



# Academy for Academic Excellence

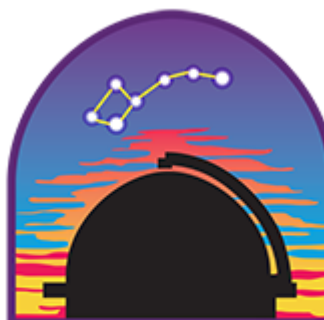
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## 2018-19 School Accountability Report Card Published During the 2019-20 School Year



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#### **AAE Mission Statement:**

The Academy for Academic Excellence exists to prepare students for post-secondary success through a relevant, rigorous college-preparatory education.

#### **AAE Vision Statement:**

With Courage, Generosity, and Honor, the Academy for Academic Excellence works to ensure high levels of learning and to nurture a growth mindset for all. As a collaborative community, we use effective instructional practices that are STREAM-focused, research-based and data-driven. We engage in integrated learning experiences that promote global-mindedness, critical thinking, and a re-defined use of technology.

#### **Description of AAE:**

The Academy for Academic Excellence is an independent, direct-funded charter school, authorized by Apple Valley Unified School District. AAE is fully WASC accredited and offers full-time programs for students in grades TK-12, has a current enrollment of 1435 students and a waiting list of approximately 2,400 students. Students enjoy classes and extracurricular activities on a 150-acre campus that includes a portion of the Mojave River.

#### **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**

Internet access is available at public libraries and other locations that are publicly accessible (e.g., the California State Library). Access to the Internet at libraries and public locations is generally provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Other use restrictions may include the hours of operation, the length of time that a workstation may be used (depending on availability), the types of software programs available on a workstation, and the ability to print documents.

## About the SARC

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.

### 2018-19 Student Enrollment by Grade Level

Grade Level	Number of Students
Kindergarten	126
Grade 1	100
Grade 2	100
Grade 3	112
Grade 4	112
Grade 5	112
Grade 6	126
Grade 7	123
Grade 8	125
Grade 9	117
Grade 10	108
Grade 11	89
Grade 12	97
<b>Total Enrollment</b>	<b>1,447</b>

### 2018-19 Student Enrollment by Group

Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	3
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.3
Asian	3.7
Filipino	2.1
Hispanic or Latino	36.3
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.1
White	46.3
Two or More Races	8.2
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	33.8
English Learners	3.2
Students with Disabilities	8.7
Homeless	0.8

## 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 for Academy for Academic	17-18	18-19	19-20
With Full Credential	57	68	68
Without Full Credential	1	1	3
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	10	8	5

Teacher Credentials for Lewis Center for	17-18	18-19	19-20
With Full Credential	♦	♦	
Without Full Credential	♦	♦	
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	♦	♦	

### Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions at Academy for Academic Excellence

Indicator	17-18	18-19	19-20
Teachers of English Learners	0	0	0
Total Teacher Misassignments*	9	5	5
Vacant Teacher Positions	1	1	1

\* 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)**

**Textbooks and Instructional Materials**

**Year and month in which data were collected: December 2019**

Core Curriculum Area	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/Year of Adoption
<p><b>Reading/Language Arts</b></p>	<p>Grades K-5: Benchmark Advance (Adopted by AAE 2016)</p> <p>Grades 6-12: Teacher-created curriculum based on selected novels, nonfiction, and literature from other genres, aligned to CCSS.</p> <p><b>The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption:</b> Yes  <b>Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook:</b> 0.0 %</p>
<p><b>Mathematics</b></p>	<p>Grade K-5 Curriculum Associates Ready Mathematics (Adopted by AAE 2019)</p> <p>Grades 6-8: Carnegie NATL Math Series 1-3 (Adopted by AAE 2014)</p> <p>Grades 9-12: Carnegie Common Core Integrated Mathematics, Courses 1-3 (Adopted by AAE in a rolling adoption (2014-2016)</p> <p>Calculus: Stewart’s Calculus, AP Ed., 7th ed. (Cengage/ Harside &amp; Quant,2012) (Adopted by AAE 2014)</p> <p>Business Math: Mathematics with Business Applications (Glencoe, 2007) (Adopted by AAE 2009)</p> <p>Statistics: Practice of Statistics, 4th ed. (Bedford, Freeman &amp; W orth, 2010) (Adopted by AAE 2012)</p> <p><b>The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption:</b> Yes  <b>Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook:</b> 0.0 %</p>
<p><b>Science</b></p>	<p>Grades K-5: Mystery Science online NGSS aligned curriculum (2019-20)</p> <p>Grades 6-8: Project Based Inquiry Science (IAT Interactive, 2014) (Adopted by AAE 2015)</p> <p>Grades 9-12: Teacher-created curricula, using a variety of online and print materials, aligned to NGSS. Anatomy &amp; Physiology: Essentials of Anatomy and Physiology, Martini &amp; Bartholomew, 6th ed. (Pearson, 2013) (Adopted by AAE 2013)</p> <p>Astronomy</p> <p>Environmental Science: Living in the Environment (Holt, McDougal 2011) (Adopted by AAE 2012)</p> <p><b>The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption:</b> Yes  <b>Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook:</b> 0.0 %</p>

