

# Harold Ambuehl 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).

#### Internet Access

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## About This School

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

Entity	Contact Information
School Name	Harold Ambuehl Elementary School
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City, State, Zip	San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675
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County-District-School (CDS) Code	30-66464-6097398

Entity	Contact Information
<b>District Name</b>	Capistrano Unified School District
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<b>Superintendent</b>	Kirsten Vital
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<b>Website</b>	www.capousd.org

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

Our mission at Ambuehl Elementary is to ensure a safe, engaging learning environment that challenges and all students to achieve their highest potential.

Built in 1977, Harold J. Ambuehl Elementary School is situated in a rustic location on the bank of San Juan Creek, surrounded by open fields and equestrian riding stables. Historic landmarks throughout the community, such as Mission San Juan Capistrano and the Los Rios Historic District, provide reminders of Early California.

Although Ambuehl prides itself on its historic atmosphere, we are committed to preparing productive young citizens for the challenges of the 21st century. Named a California Distinguished School, there is a dedicated staff at each grade level that provides each student with learning experiences that are interesting, relevant, and meaningful to their everyday lives. Ambuehl's educational program is a balance of intensive basic skills instruction in the fundamental subjects based on the Common Core State Standards.

Soaring Eagle Radio allows all K - 5 students to "broadcast" over the school's PA system from the principal's office every morning. Each broadcast begins with a welcome from the principal. This is followed by a student leading the entire school in the Pledge of Allegiance. Rounding out each program is a short student joke (it's always good to laugh in the morning), weather report, or special student/class reading (poem, etc.). The broadcast ends with any special announcements students and staff need for the day.

Personal growth is nurtured in each child during the school year. Student recognition takes place through weekly "SOAR" Tickets and Ambuehl's Soaring Eagle Recognition Program three times per school year. Students with perfect attendance during the school year receive a special award from the principal on the last day of school. Teachers also select students to sign the "Book of Winners" in the front office for outstanding behavior and/or academic performance. A unique program at Ambuehl is Ambassadors, which consists of selected 4th and 5th grade students who perform school and community service work.

Two computer labs have Internet access for students and programs to support their grade level curriculum. All classrooms have a Dell laptop computer, Dell netbooks, an Epson projector, and an Epson Doc Camera that is used during instruction. Fourth and fifth grade classrooms access multiple instructional programs and curriculum on individual student Chromebooks.

Funded by the Ambuehl PTA, all classes have access to the science lab in room 111 through a partnership with Orange County Department of Education. All classes attend hands-on science lessons and activities in the Science Lab.

Students, parents, and staff members enjoy being "Ambuehl Eagles." Once an Eagle, always an Eagle. Have a Soaring Eagle Day!

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

Grade Level	Number of Students
Kindergarten	45
Grade 1	49
Grade 2	51
Grade 3	74
Grade 4	61
Grade 5	78
Total Enrollment	358

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

Student Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	1.1
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.3
Asian	1.1
Filipino	0.6
Hispanic or Latino	38
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.3
White	53.4
Two or More Races	3.4
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	40.2
English Learners	18.2
Students with Disabilities	23.7
Foster Youth	0.3
Homeless	10.1

**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	15	14	15	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%
Foreign Language	N/A		
Health	N/A		

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

Ambuehl Elementary consists of two buildings; the main building houses the administrative office as well as classrooms and the "300 building" where our upper grade classrooms can be found. This school has 25 classrooms, a multipurpose room, a library, 2 computer labs, a science lab, and an administration building. The main campus was built in 1977.

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. The custodial staff has developed a cleaning schedule to ensure a clean school. The day custodian and principal walk the campus at the beginning of the school year and note any repairs that are needed and action that needs to be taken. The day custodian does a walk-through each week and notes any needed repairs.

