

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

Mission Statement: George White Elementary School provides a positive learning environment through the collaborative efforts of staff, students, and parents to build a tradition of pride and excellence in academics and behaviors to the challenges of a rapidly changing world by creating and maintaining a positive, enriching, and safe environment.

George White Elementary School first opened its doors to 549 kindergarten through sixth grade students on April 16, 1990. Currently we are a school that is preschool to 5th grade. We have preschool for both SDC and general education. Enrollment is approximately 550 students.

At George White Elementary School, staff members, students, and parents are committed to “building a tradition of pride and excellence.” Through their collaborative efforts, a positive learning environment that promotes student success and achievement has been established and is flourishing.

The staff at George White Elementary School is proud of its students and their accomplishments. High standards are set both academically and behaviorally. The elementary years of a child’s education provide the opportunity to build a strong foundation in academics. It is also a time to develop an interest in the arts, music, physical fitness, community service, and technology. It is with these beliefs that a well-balanced, challenging program has been established at George White School. A positive and caring atmosphere exists in which teachers and staff model respect for students, parents, and community members. Our behavior expectation code includes to BE KIND, BE SAFE, and DO YOUR PERSONAL BEST. We are also a PBIS(Positive Behavior Intervention Systems) school that works with our behavior expectations as listed above to include PRIDE (Positive Words and Actions, Responsibility, Integrity ,Demonstrate safety, and Effort)

Positive home/school relations are stressed at our school. Our PTA and Booster Club are supportive of school activities, and they have helped fund STEAM lab (2018), new computer lab (twice), iPads,Chromebooks and SMART board technology in the classrooms. Our staff and students appreciate the high level of community support and involvement that is provided. We promote our school events and activities with social media of TWITTER (@GeorgeWhiteCapo) and INSTAGRAM (@GeorgeWhiteCapo)

For additional information about our and district programs, please visit www.capousd.org.

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

Grade Level	Number of Students
Kindergarten	93
Grade 1	71
Grade 2	100
Grade 3	94
Grade 4	89
Grade 5	75
Total Enrollment	522

Student Enrollment by Group (School Year 2018-19)

Student Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	1
Asian	2.3
Filipino	1.3
Hispanic or Latino	19.9
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.2
White	68
Two or More Races	5.4
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	24.1
English Learners	14.4
Students with Disabilities	11.1
Foster Youth	0.2
Homeless	4.2

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	27	24	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%
Foreign Language	N/A		
Health	N/A		

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements (Most Recent Year)

George White Elementary School has 22 classrooms (including a K-5 resource specialist room), a multi-purpose room, a library, , a STEAM lab, a school garden, and an administration building. The main school campus was built in 1990.

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 works tirelessly to ensure a clean school.

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: 9/18/2019

System Inspected	Rating	Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	Good	
Interior: Interior Surfaces	Good	D-4: 4. CEILING TILE HAS HOLE FRONT OFFICE: 4. CARPETS ARE WORN K C-2: 4. SMALL WATER STAIN CEILING TILES P3/ LIBRARY: 4. WATER STAIN CEILING TILES 11. PAINT IS CHIPPING ON RAILING 14. TRIP HAZARD AT RAMP ENTRY WRK RM: 4. WATER STAIN CEILING TILE
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/ Vermin Infestation	Good	
Electrical: Electrical	Good	D-2: 6. ANTS APPARENT (PER TEACHER) P4: 7. LIGHT DIFFUSER IS CRACKED 10. SAFETY GLASS IS MISSING ON FIRE EXTINGUISHER CABINET 12. INJURY HAZARD/ RAMP OFF SET TOWARDS SIDING P8: 7. LIGHT DIFFUSER IS CRACKED
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	Good	

