

Ladera Elementary School

School Accountability Report Card

Reported Using Data from the 2018-19 School Year

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

- For more information about SARC requirements, see the California Department of Education (CDE) SARC web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa/>.
- For more information about the LCFF or 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).

Internet Access

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About This School

School Contact Information (School Year 2019-20)

Entity	Contact Information
School Name	Ladera Elementary School
Street	2515 Rawlings Way
City, State, Zip	Tustin, CA 92782
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Principal	Dustin O'Malley
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Website	https://www.tustin.k12.ca.us/ladera
County-District-School (CDS) Code	30-73643-6118764

Entity	Contact Information
District Name	Tustin Unified School District
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Superintendent	Gregory A. Franklin, Ed.D.
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Website	https://www.tustin.k12.ca.us

School Description and Mission Statement (School Year 2019-20)

Ladera Elementary is a public K-5 school with 336 students located in Tustin, California. The student enrollment includes 31% Asian, 21% Hispanic, 27% White, Multi-Ethnic 17%, and 4% other. The student population includes subgroups of 24% Socioeconomically Disadvantaged and 10% English Language Learners. Ladera has many excellent school-wide programs including reading and writing workshop, weekly art instruction, math workshop, and physical education.

Strong achievement for all students is the highest priority for the Tustin Unified School District. Multi-tiered systems of support will be developed and implemented to address the academic, behavioral, attendance, and social-emotional needs of all students as they engage in a standards-based, rigorous academic program. The site goal is to decrease suspension rates for SED students by .3-1.0% from prior year, maintain positive growth in CAASPP for all student groups and reduce gaps for low performing target groups by 3% a year, and increase the number of students meeting Running Records EOY benchmark by 3%. Progress indicators of suspensions rates from Aeries reports are monitored monthly.

Student Enrollment by Grade Level (School Year 2018-19)

Grade Level	Number of Students
Kindergarten	39
Grade 1	43
Grade 2	66
Grade 3	60
Grade 4	59
Grade 5	67
Total Enrollment	334

Student Enrollment by Group (School Year 2018-19)

Student Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	0.9
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.6
Asian	36.2
Filipino	3.3
Hispanic or Latino	20.7
White	26.9
Two or More Races	10.8
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	16.5
English Learners	6.3
Students with Disabilities	10.5
Homeless	

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 2017-18	School 2018-19	School 2019-20	District 2019-20
With Full Credential	13	14	12	913
Without Full Credential	0	0	0	5
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence (with full credential)	0	0	0	48

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions

Indicator	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
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.

Quality, Currency, Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials (School Year 2019-20)

Year and month in which data were collected: October 2019

On September 9, 2019, the Tustin Unified School District Board of Education verified by resolution that each student at this school has a textbook and/or instructional materials for each core subject area that are aligned to the content and cycles of the curriculum framework adopted by the State of California.

Subject	Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials/year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption?	Percent Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
Reading/Language Arts	<p>State-Adopted Textbooks</p> <p>Textbooks and support materials are state-adopted and consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum frameworks adopted by the State Board of Education. The school district has purchased and provided each student with textbooks and materials in this subject area that are aligned with state standards. The Units of Study for Teaching Reading and the Units of Study in Opinion, Information, and Narrative Writing by Lucy Calkins as well as K-2 Phonics Lessons by Irene Fountas and Gay Su Pinnell are the state adopted textbooks for the District. The Tustin Unified School District Board of Education approved these textbooks for adoption on December 12, 2016.</p> <p>Supplemental Textbooks and Materials</p> <p>Students have access to classroom libraries containing both literature and non-fiction text.</p>	Yes	0%
Mathematics	<p>State-Adopted Textbooks</p> <p>Textbooks and support materials are state-adopted and consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum frameworks adopted by the State Board of Education. The school district has purchased and provided each student with textbooks and materials in this subject area that are aligned to state standards. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt California Math Expressions Common Core (2015) is the state adopted core curriculum for the District. The Tustin Unified Board of Education approved this textbook for adoption on June 9, 2014.</p>	Yes	0%

