

# La Cañada Elementary School

## School Accountability Report Card

### Reported Using Data from the 2014-15 School Year

#### Published During 2015-16

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 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/fg/aa/lc/>.
- For additional information about the school, parents/guardians and community members should contact the school principal or the district office.

#### **DataQuest**

DataQuest is an online data tool located on the CDE DataQuest Web page at <http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/> that contains additional information about this school and comparisons of the school to the district, the county, and the state. Specifically, DataQuest is a dynamic system that provides reports for accountability (e.g., test data, enrollment, high school graduates, dropouts, course enrollments, staffing, and data regarding English learners).

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## **About This School**

#### **Contact Information (Most Recent Year)**

School Contact Information	
<b>School Name</b>	La Cañada Elementary School
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<b>City, State, Zip</b>	La Canada, CA 91011
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<b>Grades Served</b>	tK-6
<b>CDS Code</b>	19646596014633

District Contact Information	
District Name	La Canada Unified School District
Phone Number	(818) 952-8304
Superintendent	Ms. Wendy Sinnette
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### School Description and Mission Statement (Most Recent Year)

Situated in the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains, La Cañada Elementary (LCE) is proud to be one of the four schools that comprise La Cañada Unified School District (LCUSD), identified in 2012 by the U.S. Department of Education as the top performing K- 12 school district in California. Honored in 2010 and in 2014 as a California Distinguished School, LCE's mission is to "provide a rich educational environment that challenges all students to think critically, solve complex problems, express themselves articulately in speaking, writing, and technology, and to work cooperatively and individually in a diverse and multicultural world." LCE was awarded the 2013 National Blue Ribbon Schools Award because of its consistent high performing status. Thanks to the generous and on-going support of the community, the school campus is beautifully landscaped and well maintained. The facility, which also includes an outdoor Science Center, is made available to the community for a variety of activities, including sports, scouts, campus child care, and enrichment classes.

At LCE, there is a school climate that promotes communication and collaboration. The staff is committed to knowing students from the time they enter kindergarten to the time they promote to seventh grade. Teachers do their utmost to stay connected with children, appreciating them as individuals; they mentor students, create special bonds through small group lunches, and use older students to tutor younger ones. As an integral source of guidance and support, LCE's school counselor provides the best of care in addressing student needs through individual counseling, small groups, and classroom lessons. The staff has developed and implemented a core, standards-based curriculum that integrates differentiated instruction, often project-oriented, and designed to engage and to motivate all students to reach their highest potential. Supplemented by a well-rounded education that includes music, art, drama, Spanish, physical education, and technology, the comprehensive program values the whole child. Teachers draw from a wide array of instructional strategies, resources, and materials. They monitor and update district power standards and pacing guides to keep curriculum relevant and rigorous. Through analyzing data, teachers establish clear, measurable, and attainable goals for each student. Students who are struggling receive additional support through a tiered process of intervention programs, including reading intervention and guided studies programs. The process also includes efforts of teachers to accommodate individual learning needs, and Student Study Teams, which seek answers and develop strategies that can be used in the classroom and at home. By using such resources, the struggling students, as well as those in Special Education and in English Language Development, make significant academic growth. The overall goal is to ensure that every child experiences success. The core belief at LCE is all students can achieve, and they are motivated to believe this, too.

### Student Enrollment by Grade Level (School Year 2014-15)

Grade Level	Number of Students
Kindergarten	89
Grade 1	80
Grade 2	77
Grade 3	88
Grade 4	105
Grade 5	119
Grade 6	105
Total Enrollment	663

**Student Enrollment by Group (School Year 2014-15)**

Student Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	0.6
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.2
Asian	26.2
Filipino	2.4
Hispanic or Latino	12.4
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0
White	49.9
Two or More Races	8
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	1.8
English Learners	8.9
Students with Disabilities	8.4
Foster Youth	0.2

**A. Conditions of Learning****State Priority: Basic**

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the Basic State Priority (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
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2015-16
With Full Credential	28	29	28	167
Without Full Credential	0	0	0	1
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence (with full credential)	1	1	0	1

**Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions**

Indicator	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners	0	0	0
Total Teacher Misassignments *	0	0	0
Vacant Teacher Positions	0	0	0

Note: "Misassignments" refers to the number of positions filled by teachers who lack legal authorization to teach that grade level, subject area, student group, etc.

