

The Heights Charter

California Department of Education School Accountability Report Card Reported Using Data from the 2016-17 School Year

By February 1 of each year, every school in California is required by state law to publish a School Accountability Report Card (SARC). The SARC contains information about the condition and performance of each California public school. Under the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) all local educational agencies (LEAs) are required to prepare a Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), which describes how they intend to meet annual school-specific goals for all pupils, with specific activities to address state and local priorities. Additionally, data reported in an LCAP is to be consistent with data reported in the SARC.

- For more information about SARC requirements, see the California Department of Education (CDE) SARC Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa/>.
- For more information about the LCFF or LCAP, see the CDE LCFF Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/fq/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](#) that contains additional information about this school and comparisons of the school to the district and the county. Specifically, DataQuest is a dynamic system that provides reports for accountability (e.g., test data, enrollment, high school graduates, dropouts, course enrollments, staffing, and data regarding English learners).

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About This School

Contact Information (School Year 2017-18)

District Contact Information (School Year 2017-18)	
District Name	Dehesa Elementary
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Superintendent	Nancy Hauer
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School Contact Information (School Year 2017-18)	
School Name	The Heights Charter
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City, State, Zip	Alpine, Ca, 91901-2389
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E-mail Address	heightscharter@gmail.com
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County-District-School (CDS) Code	37680490127118

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School Description and Mission Statement (School Year 2017-18)

School Description

The Heights Charter opened in the 2012-2013 school year. It is a K-8 independent study charter school designed to draw out the excellence in each individual student by developing his or her interests, gifts, talents, and passions. The Heights Charter operates one resource center where each student has an individualized study program with the benefits of optional onsite academic and learning labs. Onsite learning activities provide opportunities for socialization, academic enrichment, and teacher support not usually available in a standard independent study program. The program customizes the learning experience to each student's needs and interests so they learn right at the edge of challenge, minimizing frustration and boredom, and optimizing student engagement time. Consequently, students typically excel as well as develop a love of learning. The Heights Charter embraces the opportunity to provide a dynamic, individualized learning experience to a student population that has increasingly fallen through the educational 'cracks' in previous learning environments.

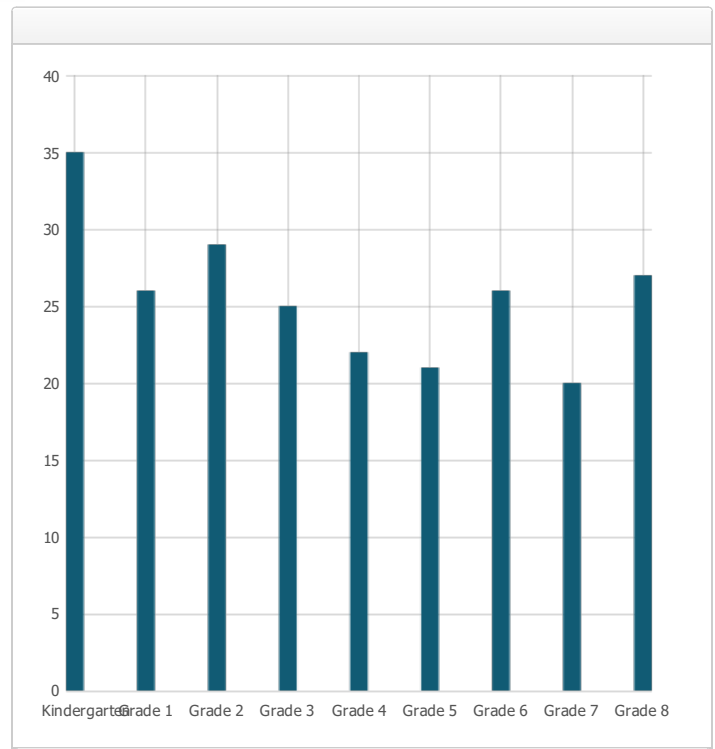
School Mission

The Heights Charter is founded on the belief that all children are born with the capacity for excellence. Our goal is to enable students to become self-motivated, competent, and lifelong learners. We provide students with a rigorous, standards-based program within a small school nurturing environment that incorporates strong family and community ties. To this end, we offer a non-traditional K-8 independent study program that offers optional onsite opportunities to enhance and enrich the individually designed curriculum and direction.

