

# Mesquite Continuation High School

## 2022-2023 School Accountability Report Card

(Published During the 2023-2024 School Year)



### General Information about the School Accountability Report Card (SARC)

#### SARC Overview



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 and access to prior year reports, 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 the LCAP, see the CDE LCFF web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/fq/aa/lc/>.
- For additional information about the school, parents/guardians and community members should contact the school principal or the district office.

#### DataQuest



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

#### California School Dashboard



The California School Dashboard (Dashboard) <https://www.caschooldashboard.org/> reflects California's new accountability and continuous improvement system and provides information about how LEAs and schools are meeting the needs of California's diverse student population. The Dashboard contains reports that display the performance of LEAs, schools, and student groups on a set of state and local measures to assist in identifying strengths, challenges, and areas in need of improvement.

#### 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.

## 2023-24 School Contact Information

<b>School Name</b>	Mesquite Continuation High School
<b>Street</b>	140 West Drummond
<b>City, State, Zip</b>	Ridgecrest CA, 93555
<b>Phone Number</b>	(760) 499-1810
<b>Principal</b>	John Cosner
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<b>School Website</b>	mesquite.ssusd.org
<b>County-District-School (CDS) Code</b>	15-73742-1530054

## 2023-24 District Contact Information

<b>District Name</b>	Sierra Sands Unified School District
<b>Phone Number</b>	(760) 499-1600
<b>Superintendent</b>	Dr. April Moore
<b>Email Address</b>	superintendent@ssusd.org
<b>District Website</b>	ssusd.org

## 2023-24 School Description and Mission Statement

### Principal's Message

School Mission: Mesquite High School promotes a culture where students, staff, and administration ensure students undertake data-driven goal-setting practices to develop responsibility, college/career readiness, and community engagement.

Mesquite provides unique educational opportunities that help students successfully complete graduation requirements. Our enrollment is very transient but validates just below 100 on most days. Mesquite serves approximately between 150-200 students throughout the year. Our teacher/student ratio is 20/1. Beyond core and several elective courses, Mesquite students have the opportunity to enroll in work experience, community college coursework, credit recovery courses, summer school, elementary/middle teaching assistant positions, vocational courses, and community service work to earn credits toward high school diploma completion.

Mesquite High School is involved, engaged, and supported by the community, the board of education, and the district. The Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) visited Mesquite in March 2018. The visiting committee recommended and the WASC board approved our accreditation for 6 years.

It is Mesquite's goal to ensure that every student is college and/or career-ready upon graduation from high school. Mesquite staff works diligently to prepare students for the challenges they may face as college students and/or as employees. We constantly evaluate and add curriculum and programs and revise them for relevance so that students are well-prepared and competitive upon entry into the adult world. We are also focused on providing career exploration and guidance for our students. We have added a medical careers lab for our students which provides them with hands-on practice in various medical fields (dentistry, veterinary, nursing etc.).

Our school motto is "Freedom Through Responsibility". The staff is very dedicated to helping our students become productive citizens as they mature into adulthood.

John Cosner, Principal

## About this School

### 2022-23 Student Enrollment by Grade Level

Grade Level	Number of Students
Grade 9	12
Grade 10	42
Grade 11	20
Grade 12	28
Total Enrollment	102

### 2022-23 Student Enrollment by Student Group

Student Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Female	46.1%
Male	53.9%
American Indian or Alaska Native	2%
Black or African American	4.9%
Hispanic or Latino	26.5%
Two or More Races	2.9%
White	63.7%
English Learners	7.8%
Foster Youth	1%
Homeless	11.8%
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	75.5%
Students with Disabilities	11.8%