Core Curriculum Area	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/Year of Adoption
<b>History-Social Science</b>	<p>Grades K-5: Teacher-created curriculum using a variety of online and print resources, including material embedded within the Benchmark language arts curriculum, and other print and online resources, aligned with the California state standards for History-Social Science</p> <p>Grades 6-8: TCI History Alive! (Teachers Curriculum Institute, 2007) (On most recent SBE adoption list for this subject) Adopted by AAE 2007)</p> <p>Grade 10 (World History): Modern World History: Patterns of Interaction (McDougal Littell, 2005) (Adopted by AAE 2005)</p> <p>Grade 11 (United States History): The Americans (McDougal Littell, 2005) (Adopted by AAE 2005)</p> <p>AP American History: The American Pageant, 12th ed. (Houghton Mifflin, 2002)</p> <p>American Government: Government Alive! Power, Politics, and You (Teachers Curriculum Institute, 2007) (Adopted by AAE 2009), supplemented with United States History: Preparing for the Advanced Placement Examination, 2015 Edition (AMSCO, 2014 Adopted by AAE 2014)</p> <p>AP American Government: Magleby Government by the People. 24th ed., AP ed. (Pearson, 2011) (Adopted by AAE 2012)</p> <p>Economics: Econ Alive! The Power to Choose (Teachers Curriculum Institute, 2007) (Adopted by AAE 2009)</p> <p>Psychology: Introduction to Psychology: Gateways to Mind and Behavior. 14th edition (Cengage, 2016) (Adopted by AAE 2016)</p> <p><b>The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption:</b> Yes  <b>Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook:</b> 0.0 %</p>
<b>Foreign Language</b>	<p>Grades 9-12: Spanish 1-4 utilizes teacher-created curriculum through Google Classroom</p> <p><b>The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption:</b> No  <b>Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook:</b> 0.0 %</p>
<b>Health</b>	<p>Positive Prevention Plus for 7th and 9th grades (Adopted by AAE 2019)</p> <p><b>The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption:</b> Yes  <b>Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook:</b> 0.0 %</p>
<b>Visual and Performing Arts</b>	<p>Instrumental Music Classes: Essential Elements 2000 (Hal-Leonard 2004)</p> <p><b>The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption:</b> No  <b>Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook:</b> 0.0 %</p>

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

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

The Mojave River Campus is located on a 150-acre site that borders State Highway 18 and the Mojave River. The campus has unique facilities including a Mission Control Operations Center that provides students and teachers with direct connections to a radio telescope located in the Goldstone Array in Southern California.

A full-time Maintenance Department ensures that the grounds, buildings, and restrooms are kept clean. A custodial crew works evenings to provide the support required to maintain clean and sanitary facilities. Any needed repairs are made by the Maintenance Department. Any repairable items that cannot be fixed by the Maintenance Department are contracted out.

**School Facility Good Repair Status (Most Recent Year)**  
**Year and month in which data were collected: October 2019**

System Inspected	Repair Status	Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
<b>Systems:</b> Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	Good	Some sewer smell on the south campus.
<b>Interior:</b> Interior Surfaces	Good	Some classrooms need carpet replacement.
<b>Cleanliness:</b> Overall Cleanliness, Pest/ Vermin Infestation	Good	Some signs of vermin.
<b>Electrical:</b> Electrical	Good	
<b>Restrooms/Fountains:</b> Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	Good	
<b>Safety:</b> Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	Good	
<b>Structural:</b> Structural Damage, Roofs	Good	
<b>External:</b> Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	Good	Section of playground being repaired.
<b>Overall Rating</b>	<b>Good</b>	

