

# Whale Gulch Elementary School

## School Accountability Report Card

### Reported Using Data from the 2018-19 School Year

#### Published During 2019-20

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).

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## About This School

#### **School Contact Information (School Year 2019-20)**

Entity	Contact Information
School Name	Whale Gulch Elementary School
Street	76811 Usal Road
City, State, Zip	Whitethorn, CA 95589
Phone Number	707-98617131
Principal	Julia George
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Website	<a href="http://www.leggett.k12.ca.us/">http://www.leggett.k12.ca.us/</a>
County-District-School (CDS) Code	23752186111074

Entity	Contact Information
<b>District Name</b>	Leggett Valley Unified School District
<b>Phone Number</b>	707-925-6285
<b>Superintendent</b>	Anthony Loumena
<b>Email Address</b>	anthony@leggett.k12.ca.us
<b>Website</b>	www.leggett.k12.ca.us

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

Whale Gulch Elementary School is a public Necessary Small School, and the hub of its community. Located in the remote northern reaches of Mendocino County on the Lost Coast, the school is housed on the same campus as Whale Gulch High School. The location provides a unique setting, allowing high school students to act as mentors and partners in cross age learning activities, while providing students with the needed space, equipment, and teachers for individualized study. The school's proximity to state and national forests creates ample opportunity for hands-on learning, and opportunities to partner with public agencies, such as the Bureau of Land Management, and local non-profits. Whale Gulch Elementary School's commitment to involvement and hands-on learning is the cornerstone of its academic excellence.

The vision of Whale Gulch School was created by the community in 1978 when students were informed that their inter-district transfers would no longer be granted from Southern Humboldt School District. Parents, refusing to send their children two hours away to the nearest school in their district, opted to build their own school. Whale Gulch was originally housed in community members' homes, but with the labor of love it grew, one building at a time, into the beautiful campus it is today, housing both an elementary school and a comprehensive high school.

The mission of LVUSD and Whale Gulch Elementary School is to provide academic excellence in a safe, responsible, and respectful environment. Our commitment is to ignite motivation, creativity, self-discipline, and a love of learning by providing students with the necessary tools which will enable them to become adults who contribute responsibly in the global community.

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

Grade Level	Number of Students
<b>Kindergarten</b>	2
<b>Grade 1</b>	6
<b>Grade 2</b>	3
<b>Grade 3</b>	7
<b>Grade 4</b>	3
<b>Grade 5</b>	3
<b>Grade 6</b>	3
<b>Grade 7</b>	2
<b>Grade 8</b>	7
<b>Total Enrollment</b>	36

## Student Enrollment by Group (School Year 2018-19)

Student Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Hispanic or Latino	25
White	69.4
Two or More Races	5.6
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	52.8
English Learners	11.1
Students with Disabilities	2.8
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	3	3	2	13
Without Full Credential	0	0	1	1
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence (with full credential)	0	0	0	0

### Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions

Indicator	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners	0	0	1
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: August 2019

Subject	Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials/year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption?	Percent Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
<b>Reading/Language Arts</b>	K-5 Spelling Connections Zane-Bloser 1-5 Explode the Code School Specialty K-5 National Geographic- Reach 6-8 English Language Arts McDougal Littell	Yes	0
<b>Mathematics</b>	K-5 Everyday Math McGraw Hill 6-8 Go Math Houghton Mifflin	Yes	0
<b>Science</b>	K-5 California Science Macmillan/McGraw 6-8 Physical Science Holt	Yes	0
<b>History-Social Science</b>	6-8 Ancient Civilizations Prentice Hall  K-5 Studies Weekly	Yes	0
<b>Health</b>	Health Smart- Middle School- ETR	Yes	0

### School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements (Most Recent Year)

Whale Gulch is a unique school in that it is run completely off the grid. All electrical power is produced by solar panels with a propane generator as back up. Window in the elementary school have been updated over the last year along with all lighting being transformed to LED lighting. Whale Gulch has an on site maintenance person who keeps the plant up and running.