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Student Enrollment by Grade Level (School Year 2016-17)

Grade Level	Number of Students
Kindergarten	35
Grade 1	26
Grade 2	29
Grade 3	25
Grade 4	22
Grade 5	21
Grade 6	26
Grade 7	20
Grade 8	27
Total Enrollment	231



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Student Enrollment by Student Group (School Year 2016-17)

Student Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	1.7 %
American Indian or Alaska Native	1.3 %
Asian	0.4 %
Filipino	0.9 %
Hispanic or Latino	16.5 %
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.9 %
White	72.3 %
Two or More Races	6.1 %
Other	-0.1 %
Student Group (Other)	Percent of Total Enrollment
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	13.0 %
English Learners	0.0 %
Students with Disabilities	12.1 %
Foster Youth	0.0 %

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A. Conditions of Learning

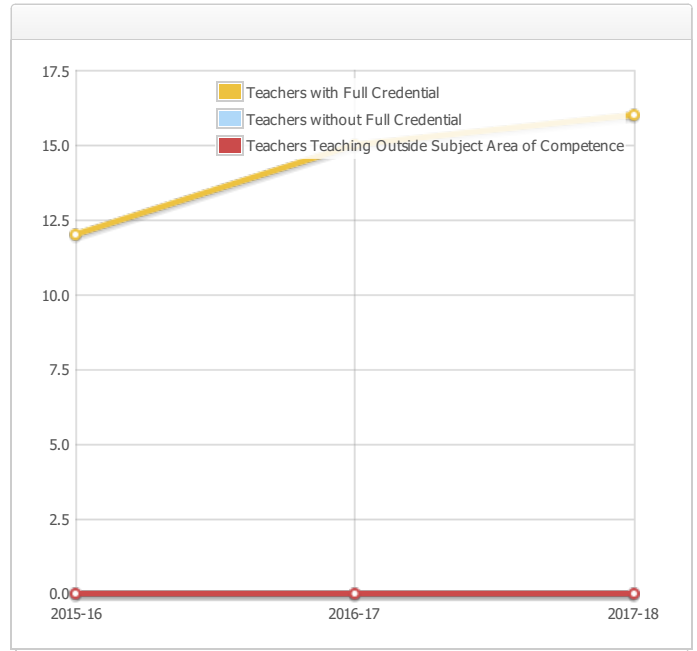
State Priority: Basic

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

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

Teacher Credentials

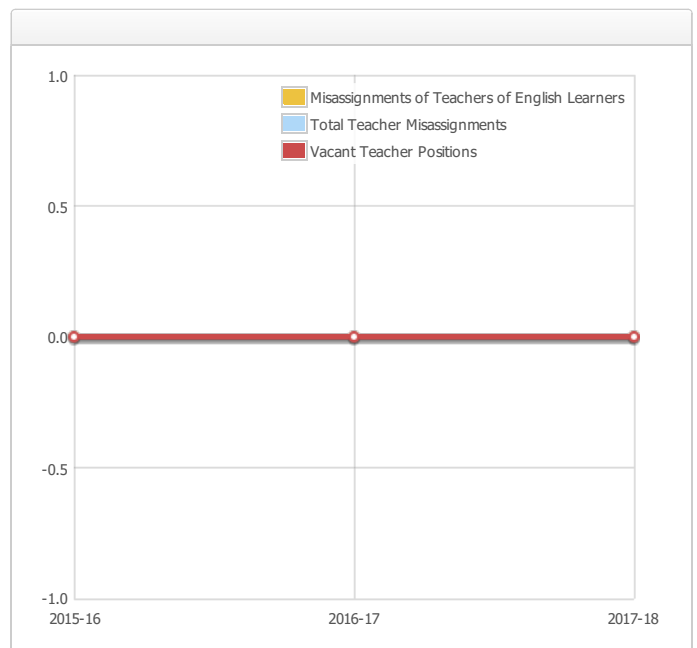
Teachers	School			District
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2017-18
With Full Credential	12	15	16	
Without Full Credential	0	0	0	
Teachers Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence (with full credential)	0	0	0	