**B. Pupil Outcomes**

**State Priority: Pupil Achievement**

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the State priority: Pupil Achievement (Priority 4):

- **Statewide assessments** (i.e., California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress [CAASPP] System, which includes the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments for students in the general education population and the California Alternate Assessments [CAAs] for English language arts/literacy [ELA] and mathematics given in grades three through eight and grade eleven. Only eligible students may participate in the administration of the CAAs. CAAs items are aligned with alternate achievement standards, which are linked with the Common Core State Standards [CCSS] for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities); and
- The percentage of students who have successfully completed courses that satisfy the requirements for entrance to the University of California and the California State University, or career technical education sequences or programs of study

**CAASPP Test Results in ELA and Mathematics for All Students  
 Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven**

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

Subject	School 17-18	School 18-19	District 17-18	District 18-19	State 17-18	State 18-19
<b>ELA</b>	57	60	42	42	50	50
<b>Math</b>	38	41	27	26	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 Science for All Students  
 Grades Five, Eight, and Ten**

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

Subject	School 17-18	School 18-19	District 17-18	District 18-19	State 17-18	State 18-19
<b>Science</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

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

**State Priority: Other Pupil Outcomes**

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

- Pupil outcomes in the subject area of physical education

**2018-19 Percent of Students Meeting Fitness Standards**

Grade Level	4 of 6	5 of 6	6 of 6
<b>5</b>	15.9	28.0	29.9
<b>7</b>	28.7	28.7	34.4
<b>9</b>	19.3	25.4	47.4

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.

**School Year 2018-19 CAASPP Assessment Results - English Language Arts (ELA)  
Disaggregated by Student Groups, Grades Three through Eight and Eleven**

<b>Student Group</b>	<b>Total Enrollment</b>	<b>Number Tested</b>	<b>Percent Tested</b>	<b>Percent Met or Exceeded</b>
All Students	788	780	98.98	59.74
Male	405	401	99.01	52.62
Female	383	379	98.96	67.28
Black or African American	27	27	100.00	55.56
American Indian or Alaska Native	--	--	--	--
Asian	27	27	100.00	77.78
Filipino	14	14	100.00	71.43
Hispanic or Latino	282	280	99.29	48.21
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	--	--	--	--
White	368	362	98.37	66.57
Two or More Races	65	65	100.00	66.15
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	284	283	99.65	49.47
English Learners	59	59	100.00	37.29
Students with Disabilities	82	78	95.12	23.08
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.

**School Year 2018-19 CAASPP Assessment Results - Mathematics**  
**Disaggregated by Student Groups, Grades Three through Eight and Eleven**

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	788	780	98.98	40.95
Male	405	401	99.01	41.75
Female	383	379	98.96	40.11
Black or African American	27	27	100.00	22.22
American Indian or Alaska Native	--	--	--	--
Asian	27	27	100.00	70.37
Filipino	14	14	100.00	35.71
Hispanic or Latino	282	280	99.29	33.93
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	--	--	--	--
White	368	362	98.37	46.26
Two or More Races	65	65	100.00	41.54
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	284	283	99.65	30.14
English Learners	59	59	100.00	35.59
Students with Disabilities	82	78	95.12	18.18
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.

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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### 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 school sponsors a number of opportunities that give parents direct input into the governance of the school. These include School Site Council, monthly Parents and Pastries meetings and Parent/Teacher Committee (PTC). In addition to opportunities to assist the governance of the school, the Academy for Academic Excellence (AAE) provides a number of informational and educational programs to involve parents in the educational process. Student, parent, and staff surveys are used to gather input. Parents of AAE students are invited to complete a climate survey at least every two years to provide the school with subjective measures, including satisfaction levels with all aspects of the AAE and its programs. AAE uses the survey results to foster positive learning and teaching environments, measure parent involvement, student achievement, health, and well being.

