

School Accountability Report Card Reported Using Data from the 2018—19 School Year California Department of Education

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/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 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).

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Julie Haycock, Senior Director
Jodiann Beeson, Site Based Principal

About Our School

HomeSchool

Dear Family,

Welcome! It is our hope that you and your family will find support and encouragement, a variety of homeschool information and resources, and important school contact information on this site.

At The Cottonwood School (TCS), we love to share the homeschool heart with those we interact with. We understand that learning is a never-ending adventure and can take place in many different settings and at any time of the day. We believe deeply in the idea of supporting each child's learning style and each parent's teaching style. We value each and every one of our homeschool families and we are here to serve, support, encourage, and inspire community within our school. We are both student and parent-driven and our hope and heart intention is to listen, research, and create a collaborative learning environment that helps ensure the best personalized learning experience for every student and family.

Additionally, we understand that without our homeschool families, we wouldn't have a charter school. We will always value and listen to our families' suggestions and opinions and would love to hear from you to ensure that we are achieving our goal of fully supporting our homeschool families. Please give us a call or an email to share your thoughts, ideas, suggestions, and questions with us!

Partnering with you,

Julie Haycock

Principal

Cottonwood
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Site Based High School

Dear Family,

**We shall walk together
on this path of life,
for all things are part of the universe and are
connected with each other to form
one whole unity.**

DR. MARIA MONTESSORI

The site based Cottonwood High School develops students to be prepared for an increasingly complex, demanding and competitive world. In addition to being influenced by Montessori principles, our school values the skills highlighted by the Partnership for 21st Century Skills: Communication, Collaboration, Critical Thinking, and Creativity.

The site based Cottonwood High School's course of study blends Common Core, project-based learning, and 21st Century Skills with the philosophy of Montessori. Incorporating our values with the spiraling curriculum deepens understanding leading to student agency—where a student has a growth mindset to take charge of their own learning.

The site based high school staff supports, advises and coaches students to become lifelong learners, think innovatively and achieve their academic and personal goals through relevant experiences. We strive to engage students in practical and rich real life learning—inside and outside the classroom—locally and globally.

By Graduation, All Students Will:

- Plan and participate in one field study a year
- Attempt an independent Design Thinking venture
- Give multiple presentations including performances to the community
- Plan and participate in service learning each year

Jodiann Beeson, The Cottonwood High School Principal

Site based Cottonwood High School
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About This School

Contact Information (School Year 2019—20)

District Contact Information (School Year 2019—20)	
District Name	Buckeye Union Elementary
Phone Number	(530) 677-2261
Superintendent	David Roth
Email Address	droth@buckeyeusd.org
Website	http://www.buckeyeusd.org

School Contact Information (School Year 2019—20)	
School Name	Cottonwood
Street	5049 Robert J Mathews Pkwy. 7006 Rossmore Ln.
City, State, Zip	El Dorado Hills, Ca, 95762
Phone Number	916-660-2924 530-285-2578
Principal	Julie Haycock, Senior Director Jodiann Beeson, Principal
Email Address	info@cottonwood.school
Website	http://cottonwood.school
County-District-School (CDS) Code	09618380139006

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

The Cottonwood School (TCS), a non-profit public charter school located in the Buckeye Union School District, serves students in El Dorado Hills, California. The Cottonwood School seeks to cultivate and prepare students for the 21st century through project-based learning instructional pedagogy coupled with Montessori principles of teaching and learning. We serve students within El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento, Amador, and Alpine counties.

The experiences students have at TCS, especially in high school, will mimic real-world expectations and scenarios. TCS gives students at the secondary level those experiences through robust, hands-on project-based learning programs, as well as extracurricular activities which include field trips and fieldwork. We also look at the individual child and personalize his/her learning experience in a collaborative environment. With a low student to teacher ratio, there are more opportunities for greater interaction between staff and students during class time. By the time students graduate from TCS, they will be able to transition into the college life or career they are passionate about.

This non profit public charter school has two components: a site based 9-12 high school located in El Dorado Hills, Ca and homeschool program.

The Site Based Cottonwood High School Vision and Mission

VISION (The WHY)

The Cottonwood School's vision is to guide our community to love learning, to profoundly contribute to our diverse world and to lead lives of achievement.

