

High Tech Elementary Chula Vista

California Department of Education School Accountability Report Card Reported Using Data from the 2016-17 School Year

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 <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa/>.
- For more information about the LCFF or LCAP, see the CDE LCFF Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/fq/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](#) 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.



Ms. Stacey Lopaz, School Director

📍 Principal, High Tech Elementary Chula Vista

About Our School

Stacey's passion for progressive education came from her time spent as an elementary school teacher in New Orleans, as part of her work with Teach for America from 2002 to 2004. Since then, Stacey has been constantly engaged in the study and practice of project-based learning, both as an elementary and middle school teacher and director. From 2007 to 2010, Stacey was one of the founding members of High Tech High's Teacher Leadership and School Leadership graduate programs, where she earned a Master's degree in School Leadership. She has since become an adjunct faculty member of the GSE, co-facilitating coursework around Design and Leadership for Deeper Learning.

Stacey spent two years working as a School Development Coach for New Tech Network, where she helped launch their work in eight public elementary schools around the country. In 2014, Stacey returned to High Tech High to work as the Director of High Tech Elementary in Chula Vista, a school where she was a founding teacher in 2011.

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About This School

Contact Information (School Year 2017-18)

District Contact Information (School Year 2017-18)	
District Name	SBC - High Tech High
Phone Number	(619) 243-5014
Superintendent	Larry Rosenstock
Web Site	www.hightechhigh.org

School Contact Information (School Year 2017-18)	
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School Description and Mission Statement (School Year 2017-18)

LEARNING at High Tech Elementary Chula Vista is rooted in project-based learning. This means that our faculty guides our students through the creation of projects designed to develop their understandings of the world around them. Kindergarten through Fifth graders are immersed in the process of learning: exploring, discussing, designing, reflecting, and refining. They create something together that demonstrates their new understandings to a real audience, often outside the school walls. Our sources of information are not limited to traditional textbooks and basal publications. At HTE, students examine information from "expert" adults, primary source documents, other teachers, Internet resources and each other.

TO appreciate the connectedness of our world, subjects are not taught in isolation from each other. The majority of the projects we create weave scientific, mathematical, literary, historical, and artistic facets together, creating a whole greater than the sum of its parts.

OUR students and adults together weave opportunities to develop qualities and attributes throughout our daily work: curiosity, integrity, empathy, confidence and reflection. The curriculum is rigorous, yet developmentally appropriate, providing the foundation for success at middle school and beyond over the course of the year, students build upon what they have learned, in preparation for the next grade.

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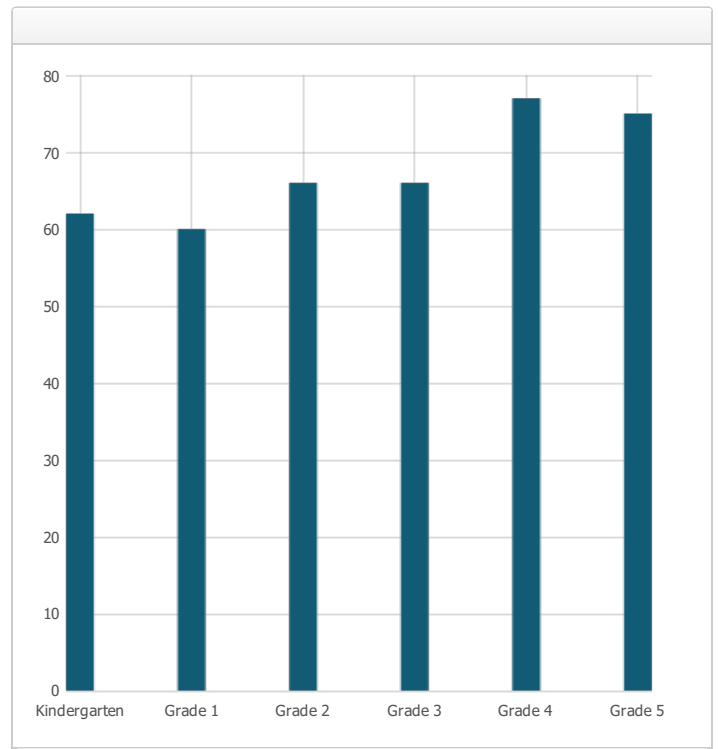
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HTECV's BUILDING DESIGN supports our young students as they learn and grow. Classroom walls are moveable, so groups of students can work in small groups or large groups; most windows and doors are transparent encouraging students (and adults) to see what others are working on, sparking new ideas. Student work is always created for an audience, and that work is often displayed for that audience throughout the building. Studio space has been created for classes in Performance Arts, Elementary Engineering/Design and Fine Arts. All classroom furniture is specifically selected to meet the needs of our children as their bodies grow and develop physically. The floor plan was intentionally designed for teams of three teachers at each grade level, who plan collaboratively on projects. Shared spaces throughout the building allow for older students to mentor younger students in a variety of structured activities.