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Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions

Indicator	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners	0	0	0
Total Teacher Misassignments*	0	0	0
Vacant Teacher Positions	0	0	0



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

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

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Quality, Currency, Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials (School Year 2017-18)

Year and month in which the data were collected:

Subject	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption?	Percent Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
Reading/Language Arts	The Heights Charter provides high quality instructional materials and core curricula for all students at all grade levels, including standards-aligned textbooks. Materials are updated and replaced as needed.		0.0 %
Mathematics	The Heights Charter provides high quality instructional materials and core curricula for all students at all grade levels, including standards-aligned textbooks. Materials are updated and replaced as needed.		0.0 %
Science	The Heights Charter provides high quality instructional materials and core curricula for all students at all grade levels, including standards-aligned textbooks. Materials are updated and replaced as needed.		0.0 %
History-Social Science	The Heights Charter provides high quality instructional materials and core curricula for all students at all grade levels, including standards-aligned textbooks. Materials are updated and replaced as needed.		0.0 %
Foreign Language	The Heights Charter provides high quality instructional materials and core curricula for all students at all grade levels, including standards-aligned textbooks. Materials are updated and replaced as needed.		0.0 %
Health	The Heights Charter provides high quality instructional materials and core curricula for all students at all grade levels, including standards-aligned textbooks. Materials are updated and replaced as needed.		0.0 %
Visual and Performing Arts	The Heights Charter provides high quality instructional materials and core curricula for all students at all grade levels, including standards-aligned textbooks. Materials are updated and replaced as needed.		0.0 %
Science Lab Eqpmt (Grades 9-12)		N/A	N/A

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

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School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements

The Heights Charter resource center is in excellent condition. The Heights Charter expanded the square footage of the resource center based on increased enrollment wanting to ensure that there is adequate space to accommodate all students that choose to make use of the resources offered at the learning center. Such resources include reference books and materials, computers and learning labs, and interaction with credentialed teachers to allow each child to attain the goals outlined in his/her individual study program. In addition, in response to parents voicing a concern regarding the level of physical activity offered, expansion of the physical education area was obtained to allow the resource center to offer supervised sports.

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School Facility Good Repair Status

Year and month of the most recent FIT report: October 2016

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

Overall Facility Rate

Year and month of the most recent FIT report: October 2016

Overall Rating	Exemplary
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B. Pupil Outcomes

State Priority: Pupil Achievement

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

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

CAASPP Test Results in ELA and Mathematics for All Students

Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven (School Year 2016-17)

Subject	Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standards					
	School		District		State	
	2015-16	2016-17	2015-16	2016-17	2015-16	2016-17
English Language Arts / Literacy (grades 3-8 and 11)	78%	65%	42%	39%	48%	48%
Mathematics (grades 3-8 and 11)	46%	48%	21%	22%	36%	37%

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.

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CAASPP Test Results in ELA by Student Group**Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven (School Year 2016-17)**

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	147	139	94.56%	65.47%
Male	73	70	95.89%	60.00%
Female	74	69	93.24%	71.01%
Black or African American	--	--	--	
American Indian or Alaska Native	--	--	--	
Asian	--	--	--	
Filipino	--	--	--	
Hispanic or Latino	33	32	96.97%	59.38%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	--	--	--	
White	97	90	92.78%	66.67%
Two or More Races	--	--	--	
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	19	17	89.47%	58.82%
English Learners	--	--	--	
Students with Disabilities	25	24	96.00%	
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services				
Foster Youth				

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: Double dashes (--) appear in the table when the number of students is ten or less, either because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or to protect student privacy.

