

High Tech Middle

School Accountability Report Card Reported Using Data from the 2017—18 School Year California Department of Education

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/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 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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Nicole Hinostrero, Director

Principal, High Tech Middle

About Our School

Nikki Hinostrero is a native to San Diego and grew up in Encinitas. At the University of Notre Dame she double majored in Psychology and Computers while playing on the women's soccer team. Upon graduating in 1998, she worked in East Los Angeles as a 5th grade teacher and soccer coach through a two year teaching service program called Response Ability. During her time in Los Angeles she also attended Loyola Marymount University where she received her Masters of Education.

After two years in Los Angeles she moved to Cambridge, Massachusetts and began teaching 5th and 6th grade at Benjamin Banneker Charter School where students were offered a rigorous education with a focus on math, science and technology. She also began coaching the Girls' Varsity Soccer Team at Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School at that time. In 2002 she transitioned into the Cambridge Public School District and worked as a middle school math teacher for Fletcher-Maynard Academy. There she also worked as co-leader of the middle school and facilitated team building and middle school reform.

In 2004 Nikki returned to San Diego and began working for High Tech High first teaching at High Tech Middle in the 7th grade utilizing project based learning to integrate math and science. In 2005 Nikki became the Director of High Tech Middle Media Arts, and worked with a dynamic staff to build a positive and engaging culture for this school's opening. Then, in the Fall of 2007, Nikki and a group of innovative and energized educators opened High Tech High North County. HT HNC is one of the first State Wide Benefit Charter Schools in California. As the Director of HTHNC, Nikki worked to lay a solid foundation for HTHNC in the North County with a very inspirational founding group of staff and students. In 2011, Nikki transferred to High Tech High International where she worked in roles as a director and a dean until 2014. She is currently the Director at High Tech Middle.

Contact

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About This School

Contact Information (School Year 2018—19)

District Contact Information (School Year 2018—19)	
District Name	San Diego Unified
Phone Number	(619) 725-8000
Superintendent	Cindy Marten
E-mail Address	cmarten@sandi.net
Web Site	www.sandi.net

School Contact Information (School Year 2018—19)	
School Name	High Tech Middle
Street	2359 Truxtun Rd.
City, State, Zip	San Diego, Ca, 92106-6049
Phone Number	619-814-5060
Principal	Nicole Hinostrro, Director
E-mail Address	ckim@hightechhigh.org
Web Site	www.hightechhigh.org/schools/htm
County-District-School (CDS) Code	37683380101204

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School Description and Mission Statement (School Year 2018—19)

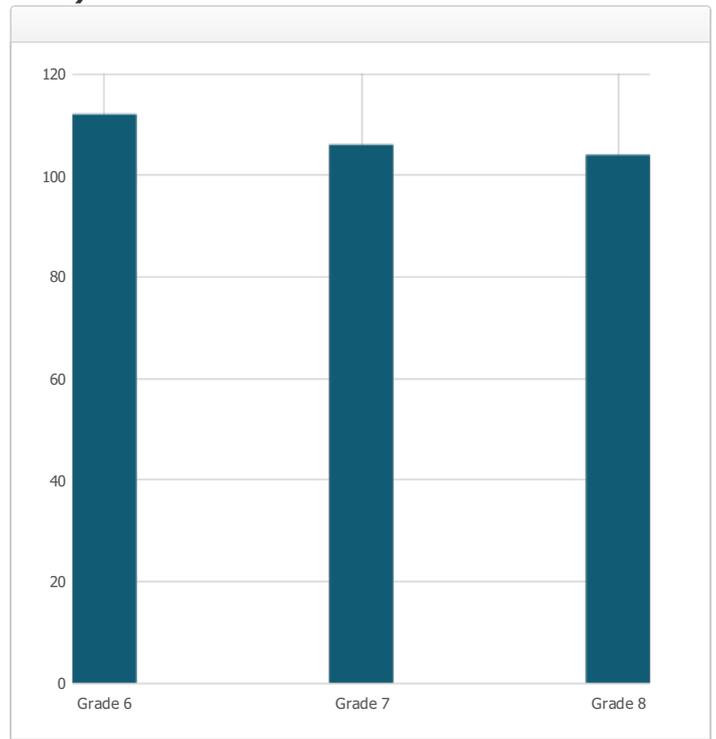
Launched by an industry and educator coalition, High Tech Middle is designed to immerse students in a rigorous learning environment that engages their interests in the fields of math, science and engineering. High Tech Middle is a small, diverse learning community. HTM is founded on three design principles: personalization, adult-world connection, and a common intellectual mission. Innovative features include performance-based assessment, daily shared planning time for staff, state-of-the-art technical facilities for project-based learning, internships for students, and close links to the high tech workplace. The mission of High Tech Middle is to provide students with rigorous and relevant academic and workplace skills, preparing its graduates for rewarding lives in our increasingly technological society.

