

Independence High School

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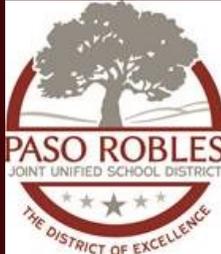
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School Description

Principal's Message

I'd like to welcome you to Independence High School's Annual School Accountability Report Card. In accordance with Proposition 98, every school in California is required to issue an annual School Accountability Report Card that fulfills state and federal disclosure requirements. Parents will find valuable information about our academic achievement, professional staff, curricular programs, instructional materials, safety procedures, classroom environment, and condition of facilities.

Independence High School provides a warm, stimulating environment where students are actively involved in learning academics as well as positive values. Students receive a standards-based, challenging curriculum by dedicated professional staff and based on the individual needs of the students. Ongoing evaluation of student progress and achievement helps us refine the instructional program so students can achieve academic proficiency. We have made a commitment to provide the best educational program possible for Independence High School's students, and welcome any suggestions or questions you may have about the information contained in this report or about the school. Together, through our hard work, our students will be challenged to reach their maximum potential.

Mission Statement

The mission statement of Independence High School of Paso Robles Joint Unified School District is to provide a safe and supportive learning environment for all our students and staff; to give instruction based on student need, state curriculum, state standards, and educational research; and, to encourage students to become productive members of their community.

Core Beliefs

We Believe:

- Students are our highest priority and are entitled to equal educational opportunities.
- Each student has his/her own unique learning style and capabilities.
- Families have the primary responsibility for developing their children's morals, values and preparing them for learning.
- A competent and dedicated staff is the primary resource for successfully educating students.
- A safe, nurturing environment is conducive to learning.
- Morale, satisfaction and performance are enhanced when all people work together.
- All human beings and family units have dignity, worth, and unique contributions.
- Our community has a right to expect our students to be literate and productive members of society.
- Successful education is a partnership and shared responsibility of students, educators, parents/guardians, and community.
- Public schools are the primary institution for promoting the understanding and the value of democratic ideals

School Profile

Independence High School is located in the central region of Paso Robles and serves students in grades nine through twelve following a traditional calendar. At the beginning of the 2019-20 school year, students were enrolled, including 14.12% in special education, 1.17% qualifying for English Language Learner support, and 34.12% qualifying for free or reduced price lunch.

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
Grade 9	14
Grade 10	16
Grade 11	34
Grade 12	48
Total Enrollment	112

2018-19 Student Enrollment by Group

Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	1.8
Filipino	2.7
Hispanic or Latino	36.6
White	54.5
Two or More Races	4.5
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	25.9
English Learners	1.8
Students with Disabilities	11.6
Homeless	2.7

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 Independence High	17-18	18-19	19-20
With Full Credential	8.5	6.8	5
Without Full Credential	1	0	0
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	0	0	0

Teacher Credentials for Paso Robles Joint	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 Independence High School

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

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

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

Quality, Currency, Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials (School Year 2019-20)

All textbooks used in the core curriculum at Independence High School are aligned to the California Common Core State Standards. Standards-based instructional materials are approved by the district's Board of Trustees. The district follows the State Board of Education's six-year adoption cycle for core content materials and the eight-year cycle for textbook adoptions in foreign language, visual and performing arts, and health. On Tuesday, October 11, 2016 the Paso Robles Joint Unified School District's Board of Trustees held a public hearing to certify the extent to which textbooks and instructional materials have been provided to students. The Board of Trustees adopted Resolution No. 17-07 which certifies as required by Education Code §60119 (1) that textbooks and instructional materials were provided to all students, including English learners, in the district to the extent that each pupil has a textbook or instructional materials, or both, to use in class and to take home, (2) sufficient textbooks and instructional materials were provided to each student, including English learners, that are aligned to the academic content standards and consistent with the cycles and content of the curriculum frameworks in math, science, history-social science, and English/language arts, (3) sufficient textbooks or instructional materials were provided to each pupil enrolled in foreign language or health classes, and (4) sufficient laboratory science equipment was available for science laboratory classes offered in grades 9-12 inclusive. In addition to core subject areas, districts are required to disclose in their SARCs the sufficiency of instructional materials used for their visual/performing arts curricula. During the 2018-19 school year, Paso Robles Joint Unified School District provided each student, including English learners, enrolled in a visual/performing arts class with instructional materials to use in class and to take home. These materials complied with the state's content standards and curriculum frameworks.