Subject	Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials/year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption?	Percent Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
Science	<p>State-Adopted Textbooks Textbooks and support materials are state-approved and consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum frameworks adopted by the State Board of Education. The school district has purchased and provided each student with textbooks and materials in this subject area that are aligned to state standards. Houghton-Mifflin California Science, Interactive Text (2007) is the state adopted textbook for the District. The Tustin Unified School District Board of Education approved this textbook for adoption on March 10, 2008.</p> <p>Supplemental Textbooks and Materials This curriculum is aligned to the Next Generation Science Standards and incorporates the three-dimensional learning model including cross-cutting concepts, science and engineering practices and disciplinary core ideas. Digital interactive curriculum is used in grades TK-5 and is supported with inquiry-based, hands-on exploration activities.</p>	Yes	0%
History-Social Science	<p>State-Adopted Textbooks Textbooks and support materials are state-approved and consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum frameworks adopted by the State Board of Education. The school district has purchased and provided each student with textbooks and materials in this subject area that are aligned to state standards. Harcourt Reflections (K-5), 2007 is the state adopted core curriculum for the District. The Tustin Unified School District Board of Education approved this textbook for adoption on March 26, 2007.</p>	Yes	0%

Subject	Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials/year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption?	Percent Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
Health	State-Adopted Textbooks Textbooks are state-adopted, in good condition, and are available consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum frameworks adopted by the State Board of Education. Health curriculum materials are incorporated in the Science textbooks in elementary school. Houghton-Mifflin California Science, Interactive Text (2007) is the state adopted textbook for the District. The Tustin Unified School District Board of Education approved this textbook for adoption on March 10, 2008.	Yes	0%

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements (Most Recent Year)

The Tustin Unified School District takes great efforts to ensure that all schools are clean, safe, and functional. To assist in this effort, the District uses a facility survey instrument developed by the State of California Office of Public School Construction (OPSC). The results of this survey are available at the school office, the District office, or on the Internet at <https://tinyurl.com/TUSD-Facility-Inspection-Tool>. The District maintenance staff ensures that the repairs necessary to keep the school in good repair and working order are completed in a timely manner. A work order process is used to ensure efficient service and that emergency repairs are given the highest priority.

Ladera Elementary School opened in 2001, as a newer facility, we have access to state of the art technology resources. Every regular education classroom contains a SMART Board that is connected to the teachers' desktop and school-wide server; a voice amplification system; and, a projector. Ladera's STEAM Lab is equipped with 40 iPads, a 70" Flat Screen Monitor/TV, 3D Printer, and printer. Additionally, the main hallways and library are equipped with computers. Students and teachers have access to wireless Internet and teachers correspond with parents via email on a regular basis. In addition, technology is used as a tool for instruction and students are taught a variety of skills including keyboarding, word processing, graphing and presentation skills. Students and staff use a networked catalog system to search for specific titles in our school library and have access to electronic books (eBooks).

School Facility Good Repair Status (Most Recent Year)

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

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

Year and month of the most recent FIT report: 09/18/19

System Inspected	Rating	Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	Good	
Interior: Interior Surfaces	Good	

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

CAASPP Test Results in ELA and Mathematics for All Students

Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven

Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standard

Subject	School 2017-18	School 2018-19	District 2017-18	District 2018-19	State 2017-18	State 2018-19
English Language Arts/Literacy (grades 3-8 and 11)	68	72	63	62	50	50
Mathematics (grades 3-8 and 11)	71	73	53	53	38	39

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

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

CAASPP Test Results in ELA by Student Group
Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven (School Year 2018-19)

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	187	183	97.86	2.14	71.58
Male	101	98	97.03	2.97	71.43
Female	86	85	98.84	1.16	71.76
Black or African American	--	--	--	--	--
American Indian or Alaska Native	--	--	--	--	--
Asian	70	69	98.57	1.43	79.71
Filipino	--	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	41	41	100.00	0.00	60.98
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander					
White	47	44	93.62	6.38	72.73
Two or More Races	16	16	100.00	0.00	68.75
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	35	35	100.00	0.00	65.71
English Learners	23	23	100.00	0.00	56.52
Students with Disabilities	21	20	95.24	4.76	20.00
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services					
Foster Youth	--	--	--	--	--
Homeless					

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.