\* Total Teacher Misassignments includes the number of Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners.

**Core Academic Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers (School Year 2014-15)**

Location of Classes	Percent of Classes In Core Academic Subjects	
	Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers	Not Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers
This School	100.0	0.0
All Schools in District	95.4	4.6
High-Poverty Schools in District	0.0	0.0
Low-Poverty Schools in District	95.4	4.6

Note: High-poverty schools are defined as those schools with student eligibility of approximately 40 percent or more in the free and reduced price meals program. Low-poverty schools are those with student eligibility of approximately 39 percent or less in the free and reduced price meals program.

**Quality, Currency, Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials (School Year 2015-16)**

Year and month in which data were collected: December 2013

Core Curriculum Area	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/ Year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption?	Percent of Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
Reading/Language Arts	K - 2 Open Court / 2003 3 - 6 McDouglia Littell / 2003	Yes	0.0
Mathematics	K - 6 Harcourt	Yes	0.0
Science	CA Science; Macmillian /McGraw-Hill / 2008	Yes	0.0
History-Social Science	CA Reflections; Harcourt / 2007	Yes	0.0
Foreign Language	McGraw-Hill / Wright Group / 2005	Yes	0.0
Health	Macmillian / McGraw-Hill Health & Wellness / 2006	Yes	0.0
Visual and Performing Arts	Publisher purchased materials include music as appropriate for music classes; hard copy scripts for drama and monographs about the works and lives of major artists for visual arts. Other supplementary teacher created materials may be utilized aligned with the agreed upon standards based on the Visual and Performing Arts Frameworks. / 2006	Yes	0.0
Science Laboratory Equipment (grades 9-12)	N/A		

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

The school facilities provide a clean and safe environment and are maintained in good repair. Ongoing and deferred maintenance continues at all sites including exterior re-paint, re-carpet and tree trimming campus-wide. Planned improvements for the upcoming school year include repairs to play yards, re-carpet in selected classrooms.

**School Facility Good Repair Status (Most Recent Year)**

School Facility Good Repair Status (Most Recent Year) Year and month in which data were collected: October 2015				
System Inspected	Repair Status			Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
	Good	Fair	Poor	
Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	X			

School Facility Good Repair Status (Most Recent Year) Year and month in which data were collected: October 2015				
System Inspected	Repair Status			Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
	Good	Fair	Poor	
<b>Interior:</b> Interior Surfaces	X			
<b>Cleanliness:</b> Overall Cleanliness, Pest/Vermin Infestation	X			
<b>Electrical:</b> Electrical	X			
<b>Restrooms/Fountains:</b> Restrooms, Sinks/Fountains	X			
<b>Safety:</b> Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	X			
<b>Structural:</b> Structural Damage, Roofs	X			
<b>External:</b> Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	X			

#### Overall Facility Rating (Most Recent Year)

Year and month in which data were collected: October 2015				
Overall Rating	Exemplary	Good	Fair	Poor
		X		

## 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], Science California Standards Tests); and
- The percentage of pupils 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

#### California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress Results for All Students (School Year 2014-15)

Subject	Percent of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standards (grades 3-8 and 11)		
	School	District	State
<b>English Language Arts/Literacy</b>	85	85	44
<b>Mathematics</b>	81	81	33

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.

**CAASPP Assessment Results - English Language Arts (ELA)**
**Disaggregated by Student Groups, Grades Three through Eight and Eleven (School Year 2014-15)**