System Inspected	Rating	Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	Good	<p>P15: 11. NO SKID PAINT IS PEELING ON RAMP/ PAINT IS CHIPPING ON RAMP SKIRTING 13. GUTTER DOWN SPOUT IS MISSING/ HOLES AT WEST SIDE 15. WEATHER STRIPPING IS BENT ON DOOR P3/ LIBRARY: 4. WATER STAIN CEILING TILES 11. PAINT IS CHIPPING ON RAILING 14. TRIP HAZARD AT RAMP ENTRY</p> <p>P4: 7. LIGHT DIFFUSER IS CRACKED 10. SAFETY GLASS IS MISSING ON FIRE EXTINGUISHER CABINET 12. INJURY HAZARD/ RAMP OFF SET TOWARDS SIDING</p> <p>P5: 11. PAINT IS CHIPPING ON STEPS AND RAILING</p> <p>P9: 10. SAFETY GLASS IS MISSING ON FIRE EXTINGUISHER CABINET 11. PAINT IS CHIPPING ON RAILING 12. DRY ROT ON SKIRTING</p> <p>STAFF LOUNGE: 10. COVER IS MISSING ON CEILING SPRINKLER</p>
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	Good	<p>K-2 P1: 12. DRY ROT ON SIDING/ TRIM IS RUSTED</p> <p>P15: 11. NO SKID PAINT IS PEELING ON RAMP/ PAINT IS CHIPPING ON RAMP SKIRTING 13. GUTTER DOWN SPOUT IS MISSING/ HOLES AT WEST SIDE 15. WEATHER STRIPPING IS BENT ON DOOR</p> <p>P16: 13. GUTTER IS RUSTED WITH HOLES 14. TRIP HAZARD AT RAMP ENTRY</p> <p>P4: 7. LIGHT DIFFUSER IS CRACKED 10. SAFETY GLASS IS MISSING ON FIRE EXTINGUISHER CABINET 12. INJURY HAZARD/ RAMP OFF SET TOWARDS SIDING</p> <p>P9: 10. SAFETY GLASS IS MISSING ON FIRE EXTINGUISHER CABINET 11. PAINT IS CHIPPING ON RAILING 12. DRY ROT ON SKIRTING</p>

System Inspected	Rating	Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/Doors/Gates/Fences	Good	P10: 14. TRIP HAZARD @ RAMP ENTRY P15: 11. NO SKID PAINT IS PEELING ON RAMP/ PAINT IS CHIPPING ON RAMP SKIRTING 13. GUTTER DOWN SPOUT IS MISSING/ HOLES AT WEST SIDE 15. WEATHER STRIPPING IS BENT ON DOOR P16: 13. GUTTER IS RUSTED WITH HOLES 14. TRIP HAZARD AT RAMP ENTRY P2: 14. TRIP HAZARD AT RAMP ENTRY P3/ LIBRARY: 4. WATER STAIN CEILING TILES 11. PAINT IS CHIPPING ON RAILING 14. TRIP HAZARD AT RAMP ENTRY
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)	64	71	69	70	50	50
Mathematics (grades 3-8 and 11)	60	64	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	263	260	98.86	1.14	70.77
Male	136	135	99.26	0.74	63.70
Female	127	125	98.43	1.57	78.40
Black or African American					
American Indian or Alaska Native					
Asian	--	--	--	--	--
Filipino	--	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	63	61	96.83	3.17	44.26
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	--	--	--	--	--
White	170	170	100.00	0.00	80.59
Two or More Races	12	12	100.00	0.00	75.00
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	67	65	97.01	2.99	49.23
English Learners	49	47	95.92	4.08	31.91
Students with Disabilities	35	34	97.14	2.86	38.24
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services					
Foster Youth					
Homeless	13	11	84.62	15.38	36.36

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	263	261	99.24	0.76	64.37
Male	136	134	98.53	1.47	64.93
Female	127	127	100.00	0.00	63.78

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	--	--	--	--	--
Filipino	--	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	63	62	98.41	1.59	38.71
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	--	--	--	--	--
White	170	170	100.00	0.00	73.53
Two or More Races	12	12	100.00	0.00	66.67
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	67	66	98.51	1.49	34.85
English Learners	49	48	97.96	2.04	27.08
Students with Disabilities	35	33	94.29	5.71	36.36
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services					
Foster Youth					
Homeless	13	12	92.31	7.69	33.33

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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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	20.3	17.7	15.2

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 George White, parent participation and volunteerism are key ingredients in our success and encouraged. Parents provide many volunteer hours in the classroom, assisting individual or small groups of children and supporting the classroom teacher in a variety of ways. Our Parent Teacher Association (PTA) works hand-in-hand with the school to provide funds and programs, and our Booster Club supports our technological needs, including but not limited to , laptop computers, and desktop computers. Combined, our PTA and Booster Club enrich the school experience for our students. We also have a safety committee, a School Site Council, and an ELAC committee in which parents have the opportunity to serve on and contribute to the running of the school and share their input.

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	0.5	0.8	0.0	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	15	8			13	8			16	6		
1	28		3		29		3		31		2	
2	28		4		30		4		30		3	
3	31		2		31		3		28		4	
4	31		4		33			2	34			2
5	29		4		32		4		32		1	2
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*	.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	1.4

Title	Number of FTE* Assigned to School
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)	
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	\$10092	\$2882	\$7210	\$98888
District	N/A	N/A	\$7122	\$89,014.00
Percent Difference - School Site and District	N/A	N/A	1.2	10.5
State	N/A	N/A	\$7,506.64	\$82,403.00
Percent Difference - School Site and State	N/A	N/A	-4.0	18.2

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.