CAASPP Test Results in Mathematics by Student Group
Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven (School Year 2018-19)

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	187	183	97.86	2.14	73.22
Male	101	98	97.03	2.97	75.51
Female	86	85	98.84	1.16	70.59

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
Black or African American	--	--	--	--	--
American Indian or Alaska Native	--	--	--	--	--
Asian	70	69	98.57	1.43	84.06
Filipino	--	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	41	41	100.00	0.00	46.34
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander					
White	47	44	93.62	6.38	79.55
Two or More Races	16	16	100.00	0.00	87.50
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	35	35	100.00	0.00	54.29
English Learners	23	23	100.00	0.00	56.52
Students with Disabilities	21	20	95.24	4.76	25.00
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services					
Foster Youth	--	--	--	--	--
Homeless					

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

Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standard

Subject	School 2017-18	School 2018-19	District 2017-18	District 2018-19	State 2017-18	State 2018-19
Science (grades 5, 8 and high school)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

Note: This is a placeholder for the California Science Test (CAST) which was administered operationally during the 2018-19 school year. However, these data are not available for inclusion in the 2018-19 SARC posting due February 1, 2020. These data will be included in the 2019-20 SARC posting due February 1, 2021.

State Priority: Other Pupil Outcomes

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

- Pupil outcomes in the subject areas of physical education.

California Physical Fitness Test Results (School Year 2018-19)

Grade Level	Percentage of Students Meeting Four of Six Fitness Standards	Percentage of Students Meeting Five of Six Fitness Standards	Percentage of Students Meeting Six of Six Fitness Standards
5	19.7	22.7	40.9

Note: Percentages are not calculated and double dashes (--) 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 for the school district and each school site.

Opportunities for Parental Involvement (School Year 2019-20)

There are many opportunities in the district for parental involvement through participation in parent surveys, support organizations, booster clubs, school site councils, DELAC and district-level advisory committees with the superintendent.

Parents at the school participate in activities such as helping in the classroom, chaperoning field trips, helping with our running club, and planning family events.

For more information on how to become involved at the school, please contact Holly Smyth at (714)730-7505.

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 2016-17	School 2017-18	School 2018-19	District 2016-17	District 2017-18	District 2018-19	State 2016-17	State 2017-18	State 2018-19
Suspensions	1.6	0.6	0.0	2.8	2.7	2.1	3.6	3.5	3.5
Expulsions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1

School Safety Plan (School Year 2019-20)

Date Last Reviewed by School Site Council (SSC): 10/22/19

Date Updated and Approved by SSC: 10/22/19

Date Discussed by Staff: 08/098/19

Our School Safety Plan includes the following elements: Child abuse reporting procedures, disaster procedures, routine and emergency (SEMS); suspension, expulsion, or mandatory expulsion recommendations; procedures to notify teachers of dangerous pupils; discrimination/harassment policy; provisions of any school-wide dress code; procedures for safe ingress and egress; safe and orderly environment; rules and procedures on school discipline and dress code; hate crime reporting; school safety goals and objectives. We run monthly drills and work closely with our Student Services department to ensure that we have updated procedures and practices in place to ensure school-wide safety.

The school is a closed campus and all visitors and volunteers must sign in at the front office and wear a "visitor" badge while on campus as a form of identification.

Our campus is an orderly learning environment and staff members have high expectations for student behavior. School rules/expectations are reviewed with students and parents at the beginning of each school year and parents receive a student handbook each September so the school rules/expectations can be reinforced at home. Behavior expectations are reinforced throughout the school year, through school-wide assemblies and classroom conversations.

Emergency radios with connections district-wide as well as bands to surrounding districts and emergency support from local sheriff and fire departments were added to school safety equipment in the coming year. Emergency backpacks and supplies will be replenished in the coming year as well. Monthly emergency drills are held to practice various situations the school may face including fire, earthquake and other emergency drills. A comprehensive school plan with teams of staff members trained for specific duties is in place and a mock disaster drill is implemented on an annual basis for practice and continued training.

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.