For more information, please visit <http://www.hightechhigh.org>, or email or call 619-591-2550.

Student Enrollment by Grade Level (School Year 2016-17)

Grade Level	Number of Students
Kindergarten	62
Grade 1	60
Grade 2	66
Grade 3	66
Grade 4	77
Grade 5	75
Total Enrollment	406



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Student Enrollment by Student Group (School Year 2016-17)

Student Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	2.7 %
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.5 %
Asian	1.2 %
Filipino	12.8 %
Hispanic or Latino	70.7 %
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.5 %
White	8.4 %
Two or More Races	3.2 %
Other	0.0 %
Student Group (Other)	Percent of Total Enrollment
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	48.3 %
English Learners	22.4 %
Students with Disabilities	11.6 %
Foster Youth	0.0 %

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A. Conditions of Learning

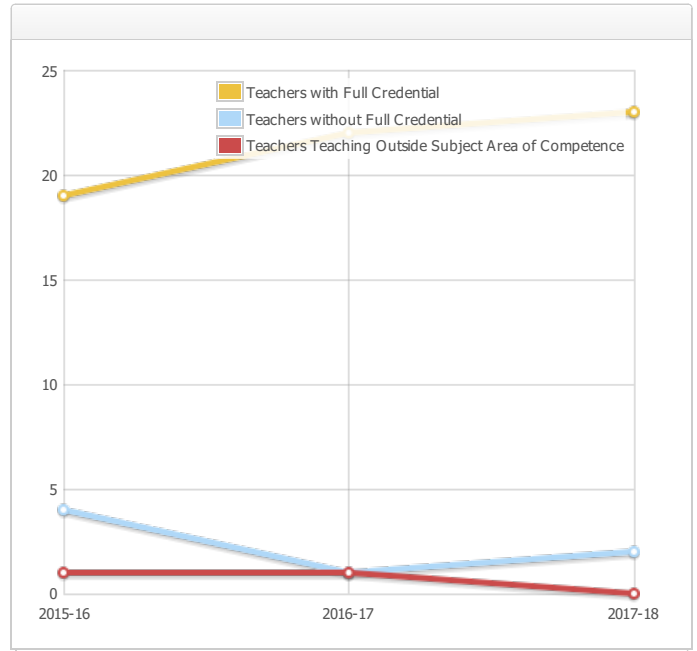
State Priority: Basic

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

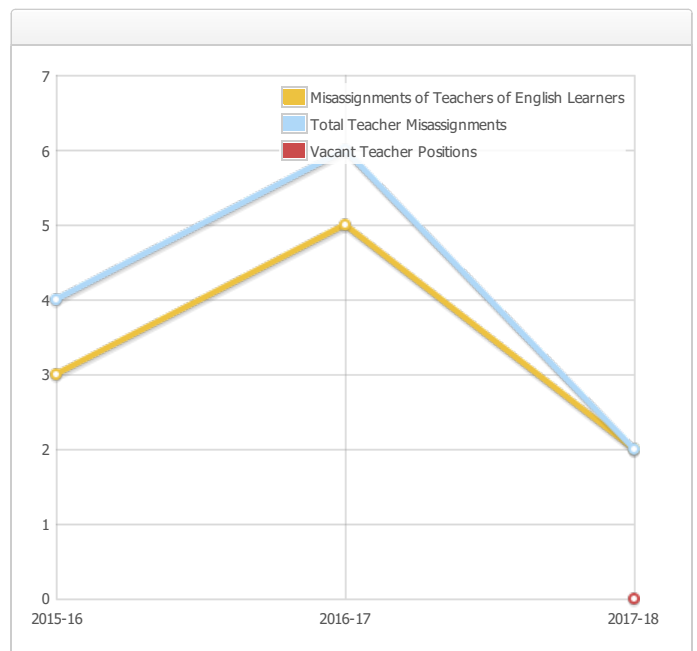
Teachers	School			District
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2017-18
With Full Credential	19	22	23	
Without Full Credential	4	1	2	
Teachers Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence (with full credential)	1	1	0	



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Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions

Indicator	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners	3	5	2
Total Teacher Misassignments*	4	6	2
Vacant Teacher Positions			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.