Parents have access to the Lewis Center for Educational Research Board (LCER) to address concerns publicly at monthly Board meetings. The LCER Board meetings are held alternately at Norton Space and Language Academy (NSLA) and AAE and streamed live to the other school site, increasing accessibility and participation for all stakeholders at both schools. Principals and Directors provide reports and presentations at Board meetings. Following each Board meeting, the AAE Principal reviews any Board presentations at a monthly Parents and Pastries meeting. These include presentations on SBA results, California School Dashboard, LCAP progress and annual updates. All parents are encouraged to attend these regularly scheduled open forums where they have access to AAE administration and representatives to ensure successful ongoing communication among parents, students, and the school. Parents and Pastries meetings are streamed live on the school's Facebook page allowing hundreds of parents that are unable to attend to view the recordings at their convenience. Parents are reminded of all public school meetings through the AAE's mass messaging system, Parent Square, and Facebook posts. The AAE administration actively works to continually improve academic performance, school climate, and operations through collaboration with stakeholders. Increased frequency and opportunities to engage all members of the school community have resulted in significant gains in the levels of engagement between home and school.

**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.

**School Safety Plan**

Student safety is of the utmost importance on AAE's campus. The school maintains a closed campus during the day, requiring all visitors to check in at a manned kiosk entrance and the school office before coming onto campus. In addition, parents and their designees are required to be listed on an emergency card and present picture identification if a child is checked out of school. Volunteers working on campus are required to attend a volunteer workshop and pass a fingerprint and TB clearance. Volunteer coaches and drivers are also fingerprinted and checked through the DMV before they are able to transport students to events. Students are expected to follow the school-wide code of conduct and behavior standards in the classroom, on the playground, and/or whenever they are representing our school on and off campus. Expectations are reviewed with students through assemblies and other forms of communication. Students are monitored on a consistent basis either by teachers, administrators or CDOs (Character Development Officers).

The comprehensive school safety plan is updated annually addressing emergency preparedness with procedures on how to respond to natural or man-made emergencies. AAE staff spends time each year reviewing safety procedures and practicing emergency preparedness. Students are included in appropriate trainings and drills to ensure higher levels of proficiency. In addition to site-based preparedness, AAE also includes input and participation from local law enforcement and first responding agencies, to ensure that responses are in line with the latest protocols.

Suspensions and Expulsions for the School	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Suspensions Rate	3.7	4.0	3.5
Expulsions Rate	0.1	0.0	0.1

Suspensions and Expulsions for the District	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Suspensions Rate	5.3	4.6	5.1
Expulsions Rate	0.4	0.2	0.2

Suspensions and Expulsions for the State	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Suspensions Rate	3.6	3.5	3.5
Expulsions Rate	0.1	0.1	0.1

**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.

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

Title	Ratio
Academic Counselor*	1447.0

\* 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 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)
Counselor (Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	1.0
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	
Psychologist	1.0
Social Worker	
Nurse	.9
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	1.0
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)	3.0
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.



### Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Elementary)

Grade Level	2016-17	2016-17	2016-17	2016-17	2017-18	2017-18	2017-18	2017-18	2018-19	2018-19	2018-19	2018-19
	Average Class Size	# of Classes* Size 1-20	# of Classes* Size 21-32	# of Classes* Size 33+	Average Class Size	# of Classes* Size 1-20	# of Classes* Size 21-32	# of Classes* Size 33+	Average Class Size	# of Classes* Size 1-20	# of Classes* Size 21-32	# of Classes* Size 33+
K	24		5		25		5		25		5	
1	25		4		25		4		25		3	
2	25		4		25		4		25		4	
3	28		4		28		4		28		4	
4	28		4		28		4		28		4	
5	20	4	4		28		4		28		4	
6	21	8	19		22	8	20		23	7	20	
Other**									26		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.

### Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Secondary)

Subject	2016-17	2016-17	2016-17	2016-17	2017-18	2017-18	2017-18	2017-18	2018-19	2018-19	2018-19	2018-19
	Average Class Size	# of Classes* Size 1-22	# of Classes* Size 23-32	# of Classes* Size 33+	Average Class Size	# of Classes* Size 1-22	# of Classes* Size 23-32	# of Classes* Size 33+	Average Class Size	# of Classes* Size 1-22	# of Classes* Size 23-32	# of Classes* Size 33+
English	18	20	19		18	19	17		19	16	19	2
Mathematics	15	6	2		18	23	12		20	15	17	1
Science	14	40	16		12	53	14	1	11	65	14	
Social Science	25	5	19		22	9	15	2	24	6	18	1

\* Number of classes indicates how many classrooms fall into each size category (a range of total students per classroom). At the secondary school level, this information is reported by subject area rather than grade level.

