

Castille 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

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About This School

School Contact Information (School Year 2019-20)

Entity	Contact Information
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Entity	Contact Information
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School Description and Mission Statement (School Year 2019-20)

At Castille Elementary School, our mission is to foster a safe and supportive environment where each child's unique academic and social needs are cultivated, and students are accepting, respectful, and kind. Utilizing the common core state standards, educators facilitate innovative learning experiences which promote collaboration, critical thinking, creativity, and communication. Staff, parents, and the community work in partnership to prepare our students to be 21st-century global learners.

Castille Elementary School opened its doors in September 1975 to 152 students in kindergarten through sixth grades. Due to its location in the heart of South Orange County's Mission Viejo, the student population of Castille grew rapidly. During the early 1990s, the student enrollment soared to well over 900 students. As one of 56 schools in the Capistrano Unified School District, Castille currently enrolls 575 students in a typical middle class community. We serve neighborhoods adjacent to the school and to the north, including the Canyon Crest development, as well as to the south surrounding Newhart Middle School. The majority of the residences in the school communities are single-family detached homes and a few apartment dwellings. There is a blended state funded/fee-based preschool on site as well as a YMCA before and after school program. Castille is also home to a specialized structured program for students with autism as their primary disability.

At Castille, we are proud of our students and their behavior. High standards and expectations are set both academically and behaviorally. Students and teachers follow clear standards of behavior through a school wide discipline plan. The discipline plan is reviewed with students and parents at the beginning of each school year with a focus on anti-bullying. Character development and the enhancement of social skills are inherent in maintaining the school's positive climate. The Coyote with Character program (tied closely to the City of Mission Viejo's character program) serves as the backdrop for building sound character in students and guides them to make good choices. The program focuses on twelve character traits: Responsibility, Respect, Thankfulness, Caring, Perseverance, Unity, Integrity, Service, Moral Courage, Citizenship, Fairness, and Self-Control. In addition to providing our students with a safe and orderly environment, we place a strong emphasis on the recognition of student achievement, participation in academic competition, citizenship, community service, and positive character development.

Castille Elementary School offers many exciting learning experiences and research-based instructional programs for children. We provide effective interventions and enrichment for students during WIN time (What I Need) and offer after school homework help during the week for select students. Our PTA provides enrichment in art and music, science field trips and assemblies, and other programs interwoven in a student's day. Through the combined efforts of an innovative staff, active PTA, involved parents, and broad-based community support, the school's goals are achieved.

Our goal is to challenge each student to progress in the state and district standards to achieve academic excellence. We facilitate an active and supportive learning environment by collaboration and by ongoing evaluation of student work and assessment results. Learning is stimulated by problem solving, critical thinking skills, and by opportunities for student choice through differentiation. As a STEAM focus school, science, math, technology, and the arts are woven throughout your child's day, and Castille students are afforded additional opportunities to participate in science learning with working scientists at universities and time in our Innovation and Robotics Labs. All students have access to technology both in the classrooms and in a computer lab. Teachers share their expertise with students after school by offering challenging math and engineering classes, including competitions and FSEA (Future Scientists and Engineers of America). We are a 21st Century Learning Collaborative.

At Castille we foster a partnership of school, home, and the community through ongoing communication, an extraordinary number of parent volunteers and community events. All students, teachers and parents work together for student success.

For additional information about the school, please visit the school's website at www.castilleschool.com

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

Grade Level	Number of Students
Kindergarten	97
Grade 1	94
Grade 2	86
Grade 3	94
Grade 4	69
Grade 5	107
Total Enrollment	547

Student Enrollment by Group (School Year 2018-19)

Student Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	0.7
Asian	6.2
Filipino	0.9
Hispanic or Latino	18.1
White	60.7
Two or More Races	9.3
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	15.9
English Learners	7.1
Students with Disabilities	10.6
Foster Youth	0.2
Homeless	3.3

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	24	25	23	1882
Without Full Credential	0	0	0	13
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence (with full credential)	0	0	0	3

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: September 2019

All textbooks used in the core curriculum throughout Capistrano USD are aligned to the California Content Standards and Frameworks. Instructional materials for grades K-8 are selected from the State's list of standards-based materials and adopted by the State Board of Education. Instructional materials for grades 9-12 are standards based and approved by the District's Board of Trustees. On September 18, 2019, the Capistrano USD's Board of Trustees adopted Resolution 1920-24 which certifies as required by Education Code 60119 that for the 2019-2020 school year, the Capistrano USD has provided sufficient textbooks or instructional materials, or both that are consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum frameworks adopted by the State Board, to each pupil including those enrolled in a foreign language or health course, and that sufficient laboratory science equipment applicable to science laboratory courses offered in grades 9-12, inclusive, is available to pupils.

