Mountain View Elementary School School Accountability Report Card Reported Using Data from the 2018-19 School Year

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By February 1 of each year, every school in California is required by state law to publish a School Accountability Report Card (SARC). The SARC contains information about the condition and performance of each California public school. Under the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) all local educational agencies (LEAs) are required to prepare a Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), which describes how they intend to meet annual school-specific goals for all pupils, with specific activities to address state and local priorities. Additionally, data reported in an LCAP is to be consistent with data reported in the SARC.

- For more information about SARC requirements, see the California Department of Education (CDE) SARC web page at https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa/.
- For more information about the LCFF or LCAP, see the CDE LCFF web page at https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/aa/lc/.
- For additional information about the school, parents/guardians and community members should contact the school principal or the district office.

DataQuest

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

Description of District

The Visalia Unified School District is the oldest school district in Tulare County. Our family of schools includes 26 elementary schools, a newcomer language center, five middle schools, four comprehensive high schools, a continuation high school, an adult school, a charter independent study school, a K-8 charter home school, and a charter technical early college high school. Over 32,000 students Pre-K to adult are served through Visalia Unified School District.

Description of School

Mountain View Elementary School served approximately 600 students in grades K-8 in 2019-2020. Our teachers and staff are dedicated to ensuring the academic success of every student and providing a safe and productive learning experience. The school holds high expectations for the academic and social development of all students. Curriculum planning, staff development, and assessment activities are focused on assisting students in mastering the state academic content standards, as well as increasing the overall student achievement of all subgroups.

School Mission Statement

Students at Mountain View Elementary School will receive maximum opportunities to be successful, productive citizens. Working as a TEAM, the staff is committed to:

- Together Providing all students with the opportunity to achieve academic success guided by standards-driven instruction, staff development (based upon current research and best practices), and promoting parent awareness and involvement.
- Everyone Working together to establish a positive and safe learning environment that promotes the Pillars of Character Counts: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness and Justice, Caring, and Citizenship.
- Achieves Achieving excellence through a challenging and supportive environment that will enable students to become successful in career or vocation ensuring limitless opportunities for their future..
- More Maximizing opportunities for staff and students to gain an appreciation for the value of learning and the importance of being lifelong learners.

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

Grade Level	Number of Students
Kindergarten	93
Grade 1	70
Grade 2	80
Grade 3	61
Grade 4	75
Grade 5	81
Grade 6	92
Grade 8	19
Total Enrollment	571

Student Enrollment by Group (School Year 2018-19)

Student Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	1.1
Asian	1.2
Filipino	1.1
Hispanic or Latino	67.1
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.4
White	25.7
Two or More Races	1.9
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	80.6
English Learners	10.5
Students with Disabilities	7
Foster Youth	1.1
Homeless	2.1

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	21	23	21	1293
Without Full Credential	3	2	2	152
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence (with full credential)	1	0	0	53

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions

Indicator	2017-1	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: August/September 2019

Subject	Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials/year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption?	Percent Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
Reading/Language Arts	McGraw Hill Wonders K-5 (2014) Pearson My Perspectives Grade 6 (2017)	Yes	0%
	Supplemental: Leveled Guided Reading Books Differentiated, small group classroom instruction		
	Leveled Literacy Intervention (2015) Learning Center Intervention material		
	7-11 Core Program/Pearson (2016) My Perspectives ELD Companion		
Mathematics	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Go Math! (2015)	Yes	0%
Science	MacMillan/McGraw Hill (2007) Supplemental Houghton Mifflin Science Leveled Readers 7-8 Prentice Hall (2007) Focus on Life Science/Physical Science	Yes	0%
History-Social Science	Harcourt School Publishers (2006) Grade 7 Glencoe /McGraw Hill (2006) Medieval and Early Modern Times Grade 8 Glencoe/McGraw-Hill (2006) The American Journey to WWI	Yes	0%
Health	Materials based on Health Topics	Yes	0%
Visual and Performing Arts	Silver Burdett (Classroom Music (Fourth through Sixth Grade) Strictly Strings (Orchestra) Standard of Excellence (Band)	Yes	0%

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements (Most Recent Year)

Mountain View Elementary School takes great efforts to ensure a safe, clean, and functional physical environment for students, staff, and volunteers. Sufficient space is provided for students and staff to support teaching and learning. This includes space provided by classrooms, playgrounds, and staff work rooms. To assist our school in this effort, the district uses a facility survey instrument developed by the State of California Office of Public School Construction. The results of this survey are available at the district office. Additional information about the condition of the school's facilities may be obtained by speaking with the school principal.