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

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CAASPP Test Results in Mathematics by Student Group**Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven (School Year 2016-17)**

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	147	139	94.56%	48.20%
Male	73	70	95.89%	52.86%
Female	74	69	93.24%	43.48%
Black or African American	--	--	--	
American Indian or Alaska Native	--	--	--	
Asian	--	--	--	
Filipino	--	--	--	
Hispanic or Latino	33	32	96.97%	40.63%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	--	--	--	
White	97	90	92.78%	50.00%
Two or More Races	--	--	--	
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	19	17	89.47%	47.06%
English Learners	--	--	--	
Students with Disabilities	25	24	96.00%	20.83%
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services				
Foster Youth				

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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CAASPP Test Results in Science for All Students**Grades Five, Eight and Ten**

Subject	Percentage of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced					
	School		District		State	
	2014-15	2015-16	2014-15	2015-16	2014-15	2015-16
Science (grades 5, 8, and 10)	83.0%	91.0%	60.0%	48.0%	56%	54%

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

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

Note: The 2016-17 data are not available. The California Department of Education is developing a new science assessment based on the Next Generation Science Standards for California Public Schools (CA NGSS). The new California Science Test (CAST) was piloted in spring 2017. The CST and CMA for Science will no longer be administered.

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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

California Physical Fitness Test Results (School Year 2016-17)

Grade Level	Percentage of Students Meeting Fitness Standards		
	Four of Six Fitness Standards	Five of Six Fitness Standards	Six of Six Fitness Standards
5	31.8%	40.9%	18.2%
7	28.6%	28.6%	9.5%

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C. Engagement

State Priority: Parental Involvement

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

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

Opportunities for Parental Involvement (School Year 2017-18)

In addition to encouraging parents to serve on the Board, a Parent Advisory Council was created to be responsible for parent involvement in school activities, fundraising, and advising the Board of Directors on any and all matters related to the strengthening of the charter school community. Parent participation plays a vital role in the effectiveness of our program.

State Priority: Pupil Engagement

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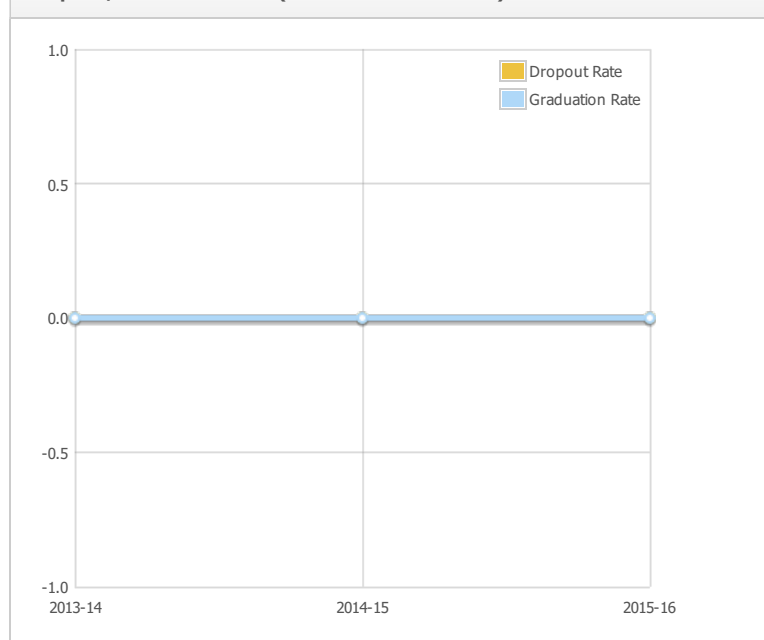
The SARC provides the following information relevant to the State priority: Pupil Engagement (Priority 5):

- High school dropout rates; and
- High school graduation rates

Dropout Rate and Graduation Rate (Four-Year Cohort Rate)

Indicator	School			District			State		
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Dropout Rate	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	11.5%	10.7%	9.7%
Graduation Rate	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	81.0%	82.3%	83.8%

