placed on targeting the unique needs of Desert Sands' English language learners, special education students, and lowest-performing students. Other professional developments focus on leadership development, and social emotional learning competencies. Desert Sands emphasizes continual improvement so staff participate in regularly scheduled Professional Learning Communities in which they come together in content-alike teams to analyze student data to better inform curricular and instructional decisions that will address the immediate learning needs of students.

School administrators participate in ongoing professional learning with the focus on effective school leadership practices and instructional leadership. The Leadership Team works to identify school-wide focuses for its campuses each year, and take the lead in conducting or organizing large and small group staff development opportunities and ongoing instructional coaching. Topics covered through professional developments are based on the needs of the school. Staff suggestions made through department meetings and/or surveys, and through data analysis also drive what professional developments are conducted. Professional Development is measured annually to determine the effectiveness of student learning outcomes.

Newly hired teachers, tutors, and paraprofessionals go through an extensive onboarding program. This program requires them to gain an understanding of the mission and vision of Desert Sands with a specific focus on curriculum and instruction, data and assessment, personalizing student learning, serving special populations, engagement tools, and trauma informed practices. New hires are also partnered with existing expert job-alike mentors. This helps them familiarize themselves with their specific scope of work within the program and equips them with the necessary skills to be successful in their new role.

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, selected staff members also participates in the California Charter Schools Association's annual CCSA Conferences, the annual CABE conferences, and other conferences sponsored by local county offices of education.

TABLE 44: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT			
Measure	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
Number of school days dedicated to Staff Development and Continuous Improvement	40	30	32

Data provided by LEA