High Tech Middle was built on 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. High Tech Middle'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. High Tech Middle believes that all students and adults should be treated with dignity and respect. This culture embraces and promotes a positive learning environment where all students abide by a code of conduct.

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Student Enrollment by Grade Level (School Year 2017—18)

Grade Level	Number of Students
Grade 6	112
Grade 7	106
Grade 8	104
Total Enrollment	322



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Student Enrollment by Student Group (School Year 2017—18)

Student Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	9.6 %
American Indian or Alaska Native	1.2 %
Asian	4.0 %
Filipino	2.2 %
Hispanic or Latino	42.9 %
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	%
White	30.4 %
Two or More Races	9.6 %
Other	0.1 %
Student Group (Other)	Percent of Total Enrollment
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	48.8 %
English Learners	6.2 %
Students with Disabilities	13.4 %
Foster Youth	%

A. Conditions of Learning

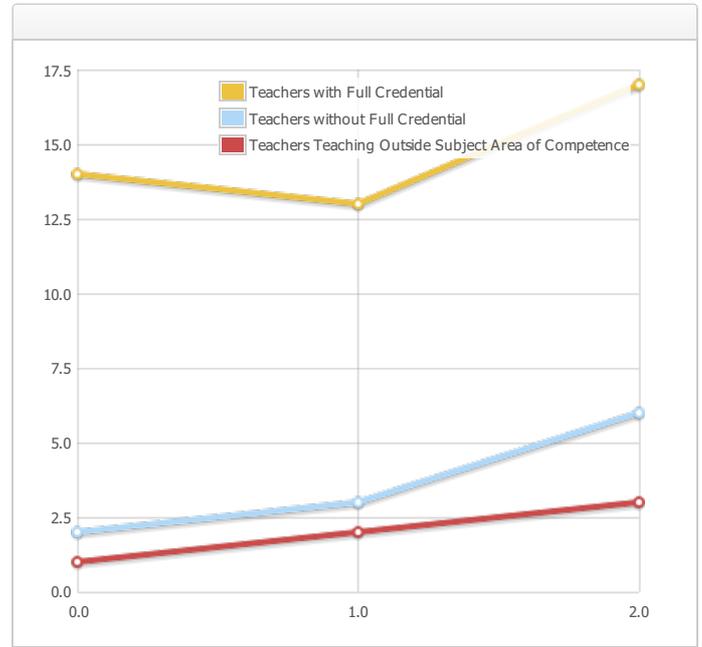
State Priority: Basic

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

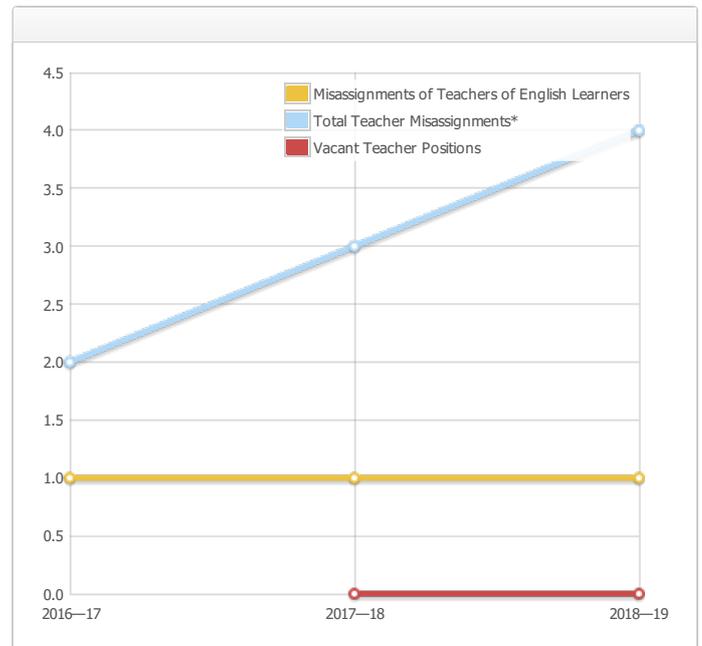
Teachers	School 2016—17	School 2017—18	School 2018—19	District 2018—19
With Full Credential	14	13	17	
Without Full Credential	2	3	6	
Teachers Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence (with full credential)	1	2	3	



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Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions

Indicator	2016—17	2017—18	2018—19
Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners	1	1	1
Total Teacher Misassignments*	2	3	4
Vacant Teacher Positions		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.