Student Group	Grade	Number of Students		Percent of Students				
		Enrolled	Tested	Tested	Standard Not Met	Standard Nearly Met	Standard Met	Standard Exceeded
<b>All Students</b>	<b>3</b>	87	84	96.6	10	15	30	45
	<b>4</b>	106	100	94.3	2	10	29	59
	<b>5</b>	121	117	96.7	4	10	26	60
	<b>6</b>	107	104	97.2	1	8	34	58
<b>Male</b>	<b>3</b>	87	46	52.9	4	9	26	61
	<b>4</b>	106	52	49.1	2	13	31	54
	<b>5</b>	121	72	59.5	4	11	28	57
	<b>6</b>	107	52	48.6	2	13	33	52
<b>Female</b>	<b>3</b>	87	38	43.7	16	24	34	26
	<b>4</b>	106	48	45.3	2	6	27	65
	<b>5</b>	121	45	37.2	4	9	22	64
	<b>6</b>	107	52	48.6	0	2	35	63
<b>Black or African American</b>	<b>4</b>	106	2	1.9	--	--	--	--
<b>Asian</b>	<b>3</b>	87	20	23.0	10	20	20	50
	<b>4</b>	106	31	29.2	0	3	26	71
	<b>5</b>	121	29	24.0	3	7	17	72
	<b>6</b>	107	23	21.5	4	4	30	61
<b>Filipino</b>	<b>4</b>	106	4	3.8	--	--	--	--
	<b>5</b>	121	4	3.3	--	--	--	--
	<b>6</b>	107	3	2.8	--	--	--	--
<b>Hispanic or Latino</b>	<b>3</b>	87	8	9.2	--	--	--	--
	<b>4</b>	106	11	10.4	0	27	36	36
	<b>5</b>	121	7	5.8	--	--	--	--
	<b>6</b>	107	14	13.1	0	21	21	57
<b>White</b>	<b>3</b>	87	48	55.2	8	15	27	50
	<b>4</b>	106	46	43.4	2	11	22	65
	<b>5</b>	121	65	53.7	3	15	26	55
	<b>6</b>	107	54	50.5	0	6	37	57
<b>Two or More Races</b>	<b>3</b>	87	8	9.2	--	--	--	--
	<b>4</b>	106	6	5.7	--	--	--	--
	<b>5</b>	121	12	9.9	0	0	42	58
	<b>6</b>	107	10	9.3	--	--	--	--
<b>Socioeconomically Disadvantaged</b>	<b>3</b>	87	1	1.1	--	--	--	--
	<b>4</b>	106	2	1.9	--	--	--	--
	<b>5</b>	121	1	0.8	--	--	--	--
	<b>6</b>	107	2	1.9	--	--	--	--

Student Group	Grade	Number of Students		Percent of Students				
		Enrolled	Tested	Tested	Standard Not Met	Standard Nearly Met	Standard Met	Standard Exceeded
English Learners	3	87	5	5.7	--	--	--	--
	4	106	8	7.5	--	--	--	--
	5	121	3	2.5	--	--	--	--
	6	107	4	3.7	--	--	--	--
Students with Disabilities	3	87	8	9.2	--	--	--	--
	4	106	8	7.5	--	--	--	--
	5	121	18	14.9	11	17	44	28
	6	107	8	7.5	--	--	--	--
Foster Youth	3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	4	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	6	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

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Note: The number of students tested includes students that did not receive a score; 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 students with scores.

#### CAASPP Assessment Results - Mathematics

##### Disaggregated by Student Groups, Grades Three through Eight and Eleven (School Year 2014-15)

Student Group	Grade	Number of Students		Percent of Students				
		Enrolled	Tested	Tested	Standard Not Met	Standard Nearly Met	Standard Met	Standard Exceeded
All Students	3	87	84	96.6	7	15	32	45
	4	106	102	96.2	1	18	31	50
	5	121	116	95.9	4	17	32	47
	6	107	104	97.2	2	12	21	65
Male	3	87	46	52.9	4	7	28	61
	4	106	54	50.9	0	17	33	50
	5	121	72	59.5	4	13	28	56
	6	107	52	48.6	4	12	15	69
Female	3	87	38	43.7	11	26	37	26
	4	106	48	45.3	2	19	29	50
	5	121	44	36.4	5	25	39	32
	6	107	52	48.6	0	12	27	62
Black or African American	4	106	2	1.9	--	--	--	--
Asian	3	87	20	23.0	5	5	30	60
	4	106	33	31.1	0	21	30	48
	5	121	29	24.0	0	7	31	62
	6	107	23	21.5	4	4	22	70
Filipino	4	106	4	3.8	--	--	--	--