Dropout/Graduation Rate (Four-Year Cohort Rate) Chart



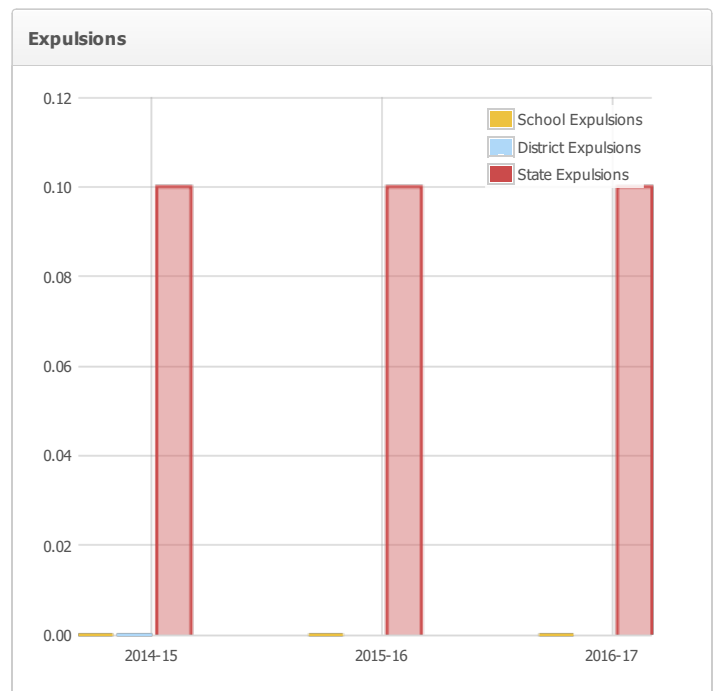
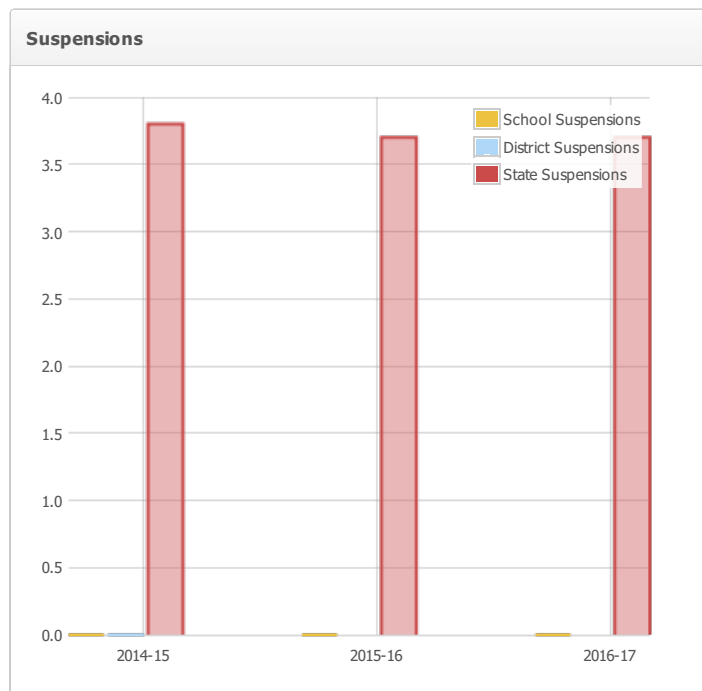
State Priority: School Climate

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 and Expulsions

Rate	School			District			State		
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Suspensions	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	--	--	--	3.8%	3.7%	3.7%
Expulsions	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	--	--	--	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%



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School Safety Plan (School Year 2017-18)

The Heights Charter has a school safety coordinator who attends safety meetings at the county office of education and who works to keep the school's comprehensive safety plan up to date. The safety coordinator and the director are responsible for organizing fire and earthquake drills, which take place quarterly. Each room at the resource center is equipped with emergency essentials such as first aid kits and flashlights. The Heights Charter also maintains an updated school safety plan and reviews with staff on a regular basis. The safety plan includes emergency procedures, emergency telephone numbers, and an immediate response plan. The Heights Charter puts forth great effort to ensure that our facilities are clean, safe, and functional for students and staff.

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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.

Academic Counselors and Other Support Staff (School Year 2016-17)

Title	Number of FTE* Assigned to School	Average Number of Students per Academic Counselor
Academic Counselor		
Counselor (Social/Behavioral or Career Development)		N/A
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)		N/A
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)		N/A
Psychologist	0.6	N/A
Social Worker		N/A
Nurse		N/A
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist		N/A
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)		N/A
Other		N/A

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*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.