### 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.

## 2020-21 Teacher Preparation and Placement

Authorization/Assignment	School Number	School Percent	District Number	District Percent	State Number	State Percent
<b>Fully (Preliminary or Clear) Credentialed for Subject and Student Placement (properly assigned)</b>	1.10	21.71	158.40	68.07	228366.10	83.12
<b>Intern Credential Holders Properly Assigned</b>	0.00	0.00	10.50	4.54	4205.90	1.53
<b>Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments (“ineffective” under ESSA)</b>	0.00	0.00	21.00	9.05	11216.70	4.08
<b>Credentialed Teachers Assigned Out-of-Field (“out-of-field” under ESSA)</b>	4.10	78.10	20.60	8.85	12115.80	4.41
<b>Unknown</b>	0.00	0.00	22.00	9.49	18854.30	6.86
<b>Total Teaching Positions</b>	5.20	100.00	232.70	100.00	274759.10	100.00

Note: The data in this table is based on Full Time Equivalent (FTE) status. One FTE equals one staff member working full time; one FTE could also represent two staff members who each work 50 percent of full time. Additionally, an assignment is defined as a position that an educator is assigned based on setting, subject, and grade level. An authorization is defined as the services that an educator is authorized to provide to students.

## 2021-22 Teacher Preparation and Placement

Authorization/Assignment	School Number	School Percent	District Number	District Percent	State Number	State Percent
<b>Fully (Preliminary or Clear) Credentialed for Subject and Student Placement (properly assigned)</b>	1.10	20.71	154.60	65.35	234405.20	84.00
<b>Intern Credential Holders Properly Assigned</b>	0.00	0.00	6.80	2.89	4853.00	1.74
<b>Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments (“ineffective” under ESSA)</b>	0.00	0.00	35.20	14.87	12001.50	4.30
<b>Credentialed Teachers Assigned Out-of-Field (“out-of-field” under ESSA)</b>	4.40	79.12	12.30	5.20	11953.10	4.28
<b>Unknown</b>	0.00	0.00	27.60	11.68	15831.90	5.67
<b>Total Teaching Positions</b>	5.60	100.00	236.60	100.00	279044.80	100.00

The CDE published the first year of available teacher data for the 2020-21 SARC in June 2022, and the CDE published the second year of data for the 2021-22 SARC in June 2023. The EC Section 33126(b)(5) requires the most recent three years of teacher data to be requested in the SARC, as data is available. The teacher data for the 2022-23 SARC will not be available prior to February 1, 2024, and therefore is not included in the template.

Note: The data in this table is based on Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) status. One FTE equals one staff member working full time; one FTE could also represent two staff members who each work 50 percent of full time. Additionally, an assignment is defined as a position that an educator is assigned based on setting, subject, and grade level. An authorization is defined as the services that an educator is authorized to provide to students.

## Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments (considered “ineffective” under ESSA)

Authorization/Assignment	2020-21	2021-22
Permits and Waivers	0.00	0.00
Misassignments	0.00	0.00
Vacant Positions	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments</b>	0.00	0.00

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## Credentialed Teachers Assigned Out-of-Field (considered “out-of-field” under ESSA)

Indicator	2020-21	2021-22
Credentialed Teachers Authorized on a Permit or Waiver	0.00	0.00
Local Assignment Options	4.00	4.40
<b>Total Out-of-Field Teachers</b>	4.10	4.40

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## Class Assignments

Indicator	2020-21	2021-22
<b>Misassignments for English Learners</b> (a percentage of all the classes with English learners taught by teachers that are misassigned)	0	0
<b>No credential, permit or authorization to teach</b> (a percentage of all the classes taught by teachers with no record of an authorization to teach)	0	0

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Note: For more information refer to the Updated Teacher Equity Definitions web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/pd/ee/teacherequitydefinitions.asp>.

## 2023-24 Quality, Currency, Availability of Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials

The district chooses textbooks from lists that have been approved by the State Board of Education for Grades K-8. Sierra Sands Unified School District holds an annual public hearing prior to the eighth week of school to determine textbook and instructional materials sufficiency.