### Professional Development provided for Teachers

Measure	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Number of school days dedicated to Staff Development and Continuous Improvement	18	28	30

Professional development is derived from AAE's schoolwide goals as outlined by WASC and the current LCAP. The major areas of focus are ELA and Math based on current student achievement data. This data is acquired from state testing data, on-site benchmark data, and formative measures. Each year, PD is provided during the two non-student days before the start of the new school year then throughout the year as needed.

The delivery of professional development is determined by the type and purpose. Current math and ELA curricula provides embedded PD for teachers twice a year, more if needed. This has been invaluable in recent years as curriculum adoption in both areas has occurred. These workshops are on-site, all day with both direct training and in-class modeling with students. PD is also attended through conferences from 1-day to 3-days covering areas such as Reading, Math, STEAM, Computer Science, Science, and Technology. AAE has early release one day a week to provide PLC time for staff training. This training is often led through on-site or local trainers and focuses on improving student achievement, safety, and accountability. Individual mentoring is achieved through the Induction process for new teachers and all staff members through on-site coaches and administrative staff. Webinars are attended by staff continually throughout the year are often free.

Teachers are supported continually throughout the year through teacher coaching. On-site coaches meet with staff during grade level and department meetings to discuss implementation and determine a need for further PD. In-class coaching in the area of Reading supports teachers as they implement new instructional strategies. Data is reviewed on-going to determine if PD has been effective, changes that need to made, and what the future needs are.

**FY 2017-18 Teacher and Administrative Salaries**

Category	District Amount	State Average for Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$48,699	\$51,374
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$73,859	\$80,151
Highest Teacher Salary	\$109,273	\$100,143
Average Principal Salary (ES)	\$128,267	\$126,896
Average Principal Salary (MS)	\$132,444	\$133,668
Average Principal Salary (HS)	\$146,192	\$143,746
Superintendent Salary	\$214,821	\$245,810

Percent of District Budget	District Amount	State Average for Districts In Same Category
Teacher Salaries	33%	35%
Administrative Salaries	4%	5%

\* For detailed information on salaries, see the CDE Certificated Salaries & Benefits webpage at [www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/](http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/).

**FY 2017-18 Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries**

Level	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	Average Teacher Salary
School Site	\$7,863	\$1,947	\$5,916	\$70,149
District	N/A	N/A	\$7,196	\$79,336.00
State	N/A	N/A	\$7,506.64	\$82,031.00

Percent Differences	Unrestricted	Average Teacher Salary
School Site/District	-19.5	-11.0
School Site/ State	-18.5	-12.7

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**

**INSTRUCTIONAL SETTINGS**

Instructional activities occur in a variety of settings. AAE offers a full-time classroom program employing a combination of traditional and block scheduling for grades TK-12. Students select from a full array of courses and all programs meet the minimum instructional minute requirements by California Education Code and charter law, as well as all state requirements for classroom-based charter schools. AAE will have the ability to add additional minutes to its educational day and/or year and increase graduation requirements when necessary to enhance the educational opportunities for its students. AAE may use short and long term independent study programs to meet the diverse needs of students. In all programs and by agreement, parents will be active participants in the educational activities of their students. Parents, staff and students are equally accountable for the success of each student in AAE.

Student learning not only occurs in the classroom, but instructional activities occur in other non-traditional settings. These include the Mission Control Center for the GAVRT program and outdoors in the rich biome of the Mojave River campus. AAE’s Mojave River campus is situated on 150 acres that include a 133-acre natural riparian environment and a freshwater marsh. The wildlands are used as a natural laboratory setting to study ecology, biology, geology, and natural and human history.

AAE is a member of the National Association of Laboratory Schools (“NALS”), and is an educational research laboratory for the LCER to include its university partners. Parents of students in the Charter School will be given information on studies to be carried out at AAE.

**PLAN FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE ACADEMICALLY LOW /HIGH**

AAE has implemented the Professional Learning Communities (PLC) philosophy. Through this approach, the instructional staff strategically and regularly monitors student achievement and progress. By giving regular assessments and analyzing data, teacher teams are able to determine which students are progressing and which are struggling. In order to differentiate instruction to meet specific student needs, the elementary and secondary teachers have arranged their instructional time to allow flexibility for enrichment and/or remediation in Math and English/Language Arts. Universal access to differentiated academic support is available at all grade levels. High school students have an opportunity to take Honors and/or AP courses in the areas of English, Mathematics, History, and Science.