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Quality, Currency, Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials (School Year 2018—19)

Year and month in which the data were collected:

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

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School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements

HTM is a 25,704 square foot, one-story, middle school that occupies a structure originally built in 1941+/-, but was completely renovated in 2003. 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. LED lighting and other energy upgrades were implemented in 2016.

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School Facility Good Repair Status

Year and month of the most recent FIT report:

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:

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 Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standard

Subject	School 2016—17	School 2017—18	District 2016—17	District 2017—18	State 2016—17	State 2017—18
English Language Arts / Literacy (grades 3-8 and 11)	59.0%	57.0%	53.0%	55.0%	48.0%	50.0%
Mathematics (grades 3-8 and 11)	41.0%	42.0%	43.0%	45.0%	37.0%	38.0%

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.

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CAASPP Test Results in ELA by Student Group Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven (School Year 2017—18)

CAASPP Assessment Results – English Language Arts (ELA)

Disaggregated by Student Groups, Grades Three Through Eight and Grade Eleven

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	317	301	94.95%	57.33%
Male	169	166	98.22%	59.39%
Female	148	135	91.22%	54.81%
Black or African American	30	27	90.00%	37.04%
American Indian or Alaska Native	--	--	--	
Asian	13	13	100.00%	76.92%
Filipino	--	--	--	
Hispanic or Latino	135	129	95.56%	47.66%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander				
White	97	94	96.91%	74.47%
Two or More Races	34	30	88.24%	56.67%
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	152	144	94.74%	43.36%
English Learners	61	60	98.36%	40.68%
Students with Disabilities	56	53	94.64%	25.00%
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 2017—18)

CAASPP Test Results in Mathematics

Disaggregated by Student Group, Grades Three Through Eight and Grade Eleven

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	317	301	94.95%	42.19%
Male	169	166	98.22%	45.78%
Female	148	135	91.22%	37.78%
Black or African American	30	27	90.00%	22.22%
American Indian or Alaska Native	--	--	--	
Asian	13	13	100.00%	61.54%
Filipino	--	--	--	
Hispanic or Latino	135	129	95.56%	34.88%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander				
White	97	94	96.91%	58.51%
Two or More Races	34	30	88.24%	40.00%
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	152	144	94.74%	31.25%
English Learners	61	60	98.36%	35.00%
Students with Disabilities	56	53	94.64%	20.75%
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 High School
Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standard**

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Subject	School 2016–17	School 2017–18	District 2016–17	District 2017–18	State 2016–17	State 2017–18
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: The 2016–17 and 2017–18 data are not available. The CDE 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 pilot-tested in spring 2017 and field-tested in spring 2018. The CAST will be administered operationally during the 2018–19 school year. The CAA for Science was pilot-tested for two years (i.e., 2016–17 and 2017–18) and the CAA for Science will be field-tested in 2018–19.

Note: Science test results include the CAST and the CAA for Science. The "Percent Met or Exceeded" is calculated by taking the total number of students who met or exceeded the standard on the CAST plus the total number of students who met the standard (i.e., achieved Level 3–Alternate) on the CAA for Science divided by the total number of students who participated on both assessments.

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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

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 2018—19)

High Tech Middle's Parent Association 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 at the school site. Parents have an active voice at HTM. Parents have 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, provide optimal nutrition to students during testing times throughout the year, and communicate to all members of the community via a parent e-newsletter and weekly news blast.