MISSION (The HOW)

The Cottonwood School, influenced by Montessori principles, will provide an innovative, rigorous, self-exploring education through experiential learning, design thinking and meaningful interdisciplinary studies cultivating a growth mindset.

The Site Based Cottonwood High School Essential Question: *How do we lead sustainable lives?*

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

Grade Level	Number of Students
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Student Enrollment by Student Group (School Year 2018—19)

Student Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	%
American Indian or Alaska Native	%
Asian	%
Filipino	%
Hispanic or Latino	%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	%
White	%
Two or More Races	%
Student Group (Other)	Percent of Total Enrollment
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	%
English Learners	%
Students with Disabilities	%
Foster Youth	%
Homeless	%

A. Conditions of Learning

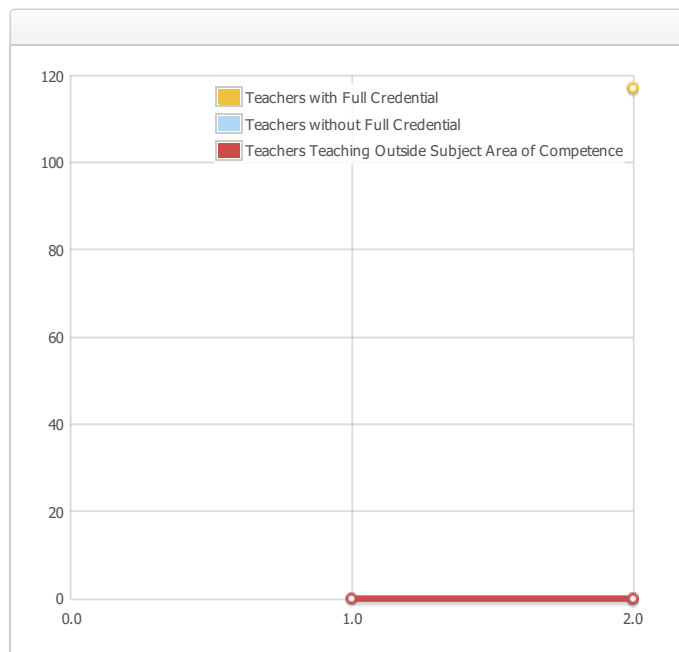
State Priority: Basic

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

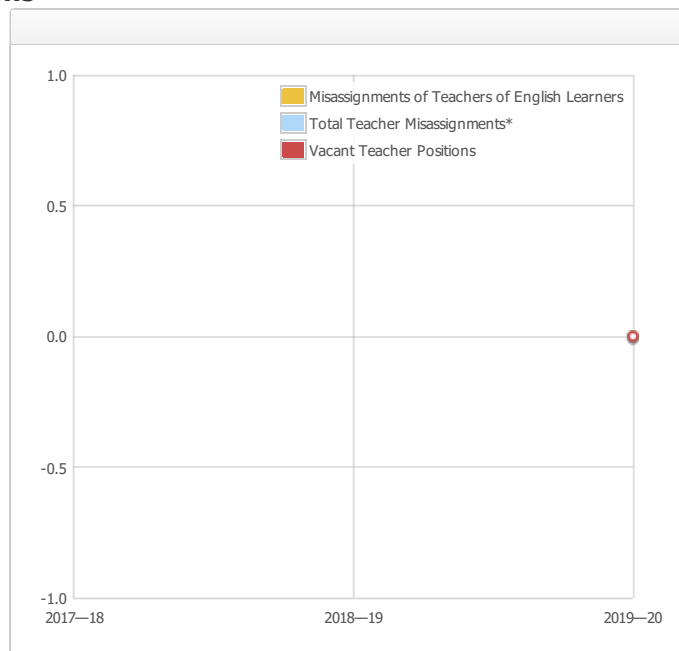
Teachers	School 2017 —18	School 2018 —19	School 2019 —20	District 2019— 20
With Full Credential			117	
Without Full Credential			0	
Teachers Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence (with full credential)		0	0	



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Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions

Indicator	2017— 18	2018— 19	2019— 20
Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners			0
Total Teacher Misassignments*			0
Vacant Teacher Positions			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 Other Instructional Materials (School Year 2019—20)