Year and month in which the data were collected

August 2023

Subject	Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials/year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption ?	Percent Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
<b>Reading/Language Arts</b>	My Perspectives Pearson Education 2017	Yes	0
<b>Mathematics</b>	Algebra I/Geometry/Algebra II California AGA-Houghton Mifflin-2015	Yes	0
<b>Science</b>	Biology (CP): Biology, The Living Earth (Pearson) Adopted in 2020  Earth Science: HMH Science Dimensions Earth and Space Science (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt) Adopted in 2020  Academy of Science Distance Learning Classes	Yes	0
<b>History-Social Science</b>	American Government: Impact CA Social Studies. Principles of American Democracy (McGraw Hill) Adopted in 2019  Economics: Impact Principles of Economics (McGraw Hill) Adopted in 2019  Modern World History: World History and the Modern World (Pearson) Adopted in 2019  United States History: US History 20th Century CA Edition (Cengage) Supplemental: Voices Volume 2 Adopted in 2019  World Geography: Geography the Human and Physical World (McGraw Hill) Adopted in 2019	Yes	0
<b>Foreign Language</b>	Academy of Science Distance Learning Classes Adopted in 2020	Yes	0
<b>Health</b>	Academy of Science Distance Learning Classes Adopted in 2020	Yes	0

## School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements

### Buildings

Mesquite High School was built in 1979 and is a two-building facility. These two buildings house classrooms, a media center, a kitchen, and an administrative office. The school landscape consists of beautiful lawns, trees, and a gazebo. A dirt athletic area is on the north side of campus, with basketball courts and a parking lot to the south. Benches and tables have been installed around the campus for students to enjoy the area around the quad. A local artist designed and constructed a metal sculpture of the school mascot, a dragon, and it resides in the front of the school. It is a beautiful addition to the campus.

More facts about the condition of our school buildings are available in an online supplement to this report called for by the Williams legislation of 2004. What you will find is an assessment of more than a dozen aspects of our buildings: their structural integrity, electrical systems, heating and ventilation systems, and more. The important purpose of this assessment is to determine if our buildings and grounds are safe and in good repair. If anything needs to be repaired, this assessment identifies it and targets a date by which we commit to make those repairs. The guidelines for this assessment were written by the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) and were brought about by the Williams legislation. You can look at the six-page Facilities Inspection Tool used for the assessment on the Web site of the OPSC.

Recently our HVAC system was replaced and upgraded in both wings.

### Library

We have established a quiet room in lieu of a library for students to use when making up work or doing IS and where all students have access to chrome books. This room is monitored by an adult at all times.

### Year and month of the most recent FIT report

January 2024

System Inspected	Rate Good	Rate Fair	Rate Poor	Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
<b>Systems:</b> Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	X			No apparent problems.
<b>Interior:</b> Interior Surfaces		X		Classroom MC 3: Carpet seams separating. Classroom 7: Carpet seams separating. Classroom 13 AC grill needs paint.
<b>Cleanliness:</b> Overall Cleanliness, Pest/Vermin Infestation	X			No apparent problems.
<b>Electrical</b>	X			No apparent problems.
<b>Restrooms/Fountains:</b> Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	X			No apparent problems.
<b>Safety:</b> Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	X			No apparent problems.
<b>Structural:</b> Structural Damage, Roofs	X			No apparent problems.
<b>External:</b> Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	X			No apparent problems.

## Overall Facility Rate

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 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).

The CAASPP System encompasses the following assessments and student participation requirements:

1. **Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments and CAAs for ELA** in grades three through eight and grade eleven.
2. **Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments and CAAs for mathematics** in grades three through eight and grade eleven.
3. **California Science Test (CAST) and CAAs for Science** in grades five, eight, and once in high school (i.e., grade ten, eleven, or twelve).

#### College and Career Ready

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.

### Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standard on CAASPP

This table displays CAASPP test results in ELA and mathematics for all students grades three through eight and grade eleven taking and completing a state-administered assessment.

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.

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.

Subject	School 2021-22	School 2022-23	District 2021-22	District 2022-23	State 2021-22	State 2022-23
<b>English Language Arts/Literacy</b> (grades 3-8 and 11)	14	39	41	39	47	46
<b>Mathematics</b> (grades 3-8 and 11)	0	7	25	25	33	34



## 2022-23 CAASPP Test Results in ELA by Student Group

This table displays CAASPP test results in ELA by student group for students grades three through eight and grade eleven taking and completing a state-administered assessment.

