

Short Elementary School

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2016-17 School Accountability Report Card Published During the 2017-18 School Year

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School Description:

Mission Statement: Short Elementary School prepares all of our learners with the skills, knowledge, and habits of mind necessary to achieve and sustain advanced levels of intellectual, social and emotional being. Both now and in the future, Short School students will be pioneers in thriving communities, locally and globally.

The Short School campus is located in the heart of the Gerstle Park neighborhood of San Rafael and was recently renovated. With the largest enrollment in over 30 years, the district is using all of its available facilities to accommodate its incoming students. Short has evolved in this, its seventh year, to host one kindergarten class, one first grade class, one second grade class, two third grade classes, two fourth grade classes, and two fifth grade classes.

Students participate in enrichment activities such as physical education, music, and art through partnerships with local agencies such as Young Imaginations, Youth in Arts, and the Marin Shakespeare Company. We are a school committed to English Language instruction wherein students learn language through meaningful content and research-based strategies via the SEAL model in kindergarten and first grades and GLAD in 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Grades until the SEAL model rolls up. At the site level, we provide professional development, coaching, and model classrooms in balanced literacy.

The active parent community is engaged and is constantly planning community events to help raise money to support the various enrichment programs, technology, and other tools for learning.

District's Mission:

- Our diverse community is unique, celebrated, and one of our greatest assets.
- Each student and family feels welcome and experiences an empowering education at every school.
- Our high expectations and skillful instruction enable students to think critically, respect others, embrace learning, and develop personal responsibility.
- Each student graduates college/career ready and prepared to determine his/her own future.

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 <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.

2016-17 Student Enrollment by Grade Level	
Grade Level	Number of Students
Kindergarten	24
Grade 1	23
Grade 2	40
Grade 3	40
Grade 4	47
Grade 5	41
Total Enrollment	215

2016-17 Student Enrollment by Group	
Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	1.4
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.9
Asian	1.9
Filipino	0
Hispanic or Latino	94
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.9
White	0.9
Two or More Races	0
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	93.5
English Learners	76.3
Students with Disabilities	9.8
Foster Youth	0

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			
Short Elementary School	15-16	16-17	17-18
With Full Credential	10	12	10
Without Full Credential	0	0	2
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	0	0	0
San Rafael City Schools	15-16	16-17	17-18
With Full Credential	♦	♦	194
Without Full Credential	♦	♦	10
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	♦	♦	1

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions at this School			
Short Elementary School	15-16	16-17	17-18
Teachers of English Learners	0	0	2
Total Teacher Misassignments	0	0	0
Vacant Teacher Positions	0	0	0

* "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 2017-18)

The California Department of Education has determined textbook selection and adoption schedules. The district follows the state schedule for these adoptions and has purchased textbooks from the most recent state-approved lists. All approved instructional materials are aligned with California content standards for core academic areas.

The Elementary School District Curriculum Advisory Council, composed of administrators, teachers, and parents representing each school in the district, reviews curriculum recommendations and revisions for all courses of study, appropriate textbooks, and other materials utilized in the support of the instructional program. The Curriculum Council recommendations are forwarded to the Board of Education for final approval. This is an ongoing process, assuring that all textbooks and instructional materials are systematically reviewed, updated, and supplemented.

This table shows some of the textbooks used with grade K-5 students. A comprehensive list of all textbooks is available at the district office.

Textbooks and Instructional Materials Year and month in which data were collected: 2017, August	
Core Curriculum Area	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/Year of Adoption
Reading/Language Arts	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt– California Journeys Hampton Brow- Into English Pearson- Language Central The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0
Mathematics	Wright Group/McGraw Hill- Everyday Mathematics The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0
Science	Scott Foresman- History-Social Science Program for California The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0
History-Social Science	Harcourt School Publishers-California Science The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0
Science Laboratory Equipment	N/A The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: N/A

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

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements (Most Recent Year)

At Short Elementary School, the campus is orderly, and students feel safe at school. The school ensures that on-site supervision is provided for programs that take place before and after school. Students who arrive before the 8:40 a.m. school starting time are provided with supervision from school staff commencing at 8:15 a.m.

In August of 2016, we added a comprehensive, user-friendly library to our campus. It is used by students on a weekly basis. In addition, in October of 2016, two play structures were added to our grounds. These play a vital role in our students' outdoor activity. Both new additions have added to the morale of our school community.

District and school policy require that during the school day all guests to the campus check in at the school office and obtain a "visitor pass" to identify them for security personnel and all staff and students.

The district strives to ensure that all schools are clean, safe, and functional. All bathrooms, classrooms, and offices are cleaned daily. Students are encouraged to help keep the campus clean by recycling and following the guidelines of our partner, Zero Waste. District maintenance staff ensures that the repairs necessary to keep the school in good repair and working order are completed in a timely manner. An online maintenance order request process is used to ensure efficient service and that emergency repairs are given the highest priority.