Textbooks and Instructional Materials

Year and month in which data were collected: October 2019

Core Curriculum Area	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/Year of Adoption
Reading/Language Arts	2017, Springboard ELA California Edition 2011, Bedford/St. Martin's, Elements of Argument, AP 2010, Commerce Printing, Expository Reading and Writing Course 2015, HMH, English 3D 2015, HMH Read 180 Universal The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0
Mathematics	2015, HMH, BIG IDEAS, Algebra 1 2015, HMH, BIG IDEAS, Algebra 2 2015, HMH, BIG IDEAS, Geometry 2014, HMH, Integrated Math 2017, Cengage Learning, Calculus for AP with CalcChat and CalcView 2016, Cengage Learning, Precalculus with Limits: A graphing Approach, 7th Edition 2001, WH Freeman and Company, The Practice of Statistics, 4th Printing 2015, McGraw-Hill, Aleks The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0
Science	2007, Prentice Hall, Biology 2007, Holt, Rinehart and Winston, CA Physics 2007, Pearson/Prentice Hall, CA Chemistry 2001, Brooks/Cole, Chemistry AP 2005, Glencoe/McGraw-Hill, Earth Science, Geology, the Environment and the Universe 2007, Thompson Learning, Global Environmental Options (GEO) 2017, Cengage Learning, Living in the Environment, AP Edition 2000, Prentice Hall Inc, Physics Principles with Applications, AP 2006, John Wiley & Sons, Inc, Principles of Anatomy and Physiology The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0
History-Social Science	2018, Pearson, World History (CA Edition) 2018, Pearson, American Government (CA Edition) 2018, Pearson, Economics (CA Edition) 2018, Cengage Learning, America Through the Lens The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0

Core Curriculum Area	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/Year of Adoption
Foreign Language	2017 McGraw-Hill, Spanish 202/ Spanish 2 2016 Glencoe/McGraw-Hill, Así de dice Levels 1-4 2002 Glencoe/McGraw-Hill, Bon Voyage! 2002 McDougal Littell, Discovering French Blanc 2002 McDougal Littell, Discovering French Bleu 2001 McDougal Littell, Discovering French Rouge 2014 Pearson, Abriendo Paso, Gramatica 2014 Pearson, Abriendo Paso, Temas y lecturas The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes
Health	2006 Glencoe Health The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes

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

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements (Most Recent Year)

The district takes great efforts to ensure that all schools are clean, safe, and functional through proper facilities maintenance and campus supervision. Independence High School's original facilities were built in 2010; ongoing maintenance and campus improvements ensure facilities remain up to date and provide adequate space for students and staff. District maintenance and site custodial staff ensure that the repairs necessary to keep the school in good condition are completed in a timely manner. A work order process is used by school and district staff to communicate non-routine maintenance requests. Emergency repairs are given the highest priority. In the last 12 months, the following improvements have been completed:

- Installation of gender neutral restroom signs.
- Replacement of water heater.
- Fire alarm electrical repair.

Every morning before school begins, the custodian inspects facilities for safety hazards or other conditions that need attention prior to students and staff entering school grounds. One day custodian and one part-time evening custodian are assigned to Independence High School. The day custodian is responsible for:

- Classroom cleaning
- Office area cleaning
- Restroom cleaning
- General use area cleaning

Restrooms are checked throughout the day for cleanliness and subsequently cleaned as needed. The evening custodian is responsible for:

- Restroom cleaning

The principal communicates with custodial staff daily concerning maintenance and school safety issues.

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

System Inspected	Repair Status	Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	Good	
Interior: Interior Surfaces	Fair	Ceiling tile stained, cracked tile
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/ Vermin Infestation	Good	
Electrical: Electrical	Fair	
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	Good	
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	Good	
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	Good	Need wood replacement on exterior and paint
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	Good	
Overall Rating	Good	

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
ELA	50	44	49	48	50	50
Math	14	15	36	36	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.