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.

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.

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.

CAASPP Student Groups	CAASPP Total Enrollment	CAASPP Number Tested	CAASPP Percent Tested	CAASPP Percent Not Tested	CAASPP Percent Met or Exceeded
<b>All Students</b>	39	33	84.62	15.38	39.39
<b>Female</b>	20	16	80.00	20.00	50.00
<b>Male</b>	19	17	89.47	10.53	29.41
<b>American Indian or Alaska Native</b>	--	--	--	--	--
<b>Asian</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Black or African American</b>	--	--	--	--	--
<b>Filipino</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Hispanic or Latino</b>	17	15	88.24	11.76	20.00
<b>Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Two or More Races</b>	--	--	--	--	--
<b>White</b>	16	13	81.25	18.75	61.54
<b>English Learners</b>	--	--	--	--	--
<b>Foster Youth</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Homeless</b>	--	--	--	--	--
<b>Military</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Socioeconomically Disadvantaged</b>	30	26	86.67	13.33	30.77
<b>Students Receiving Migrant Education Services</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Students with Disabilities</b>	0	0	0	0	0

## 2022-23 CAASPP Test Results in Math by Student Group

This table displays CAASPP test results in Math by student group for students grades three through eight and grade eleven taking and completing a state-administered assessment.

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.

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.

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.

CAASPP Student Groups	CAASPP Total Enrollment	CAASPP Number Tested	CAASPP Percent Tested	CAASPP Percent Not Tested	CAASPP Percent Met or Exceeded
<b>All Students</b>	38	29	76.32	23.68	6.90
<b>Female</b>	20	13	65.00	35.00	0.00
<b>Male</b>	18	16	88.89	11.11	12.50
<b>American Indian or Alaska Native</b>	--	--	--	--	--
<b>Asian</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Black or African American</b>	--	--	--	--	--
<b>Filipino</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Hispanic or Latino</b>	16	13	81.25	18.75	7.69
<b>Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Two or More Races</b>	--	--	--	--	--
<b>White</b>	16	12	75.00	25.00	8.33
<b>English Learners</b>	--	--	--	--	--
<b>Foster Youth</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Homeless</b>	--	--	--	--	--
<b>Military</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Socioeconomically Disadvantaged</b>	30	23	76.67	23.33	4.35
<b>Students Receiving Migrant Education Services</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Students with Disabilities</b>	0	0	0	0	0

## CAASPP Test Results in Science for All Students

This table displays the percentage of all students grades five, eight, and High School meeting or exceeding the State Standard.

Science test results include the CAST 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 CAST 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.

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.

Subject	School 2021-22	School 2022-23	District 2021-22	District 2022-23	State 2021-22	State 2022-23
Science (grades 5, 8 and high school)	17.86	12.77	25.40	28.48	29.47	30.29

## 2022-23 CAASPP Test Results in Science by Student Group

This table displays CAASPP test results in Science by student group for students grades five, eight, and High School. 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.

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	56	47	83.93	16.07	12.77
Female	25	18	72.00	28.00	0.00
Male	31	29	93.55	6.45	20.69
American Indian or Alaska Native	--	--	--	--	--
Asian	0	0	0	0	0
Black or African American	--	--	--	--	--
Filipino	0	0	0	0	0
Hispanic or Latino	22	18	81.82	18.18	11.11
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0
Two or More Races	--	--	--	--	--
White	29	26	89.66	10.34	11.54
English Learners	--	--	--	--	--
Foster Youth	0	0	0	0	0
Homeless	--	--	--	--	--
Military	0	0	0	0	0
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	39	32	82.05	17.95	3.13
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	0	0	0	0	0
Students with Disabilities	--	--	--	--	--

## 2022-23 Career Technical Education Programs

We provide students with information about career and postsecondary options that are embedded in our classes. Students develop a plan to help them reach their goals to attend a trade or technical school, seek military careers, enter the workforce, or attend college. The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery and college placement exam for the local community college is administered on campus. Representatives from businesses and organizations are invited to help students explore a variety of career options. Many of our students are already working part-time in the community. All coursework satisfies graduation requirements and entrance into community college. Each year, students have the opportunity to attend the College Career Day when they can explore a variety of career paths, talk directly to employers, and get information about their areas of interest. We require each graduating senior to complete a resume and on-line career programs, along with immediate and long-range goal planning.