Year and month in which the data were collected: August 2019

Subject	Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials/year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption?	Percent Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
Reading/Language Arts	McGraw-Hill ALEKS Edgenuity K12 StrongMind Acellus Odysseyware Lincoln Empowered	Yes	0.00 %
Mathematics	McGraw-Hill ALEKS Edgenuity K12 StrongMind Acellus Odysseyware Lincoln Empowered	Yes	0.00 %
Science	McGraw-Hill ALEKS Edgenuity K12 StrongMind Acellus Odysseyware Lincoln Empowered	Yes	0.00 %
History-Social Science	McGraw-Hill ALEKS Edgenuity K12 StrongMind Acellus Odysseyware Lincoln Empowered	Yes	0.00 %
Foreign Language	McGraw-Hill ALEKS Edgenuity K12 StrongMind Acellus Odysseyware Lincoln Empowered	Yes	0.00 %
Health	McGraw-Hill ALEKS Edgenuity K12 StrongMind Acellus Odysseyware Lincoln Empowered	Yes	0.00 %
Visual and Performing Arts	McGraw-Hill ALEKS Edgenuity K12 StrongMind Acellus Odysseyware Lincoln Empowered	Yes	0.0 %

Science Lab Eqpmt (Grades 9-12)	N/A	N/A	0.0 %
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Note: Cells with N/A values do not require data.

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School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements

The Cottonwood School takes great efforts to ensure that all school grounds are clean, safe, and functional. To assist in this effort, the school uses the facility survey instrument developed by the State of California OPSC. The results shown for school facilities are in reference to the school grounds. Students are educated through independent study in accordance with the terms of an approved master agreement, the approved charter, and applicable laws.

The site based high school is located in El Dorado Hills at 7006 Rossmore Lane. The facilities are clean and modern. The main building consists of four classrooms and an administrative office. An adjacent portable houses our counseling office and staff room.

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School Facility Good Repair Status

Year and month of the most recent FIT report: August 2019

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: August 2019

Overall Rating	Good
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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
Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standard**

Our school opened in the fall of 2019

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)					50%	50%
Mathematics (grades 3-8 and 11)					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.

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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					
Male					
Female					
Black or African American					
American Indian or Alaska Native					
Asian					
Filipino					
Hispanic or Latino					
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander					
White					
Two or More Races					
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged					
English Learners					
Students with Disabilities					
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.

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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					
Male					
Female					
Black or African American					
American Indian or Alaska Native					
Asian					
Filipino					
Hispanic or Latino					
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander					
White					
Two or More Races					
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged					
English Learners					
Students with Disabilities					
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 High School
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.

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Career Technical Education (CTE) Participation (School Year 2018—19)

Our school opened in fall of 2019

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

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Courses for University of California (UC) and/or California State University (CSU) Admission

Our school opened in the fall of 2019

UC/CSU Course Measure	Percent
2018—19 Pupils Enrolled in Courses Required for UC/CSU Admission	--
2017—18 Graduates Who Completed All Courses Required for UC/CSU Admission	--

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 2018—19)

Our school opened in the fall of 2019

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
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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.

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C. Engagement

State Priority: Parental Involvement

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

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

Opportunities for Parental Involvement (School Year 2019—20)

The Cottonwood School ensures parents, legal guardians, and teachers have an opportunity to participate in governance of the school. Some of the voting members of the board of directors by parents/guardians. The parent representatives provide insight of students and families as it is related to program planning, design, and implementation. Parents/guardians assist with field trips, community events, and other school related activities. Parent satisfaction surveys are provided electronically to all parents annually in the spring. The surveys are developed specifically to assess parent input on effectiveness of all aspects of the school from their perspective, related to their experience. The results of the survey are reviewed along with information on program effectiveness from variety of in house assessments such as student and staff engagement surveys, summative and formative assessment data. Survey results are shared with families and community. In addition, the school has partnered with local community organizations and businesses to provide educational workshops, specialty program tracks, and outreach that enrich the students' educational experience.

At the site based Cottonwood High School parent involvement is critical to the success of our school. Parents contribute to our community through Student Led Conferences, WASC Focus Groups, future planning and other community events. Parents are welcomed to call our school site to become involved (530) 285-2578.

