

# Las Flores 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	Las Flores Elementary School
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County-District-School (CDS) Code	30-66464-6114516

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

### Our Mission Is Learning

Empowering learners to be leaders in the 21st century through collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking.

Las Flores Elementary School was named a California Distinguished School in 2002. We are proud of our academic achievement. The school is located at 25862 Antonio Parkway in the community of Las Flores. Las Flores Elementary School has approximately 500 students enrolled in Grades Pre K-5. The campus is shared with Las Flores Middle School. The school houses a fee-based preschool, State-funded preschool, Special Day Class preschool and Transitional Kindergarten.

Most students who attend Las Flores Elementary School are from families whose parents represent middle or upper income levels.

Our school facility contains state-of-the-art equipment inside its 29 classrooms, four small group instruction rooms, and three teacher workrooms. We share administrative offices, a multipurpose room, and a library-media center with Las Flores Middle School.

Our primary academic focus centers on the core academic areas of reading literacy and mathematics. In addition to learning the basic skills, our students participate in hands-on learning activities, simulations, dramatizations, assemblies, and field trips. Las Flores Elementary has been named on the California Business for Education Excellence Honor Roll and has twice received the \$5,000 Governor's Reading Award. This award was the direct result of our students' participation in the Reader Leader and Best Foot Forward reading programs—each of which encourage the support of reading at home.

Technologically, computers are available in all classrooms. We have a PC lab accessible to students and staff. Grades 4 and 5 have Chromebooks for every student. Technology is a focus here and is integrated into the core curriculum. Our classrooms are equipped with a fiber optic delivery system and each room is connected to the Internet allowing students to research and extend learning beyond the traditional classroom.

For additional information about school and district programs, please visit [www.capousd.org](http://www.capousd.org).

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

Grade Level	Number of Students
<b>Kindergarten</b>	98
<b>Grade 1</b>	61
<b>Grade 2</b>	56
<b>Grade 3</b>	77
<b>Grade 4</b>	76
<b>Grade 5</b>	93
<b>Total Enrollment</b>	461

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

Student Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	1.5
Asian	11.3
Filipino	3.7
Hispanic or Latino	22.6
White	51.2
Two or More Races	7.8
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	14.5
English Learners	10.6
Students with Disabilities	8.9
Foster Youth	0.7
Homeless	2

## 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	25	20	19	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)

Las Flores Elementary School has 29 classrooms, a multipurpose room, computer lab, library, and an administration building. The main campus was built in the year 1997. In addition, there are two YMCA portables on the Las Flores campus.

The overall status of our middle and elementary school campus is in good condition. 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 and a regular inspection of the school's grounds to alert administration of necessary 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:** 9/16/2019

System Inspected	Rating	Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
<b>Systems:</b> Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	Good	
<b>Interior:</b> Interior Surfaces	Fair	B 102: 4. CEILING TILE HAS HOLE/ WATER STAIN CEILING TILES D 104: 4. FLOOR TILES ARE CRACKED AT ENTRY D 105: 4. WATER STAIN CEILING TILE K 2: 4. WATER STAIN CEILING TILES 7. EXHAUST FAN IS NOT WORKING IN RESTROOM 11. PAINT IS PEELING IN STORAGE ROOM P EP 1: 4. CEILING TILES ARE BROKEN 12. DRY ROT ON RAMP P EP 3: 4. WATER STAIN CEILING TILE 14.ASPHALT IS CRACKED ON WALKWAY P EP 4: 4. CEILING TILE IS DAMAGED P EP 6: 4. CARPET HAS WAVES WRK RM: 4. WATER STAIN CEILING TILES
<b>Cleanliness:</b> Overall Cleanliness, Pest/ Vermin Infestation	Good	
<b>Electrical:</b> Electrical	Good	B 108: 7. OUTLET COVER IS MISSING BY SKYLIGHT 10. ITEMS ARE STACKED ON SHELVES (EARTHQUAKE HAZARD) K 1: 7. EXHAUST FAN IS NOT WORKING IN RESTROOM K 2: 4. WATER STAIN CEILING TILES 7. EXHAUST FAN IS NOT WORKING IN RESTROOM 11. PAINT IS PEELING IN STORAGE ROOM
<b>Restrooms/Fountains:</b> Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	Good	
<b>Safety:</b> Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	Good	B 108: 7. OUTLET COVER IS MISSING BY SKYLIGHT 10. ITEMS ARE STACKED ON SHELVES (EARTHQUAKE HAZARD) K 2: 4. WATER STAIN CEILING TILES 7. EXHAUST FAN IS NOT WORKING IN RESTROOM 11. PAINT IS PEELING IN STORAGE ROOM