Student Group	Grade	Number of Students		Percent of Students				
		Enrolled	Tested	Tested	Standard Not Met	Standard Nearly Met	Standard Met	Standard Exceeded
	5	121	4	3.3	--	--	--	--
	6	107	3	2.8	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	3	87	8	9.2	--	--	--	--
	4	106	11	10.4	0	0	55	45
	5	121	7	5.8	--	--	--	--
	6	107	14	13.1	7	21	29	43
White	3	87	48	55.2	8	17	27	48
	4	106	46	43.4	2	11	30	57
	5	121	65	53.7	5	22	34	40
	6	107	54	50.5	0	13	19	69
Two or More Races	3	87	8	9.2	--	--	--	--
	4	106	6	5.7	--	--	--	--
	5	121	11	9.1	0	9	45	45
	6	107	10	9.3	--	--	--	--
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	3	87	1	1.1	--	--	--	--
	4	106	2	1.9	--	--	--	--
	5	121	1	0.8	--	--	--	--
	6	107	2	1.9	--	--	--	--
English Learners	3	87	5	5.7	--	--	--	--
	4	106	10	9.4	--	--	--	--
	5	121	3	2.5	--	--	--	--
	6	107	4	3.7	--	--	--	--
Students with Disabilities	3	87	8	9.2	--	--	--	--
	4	106	8	7.5	--	--	--	--
	5	121	17	14.0	24	24	24	29
	6	107	8	7.5	--	--	--	--
Foster Youth	3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	4	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	6	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

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**California Standards Tests for All Students in Science (Three-Year Comparison)**

Subject	Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced (meeting or exceeding the state standards)								
	School			District			State		
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
<b>Science (grades 5, 8, and 10)</b>	92	96	94	93	92	93	59	60	56

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.

**California Standards Tests Results by Student Group in Science (School Year 2014-15)**

Student Group	Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced
<b>All Students in the LEA</b>	93
<b>All Students at the School</b>	94
<b>Male</b>	93
<b>Female</b>	95
<b>Asian</b>	90
<b>Filipino</b>	--
<b>Hispanic or Latino</b>	--
<b>White</b>	95
<b>Two or More Races</b>	100
<b>Socioeconomically Disadvantaged</b>	68
<b>English Learners</b>	--
<b>Students with Disabilities</b>	--
<b>Foster Youth</b>	--

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.

**California Physical Fitness Test Results (School Year 2014-15)**

Grade Level	Percent of Students Meeting Fitness Standards		
	Four of Six Standards	Five of Six Standards	Six of Six Standards
<b>5</b>	14.40	26.30	50.00

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.

## C. Engagement

### State Priority: Parental Involvement

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the Parental Involvement State Priority (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 (Most Recent Year)

LCE has implemented multiple strategies to engage school families and the community in support of student success and school improvement. The Parent Teacher Association (PTA), which boasts nearly 100% membership, is dedicated to student success by focusing on student enrichment and learning. World Fair Days are an annual signature program at which parents and volunteers staff booths representing cultures from around the world. The PTA funds school-wide assemblies on topics spanning from character education to the arts. Annually, over thirty volunteers provide a classical art docent program in every classroom. There are also opportunities for parent participation through our Science Docent program. Parent involvement is a key component to classroom support in the primary grade classrooms, and every class has an active team of room parents, a PTA program. Parents also participate in welcoming new families by hosting a social gathering to foster connections and to provide informational sessions for ongoing support. To engage and support LCE's significant Korean population, the PTA has expanded to include the LCE Korean Outreach group. The Korean school community also supports the school's large fundraising event, the Halloween Haunt, by hosting a very popular Korean BBQ booth. In the community, LCE partners with Kiwanis to recognize outstanding student citizenship and provide scholarships for field trips such as the 5th grade trip to Valley Forge. Partnering with the Sheriff Department brings the STAR anti-drug program into the classroom, as well as helps to train carline parent volunteers to oversee student safety. Another group that supports our school-wide safety and positive climate efforts is the Recess Rocks volunteer group that helps to monitor recesses and provide more adult visibility. Parents also have the opportunity to serve on the School Site Council Committee. This committee is comprised of staff, parents and the administration. They convene monthly to work on school issues/needs. Finally, at the annual Community Read-In, LCE invites community members and parents to celebrate "Read Across America". By providing volunteer opportunities that are accessible to a wide range of parents, LCE is able to maintain a strong partnership with all stakeholders.

### State Priority: School Climate

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the School Climate State Priority (Priority 6):

- Pupil suspension rates;
- Pupil expulsion rates; and
- Other local measures on the sense of safety.