### 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:** September 2019

System Inspected	Rating	Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
<b>Systems:</b> Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	Good	
<b>Interior:</b> Interior Surfaces	Good	
<b>Cleanliness:</b> Overall Cleanliness, Pest/ Vermin Infestation	Good	
<b>Electrical:</b> Electrical	Good	
<b>Restrooms/Fountains:</b> Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	Good	
<b>Safety:</b> Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	Good	

System Inspected	Rating	Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
<b>Structural:</b> Structural Damage, Roofs	Good	
<b>External:</b> Playground/School Grounds, Windows/Doors/Gates/Fences	Good	
<b>Overall Rating</b>	<b>Exemplary</b>	

## 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
<b>English Language Arts/Literacy (grades 3-8 and 11)</b>	48	58	42	45	50	50
<b>Mathematics (grades 3-8 and 11)</b>	43	32	36	23	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
<b>All Students</b>	20	19	95.00	5.00	57.89
<b>Male</b>	14	13	92.86	7.14	61.54
<b>Female</b>	--	--	--	--	--
<b>Black or African American</b>					

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
American Indian or Alaska Native					
Filipino					
Hispanic or Latino	--	--	--	--	--
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander					
White	15	14	93.33	6.67	57.14
Two or More Races	--	--	--	--	--
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	11	10	90.91	9.09	50.00
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.

### 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	20	19	95.00	5.00	31.58
Male	14	13	92.86	7.14	38.46
Female	--	--	--	--	--
Black or African American					
American Indian or Alaska Native					
Filipino					
Hispanic or Latino	--	--	--	--	--
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander					
White	15	14	93.33	6.67	28.57
Two or More Races	--	--	--	--	--

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
<b>Socioeconomically Disadvantaged</b>	11	10	90.91	9.09	30.00
<b>English Learners</b>	--	--	--	--	--
<b>Students with Disabilities</b>	--	--	--	--	--
<b>Students Receiving Migrant Education Services</b>					
<b>Foster Youth</b>					
<b>Homeless</b>					

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
<b>Science (grades 5, 8 and high school)</b>	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
<b>5</b>			

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)

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Whale Gulch is very unique in that it was created by the parents in the community. This background is the cornerstone to continued parent involvement. The opportunities for community involvement within the school are many and varied. The following represent opportunities for residents to become involved with the district and in the schools. Each year we send out a survey asking parents to help with events at school. Parents are encouraged to bring their talents to the students at Whale Gulch Elementary School.

1. Classroom Volunteer: Volunteer help is always encouraged and welcome in the schools. Parent volunteers often seem to drop as children advance through the grades, although the need for volunteers continues for all grades. Interested parent and community members can contact Anthony Loumena, Principal, at 925- 6285 for further information.

2. Parents in Education: The PIE serves as a primary vehicle for parent/community/staff dialogue. This advisory council ensures that the school's LCAP is being implemented and assesses periodically the effectiveness of each program. Parents in Education meets quarterly during the school year. Interested residents should contact the acting school principal, Julia George at 986-7131.

3. Leggett Valley Unified School District Board Meetings: School Board meetings are always open to the public with agendas posted 72 hours in advance for regular Board meetings. Meetings are generally held on the second Thursday of each month. Meetings alternate monthly between Whale Gulch and Leggett Valley schools. Public input and attendance are encouraged. Contact the district office at 925-6285 for more information.

4. District Advisory Committee: This committee is comprised of representatives from throughout the school district. The purpose of the committee is to advise the school board on the Local Control Accountability Plan. Meetings are held in February, March, April and May.

5. Wellness Committee: Meets annually to develop and promote district -wide health, nutrition and physical education activities. This committee serves as a subcommittee of the District Advisory Committee (DAC).

6. Activity Nights/Field Trips: Each year there are numerous outreach activities held for students and their parents; these include Trade Fair, Winter Program, May Day and the Summer Arts Festival to name a few. These events are enjoyed by all who attend. We also have numerous field trips that parents may help chaperone.