Maintenance and Repair

District maintenance staff ensures that the repairs necessary to keep the school in good repair and working order are completed in a timely manner. A work order process is used to ensure efficient service and that emergency repairs are given the highest priority.

Cleaning Process and Schedule

In addition to custodial staff on duty during the school day, a team of maintenance specialists come in after hours for daily cleaning. District and school maintenance staff work cooperatively with administrators to develop cleaning schedules to ensure a clean and safe school. Summer deep-cleaning and further maintenance is also performed on site.

Deferred Maintenance Program

The district participates in the State School Deferred Maintenance Program, which provides state matching funds on a dollar for dollar basis to assist school districts with expenditures for major repair or replacement of existing school building components. Typically, this includes roofing, plumbing, heating, air conditioning, electrical systems, interior or exterior painting, and floor systems. The deferred maintenance program ensures that all classrooms and facilities are maintained to a degree of adequacy that allows for a good learning environment. During the 2015-16 school year, routine maintenance was also completed.

Facilities Improvements

During the summer following the conclusion of the 2013-14 school year, the entire school site (all buildings) was painted. The old, steel playground structure was removed and replaced with two brand new play structures which added to student safety and physical activity. A single point of access system was installed prior to the start of the 2015-2016 school year.

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: 12/31/2018

System Inspected	Rating	Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	Good	
Interior: Interior Surfaces	Poor	office, conference room, nurse's office - ceiling tile is water stained; wall paper torn on stage; Room 15 - Formica trim is peeling on countertop, ceiling tile is torn; Room 12 - water stained ceiling tiles; teacher workroom - hole in wall, Resource Room - Ceiling tile water stained and loose tiles Room 20- water stained ceiling tile and hole Room 21 - water stained ceiling tile and hole Room 22 - two light panels are out Room 33 - water stained ceiling tile, light panel is out Room 30 - water stained ceiling tile & holes Room 41 - water stained ceiling tile, tile trim is loose, emergency exit light not functioning

System Inspected	Rating	Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
		Room 42 - Ceiling tile has hole Room 43 - water stained ceiling tile with holes Room 51 - ceiling tile has a hole Room 50 - ceiling tile has a hole, drinking fountain has a constant drip Room 70 - ceiling tile has hole, one tile broken, Room 81 - ceiling tile has hole, one light panel out Room 73 - ceiling tile has water stain, missing ceiling tile We will put work orders to have these repaired.
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/ Vermin Infestation	Good	24/storage - Room is unkempt - will be cleaned out
Electrical: Electrical	Fair	Light diffusers missing in room 24/storage Room 11 - light panel out Room 10 - Two lights in RR don't work Room 22 - 2 light panels out Room 23 - Light diffuser broken Room 33 - light panel is out Room 61 - Multiple light bulbs are out Room 80 - Light Panel out Room 90/Storage - one light diffuser broken Work orders submitted.
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	Fair	unisex restroom - toilet is loose at the base Room 15 - Drinking fountain loose at base Boys Restroom - all faucets have low flow Room 10 - 1 faucet has low flow; one drinking fountain handle is broken Room 33 - Drinking fountain handle is broken Room 31 - drinking fountain handle is broken Room 40 - drinking fountain handle is broken Room 50 - drinking fountain has constant drip Room 61 - drinking fountain as a low flow Room 62 - faucet has a low flow Room 80 - drinking fountain handle is broken Room 81 - faucet has low flow