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Quality, Currency, Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials (School Year 2017-18)

Year and month in which the data were collected: January 2017

Subject	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption?	Percent Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
Reading/Language Arts	High Tech High uses a wide variety of resources that enable teachers to differentiate instruction to meet the needs of each student. Among them include online adaptive textbooks, novels, academic journals, primary resources, digital tools along with others. In addition, HTH students publicize their work online: http://www.hightechhigh.org/projects/		0.0 %
Mathematics	High Tech High uses a wide variety of resources that enable teachers to differentiate instruction to meet the needs of each student. Among them include online adaptive textbooks, novels, academic journals, primary resources, digital tools along with others. In addition, HTH students publicize their work online: http://www.hightechhigh.org/projects/		0.0 %
Science	High Tech High uses a wide variety of resources that enable teachers to differentiate instruction to meet the needs of each student. Among them include online adaptive textbooks, novels, academic journals, primary resources, digital tools along with others. In addition, HTH students publicize their work online: http://www.hightechhigh.org/projects/		0.0 %
History-Social Science	High Tech High uses a wide variety of resources that enable teachers to differentiate instruction to meet the needs of each student. Among them include online adaptive textbooks, novels, academic journals, primary resources, digital tools along with others. In addition, HTH students publicize their work online: http://www.hightechhigh.org/projects/		0.0 %
Foreign Language	High Tech High uses a wide variety of resources that enable teachers to differentiate instruction to meet the needs of each student. Among them include online adaptive textbooks, novels, academic journals, primary resources, digital tools along with others. In addition, HTH students publicize their work online: http://www.hightechhigh.org/projects/		0.0 %
Health	High Tech High uses a wide variety of resources that enable teachers to differentiate instruction to meet the needs of each student. Among them include online adaptive textbooks, novels, academic journals, primary resources, digital tools along with others. In addition, HTH students publicize their work online: http://www.hightechhigh.org/projects/		0.0 %
Visual and Performing Arts	High Tech High uses a wide variety of resources that enable teachers to differentiate instruction to meet the needs of each student. Among them include online adaptive textbooks, novels, academic journals, primary resources, digital tools along with others. In addition, HTH students publicize their work online: http://www.hightechhigh.org/projects/		0.0 %
Science Lab Eqpmt (Grades 9-12)	N/A	N/A	0.0 %

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

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School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements

HTECV shares a 60,974 square foot, two-story, building with HTMCV that was built in 2014. The building is in excellent condition, with maintenance and custodial services provided by on-site staff. There are no maintenance needs beyond those that are routine for a school of this size. A 104 Kw photovoltaic solar system was completed in September of 2016 that is shared by the two schools.

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School Facility Good Repair Status

Year and month of the most recent FIT report: January 2017

System Inspected	Rating	Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	Good	
Interior: Interior Surfaces	Good	
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/Vermin Infestation	Good	
Electrical: Electrical	Good	
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/Fountains	Good	
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	Good	
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	Good	
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/Doors/Gates/Fences	Good	

Overall Facility Rate

Year and month of the most recent FIT report: January 2017

Overall Rating	Exemplary
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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 (School Year 2016-17)

Subject	Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standards					
	School		District		State	
	2015-16	2016-17	2015-16	2016-17	2015-16	2016-17
English Language Arts / Literacy (grades 3-8 and 11)	34%	38%	49%	52%	48%	48%
Mathematics (grades 3-8 and 11)	27%	32%	27%	30%	36%	37%

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.

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CAASPP Test Results in ELA by Student Group**Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven (School Year 2016-17)**

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	217	207	95.39%	37.68%
Male	110	102	92.73%	37.25%
Female	107	105	98.13%	38.10%
Black or African American	--	--	--	
American Indian or Alaska Native	--	--	--	
Asian	--	--	--	
Filipino	27	27	100.00%	70.37%
Hispanic or Latino	150	142	94.67%	28.87%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	--	--	--	
White	18	17	94.44%	41.18%
Two or More Races	--	--	--	
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	110	105	95.45%	24.76%
English Learners	58	56	96.55%	--
Students with Disabilities	28	20	71.43%	15.00%
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services				
Foster Youth				

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.