#### Suspensions and Expulsions

Rate	School			District			State		
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
<b>Suspensions</b>	1.06	0.44	1.47	1.68	1.03	1.31	5.07	4.36	3.80
<b>Expulsions</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.13	0.10	0.09

#### School Safety Plan (Most Recent Year)

The school has a safety plan designed to prepare students and employees, as well as parents, to respond appropriately in case of disaster. The safety plan includes identification of appropriate strategies to maintain a high level of security and procedures for compliance with existing school safety laws. An assessment of the status of any school-related crime is also included. Fire/Lockdown drills are held each month to ensure that students and staff will respond safely in the event of an emergency. Disaster drills, such as earthquake drills, are held at least one time a year to ensure that there is appropriate response to a natural catastrophe. The frequency of lockdown drills has occurred in response to recent tragedies in schools across American and abroad. The School Site council reviews and approves the Safety Plan each Fall.

## 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.

### Adequate Yearly Progress Overall and by Criteria (School Year 2014-15)

AYP Criteria	School	District	State
Made AYP Overall	Yes	Yes	Yes
Met Participation Rate: English-Language Arts	Yes	Yes	Yes
Met Participation Rate: Mathematics	Yes	Yes	Yes
Met Percent Proficient: English-Language Arts	N/A	N/A	N/A
Met Percent Proficient: Mathematics	N/A	N/A	N/A
Met Attendance Rate	Yes	Yes	Yes
Met Graduation Rate	N/A	Yes	Yes

### Federal Intervention Program (School Year 2015-16)

Indicator	School	District
Program Improvement Status	N/A	N/A
First Year of Program Improvement	N/A	N/A
Year in Program Improvement*	N/A	N/A
Number of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	N/A	0
Percent of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	N/A	.0

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

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

Grade Level	2012-13				2013-14				2014-15			
	Avg. Class Size	Number of Classes			Avg. Class Size	Number of Classes			Avg. Class Size	Number of Classes		
		1-20	21-32	33+		1-20	21-32	33+		1-20	21-32	33+
K	19	2	2	--	15	3	2	--	18	5	--	--
1	20	4	--	--	19	4	--	--	20	3	1	--
2	20	4	--	--	21	2	2	--	20	4	--	--
3	22	1	4	--	22	--	4	--	21	1	3	--
4	30	--	3	--	29	--	4	--	26	--	4	--
5	32	--	2	1	33	--	3	--	30	--	4	--
6	33	--	1	2	32	--	2	1	26	--	4	--

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

**Academic Counselors and Other Support Staff (School Year 2014-15)**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Number of FTE Assigned to School</b>	<b>Average Number of Students per Academic Counselor</b>
<b>Academic Counselor</b>	1.0	647
<b>Counselor (Social/Behavioral or Career Development)</b>	0.0	N/A
<b>Library Media Teacher (Librarian)</b>	0.0	N/A
<b>Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)</b>	0.8	N/A
<b>Psychologist</b>	.04	N/A
<b>Social Worker</b>	0.0	N/A
<b>Nurse</b>	0.0	N/A
<b>Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist</b>	1.0	N/A
<b>Resource Specialist</b>	1.4	N/A
<b>Other</b>	0.0	N/A

Note: Cells with N/A values do not require data. One Full Time Equivalent (FTE) equals one staff member working full time; one FTE could also represent two staff members who each work 50 percent of full time.

**Expenditures per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries (Fiscal Year 2013-14)**

<b>Level</b>	<b>Expenditures Per Pupil</b>			<b>Average Teacher Salary</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Supplemental/ Restricted</b>	<b>Basic/ Unrestricted</b>	
<b>School Site</b>	\$9,235	\$3,145	\$6,090	\$73,388
<b>District</b>	N/A	N/A	\$6556	\$75,121
<b>Percent Difference: School Site and District</b>	N/A	N/A	-7.1	-2.3
<b>State</b>	N/A	N/A	\$5,348	\$65,267
<b>Percent Difference: School Site and State</b>	N/A	N/A	13.9	12.4

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

**Types of Services Funded (Fiscal Year 2014-15)**

Through the support of the district administration and the cooperation and efforts of the special education and general education staff, children with exceptional and special needs are receiving appropriate educational services. All students with special needs are placed into an appropriate educational setting and receive special support either directly in the general education classroom or in a special education classroom.

Students qualifying for special education services have their Individual Education Programs (IEP) monitored by IEP Teams comprised of the school psychologist, a special education staff member, the child's classroom teacher, parents and an administrator designee. Parents of special education students are encouraged to participate fully in developing their child's individual educational plan.