### 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:** 9/19/2019

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	RM 303: 4. SMALL WATER STAIN CEILING TILES/ BLINDS ARE BROKEN 12. DRY ROT ON EAVES
<b>Cleanliness:</b> Overall Cleanliness, Pest/ Vermin Infestation	Good	
<b>Electrical:</b> Electrical	Good	P RM 209: 7. EXTERIOR LIGHT IS NOT WORKING 10. FIRE ALARM IS LOOSE
<b>Restrooms/Fountains:</b> Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	Good	
<b>Safety:</b> Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	Good	P RM 209: 7. EXTERIOR LIGHT IS NOT WORKING 10. FIRE ALARM IS LOOSE RM 103: 11. PAINT IS CHIPPING ON DOOR 14. HOLE IN ASPHALT ON WALKWAY/ TRIP HAZARD RM 110: 11. PAINT IS CHIPPING ON DOOR FRAME RM 111: 11. PAINT IS CHIPPING ON DOOR FRAME AND WINDOW FRAMES RM 114: 11. PAINT IS CHIPPING ON WALL IN HALLWAY RM 210/ YMCA: 11. PAINT IS CHIPPING ON RAMP 14. TRIP HAZARD AT RAMP ENTRY RM 307: 10. FIRE ALARM COVER IS MISSING IN HALLWAY
<b>Structural:</b> Structural Damage, Roofs	Good	RM 303: 4. SMALL WATER STAIN CEILING TILES/ BLINDS ARE BROKEN 12. DRY ROT ON EAVES
<b>External:</b> Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	Good	RM 103: 11. PAINT IS CHIPPING ON DOOR 14. HOLE IN ASPHALT ON WALKWAY/ TRIP HAZARD RM 210/ YMCA: 11. PAINT IS CHIPPING ON RAMP 14. TRIP HAZARD AT RAMP ENTRY

System Inspected	Rating	Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
Overall Rating	Good	

## 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)	55	48	69	70	50	50
Mathematics (grades 3-8 and 11)	48	41	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	215	205	95.35	4.65	48.29
Male	115	111	96.52	3.48	45.95
Female	100	94	94.00	6.00	51.06
Black or African American	--	--	--	--	--
American Indian or Alaska Native					
Asian	--	--	--	--	--
Filipino	--	--	--	--	--

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
Hispanic or Latino	85	82	96.47	3.53	39.02
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander					
White	114	107	93.86	6.14	57.01
Two or More Races	--	--	--	--	--
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	96	93	96.88	3.12	27.96
English Learners	42	40	95.24	4.76	20.00
Students with Disabilities	53	49	92.45	7.55	20.41
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services					
Foster Youth	--	--	--	--	--
Homeless	23	22	95.65	4.35	40.91

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	215	206	95.81	4.19	40.78
Male	115	110	95.65	4.35	42.73
Female	100	96	96.00	4.00	38.54
Black or African American	--	--	--	--	--
American Indian or Alaska Native					
Asian	--	--	--	--	--
Filipino	--	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	85	84	98.82	1.18	25.00
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander					
White	114	106	92.98	7.02	52.83
Two or More Races	--	--	--	--	--
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	96	94	97.92	2.08	18.09

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
English Learners	42	41	97.62	2.38	14.63
Students with Disabilities	53	48	90.57	9.43	20.83
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services					
Foster Youth	--	--	--	--	--
Homeless	23	23	100.00	0.00	17.39

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.

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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	22.1	20.8	19.5

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)

Ambuehl has energetic parents who assist staff members and students throughout the school year in the classroom and around the school. There is an active Parent Teacher Association (PTA) at Ambuehl. Their ongoing support has provided Ambuehl with various programs such as the Red Ribbon Week, Meet the Masters, and assemblies such as Walk Through California (4th grade) and Walk Through the Revolution (5th grade). Elected parents on School Site Council oversee categorical money, review the school's safety plan, and oversee the Single School Plan for Student Achievement. Please contact the school office or Ambuehl's PTA president, Jeanne Walker at [ambuehlptapresident@gmail.com](mailto:ambuehlptapresident@gmail.com) for volunteer opportunities.

### 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	0.0	0.5	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	11	5			11	4			16	2	1	
1	32		2		28		1		29		1	
2	32		2		28		3		30		2	
3	30		2		32		1		32		2	
4	31		2		33		2	1	31		2	
5	34		1	2	33		1	1	28	1	1	1
Other**	11	1			14	2			13	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	1.2
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	\$10545	\$3005	\$7541	\$102776
District	N/A	N/A	\$7122	\$89,014.00
Percent Difference - School Site and District	N/A	N/A	5.7	14.4
State	N/A	N/A	\$7,506.64	\$82,403.00

Level	Total Expenditures Per Pupil	Expenditures Per Pupil (Restricted)	Expenditures Per Pupil (Unrestricted)	Average Teacher Salary
<b>Percent Difference - School Site and State</b>	N/A	N/A	0.5	22.0

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)

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
<b>Beginning Teacher Salary</b>	\$52,915	\$48,612
<b>Mid-Range Teacher Salary</b>	\$79,510	\$74,676
<b>Highest Teacher Salary</b>	\$105,993	\$99,791
<b>Average Principal Salary (Elementary)</b>	\$138,793	\$125,830
<b>Average Principal Salary (Middle)</b>	\$141,825	\$131,167
<b>Average Principal Salary (High)</b>	\$161,376	\$144,822
<b>Superintendent Salary</b>	\$326,466	\$275,796
<b>Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries</b>	38%	34%
<b>Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries</b>	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.