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CAASPP Test Results in Mathematics by Student Group**Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven (School Year 2016-17)**

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	217	207	95.39%	31.88%
Male	110	102	92.73%	33.33%
Female	107	105	98.13%	30.48%
Black or African American	--	--	--	
American Indian or Alaska Native	--	--	--	
Asian	--	--	--	
Filipino	27	27	100.00%	59.26%
Hispanic or Latino	150	142	94.67%	24.65%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	--	--	--	
White	18	17	94.44%	41.18%
Two or More Races	--	--	--	
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	110	105	95.45%	25.71%
English Learners	58	56	96.55%	16.07%
Students with Disabilities	28	20	71.43%	15.00%
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services				
Foster Youth				

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**

Subject	Percentage of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced					
	School		District		State	
	2014-15	2015-16	2014-15	2015-16	2014-15	2015-16
Science (grades 5, 8, and 10)	0.0%	19.0%	0.0%	41.0%	56%	54%

Note: Science test results include California Standards Tests (CSTs), California Modified Assessment (CMA), and California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA) in grades five, eight, and ten.

Note: Scores are not shown 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: The 2016-17 data are not available. The California Department of Education is developing a new science assessment based on the Next Generation Science Standards for California Public Schools (CA NGSS). The new California Science Test (CAST) was piloted in spring 2017. The CST and CMA for Science will no longer be administered.

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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

California Physical Fitness Test Results (School Year 2016-17)

Grade Level	Percentage of Students Meeting Fitness Standards		
	Four of Six Fitness Standards	Five of Six Fitness Standards	Six of Six Fitness Standards
5	18.9%	29.7%	27.0%

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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 schoolsite

Opportunities for Parental Involvement (School Year 2017-18)

The HTECV Family Collaborative has been instrumental in improving communication with parents and getting more parents involved in making decisions that positively affect student learning outcomes. The Parent Association holds monthly meetings the second Thursday of each month at the school site. Parents have an active voice at the school, and ample opportunities to volunteer in classrooms, plan and coordinate fundraising efforts to give money back into school programs by way of a grant program, foster a positive social environment for students from all communities, and communicate to all members of the HTECV community on an on-going basis to discuss student achievement. HTECV parents also communicate via e-newsletter and weekly news blasts to HTECV parent, students, and teachers. The parent website can be found at www.parentpage.org.

State Priority: Pupil Engagement

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The SARC provides the following information relevant to the State priority: Pupil Engagement (Priority 5):

- High school dropout rates; and
- High school graduation rates

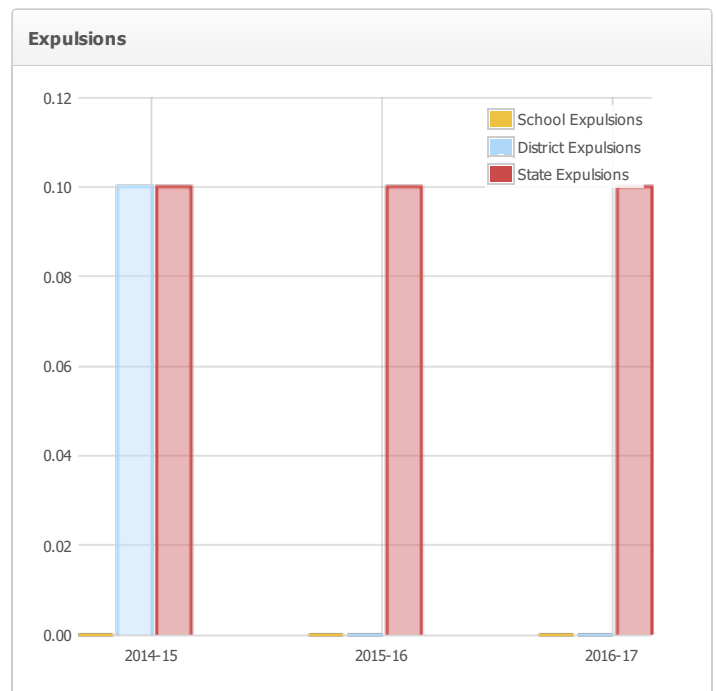
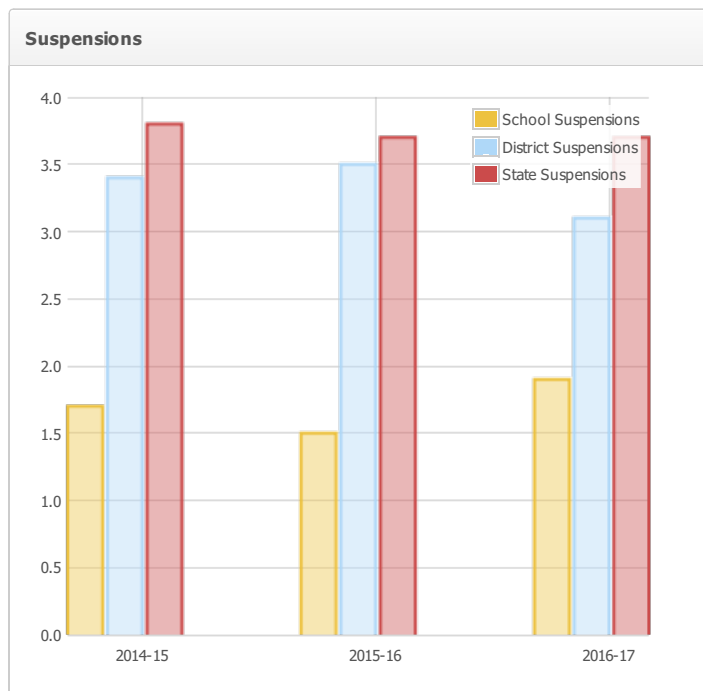
State Priority: School Climate