Gifted and talented students are identified yearly in grades three and above. Programs for GATE students include pull-out weekly instruction and after school enrichment. Emphasis has been placed in areas of mathematics, science and critical thinking skills at the elementary sites.

The home language survey is used to determine the primary language for each student in the district. Students with a language other than English are assessed to determine their English language proficiency. If appropriate, students are provided instruction in English language development. Students with the greatest need also receive additional ELD support in the regular classroom and in small group settings. The district and school staff monitors students' ELD progress throughout the school year.

Through funding from the PTA, a Reading Intervention Program is provided to elementary students who are in need of additional support in the area of reading. The program begins in September of each school year and ends in April. Students participate in the program before or after the school day. Phonics and comprehension skills are the target areas for instruction.

La Cañada Unified School District is fortunate to have active parents and community who contribute generously to the schools. The Education Foundation has contributed over \$2,000,000 annually to the district in the last two years. These funds are used to reduce class size, contribute to full-time counseling services, fund the district librarian and provide art, drama, and music instruction to all students in grades K-6 and optional Spanish classes in grades 3-6. These funds also contribute to district-wide technology and after school enrichment programs.

#### Teacher and Administrative Salaries (Fiscal Year 2013-14)

Category	District Amount	State Average for Districts In Same Category
<b>Beginning Teacher Salary</b>	\$45,605	\$40,379
<b>Mid-Range Teacher Salary</b>	\$71,569	\$62,323
<b>Highest Teacher Salary</b>	\$87,231	\$81,127
<b>Average Principal Salary (Elementary)</b>	\$116,333	\$99,192
<b>Average Principal Salary (Middle)</b>	\$119,542	\$91,287
<b>Average Principal Salary (High)</b>	\$123,514	\$112,088
<b>Superintendent Salary</b>	\$182,000	\$159,821
<b>Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries</b>	37%	36%
<b>Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries</b>	6%	6%

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

#### Professional Development (Most Recent Three Years)

The primary areas of focus for staff development at LCUSD have been the implementation of Common Core State Standards (CCSS) in Writing, Math and Science new teacher trainings and BTSA support through the San Gabriel Valley consortium, and training for special education teachers through the SELPA.

Teacher support is key to quality teaching and implementation of new initiatives at LCUSD. A modified bell schedule has been adopted to allow for collaboration; 1/2 days at the elementary level (K-6) 10 times throughout the year and a late start bell schedule weekly (with few exceptions) at the 7-12 level to provide time for Professional Learning Community (PLC) meetings. This time has been used to design CCSS aligned pacing guides, quarterly benchmark assessments, design of lessons, instructional units and performance tasks.

Teachers have also been given the opportunity to attend workshops and trainings of their choice in their specific grade levels or content areas in and out of the district. Training sessions have been provided within the district by TOSAs and several after school workshops have been provided to teachers in the areas of CCSS implementation, CCSS aligned report cards and use of technology in their instructional practice. Online workshops and trainings have also been provided to certificated and classified staff through Keenan and Associates and ASCIP.

The District has contracted a consulting group, Teachers Development Group, to provide training in math and science which provides best practice sessions combined with in class teacher observations, resident coaching and support through face to face and online feedback. This work supports the implementation of CCSS and Next Generation Science Standards in their classrooms.

Above and beyond regular trainings provided to all teachers, specialized training is provided to Special Education teachers to address the specific needs of students in Special Education. Several Crisis Prevention and Intervention workshops are provided throughout the year to allow the teachers and paraprofessionals to work efficiently and effectively with students with severe emotional and social needs. Trainings are also provided to help teachers implement the Common Core Standards and new assessments.

The District created extra duty extra pay positions (PLC leaders, instructional technology coaches, and grade level and team leaders) to provide support to all teachers. Five new positions have been created (Common Core and Technology Teachers on Special Assignment, TOSA) to support teachers with the implementation of Common Core and technology. The Peer Assistance and Review program provides mentors for teachers who need support in specific areas based on evaluations. Principals and colleagues provide support through staff meetings, teacher-principal meetings, peer observations, classroom walkthrough feedback and modeling of CCSS aligned lessons by TOSAs.

LCUSD Administrative Team is allotted a stipend for professional growth activities and benefits from the opportunity to enroll in advanced level college courses and ACSA academies. The District provides sexual harassment training for all management level positions and conducts monthly Leadership Team meetings and principals' meetings to provide continued support and professional development.