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Elementary)

Grade Level	2016-17 Average Class Size	2016-17 # of Classes* Size 1-20	2016-17 # of Classes* Size 21-32	2016-17 # of Classes* Size 33+	2017-18 Average Class Size	2017-18 # of Classes* Size 1-20	2017-18 # of Classes* Size 21-32	2017-18 # of Classes* Size 33+	2018-19 Average Class Size	2018-19 # of Classes* Size 1-20	2018-19 # of Classes* Size 21-32	2018-19 # of Classes* Size 33+
K	29		2		27		2		26		2	
1	24		2		24		2		25		1	
2	25		2		26		2		24		3	
3	25		3		29		2		30		2	
4	30		2		34		1	1	30		2	
5	35			2	35			2	34			2
Other**												

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

** "Other" category is for multi-grade level classes.

Ratio of Academic Counselors to Pupils (School Year 2018-19)

Title	Ratio
Academic Counselors*	.0

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

Student Support Services Staff (School Year 2018-19)

Title	Number of FTE* Assigned to School
Counselor (Academic, Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	
Psychologist	
Social Worker	
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	.5
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)	1.0

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

Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries (Fiscal Year 2017-18)

Level	Total Expenditures Per Pupil	Expenditures Per Pupil (Restricted)	Expenditures Per Pupil (Unrestricted)	Average Teacher Salary
School Site	\$10,831	\$2,485	\$8,346	\$86,724
District	N/A	N/A	\$7,934	\$86,495.00
Percent Difference - School Site and District	N/A	N/A	5.1	4.1
State	N/A	N/A	\$7,506.64	\$82,403.00
Percent Difference - School Site and State	N/A	N/A	16.9	10.2

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

The California Department of Education issued guidance to LEAs on August 1, 2018, regarding how to calculate school-level per-pupil expenditures that will be reported on 2018-19 report cards.

Types of Services Funded (Fiscal Year 2018-19)

In addition to base funding, Ladera Elementary School receives LCFF-EL and site supplemental funds to support all students and student subgroups in academic achievement. The Tustin Public Schools Foundation and site PTO/PTA also supports the school with donations and financial support throughout the year to support school-wide programs and events for students. The school's School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) identifies student needs and addresses specifically how these categorical funds will support student learning and achievement through a Multi-Tiered System of Supports. The base and supplemental funds are used to provide tiered and targeted supports or interventions for at-risk students in the areas of academics, behavior and social-emotional learning, and absenteeism, professional development, instructional materials, additional personnel to support all students in accessing academic standards, and technology resources.

Teacher and Administrative Salaries (Fiscal Year 2017-18)

Category	District Amount	State Average For Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$51,636	\$48,612
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$83,297	\$74,676
Highest Teacher Salary	\$110,872	\$99,791
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)	\$139,850	\$125,830
Average Principal Salary (Middle)	\$158,854	\$131,167
Average Principal Salary (High)	\$162,561	\$144,822
Superintendent Salary	\$329,796	\$275,796
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	35%	34%
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	5%	5%

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

Professional Development (Most Recent Three Years)

Measure	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Number of school days dedicated to Staff Development and Continuous Improvement	11	11	11

Tustin Unified School District provides dedicated time for professional development for all staff. Schools often provide additional professional development time based on specific school-site scheduling and budgetary decisions. The District provides intensive workshops in August during the week before school starts to provide teachers with new knowledge and enhanced skills for the upcoming year. Staff development opportunities are also offered after school and by release time throughout the school year. Additionally, professional development is provided one non-student day in the fall and one afternoon per month after school. New teachers are provided an extensive new teacher training program throughout the year to support their implementation of effective instruction.

In regards to Ladera's educational programs and instruction, our dedicated teachers engage in collaborative planning every Friday for 60 minutes during their PE time, one 1/2 day Wednesday per month designated for PLC time, as well as 2-3 Wednesdays per month from 2:00-3:15. The principal provides staff professional development meetings that focus on the process of Multiple Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS), Cognitively Guided Instruction, differentiating instruction, Readers and Writers Workshop, data interpretation and analysis and best first instruction. For the 2017-18, 2018-19 and currently the 2019-20 school years, our site continues to focus on a Balanced Literacy approach to teaching reading and writing, as well as implementation and refinement of CGI and math workshop, and our professional development revolves around these focuses. Teachers participate in a variety of District in-services as well as professional development workshops and conferences to enhance their knowledge and instructional skill. The Peer Assistance Review (PAR) and Induction programs, District workshops, and professional conferences are opportunities for professional development. The District continues to train teachers in strategies to deliver a differentiated curriculum with depth and complexity. Teachers utilize student assessment results to target instruction to better meet the individual needs of students. All teachers at Ladera, including classroom and non-classroom teachers, new teachers, and veteran teachers needing assistance all participated in the above outlined opportunities. Additionally, para professionals and other classified staff members are offered opportunities for professional growth through the district office.