School Year 2018-19 CAASPP Assessment Results - English Language Arts (ELA)

Disaggregated by Student Groups, Grades Three through Eight and Eleven

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	36	34	94.44	44.12
Male	14	14	100.00	28.57
Female	22	20	90.91	55.00
Filipino	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	13	13	100.00	30.77
White	21	19	90.48	57.89
Two or More Races	--	--	--	--
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	15	14	93.33	35.71
Students with Disabilities	--	--	--	--

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.

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
Science	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

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	36	33	91.67	15.15
Male	14	13	92.86	23.08
Female	22	20	90.91	10.00
Filipino	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	13	13	100.00	7.69
White	21	19	90.48	21.05
Two or More Races	--	--	--	--
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	15	13	86.67	7.69
Students with Disabilities	--	--	--	--

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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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)

Parents are encouraged to get involved in their child's learning environment either by volunteering in the classroom, participating in a decision-making group, or simply attending school events. Parents stay informed on upcoming events and school activities through automated telephone messages, flyers, the school website, and bulletins. Contact any school office staff member at (805) 769-1620 for more information on how to become involved in your child's learning environment.

- Opportunities to Volunteer
- Chaperone Field Trips
- Assist in the Classroom
- Working on Parade Float Construction
- Fundraising Activities

- Committees
- Parent Advisory Council

- School Activities
- Back-to-School Night
- Open House
- Student Performances and Activities
- School Board Presentation

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

The Comprehensive School Site Safety Plan was developed for Independence High School in collaboration with local agencies and the district office to fulfill Senate Bill 187 requirements. Components of this plan include child abuse reporting procedures, teacher notification of dangerous pupil procedures, disaster response procedures, procedures for safe arrival and departure from school, sexual harassment policy, and dress code policy. The school's most recent school safety plan was reviewed, updated, and discussed with school staff by December 2019.

Suspensions and Expulsions for the School	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Suspensions Rate	0.0	1.0	0.0
Expulsions Rate	0.0	0.0	0.0

Suspensions and Expulsions for the District	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Suspensions Rate	3.7	5.2	6.7
Expulsions Rate	0.1	0.1	0.1

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*	.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.

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	6	19			6	20			6	20		
Mathematics	8	9	1		5	17	1		5	14	1	
Science	6	13			5	18			5	15		
Social Science	5	24			5	25			5	23		

* 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	6	6	6

All training and curriculum development activities at Independence High School revolve around the California Common Core State Standards. During the 2017-18 school year, Independence High School held staff development training devoted to:

- Anti-Bullying
- Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI)
- Depth of Knowledge (DOK)
- Google Apps for Education
- Project Based Learning
- Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS)
- School Safety
- Universal Design for Learning

Decisions concerning selection of staff development activities are performed by all staff using tools such as teacher input, state assessment results, and data analysis to determine the areas in which additional teacher training may enhance classroom instruction and increase student achievement levels. Independence High School supports ongoing professional growth throughout the year during weekly PLC days. Teachers meet in both grade level and department level teams to conduct data analysis to identify areas of need. Teaching staff are provided the opportunity to participate in district-sponsored staff development workshops or training session as 1) a supplement to site-based staff development, 2) for reinforcement of or follow-up on previous training, or 3) follow-up training for newly implemented programs/curricula. During the 2015-16 school year, Independence High School's teachers attended the following events hosted by the Paso Robles Joint Unified School District:

- California Mathematics and Science Partnership (CaMSP) (for STEM teachers)
- Direct Interactive Instruction (for new teachers)
- English Language Development (ELD)
- Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) K-12 Articulation (for GATE, Honors and AP teachers)
- Google Apps for Education (GAPE)
- Gradebook Training (for new teachers)
- Professional Learning Communities (PLC's)
- Universal Design for Learning (UDL) – Co Teaching

Independence High School offers support to new and veteran teachers through peer coaching and mentoring. Instructional aides are provided targeted training focused on teaching strategies and curriculum content. Substitute teachers are invited to participate in designated staff development activities. All staff are encouraged to attend professional workshops and conferences. Classified support staff receive job-related training from department supervisors and district representatives.