State Priority: Pupil Engagement

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

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

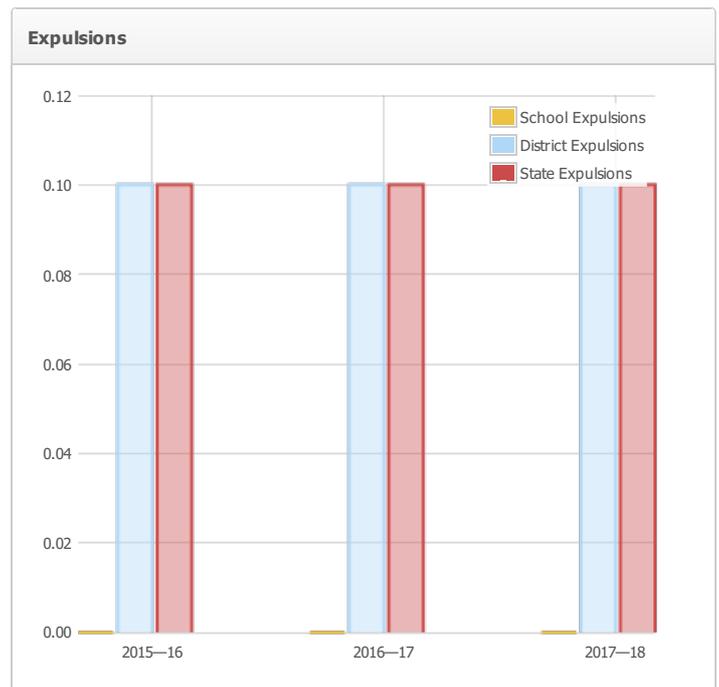
State Priority: School Climate

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

	School	School	School	District	District	District	State	State	State
Rate	2015—16	2016—17	2017—18	2015—16	2016—17	2017—18	2015—16	2016—17	2017—18
Suspensions	2.9%	5.1%	3.7%	3.4%	3.4%	3.5%	3.7%	3.7%	3.5%
Expulsions	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%



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School Safety Plan (School Year 2018—19)

High Tech Middle 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 includes 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. HTM's primary goal is to prevent emergencies.

Response: Some emergencies or disasters cannot be prevented. In those cases the second component, emergency response and operations plans are in place to insure an effective response. The 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: HTM is prepared to assist students and staff in their emotional recovery from an emergency. We consult with outside partners in counseling and emotional support services.

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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) School Year (2015—16)

Grade Level	Average Class Size	Number of Classes * 1-20	Number of Classes * 21-32	Number of Classes * 33+
K				
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6	26.0		12	
Other**				

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

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

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Grade Level	Average Class Size	Number of Classes * 1-20	Number of Classes * 21-32	Number of Classes * 33+
K				
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6	28.0		12	
Other**				

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

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Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Secondary) (School Year 2015—16)

Subject	Average Class Size	Number of Classes * 1-20	Number of Classes * 21-32	Number of Classes * 33+
English	26.0		8	
Mathematics	26.0		8	
Science				
Social Science				

* 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.

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Science				
Social Science				

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Science				
Social Science				

* 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.

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Academic Counselors and Other Support Staff (School Year 2017—18)

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		N/A
Social Worker		N/A
Nurse		N/A
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	0.5	N/A
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)	3.0	N/A
Other	3.0	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 2016—17)

Level	Total Expenditures Per Pupil	Expenditures Per Pupil (Restricted)	Expenditures Per Pupil (Unrestricted)	Average Teacher Salary
School Site	\$9902.0	\$1595.0	\$8307.0	\$56121.0
District	N/A	N/A	\$6754.0	\$80798.0
Percent Difference – School Site and District	N/A	N/A	--	--
State	N/A	N/A	\$6574.0	\$80764.0
Percent Difference – School Site and State	N/A	N/A	--	--

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Types of Services Funded (Fiscal Year 2017—18)