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			District			State		
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Suspensions	1.7%	1.5%	1.9%	3.4%	3.5%	3.1%	3.8%	3.7%	3.7%
Expulsions	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%



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School Safety Plan (School Year 2017-18)

HTECV updates its safety practices yearly and the safety plan is on file at the front desk and in each classroom. All students practice evacuation procedures multiple times each year. School evacuation maps are strategically located throughout the school. The safety plan addresses prevention, response, and recovery related to emergencies.

Prevention: Prevention programs are the first component in an integrated school safety plan. The purpose of the program is to create a safe school environment that supports academic achievement. These programs address a variety of issues to include violence/substance abuse and threat assessment. HTECV's primary goal is to prevent emergencies.

Response: Some emergencies or disasters cannot be prevented. In those cases the second component, emergency response and emergency operations plans are in place to insure an effective response. HTECV school will minimize the impact of an emergency or disaster. It is important for all involved response entities to coordinate and plan their activities in advance. This will minimize confusion and enhance the response.

Recovery: HTECV is prepared to assist students and staff in their emotional recovery from an emergency or disaster. Recovery procedures are practiced and discussed regularly throughout the school year.

HTECV combats the alienation of adolescence and the anonymity of most urban schools with a culture of community and personalization. We recognize that students with different learning needs, family backgrounds and personal interests require individually crafted support and planning. HTECV has three main design elements: personalization, common- intellectual mission, and adult world connections. The student-faculty ratio at HTECV is 23:1, and each student has an advisor who remains constant throughout the four years of school. HTECV's curriculum is built upon real project work by situating students directly in workplaces, by bringing industry specialists into the school, and by fostering relationships between students and mentors. A coherent intellectual mission is reflected in the

emphasis on the use of technology as a tool and the relationship of learning to careers. HTECV believes that all students and adults should be treated with dignity and respect.

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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	2014-15				2015-16				2016-17			
	Average Class Size	Number of Classes *			Average Class Size	Number of Classes *			Average Class Size	Number of Classes *		
		1-20	21-32	33+		1-20	21-32	33+		1-20	21-32	33+
K	20.0	2	1	0	20.0	2	1	0	21.0	1	2	0
1	20.0	2	0	0	19.0	3	0	0	20.0	3	0	0
2	22.0	0	3	0	21.0	0	3	0	22.0	0	3	0
3	22.0	0	3	0	22.0	0	3	0	22.0	0	3	0
4	26.0	0	3	0	26.0	0	3	0	26.0	0	3	0
5	26.0	0	3	0	26.0	0	3	0	25.0	0	3	0
6	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0
Other	20.0	1	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0

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

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Academic Counselors and Other Support Staff (School Year 2016-17)

Title	Number of FTE* Assigned to School	Average Number of Students per Academic Counselor
Academic Counselor		
Counselor (Social/Behavioral or Career Development)		N/A
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)		N/A
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)		N/A
Psychologist	1.0	N/A
Social Worker		N/A
Nurse		N/A
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	1.0	N/A
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)	4.0	N/A
Other		N/A

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*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.

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Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries (Fiscal Year 2015-16)

Level	Total Expenditures Per Pupil	Expenditures Per Pupil (Restricted)	Expenditures Per Pupil (Unrestricted)	Average Teacher Salary
School Site	\$10465.0	\$2084.0	\$8380.0	\$54661.0
District	N/A	N/A	\$0.0	\$0.0
Percent Difference – School Site and District	N/A	N/A	200.0%	200.0%
State	N/A	N/A	\$6574.0	\$0.0

Percent Difference – School Site and State	N/A	N/A	24.2%	200.0%
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Types of Services Funded (Fiscal Year 2016-17)

HTECV students are able to go on field trips and camps. We also offers a comprehensive before and after school program that is geared toward enrichment and support.

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Professional Development

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