FY 2017-18 Teacher and Administrative Salaries

Category	District Amount	State Average for Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$46,923	\$49,084
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$68,893	\$76,091
Highest Teacher Salary	\$89,218	\$95,728
Average Principal Salary (ES)	\$103,997	\$118,990
Average Principal Salary (MS)	\$105,076	\$125,674
Average Principal Salary (HS)	\$111,616	\$137,589
Superintendent Salary	\$211,658	\$230,096

Percent of District Budget	District Amount	State Average for Districts In Same Category
Teacher Salaries	34%	35%
Administrative Salaries	6%	6%

* For detailed information on salaries, see the CDE Certificated Salaries & Benefits webpage at www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/.

Types of Services Funded

On an annual basis, Paso Robles Unified School District submits the application for funding consolidated categorical aid programs, commonly called the ConApp (short for Consolidated Application). The application is submitted in two parts: Part I, which contains program and demographic information, is submitted each year by June 1; Part II, which contains the budget information and additional program data, is submitted each year by January 31. The categorical programs included in the application are Title I, Part A – Improving the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged; Title I, Part C – Migrant Education; Title II, Part A – Preparing, Training, and Recruiting High Quality Teachers and Principals; and Title III – Language Instruction for Limited English Proficient and Immigrant Students. Essentially, these funds are designed to assist students in mastering state standards.

The 2013-14 California Department of Education (CDE) budget package replaces the previous K-12 finance system with a new Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF). For school districts and charter schools, the LCFF creates base, supplemental, and concentration grants in place of most previously existing K-12 funding streams, including revenue limits and most state categorical programs. For county offices of education (COEs), the LCFF creates separate funding streams for oversight activities and instructional programs. The goal of the LCFF is to significantly simplify how state funding is provided to local educational agencies (LEAs). Under the new funding system, revenue limits and most state categorical programs are eliminated. LEAs will receive funding based on the demographic profile of the students they serve and gain greater flexibility to use these funds to improve outcomes of students. The LCFF creates funding targets based on these student characteristics.

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

Level	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	Average Teacher Salary
School Site	\$9,428	\$390	\$9,038	\$76,024
District	N/A	N/A	\$5,966	\$72,718.00
State	N/A	N/A	\$7,506.64	\$78,059.00

Percent Differences	Unrestricted	Average Teacher Salary
School Site/District	40.9	4.4
School Site/ State	18.5	-2.6

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.

The Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) is an important component of the LCFF. Under the LCFF, all districts are required to prepare an LCAP, which describes how they intend to meet annual goals for all pupils, with specific activities to address state and local priorities identified pursuant to Education Code Section 52060(d). Each school district must engage parents, educators, employees and the community to establish these plans. Parental and community engagement of all stakeholders is critical to the development of the district LCAP. PRJUSD continues to work with all stakeholder groups in holding various district and school committee meetings and forums designed to gather information on various specific areas of importance. The plans will describe the school district's overall vision for students, annual goals and specific actions the district will take to achieve the vision and goals. The LCAPs must focus on eight areas identified as state priorities. District plans will also demonstrate how the district's budget will help achieve the goals and assess each year how well the strategies in the plan were able to improve outcomes. PRJUSD values feedback and input. Parents continue to make positive differences in the lives of the children we all support. We know from research that participation in your child's education will not only bring success to your child but other children in the school. Our parents truly make a difference in the lives of Paso kids! PRJUSD is proud and pleased to offer a variety of parental involvement opportunities that improve our overall program. Depending on the type of categorical funding a site may receive, district or school parent councils and committees are required under certain requirements and guidelines.

Such advisory committees in the PRJUSD include:

School Site Council (SSC)
English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC)
District Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)
District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC)
Dual Immersion Parent Advisory
Career Technical Education Advisory

We encourage all parents and guardians to become involved with their child's education at the classroom, schoolwide and district level. Each school's School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) describes the school's basic educational program and the categorical supplementary programs and services that are designed to support student achievement of each and every student. Parental involvement is a necessary and vital part of developing the SPSA as well as our overall program. If you would like additional information on any of the district parent councils or committees, please call your child's school. The principal, guidance specialist (GS), counselor or vice principal would be happy to assist you; or you may go to www.pasoschools.org.