System Inspected	Rating	Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
<b>Structural:</b> Structural Damage, Roofs	Good	P EP 1: 4. CEILING TILES ARE BROKEN 12. DRY ROT ON RAMP
<b>External:</b> Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	Good	P EP 3: 4. WATER STAIN CEILING TILE 14.ASPHALT IS CRACKED ON WALKWAY
<b>Overall Rating</b>	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
<b>English Language Arts/Literacy (grades 3-8 and 11)</b>	71	73	69	70	50	50
<b>Mathematics (grades 3-8 and 11)</b>	62	65	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
<b>All Students</b>	247	242	97.98	2.02	73.14
<b>Male</b>	108	104	96.30	3.70	68.27

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
Female	139	138	99.28	0.72	76.81
Black or African American	--	--	--	--	--
American Indian or Alaska Native					
Asian	27	27	100.00	0.00	88.89
Filipino	--	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	54	52	96.30	3.70	50.00
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander					
White	124	122	98.39	1.61	76.23
Two or More Races	21	20	95.24	4.76	90.00
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	46	45	97.83	2.17	46.67
English Learners	28	28	100.00	0.00	35.71
Students with Disabilities	27	24	88.89	11.11	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	247	241	97.57	2.43	65.15
Male	108	104	96.30	3.70	66.35
Female	139	137	98.56	1.44	64.23
Black or African American	--	--	--	--	--
American Indian or Alaska Native					
Asian	27	27	100.00	0.00	85.19
Filipino	--	--	--	--	--

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
Hispanic or Latino	54	52	96.30	3.70	38.46
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander					
White	124	122	98.39	1.61	68.03
Two or More Races	21	19	90.48	9.52	84.21
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	46	44	95.65	4.35	29.55
English Learners	28	28	100.00	0.00	42.86
Students with Disabilities	27	24	88.89	11.11	33.33
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services					
Foster Youth	--	--	--	--	--
Homeless	--	--	--	--	--

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

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## CAASPP Test Results in Science for All Students

### Grades Five, Eight, and Ten

#### Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standard

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

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

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

## State Priority: Other Pupil Outcomes

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

- Pupil outcomes in the subject areas of physical education.

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

Grade Level	Percentage of Students Meeting Four of Six Fitness Standards	Percentage of Students Meeting Five of Six Fitness Standards	Percentage of Students Meeting Six of Six Fitness Standards
5	12.1	23.1	41.8

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)

The Las Flores Staff recognizes the significance and value of involving family and community members in setting data-based rigorous academic goals. Through the establishment of an orderly process for communicating performance expectations at each grade level, the principal and teachers work to inform and include parents on how best to support the curriculum and overall school vision. This information is e-mailed home prior to the opening of school and in packets sent home on the first day, in routine emails sent from the principal and teachers, on the school's and CUSD's website, at Back to School Night, during goal setting parent conferences, at School Site Council and PTA meetings, in newsletters or pre-recorded phone messages, during Open House, on progress reports and report cards and is outlined in the collaboratively developed Single School Plan.

Site administration and teachers actively seek out and recruit parent and community volunteers to participate in classroom and overall school programs. The school offers parents, family, and community members various opportunities to become involved, including through the PTA, our Watch DOG program, as Room Parents, program chairs, classroom, library, and computer lab volunteers, field trip chaperones, as guest speakers and presenters during assemblies, at Family Fun Nights, and on the School Site Council.

Working jointly with parents and community members, the Las Flores staff keeps parents informed of school goals, student progress towards meeting Common Core Standards and program effectiveness. Establishing and maintaining a strong partnership with parents and the community is key to the on-going success of Las Flores's student body. The nurturing, supportive culture at Las Flores promotes academic rigor, meaningful instruction, and a love of learning. Strong parent support is integral. It is the way in which we function as a truly effective Professional Learning Community, joining hands to Build the Future; One Child at a 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	1.8	0.7	0.8	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	8			14	10			16	6	1	
1	28		3		30		3		30		1	
2	29		3		29		3		29		2	
3	29		3		31		3		30		3	
4	31		3		33		1	2	34			2
5	27		4		32		3	1	34			3
Other**												

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

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

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

Title	Ratio
Academic Counselors*	1152.5

\*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)	.4
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	
Psychologist	.4
Social Worker	
Nurse	
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	2.0

Title	Number of FTE* Assigned to School
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)	1.0
Other	1.0

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

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

Level	Total Expenditures Per Pupil	Expenditures Per Pupil (Restricted)	Expenditures Per Pupil (Unrestricted)	Average Teacher Salary
School Site	\$9703	\$2858	\$6845	\$98088
District	N/A	N/A	\$7122	\$89,014.00
Percent Difference - School Site and District	N/A	N/A	-4.0	9.7
State	N/A	N/A	\$7,506.64	\$82,403.00
Percent Difference - School Site and State	N/A	N/A	-9.2	17.4

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.