**PLAN FOR ENGLISH LEARNERS**

As designated by the State of California, AAE will administer the home language survey upon a student’s initial enrollment into the Charter School (on enrollment forms). Students with a primary home language other than English, will be assessed for English proficiency by the English Language Proficiency Assessment for California (“ELPAC”). The ELPAC has four proficiency levels (Level 4: well developed; Level 3: moderately developed; Level 2: somewhat developed; and Level 1: minimally developed) and is aligned with the 2012 California ELD Standards.

Students identified as an English Learner (“EL”), are provided in-class supports and accommodations. Additional supports are provided based on specific student needs. Annual analysis of both ELPAC, CAASPP, and Site Benchmark assessments, assist in determining redesignation of English Learners. Reclassification procedures utilize multiple criteria in determining whether to classify a pupil as proficient in English including, but not limited to, all of the following:

- Assessment of language proficiency using an objective assessment instrument including, but not limited to, the ELPAC.
- Participation of the pupil’s classroom teachers and any other certificated staff with direct responsibility for teaching or placement decisions of the pupil to evaluate the pupil’s curriculum mastery.

- Parental opinion and consultation, achieved through notice to parents or guardians of the language reclassification and placement including a description of the reclassification process and the parents' opportunity to participate, and encouragement of the participation of parents or guardians in the reclassification procedure including seeking their opinion and consultation during the reclassification process.
- Comparison of the pupil's performance in basic skills against an empirically established range of performance in basic skills based upon the performance of English proficient pupils of the same age that demonstrate to others that the pupil is sufficiently proficient in English to participate effectively in a curriculum designed for pupils of the same age whose native language is English.

AAE evaluates the effectiveness of its education program for ELs by:

- Adhering to Charter School-adopted academic benchmarks by language proficiency level and years in program to determine annual progress.
- Monitoring teacher qualifications and the use of appropriate instructional strategies based on program design.
- Monitoring student identification and placement for four years.
- Monitoring parental program choice options.
- Monitoring availability of adequate resources.

#### PLAN FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

AAE, for purposes of providing special education services, is an independent local agency (LEA). As such, AAE is responsible for all Child Find activities. The educational program developed and implemented will include a continuum of educational services in order to meet state and federal statutory guidelines in providing a Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE). Special Education teachers are highly qualified and possess the credentials required to meet the needs of their students. AAE has established policies and procedures, including the development of an intervention team to assist with students who require assessment(s) for special education and may qualify for special education services. Through the PLC process, students needing additional academic supports are referred to the intervention team. Once a child is referred for an assessment, all required referral paperwork will be completed, to include an assessment plan (15-day timeline). An IEP meeting will be held within 60 calendar days to determine eligibility for special education services. The IEP team will determine and monitor compliance of all aspects of the IEP. Determination of any and all special education services will be accomplished through the IEP team process. Additionally, AAE partners with the Desert Mountain SELPA for supports and oversight regarding the implementation and compliance of special education services. AAE will participate in any and all state review programs to ensure program compliance and effectiveness.

#### Dropout Rate and Graduation Rate (Four-Year Cohort Rate)

Rate for Academy for Academic	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Dropout Rate	1.2	1.8	0
Graduation Rate	95.1	97.2	97.9

Rate for Lewis Center for Educational	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Dropout Rate	7	3.5	6.7
Graduation Rate	87.7	90.5	87.9

Rate for California	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Dropout Rate	9.7	9.1	9.6
Graduation Rate	83.8	82.7	83

For the formula to calculate the 2016-17 and 2017-18 adjusted cohort graduation rate, see the 2018-19 Data Element Definitions document located on the SARC web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa/>.

#### Career Technical Education Participation

Measure	CTE Program Participation
Number of pupils participating in CTE	0
% of pupils completing a CTE program and earning a high school diploma	0
% of CTE courses sequenced or articulated between the school and institutions of postsecondary education	0

#### Courses for University of California (UC) and/or California State University (CSU) Admission

UC/CSU Course Measure	Percent
2018-19 Pupils Enrolled in Courses Required for UC/CSU Admission	28.38
2017-18 Graduates Who Completed All Courses Required for UC/CSU Admission	67.02

#### 2018-19 Advanced Placement Courses

Subject	Number of AP Courses Offered*	Percent of Students In AP Courses
Computer Science		N/A
English	4	N/A
Fine and Performing Arts		N/A
Foreign Language		N/A
Mathematics	2	N/A
Science		N/A
Social Science	4	N/A
All courses	12	8.4

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

\*Where there are student course enrollments of at least one student.