Subject	Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials/year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption?	Percent Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
Reading/Language Arts	Year Adopted 2017- McGraw Hill Wonders (K-3) ; Benchmark Education Company, Benchmark Advance (4-5)	Yes	0%
Mathematics	Year Adopted 2015 - Houghton Mifflin, Math Expressions	Yes	0%
Science	Year Adopted 2019 - Delta Education FOSS Science	Yes	0%
History-Social Science	Year Adopted 2007- Scott Foresman/Pearson	Yes	0%

Subject	Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials/year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption?	Percent Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
Foreign Language	N/A		
Health	N/A		

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements (Most Recent Year)

This school has 24 classrooms, a multipurpose room, a library, an innovation lab, a computer lab, 2 music rooms, YMCA portables, and an administration building. The main campus was built in 1975. The building was reconfigured in 2002, adding permanent walls and new air conditioning units. Portable classrooms were added in 1998 to accommodate increased enrollment.

The district maintenance staff ensures that the repairs necessary to keep the school in good repair are completed in a timely manner. A work order process is used to ensure services and emergency repairs are given high priority. We recently had the shade structures rebuilt in the lunch areas, new concrete poured on the back playground, and fresh paint around the front of the school. We are fortunate to have a custodial staff that regularly inspects the school's grounds and alerts administration of needed repairs and maintains a safe, clean, orderly campus.

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: 9/16/2019

System Inspected	Rating	Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	Good	
Interior: Interior Surfaces	Good	P11: 4. WATER STAIN CEILING TILES/ CARPET IS WORN AND STAINED 12. DRY ROT ON NORTH SIDING
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/ Vermin Infestation	Good	
Electrical: Electrical	Good	
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	Good	
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	Good	P BOYS RR: 11. PAINT IS CHIPPING ON RAILING P GIRLS RR: 11. PAINT IS CHIPPING ON RAILING P1: 10. SAFETY GLASS IS MISSING ON FIRE EXTINGUISHER CABINET P3: 11. PAINT IS CHIPPING ON EAVE

System Inspected	Rating	Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	Good	P10: 12. DRY ROT ON SIDING ABOVE DOOR P11: 4. WATER STAIN CEILING TILES/ CARPET IS WORN AND STAINED 12. DRY ROT ON NORTH SIDING
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)	77	81	69	70	50	50
Mathematics (grades 3-8 and 11)	67	67	58	59	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	269	263	97.77	2.23	81.37
Male	139	135	97.12	2.88	80.74
Female	130	128	98.46	1.54	82.03
Black or African American	--	--	--	--	--
American Indian or Alaska Native					
Asian	16	15	93.75	6.25	86.67
Filipino	--	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	47	45	95.74	4.26	64.44
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander					
White	169	166	98.22	1.78	84.34
Two or More Races	24	24	100.00	0.00	91.67
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	45	44	97.78	2.22	56.82
English Learners	23	23	100.00	0.00	43.48
Students with Disabilities	29	27	93.10	6.90	33.33
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	269	263	97.77	2.23	67.30
Male	139	135	97.12	2.88	72.59
Female	130	128	98.46	1.54	61.72

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	16	15	93.75	6.25	86.67
Filipino	--	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	47	45	95.74	4.26	42.22
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander					
White	169	166	98.22	1.78	73.49
Two or More Races	24	24	100.00	0.00	75.00
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	45	44	97.78	2.22	43.18
English Learners	23	23	100.00	0.00	47.83
Students with Disabilities	29	27	93.10	6.90	29.63
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.

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 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	17.9	34.9	32.1

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)

At our school, parent participation is evidenced through an extraordinary volunteer program. Parents/grandparents provide volunteer hours in the classrooms, assisting teachers with clerical work, and work with small groups of students each year at Castille. Our very supportive Parent Teacher Association (PTA) works hand-in-hand with the school to provide funds and programs, which further enrich the school experience for our students. Examples of some of the parent supported activities include curriculum-based assemblies and field trips, art and music programs, an after school running club, and an annual talent show. Our STEAM program is funded through our PTA as well and includes the support of our Innovation Lab and Science Aide. Tens of thousands of hours are logged each year by our supportive volunteer community members.

We are also fortunate to have a strong volunteer base from the local high schools and boy and girl scout troops. Students involved in NHS and CSF volunteer after school to help tutor students needing extra support and our scouts perform various community service projects throughout the year, including several Eagle Scout projects. Additionally, several of our parents own companies that support our school through donations and their time.

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	0.2	0.3	0.7	2.5	2.3	2.1	3.6	3.5	3.5
Expulsions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1

School Safety Plan (School Year 2019-20)

Each Capistrano Unified school site has a School Safety Plan, which includes a comprehensive disaster preparedness plan. Copies are available to read at each school office. The Safety Plan is updated annually, and reviewed by the Executive Director, Safety and Student Services. Aerial pictures and floor plans of each school site are loaded on all local police unit computers. Fire drills are held monthly in elementary schools, four times per year in middle and two times a year in high school. Drop, cover and hold drills are held each semester in middle and high school and quarterly for elementary. Lockdown drills are held twice a year and a disaster drill is held once a year throughout the District. The District also participates in multi-agency response drills, working with law enforcement, fire and other responding agencies.