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Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries (Fiscal Year 2015-16)

Level	Total Expenditures Per Pupil	Expenditures Per Pupil (Restricted)	Expenditures Per Pupil (Unrestricted)	Average Teacher Salary
School Site	\$8139.0	\$943.0	\$9082.0	\$56167.0
District	N/A	N/A	\$0.0	\$0.0
Percent Difference – School Site and District	N/A	N/A	200.0%	200.0%
State	N/A	N/A	\$6574.0	\$61939.0
Percent Difference – School Site and State	N/A	N/A	32.0%	-9.8%

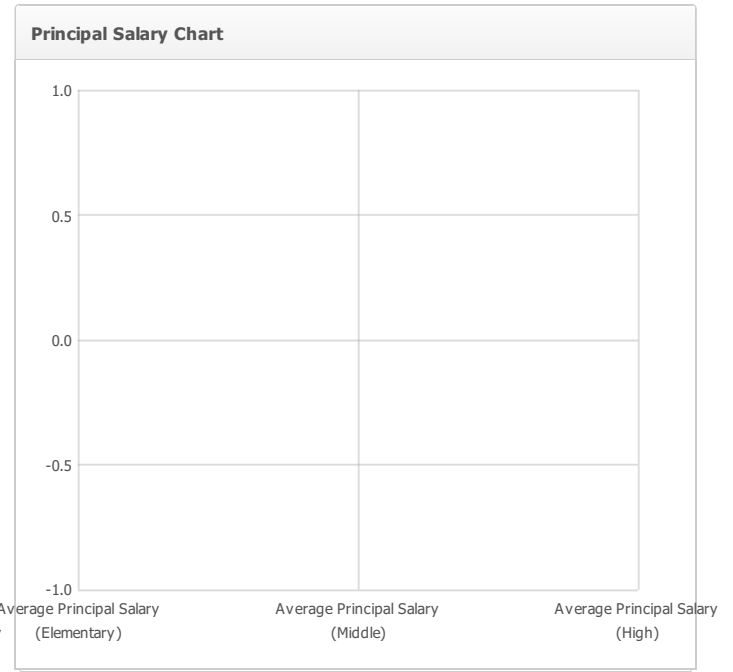
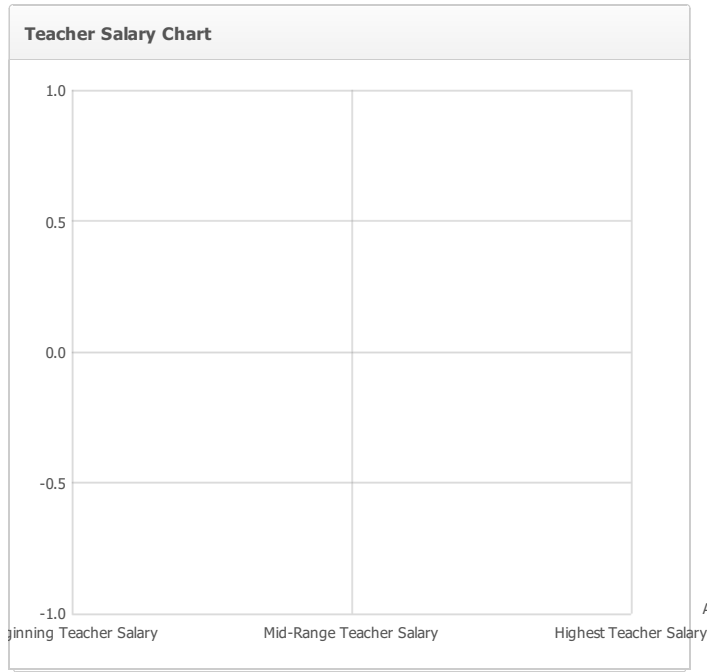
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Teacher and Administrative Salaries (Fiscal Year 2015-16)

Category	District Amount	State Average For Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$	\$42,598
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$	\$62,232
Highest Teacher Salary	\$	\$80,964
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)	\$	\$102,366
Average Principal Salary (Middle)	\$	\$104,982
Average Principal Salary (High)	\$	\$
Superintendent Salary	\$	\$117,868
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	17.0%	32.0%
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	7.0%	7.0%

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



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Professional Development

Teachers/staff attend workshops and seminars that pertain to their specific subject area of focus/expertise as needed and as the workshops become available.

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