System Inspected	Rating	Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	Good	Room 60 - paint is peeling on wall Room 61 - paint is peeling on wall
		Work orders submitted
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	Good	Room 15 - Dry rot on siding
		Work order submitted
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	Good	Room 40 - Trip hazards on walkway Room 43 - trip hazards on walkway Room 13/staffroom - missing window screen Room 14 missing window screen Room 15 window screen is missing Resource/Sped - door handle is loose Room 52 - Door lock bar is sticking Room 61 - Lock is loose Room 70 - Door closer is broken (office) Work orders submitted
Overall Rating	Fair	

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)	42	43	48	50	50	50
Mathematics (grades 3-8 and 11)	37	34	31	33	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	346	344	99.42	0.58	42.73
Male	180	180	100.00	0.00	35.56
Female	166	164	98.80	1.20	50.61
Black or African American					
American Indian or Alaska Native					
Asian					
Filipino					
Hispanic or Latino	234	233	99.57	0.43	37.34
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander					
White	82	81	98.78	1.22	62.96

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
Two or More Races	11	11	100.00	0.00	9.09
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	279	277	99.28	0.72	36.82
English Learners	46	46	100.00	0.00	36.96
Students with Disabilities	31	30	96.77	3.23	16.67
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	346	344	99.42	0.58	34.01
Male	180	179	99.44	0.56	32.40
Female	166	165	99.40	0.60	35.76
Black or African American					
American Indian or Alaska Native					
Asian					
Filipino					
Hispanic or Latino	234	234	100.00	0.00	30.34
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander					
White	82	80	97.56	2.44	48.75
Two or More Races	11	11	100.00	0.00	18.18
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	279	277	99.28	0.72	29.24
English Learners	46	46	100.00	0.00	28.26
Students with Disabilities	31	30	96.77	3.23	13.33
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services					

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
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	School	District	District	State	State
	2017-18	2018-19	2017-18	2018-19	2017-18	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 <i>Level</i>	Percentage of Students	Percentage of Students	Percentage of Students
	Meeting Four of Six	Meeting Five of Six	Meeting Six of Six
	Fitness Standards	Fitness Standards	Fitness Standards
5	20.2	19.0	15.5

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)

Parent involvement and communication are essential to our school success. Mountain View Elementary School continually strives to involve parents by sharing information that helps parents understand and support school programs and by providing opportunities for parent participation in school activities. Spanish translation is provided for parents who have that need.

There are numerous and varied opportunities for parent involvement, including but not limited to: attending school functions such as Back to School Night, Open House, Literacy Night, Mountain View Carnival; monthly assemblies and special events, such as the September 911 celebration, and class programs. Parents may also participate in parent-teacher conferences; volunteering in classrooms; and chaperoning field trips. Parents may also serve on advisory committees and leadership teams, including, but not limited to, the English Learners Advisory Committee (ELAC) and School Site Council (SSC). Additional opportunities for parental involvement also exist at the district level. Parents have the opportunity to participate in the parent education program with our SAFE coordinator during the school year. Parents may also get involved in the Mountain View PTO to help support activities and programs for students.

Parents who would like more information on how to become involved may contact Principal Amy Jones at (559) 730-7783.

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	1.7	3.0	6.3	4.9	5.2	6.5	3.6	3.5	3.5
Expulsions	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1

School Safety Plan (School Year 2019-20)

Safety of students and staff is a primary focus of Mountain View Elementary School. Campus-wide supervision ensures students are safe on school grounds before, during, and after school. Entrances to school grounds are secured or monitored during the school day. All visitors must sign in at the office and wear appropriate identification while on campus. Parents are required to wait for children in designated areas at dismissal times. A single point of entry location is utilized from the start of the instructional day up to dismissal times.

The Comprehensive School Safety Plan is designed to assist in maintaining a safe school environment and preparing for emergencies. The plan requires identification of security needs, development of prevention and intervention techniques, evaluation of physical facilities, and communication with staff and students. It also illustrates maps depicting evacuation areas and locations of electrical, water, and gas mains. The school safety plan is updated and revised as needed throughout the year and reviewed annually in August with staff. The plan is reviewed/revised, input is sought and approved by the School Site Council each October, and then it is shared with staff again. The plan is approved by the school board shortly after approval by the school's School Site Council. The School Safety Plan is fully compliant with federal and state regulations. An updated copy is available to the public at the school office.