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	13	6			14	7			13	8		
1	29		3		30		3		29		3	
2	30		2		30		3		28		3	
3	30		4		29		2		31		3	
4	36			2	32		4		34			2
5	34			3	32		2	1	36			3
Other**	16	2		1	7	1			4	1		

*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	.6
Social Worker	
Nurse	
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	3.2

Title	Number of FTE* Assigned to School
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.

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	\$9870	\$3134	\$6736	\$93313
District	N/A	N/A	\$7122	\$89,014.00
Percent Difference - School Site and District	N/A	N/A	-5.6	4.7
State	N/A	N/A	\$7,506.64	\$82,403.00
Percent Difference - School Site and State	N/A	N/A	-10.8	12.4

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)

Each district school provides some supplemental services to assist students:

- in reaching academic proficiency
- in mastering grade level content standards and
- to successfully graduate from high school.

Services vary by school and may include:

- Supplemental instructional materials and books in mathematics, reading/language arts, science and social science
- Programs for English Learners
- Extended Day/Year/Summer School
- Intervention Programs
- Enrichment Programs
- Technology
- AVID Programs
- Parent Education/Family Nights
- Tutoring (some Title I schools and other federal programs)
- Translation for Home-School Communication
- Counseling (Social, Emotional, and College and Career)
- Special Education

Please check with your child's principal to receive information regarding the services that are specific to your child's school.

Teacher and Administrative Salaries (Fiscal Year 2017-18)

Category	District Amount	State Average For Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$52,915	\$48,612

Category	District Amount	State Average For Districts In Same Category
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$79,510	\$74,676
Highest Teacher Salary	\$105,993	\$99,791
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)	\$138,793	\$125,830
Average Principal Salary (Middle)	\$141,825	\$131,167
Average Principal Salary (High)	\$161,376	\$144,822
Superintendent Salary	\$326,466	\$275,796
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	38%	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	2	2	3

Capistrano Unified School District places great value on the role of professional learning, and utilizes systems-wide structures and strategies to promote continuous learning of adults that result in increased learning for students. The ongoing focus for professional learning is to support the district's Wildly Important Goal for Teaching and Learning. It is the district goal to engage students in meaningful, challenging, and innovative educational experiences to increase post-secondary options for all students.

It is the goal of Capistrano Unified School District to ensure all students receive Great First Instruction (GFI). The vision for GFI is that all learning environments include Lesson Preparation, Interaction, Strategies, and Review and Assessment as defined by the Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol (SIOP). By design, the model for providing professional learning is multi-tiered, and ranges from large-scale, district-wide learning opportunities focused on priority areas to site-specific, embedded professional learning (including coaching) that supports teachers in the transfer of that learning to the classroom. In addition, professional learning “academies” provide supplemental training during the summer and after school hours to further support district initiatives and teacher needs for ongoing professional learning. The outcome of all CUSD professional learning is to improve educator effectiveness in order to increase student learning. In support of this outcome, administrators participate in professional learning to increase their knowledge of quality practices, California Content Standards, and strategies for instructional leadership.

Since 2004, all schools provide specific release time for embedded professional learning using late start or early release days. In grades K-8, this time is known as ACE time (Articulation and Collaboration for Excellence). The purpose of this time is for educators to examine the impact of their practice on student learning, with a focus on continuous improvement. Schools work to identify key areas of learning based on an analysis of student data, upon which they place their focus for professional learning and set annual measurable goals based upon those identified areas of need. These areas are determined through the analysis of student learning data from multiple sources, including, but not limited to high stakes testing. The action plan developed to accomplish these goals outlines priorities for teacher training and implementation.

Throughout the year, the structure of collaboration typically involves teacher teams engaging in ongoing examination of standards-based curriculum, the examination of meaningful formative and summative assessment data, and powerful teaching strategies that get results in student learning. In 2017 the District developed the CUSD Professional Learning Communities Framework as it's guiding document for professional collaboration. All collaborative teams utilize Common Goals, Relational Trust, Focus on Learning, Shared Responsibility, Action-Oriented, Data Driven, and Systems and Structures for Support to ensure all students are learning at high levels. These embedded professional learning activities help prepare teams to provide a differentiated instructional program that meets the needs of all students.

Beginning teachers receive systematic training and support during their first two years of teaching within the CUSD Induction Program. This program assists new teachers as they build upon the skills they already possess upon entering the field of teaching, and provides them with support from a veteran teacher. The program is approved by the California State Commission on Teacher Credentialing and meets the requirements necessary to "clear" teaching credentials. In addition to those activities previously described, all teachers may receive support, assistance, and opportunities to grow professionally through their participation in school site learning teams, student study teams, from district resource teachers, and the Peer Assistance and Review Program.