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

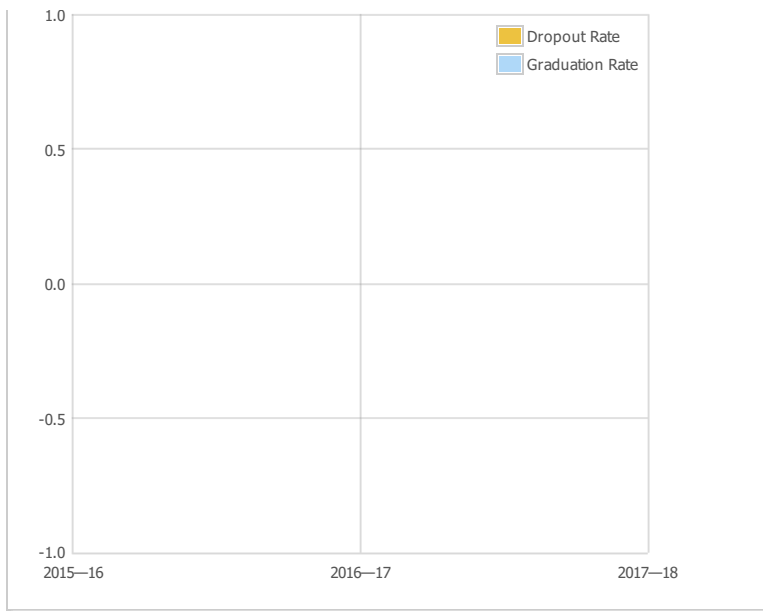
Dropout Rate and Graduation Rate (Four-Year Cohort Rate)

Our school opened in the fall of 2019

Indicator	School 2015—16	District 2015—16	State 2015—16
Dropout Rate	--	--	9.70%
Graduation Rate	--	--	83.80%

Indicator	School 2016—17	School 2017—18	District 2016—17	District 2017—18	State 2016—17	State 2017—18
Dropout Rate	--	--	--	0.00%	9.10%	9.60%
Graduation Rate	--	--	--	100.00%	82.70%	83.00%

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



For the formula to calculate the 2016-17 and 2017-18 adjusted cohort graduation rate, see the 2018-19 Data Element Definitions document located on the SARC web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa/>.

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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

Our school opened in the fall of 2019

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	--	--	--	1.60%	1.60%	1.30%	3.60%	3.50%	3.50%
Expulsions	--	--	--	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.10%	0.10%	0.10%

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School Safety Plan (School Year 2019—20)

The Cottonwood School has a Comprehensive Safety Plan which is reviewed, updated, and discussed every fall before school resumes. The safety plan includes emergency procedures and contact information, evacuation routes, incident command system procedures, and an injury and illness prevention plan.

The site based high school's Community Handbook outlines the expectations for students as well as provide a framework for disciplinary infractions. The handbook can be found on the schools website (<https://cottonwood.school/school-info/community-handbook>).

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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.

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

We opened in the fall of 2019

Title	Ratio**
Counselors*	

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

**Average Number of Pupils per Counselor

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Student Support Services Staff (School Year 2018—19)

We opened in the fall of 2019

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	
Nurse	
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)	
Other	

*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 2017—18)

Our school opened in the fall of 2019

Level	Total Expenditures Per Pupil	Expenditures Per Pupil (Restricted)	Expenditures Per Pupil (Unrestricted)	Average Teacher Salary
School Site	--	--	--	--
District	N/A	N/A	--	\$75112.00
Percent Difference – School Site and District	N/A	N/A	--	--
State	N/A	N/A	\$7506.64	\$77619.00
Percent Difference – School Site and State	N/A	N/A	--	--