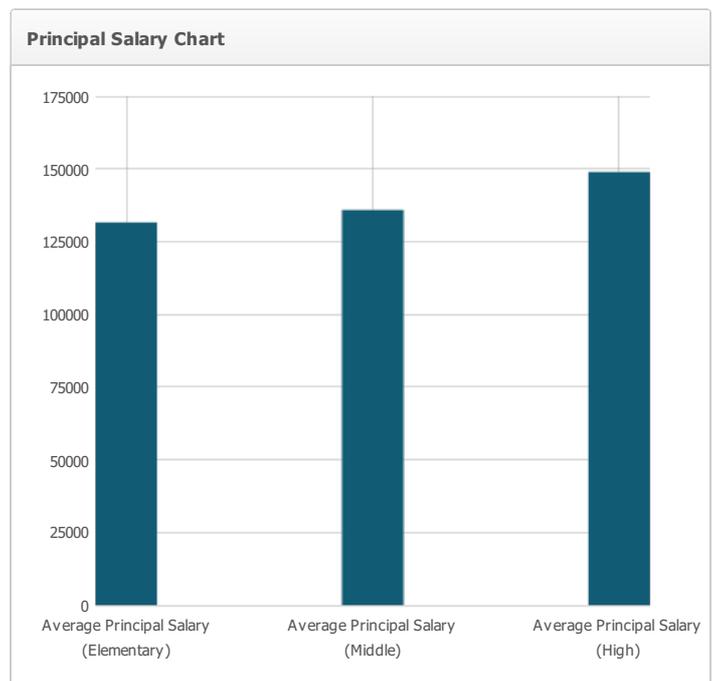
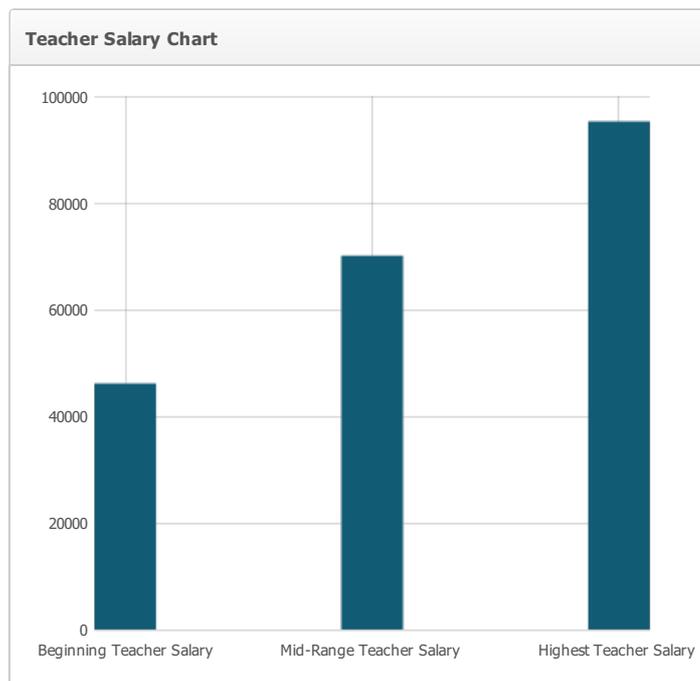
HTM offers elective courses, known as x-block where students have opportunities to get involved with activities such as technology and multimedia, football, soccer, rock climbing, exploring other cultures, and academic coaching for struggling students. Students are also able to go on field trips and camps.

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Teacher and Administrative Salaries (Fiscal Year 2016—17)

Category	District Amount	State Average For Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$46,124	\$47,903
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$70,086	\$74,481
Highest Teacher Salary	\$95,262	\$98,269
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)	\$131,580	\$123,495
Average Principal Salary (Middle)	\$135,867	\$129,482
Average Principal Salary (High)	\$148,932	\$142,414
Superintendent Salary	\$275,000	\$271,429
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	36.0%	35.0%
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	5.0%	5.0%

For detailed information on salaries, see the CDE Certificated Salaries & Benefits web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/>.



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Professional Development

High Tech Middle's current director works closely with Larry Rosenstock to ensure only the highest instructional quality. HTM has hired a diverse group of teachers. They are a mix of master teachers, newly trained teachers, and credentialed individuals from industry with strong content knowledge. The school's team approach to teaching will make the best use of their varied levels of content knowledge and teaching experience.

Faculty members participate in ongoing professional development. It is incorporated into each teacher's work year, per their contract, and takes multiple forms.

Staff days: Veteran staff return to school 8 days before school starts. There are also 6 staff days throughout the year plus 2 additional staff days at the end of the year. Staff days are an opportunity for teachers to learn from one another, built on the belief that "we have a lot of expert knowledge right here in our

building.”

New Teacher Odyssey: Prior to the 8 staff days for veteran teachers, teachers new to HTM participate in a 7 day “Odyssey.” During the Odyssey, HTM teaching methods are modeled and teachers experience project based learning as learners themselves.

AM: Teachers arrive one hour before school starts to engage in collegial dialogue. Meetings occur at least 3 days per month. In practice, these meetings serve as a theoretical context for veteran and new teachers to reflect on and refine their day-to-day practice. These meetings enable teachers to collaborate, analyze data, plan projects, and tackle dilemmas.

Collegial coaching: HTM utilizes “collegial coaching”, a peer observation protocol, to encourage reflection. Collegial coaching is done by partnering teachers together who meet throughout a semester to discuss and observe each other’s teaching. Teachers set up a pre-meeting to discuss what they are interested in knowing, observe each others’ classes, discuss what they saw and make suggestions for improvement.

It is worth noting that, as part of the HTM charter management organization, HTM teachers receive additional professional development support through the HTH Credential Program and the HTH Graduate School of Education.

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