The school's disaster preparedness plan includes steps for ensuring student and staff safety during a disaster. Emergency preparedness drills are conducted monthly and the school staff is appropriately trained.

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	# of	Average	# of	# of	# of	Average	# of	2018-19 # of Classes* Size 21-32	# of
K	29	3	27		3		23		4	
1	24	3	28		3		23		3	
2	24	3	30		2		27		3	
3	24	3	30		3		31		2	
4	31	3	26		3		25		3	
5	30	3	31		3		27		6	
6	25	3	33		1	2	39		6	1
Other**										

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

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	
Social Worker	

^{** &}quot;Other" category is for multi-grade level classes.

Title	Number of FTE* Assigned to School
Nurse	
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)	1.0
Other	.3

^{*}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	\$7,672	\$729	\$6,943	\$74,942
District	N/A	N/A	\$6,610	\$69,631
Percent Difference - School Site and District	N/A	N/A	4.9	7.3
State	N/A	N/A	\$7,506.64	\$82,403.00
Percent Difference - School Site and State	N/A	N/A	-7.8	-9.5

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)

In addition to general state funding, the district receives state and federal categorical funding for special programs. For the 2018-2019 school year, the district received federal and state funding for the following categorical, special education, and support programs:

Federal Programs

- Title I, Part A, School and District Discretionary Block Grants
- Title I, Part C, Migrant Education
- Title II, Part A, Improving Teacher Quality
- Title II, Part D, Enhancing Education Through Technology
- Title III, Limited English Proficient
- Title III, Immigrant
- IDEA, Special Education TCOVE

State Programs

• Child Development Programs

State Programs

- Local Control Funding Formula
- Local Control Accountability Plan

Teacher and Administrative Salaries (Fiscal Year 2017-18)

Category	District Amount	State Average For Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$49,967	\$48,612
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$72,210	\$74,676
Highest Teacher Salary	\$95,695	\$99,791
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)	\$129,970	\$125,830
Average Principal Salary (Middle)	\$134,184	\$131,167
Average Principal Salary (High)	\$146,148	\$144,822
Superintendent Salary	\$241,915	\$275,796
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	33%	34%
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	7%	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			

The following areas of professional development have been provided to staff: professional learning communities, PBIS, effective math and literacy instruction and other areas as indicated by school data. Our district provides professional development based on data from both the district and school level to ensure that areas of need are being addressed. Professional Development occurs at the district, school and classroom level dependent on teacher goals. The district provides Teachers on Special Assignment at all grade levels to provide on-site coaching and support after professional development has occurred.

Support for Novice Teachers: Due to a shortage of highly qualified teachers in our area, twenty percent of Visalia Unified's certificated educators do not yet hold a clear credential and are considered "novice" educators. In response to this challenge and in compliance with the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing, Visalia Unified offers a robust support and training system for these novice educators including differentiated professional development and continuous professional growth opportunities. The professional learning system begins with the New Certificated Staff Summer Institute which is a five-day interactive training offered in August one week before school begins. This training covers classroom management, classroom culture, curriculum frameworks, and lesson design. In addition, a four-day workshop on student engagement and cooperative learning is offered during winter break so that teachers may implement new structures and strategies during the spring semester. All novice teachers receive ongoing support and individualized training throughout the year via weekly meetings with their assigned mentor at their respective school sites. Mentors and district teachers-on-assignment support implementation of new knowledge by providing in-class coaching, collaborating on lesson design, accompanying novice teachers on classroom tours, and assisting with student data analysis to drive instructional decisions. In addition, novice teachers and their mentors attend monthly after school training in action research and are provided time to reflect on their instructional practice. Mentors and teachers on assignment are carefully selected experienced educators trained in how to facilitate the individualized professional growth of novice teachers. Novice teachers who have preliminary credentials participate in the VUSD Teacher Induction Clear Credential Program which is accredited by the Commission and is offered at no cost to the candidate.

Support for Veteran Teachers: Veteran teachers in need of classroom management assistance also have access to one-on-one mentor support as may be needed in the case of a new grade level assignment or challenging class. Visalia Unified also offers a Peer Assistance and Review (PAR) program which is a formal system of mentoring and accountability.