Our traditional high school offers courses intended to help students prepare for the world of work. These career technical education (CTE) courses, formerly known as vocational education, are open to our students. Currently, those include Restaurant Careers, Criminal Justice, Industrial Arts, and Health Careers.

You can find information about our district's CTE courses and advisors in the Data Almanac at the end of this School Accountability Report Card. Information about career technical education policy is available on the CDE website.

## 2022-23 Career Technical Education (CTE) Participation

Measure	CTE Program Participation
Number of Pupils Participating in CTE	
Percent of Pupils that Complete a CTE Program and Earn a High School Diploma	
Percent of CTE Courses that are Sequenced or Articulated Between the School and Institutions of Postsecondary Education	

## Course Enrollment/Completion

This table displays the course enrollment/completion of University of California (UC) and/or California State University (CSU) admission requirements.

UC/CSU Course Measure	Percent
2022-23 Pupils Enrolled in Courses Required for UC/CSU Admission	87.25
2021-22 Graduates Who Completed All Courses Required for UC/CSU Admission	0

## B. Pupil Outcomes

### 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.

#### 2022-23 California Physical Fitness Test Results

This table displays the percentage of students participating in each of the five fitness components of the California Physical Fitness Test Results. The administration of the PFT during 2021-22 and 2022-23 school years, only participation results are required for these five fitness areas. Percentages are not calculated and double dashes (--) appear in the table 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.

Grade Level	Component 1: Aerobic Capacity	Component 2: Abdominal Strength and Endurance	Component 3: Trunk Extensor and Strength and Flexibility	Component 4: Upper Body Strength and Endurance	Component 5: Flexibility
Grade 9	--	--	--	--	--

## 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 regarding the school district and at each school site.

#### 2023-24 Opportunities for Parental Involvement

Mesquite solicits involvement through carnivals, graduation feasts at each quarter, and other benchmark events including Back-to-School Night and Prom. Our school has a position for a parent representative who attends the Superintendent's Council with the principal bi-monthly and a parent representative on the school site council. Mesquite has a web page to keep parents, students, and the community apprised of school activities and events. In addition, Mesquite continues to promote a parent portal to provide access to their student's information such as attendance, grades, schedule, and contact information. The Parent Square app is used extensively to keep parents updated on student and school events. We also conduct a parent survey each year for feedback on what they like and want for our students, and the school uses both an internal survey as well as a survey to monitor the Capturing Kids Heart's implementation. The contact person for parent involvement is our principal, John Cosner, who can be reached through the front office at (760) 499-1810.

## C. Engagement

### State Priority: Pupil Engagement

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

- High school Dropout Rates;
- High school Graduation Rates; and
- Chronic Absenteeism

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

Indicator	School 2020-21	School 2021-22	School 2022-23	District 2020-21	District 2021-22	District 2022-23	State 2020-21	State 2021-22	State 2022-23
<b>Dropout Rate</b>	37.5	31.9	37.9	10.1	11.9	15.7	9.4	7.8	8.2
<b>Graduation Rate</b>	39.1	46.4	39.4	82.8	80.7	78.4	83.6	87	86.2

## 2022-23 Graduation Rate by Student Group (Four-Year Cohort Rate)

This table displays the 2022-23 graduation rate by student group. For information on the Four-Year Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR), visit the CDE Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate web page at [www.cde.ca.gov/ds/ad/acgrinfo.asp](http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/ad/acgrinfo.asp).