7. Share talents- Each year parents come into classrooms and teach a small unit on something they are passionate about. This year we have a parent teaching Yoga and one teaching dance.



## 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
<b>Suspensions</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.3	2.2	1.4	3.6	3.5	3.5
<b>Expulsions</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1

### School Safety Plan (School Year 2019-20)

Whale Gulch Elementary School Safety Plan is a living document that strives to identify areas of improvement for school climate and school safety. Emergency Response Teams and resources have been identified. Annual safety meetings are held on site. In addition, the safety plan includes emergency preparation and procedures. The Safe School's plan is reviewed in staff meetings annually. School food program focuses on scratch cooking and is delivered as a snack half way through the school day. Students also bring healthy lunches from home to supplement nutrition at school. All students participate in a physical education program that either meets or exceeds the required minutes of instruction. Healthy Kids Surveys is done biannually and the results are used to determine focus areas for health education and school safety.

## 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+
<b>K</b>	12	1			14	1			11	1		
<b>5</b>					10	1			13	1		
<b>6</b>	9	1							1	6		
<b>Other**</b>	9	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
<b>Academic Counselors*</b>	.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	
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)	

\*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	\$14,205.81	\$1,153.55	\$15,214.76	\$51,449.00
District	N/A	N/A	\$16,824.52	\$51,449.00
Percent Difference - School Site and District	N/A	N/A	-10.0	-25.9
State	N/A	N/A	\$7,506.64	\$64,732.00
Percent Difference - School Site and State	N/A	N/A	67.8	-48.0

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)

Whale Gulch Schools are not funded through categorical funds. This is due to the fact that the free and reduced lunch numbers at these sites are not high enough to receive a significant enough amount of money to make claiming them beneficial to the school. Whale Gulch is completely funded through general funds. They receive the same services as our Leggett Valley schools, which are funded through categorical monies. These include psychological services, health technician, counseling, special education teacher, speech services, classroom instructional assistance and yard duty supervision.

## Teacher and Administrative Salaries (Fiscal Year 2017-18)

Category	District Amount	State Average For Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$42,658	\$43,574
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$53,747	\$63,243
Highest Teacher Salary	\$71,326	\$86,896
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)	\$0	\$103,506
Average Principal Salary (Middle)	\$0	\$108,961
Average Principal Salary (High)	\$104,837	\$108,954
Superintendent Salary	\$0	\$136,125
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	27%	30%
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	6%	6%

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

The principal is the instructional leader at Whale Gulch Elementary School. The district's academic curriculum is aligned with the Common Core State Standards. Various state publications emphasizing research-based strategies are used as guidelines for creating curriculum that will help our students be prepared for the future. The Director of Curriculum and Instruction, from the Mendocino County Office of Education, supports staff on creating and implementing curriculum on an as needed basis. The staff regularly collaborates during the twice monthly early release days devoted to discussing student progress, assessment, curriculum implementation and extra-curricular programs. English Language Arts and Math intervention programs are implemented as needed. Because of our small class sizes students are truly given an individualized academic program. Technology and small group cooperative group learning is emerging as we redefine who we are as a school.

Whale Gulch Elementary School professional development focuses on instructional strategies and best practices that will help our students be successful academically. It is also spent updating technology skills and practices that will give our students the tools they need to compete academically with their peers from other areas. Whale Gulch High has staff meetings twice monthly. These staff meetings allow the staff to meet as teams to work on best practices, plan curriculum, discuss student achievement, revise assessments, discuss school safety and work on other necessary and essential components of the school program. The district staff development program continues to encourage teachers to participate in various professional development opportunities. Some of these may include:

1. Participation in professional growth conferences with expenses and substitute costs covered by various funding sources.
2. Participation in non-student Friday staff development. This includes discussions of student progress and developing strategies through staff collaboration.
3. Participation in academic and instructional strategies through county trainings.
4. Examples of professional development scheduled this year include Google Summit, Restorative Justice Training, Pro-Act (behavior management training) and math coaching.