District English Learner Advisory Committee: Whenever there are 51 or more English learner students in the district, there shall be a functioning District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC). It is important that each school site ELAC elect a DELAC representative and arrange to have that representative attend every DELAC meeting. Currently, the DELAC bylaws require each DELAC representative to be: 1. a parent or guardian of an English learner or former English learner (i.e., a reclassified fluent English proficient student) currently enrolled at the site he or she represents; and 2. elected to serve as the DELAC representative by the site ELAC.

The following is an overview of the categorical funding and programs in PRJUSD. These funds are further discussed and outlined in each school's SPSA and at the committee meetings. Rationale General district funds provide support for the district's base/core curriculum program. Some children have special characteristics not reflective of the general school population that affect their success in the base/core programs. Some come from economically disadvantaged homes; some are educationally disadvantaged or lack English language proficiency because they have a primary language other than English. Children, such as those described above, require supplemental services and materials not generally provided through the base/core curriculum program. The needs of our children are identified and supplemental services and materials are planned and targeted to meet their special needs. Categorical funds are to be used to provide the financial support to meet these special needs.

Philosophy: All PRJUSD schools offer students with special needs the same kinds of high-quality learning opportunities and access to the core curriculum in all curricular areas. Categorical funds are designed to support additional assistance to help students succeed in the regular classroom program (base/core curriculum) and address any learning gaps. The focus is on the effective utilization of supplementary materials, personnel, and staff development. Staff development activities are used to improve instructional practices and strategies to increase the ability of teachers and other staff to challenge and assist all students to reach their fullest potential.

Categorical Program Descriptions

1. After School Safety and Education Funds (ASES): This state-funded and administered program provides three-year grant funding to establish or expand after-school programs that provide students with academic support and intervention, enrichment opportunities and supportive services to help the students meet state and local standards in core content areas. The purpose of the ASES program is to create additional educational and recreational opportunities for students within the learning community while providing a safe environment for students. The goals of this program are to improve academic achievement and provide enrichment opportunities that reinforce and complement the academic program.
2. Title I, Part A (Improving the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged): This federally funded program provides high-quality opportunities for students in high-poverty schools to meet district and state content and performance standards.
3. Title I, Part A, Title X, Part C, Education for Homeless Children and Youths: Title I, Part A funds provide comparable services to homeless children that assist them to effectively take advantage of educational opportunities as provided to children in schools funded under Title I, Part A. These comparable services shall be provided to homeless children in public and private schools, shelters and other locations where children may live, institutions for neglected children and, where appropriate, local institutions such as local community day school programs. This reservation requirement is not formula driven.
4. Title I, Part C (Migrant Education Program): This federally funded program focuses on providing services for migratory students and their families.

5. Title II, Part A (Preparing, Training and Recruiting High-Quality Teachers and Principals): This federally funded program focuses on teacher and principal training and recruitment programs.
6. Title III (Language Instruction for English learners and Immigrants): This federally funded program focuses on assisting school districts in teaching English to limited-English-proficient students (English learners) and immigrants and helping these students meet the same challenging state standards required of all other students.

The goal of the PRJUSUSD staff is to create and maintain the best educational environment possible. This can be accomplished with your support and input. If you have any questions, concerns or would like to become more involved in the educational process at your school, please contact your school principal. Your school can assist you in learning more about categorical programs. You may want to become involved in your school's School Site Council (SSC), English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC) and/or attend the Annual Title I Parent Meeting. During the fall, each school will send additional information about these activities. At the district level, we encourage you to become involved with our DELAC. We encourage and look forward to your involvement in the programs we offer our learning community. If you have any questions, please call your child's school or the PRJUSD Department of Student Services at (805)769-1000, additional information may be found at www.pasoschools.org

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

Rate for Independence High School	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Dropout Rate	3.3	4.9	4.9
Graduation Rate	96.7	90.2	92.7

Rate for Paso Robles Joint Unified	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Dropout Rate	6.7	4.3	6.5
Graduation Rate	89.6	91.1	89.7

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/>.

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	98.23
2017-18 Graduates Who Completed All Courses Required for UC/CSU Admission	5.88

Career Technical Education Programs

Students at Independence have the ability to enroll in individual CTE courses and programs offered at Paso Robles High School. At the present time, there is no dedicated CTE program offered on site.

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.