The state's School Deferred Maintenance Program, which provided state matching funds on a dollar-for-dollar basis, to assist school districts with expenditures for major repair or replacement of existing school building components, became inoperative effective July 1, 2013. However, the district continues to make an annual contribution to support capital improvement projects, including deferred maintenance projects.

San Rafael voters approved Measure A in November 2015 to fund capital facilities projects to improve our school facilities. Measure A provides \$108 million to update the district's elementary and middle school facilities.

Over the next several years, SRCS' bond program will provide much needed capital improvements to our facilities to create safe, innovative learning environments and to provide instructional technology to support 21st century learning. Additional classrooms, labs and equipment will reduce overcrowding in our schools and will meet the growing demand for hands-on science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM) classes. Site Design Teams and architects, led by the District's Capital Facilities Team, are making significant progress on the plans for these improvements, and work is taking shape throughout the district.

School Facility Good Repair Status (Most Recent Year)				
Year and month in which data were collected: 10/18/2017				
System Inspected	Repair Status			Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
	Good	Fair	Poor	
Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	X			
Interior: Interior Surfaces		X		HEADSTART M/P BUILDING: Rubber baseboard need to be reglued W.O.#9815 PORTABLE 2:
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/ Vermin Infestation	X			
Electrical: Electrical	X			Room 1: One light cover needs new lens cover W.O. #9817
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	X			POD BOYS RESTROOM: Far sink not working W.O. #9818
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	X			
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	X			
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	X			Room 2: Door is rubbing needs adjustment W.O. #9816
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] 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. The CAAs have replaced the California Alternate Performance Assessment [CAPA] for ELA and mathematics, which were eliminated in 2015. Only eligible students may participate in the administration of the CAAs. CAA items are aligned with alternate achievement standards, which are linked with the Common Core State Standards [CCSS] for students with 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

Grade Level	2016-17 Percent of Students Meeting Fitness Standards		
	4 of 6	5 of 6	6 of 6
5	37.5	30	5

* 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.

2016-17 CAASPP Results for All Students						
Subject	Percent of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standards (grades 3-8 and 11)					
	School		District		State	
	15-16	16-17	15-16	16-17	15-16	16-17
ELA	28	31	45	43	48	48
Math	50	40	40	39	36	37

* 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.

School Year 2016-17 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	126	122	96.83	31.15
Male	62	61	98.39	24.59
Female	64	61	95.31	37.7
Black or African American	--	--	--	--
Asian	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	118	115	97.46	31.3
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	--	--	--	--
White	--	--	--	--
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	119	115	96.64	30.43
English Learners	110	108	98.18	30.56
Students with Disabilities	16	15	93.75	0

Note: ELA test results include the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment and the CAA. The "Percent Met or Exceeded" is calculated by taking the total number of students who met or exceeded the standard on the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment plus the total number of students who met the standard (i.e., achieved Level 3--Alternate) on the CAAs divided by the total number of students who participated in both assessments.

Note: Double dashes (--) appear in the table when the number of students is ten or less, either because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or to protect student privacy.

Note: The number of students tested includes all students who participated in the test whether they received a score or not; however, the number of students tested is not the number that was used to calculate the achievement level percentages. The achievement level percentages are calculated using only students who received scores.

School Year 2016-17 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	126	124	98.41	39.52
Male	62	62	100	50
Female	64	62	96.88	29.03
Black or African American	--	--	--	--
Asian	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	118	117	99.15	40.17
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	--	--	--	--
White	--	--	--	--
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	119	117	98.32	38.46
English Learners	110	109	99.09	39.45
Students with Disabilities	16	15	93.75	0

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 schoolsite.

Opportunities for Parental Involvement (School Year 2017-18)

Contact Person Name: Roxana Cruz, Community Liaison and Parent Leader To Reach Contact Person: 415-450-5853

San Rafael City Schools would not be what it is today without the contributions of countless parents and guardians who give their time and expertise as volunteers and who share their financial resources to support the goals and aspirations of San Rafael schools.

At Short School, parents and guardians have the opportunity to play an active role in their child's school experience through a number of activities, including parent council, district and school English language advisory committees, our parent leadership team, district and school site committees, fundraising campaigns, and special events. During the year 2017-18, we are focusing on enhancing our parent participation by creating more leadership opportunities for parents, encouraging parents to visit classrooms during the school day and to learn about how we teach and learn at the school. We hold meetings twice monthly for parents to voice their ideas and concerns, develop a voice in the life of the school and to grow as a strong community.

Parents continually informed of their child's academic and social progress during informational and community-building events, including back-to-school nights, parent conferences, parent education nights, parent meetings, and student performances.