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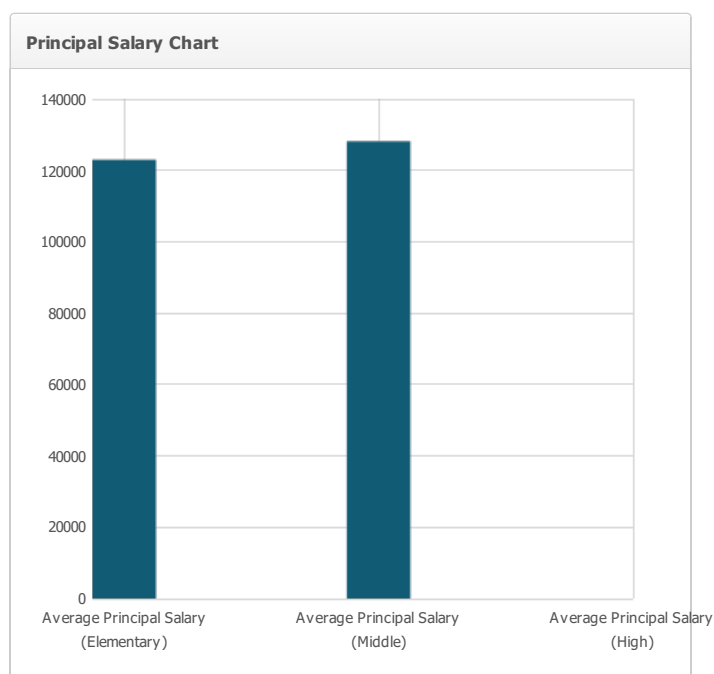
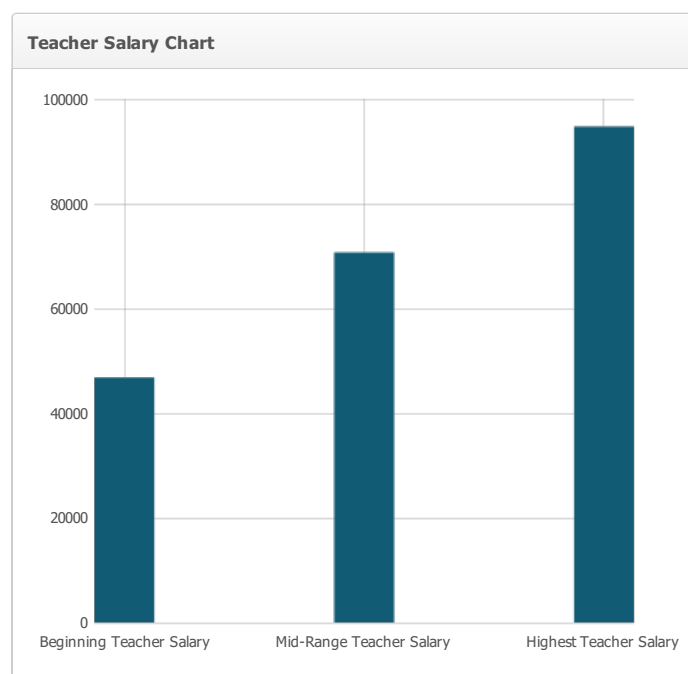
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Teacher and Administrative Salaries (Fiscal Year 2017—18)

The "District" information is for our authorizing district--we opened in the fall of 2019

Category	District Amount	State Average For Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$46,804	\$49,378
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$70,694	\$77,190
Highest Teacher Salary	\$94,745	\$96,607
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)	\$122,979	\$122,074
Average Principal Salary (Middle)	\$128,139	\$126,560
Average Principal Salary (High)	\$	\$126,920
Superintendent Salary	\$167,569	\$189,346
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	39.00%	36.00%
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	6.00%	6.00%

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



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Advanced Placement (AP) Courses (School Year 2018—19)

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Subject	Number of AP Courses Offered*	Percent of Students In AP Courses
Computer Science		N/A
English		N/A
Fine and Performing Arts		N/A
Foreign Language		N/A
Mathematics		N/A
Science		N/A
Social Science		N/A
All Courses		--

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

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

Professional Development

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We opened in the fall of 2019.

The site based Cottonwood High School consistently works toward improving teaching practices to ensure effective implementation of the Common Core Standards in math, English, social studies and the Next Generation Science Standards. The site administrator and teachers visit school sites to learn and observe best practices and to gain greater knowledge of Montessori Principles. The counselor attends conferences in the areas of: preparing students for careers and college, dual enrollment, and understanding current requirements to attend two and four year universities. Additionally, early release Wednesdays provide the opportunity for staff to meet in a professional learning community. During weekly collaboration time teachers work together to develop and hone teaching practices, develop interdisciplinary units and use data to monitor student progress. Professional development designed by the administrator includes: research based best practices, project based learning, Montessori principles, building a large Community of Practice.

Measure	2017—18	2018—19	2019—20
Number of school days dedicated to Staff Development and Continuous Improvement			14