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

Date Reviewed and Updated: November 15th, 2017 Date Discussed with School Faculty: October 11th, 2017

Short Elementary has a comprehensive school safety plan covering all aspects of planning for emergency response and student safety. This plan is based on and coordinated with the district and county emergency preparedness plans. The plan is reviewed with school staff at the start of the school year. The plan is updated annually to increase preparedness for any emergency, including storms, fire, earthquake, or intruders on campus. Disaster drills are held once a semester throughout the year. The school also participates in an annual county-wide disaster preparedness drill.

Key elements in the school safety plan include: disaster procedures, abuse reporting procedures, suspension/expulsion policies, sexual harassment policies, school dress code, and school discipline policies. We work with our district consultant, who is aligning the districts practices in the area of school safety to ensure that our protocols are up to date.

Suspensions and Expulsions			
School	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Suspensions Rate	2.7	1.7	0.0
Expulsions Rate	0.0	0.0	0.0
District	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Suspensions Rate	2.1	0.8	0.4
Expulsions Rate	0.0	0.0	0.0
State	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Suspensions Rate	3.8	3.7	3.6
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.

2017-18 Federal Intervention Program		
Indicator	School	District
Program Improvement Status	In PI	In PI
First Year of Program Improvement	2012-2013	2009-2010
Year in Program Improvement	Year 2	Year 3
Number of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	6	
Percent of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	85.7	

Academic Counselors and Other Support Staff at this School	
Number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)	
Academic Counselor	
Counselor (Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	0.2
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	0
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	0.2
Psychologist	0.2
Social Worker	0
Nurse	0
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	0.5
Resource Specialist	0.6
Other	
Average Number of Students per Staff Member	
Academic Counselor	

* One Full Time Equivalent (FTE) equals one staff member working full time; one FTE could also represent two staff members who each work 50 percent of full time.

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Elementary)												
Grade	Average Class Size			Number of Classrooms*								
				1-20			21-32			33+		
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
K			23						2			
1			20			1			1			
2			21						2			
3			24						2			
4			21			1			1			

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

Professional Development provided for Teachers

Elementary School District number of dedicated negotiated staff development days:

2015-2016 – 3

2016-2017 – 3

2017-2018 – 3

District professional development during the 2017-2018 school year will focus on using assessments to inform differentiated reading instruction through small groups and conferencing, building on the previous years' professional learning. Teachers are also able to choose from a wide range of differentiated professional development opportunities such as "Math Talks" and "Next Generation Science Standards: Key Instructional Shifts," among others. These topics were chosen based on teacher surveys, student learning data and district foci. Teachers also participate in site based professional development and other offerings through the county and other organizations as appropriate. District wide, we are also in our fourth year of professional development for all PK-3 teachers in SEAL to support our English Learners. Teachers also participate in site based professional development and other offerings through the county and other organizations as appropriate.

Second through fifth grade teaching staff receives training on the GLAD strategies to enhance language acquisition. The strategies are researched-based and proven to enhance student achievement. Teachers also participated in the Positive Behavior Intervention Support, a district-wide approach to school-wide behavior management and this was followed by our professional development in Toolbox, a program for social and emotional learning. In addition, all teaching staff receives training and coaching in differentiated literacy instruction which follows a clear, predictable framework. Biweekly PLC is also considered part of professional development where student-learning data is analyzed, goals are co-created by teachers, and strategies are identified to move student achievement.

Teachers and other key school staff members have additional opportunities for participation in professional development activities through district, school, categorical, grant, foundation, and parent-teacher organization funds. Professional development is focused to support the mission and goals of the district and each school site plan and may include site and district training, county offerings, state and national conferences, and workshops as appropriate.

New teachers have weekly consultation with Balanced Literacy coaches in the areas of integrated planning, classroom management and differentiation.

FY 2015-16 Teacher and Administrative Salaries		
Category	District Amount	State Average for Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary		\$47,034
Mid-Range Teacher Salary		\$73,126
Highest Teacher Salary		\$91,838
Average Principal Salary (ES)		\$116,119
Average Principal Salary (MS)		\$119,610
Average Principal Salary (HS)		\$115,194
Superintendent Salary		\$178,388
Percent of District Budget		
Teacher Salaries	35%	37%
Administrative Salaries	7%	6%

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

FY 2015-16 Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries				
Level	Expenditures Per Pupil			Average Teacher Salary
	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	
School Site	9194	2375	6819	73911
District	♦	♦	6147	
State	♦	♦	\$6,574	\$74,194
Percent Difference: School Site/District			10.9	
Percent Difference: School Site/ State			3.7	-0.4

* Cells with ♦ do not require data.

Types of Services Funded

Short Elementary School offers programs and supplemental services that are available at the school and funded through categorical funds or other sources. For the 2016-17 school year, these programs and services included the following:

- Balanced Literacy coach
- Supplementary educational programs in the areas of art, music, and physical education
- Translation services for conferences, meetings, and trainings
- Materials and supplies
- Professional development for staff and parents
- Professional consultation in the SEAL Model for English Learners and professional consultation in math instruction for students performing below grade level.

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 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.