Student Group	Number of Students in Cohort	Number of Cohort Graduates	Cohort Graduation Rate
<b>All Students</b>	66	26	39.4
<b>Female</b>	29	9	31.0
<b>Male</b>	37	17	45.9
<b>Non-Binary</b>			
<b>American Indian or Alaska Native</b>	--	--	--
<b>Asian</b>	0	0	0.00
<b>Black or African American</b>	--	--	--
<b>Filipino</b>	0	0	0.00
<b>Hispanic or Latino</b>	17	3	17.6
<b>Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander</b>	0	0	0.00
<b>Two or More Races</b>	--	--	--
<b>White</b>	39	20	51.3
<b>English Learners</b>	--	--	--
<b>Foster Youth</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Homeless</b>	16	5	31.3
<b>Socioeconomically Disadvantaged</b>	56	19	33.9
<b>Students Receiving Migrant Education Services</b>	0	0	0.00
<b>Students with Disabilities</b>	--	--	--

## 2022-23 Chronic Absenteeism by Student Group

Student Group	Cumulative Enrollment	Chronic Absenteeism Eligible Enrollment	Chronic Absenteeism Count	Chronic Absenteeism Rate
All Students	173	148	115	77.7
Female	78	69	58	84.1
Male	95	79	57	72.2
Non-Binary	0	0	0	0.0
American Indian or Alaska Native	4	4	4	100.0
Asian	0	0	0	0.0
Black or African American	13	10	10	100.0
Filipino	1	1	0	0.0
Hispanic or Latino	52	42	28	66.7
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0.0
Two or More Races	8	7	5	71.4
White	95	84	68	81.0
English Learners	14	11	6	54.5
Foster Youth	1	1	1	100.0
Homeless	23	20	16	80.0
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	143	121	96	79.3
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	0	0	0	0.0
Students with Disabilities	19	17	15	88.2

### C. Engagement

#### State Priority: School Climate

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

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

### Suspensions and Expulsions

This table displays suspensions and expulsions data.

Rate	School 2020-21	School 2021-22	School 2022-23	District 2020-21	District 2021-22	District 2022-23	State 2020-21	State 2021-22	State 2022-23
Suspensions	0.00	12.05	21.39	0.17	8.47	8.80	0.20	3.17	3.60
Expulsions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.08

## 2022-23 Suspensions and Expulsions by Student Group

Student Group	Suspensions Rate	Expulsions Rate
All Students	21.39	0
Female	24.36	0
Male	18.95	0
Non-Binary		
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0
Asian	0	0
Black or African American	23.08	0
Filipino	0	0
Hispanic or Latino	19.23	0
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0
Two or More Races	0	0
White	22.11	0
English Learners	21.43	0
Foster Youth	0	0
Homeless	17.39	0
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	23.08	0
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	0	0
Students with Disabilities	26.32	0

## 2023-24 School Safety Plan

Our favorable staff-student ratio creates an intimate and welcoming atmosphere where students know each other and feel safe. Our staff members monitor the campus before, during, and after the dismissal of school. We have a closed campus and require all visitors to register with the office before entering the campus. The principal conducts classroom walkthroughs several times each day and a campus supervisor monitors the grounds. A surveillance system was installed so that all areas of the campus so the principal and front office staff can view the campus in real-time and for retroactive investigations. A School Resource Officer is available when needed and is on campus several times per week. We discuss school safety at our bi-weekly staff meetings and review our site safety plan regularly. lockdown, earthquake, and fire evacuation drills occur at least twice a year. The staff has also been trained on how to keep students as safe as possible in the case of an intruder on campus or any other dangerous situation. A new safety system called Centegix has been installed to allow faster alerts for help from staff and responses from administrators and other designees. The principal's designee teacher attends the district safety committee meetings that are held quarterly. We have an AED installed on campus and have the administrator and several staff members trained to use it along with a Narcan kit and general first aid. Our school safety plan is updated and reviewed by staff at the beginning of each school year, as well as community emergency response personnel, and approved by the School Site Council in December.



## 2020-21 Secondary Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution

This table displays the 2020-21 average class size and class size distribution. The columns titled “Number of Classes” indicates how many classes 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.

Subject	Average Class Size	Number of Classes with 1-22 Students	Number of Classes with 23-32 Students	Number of Classes with 33+ Students
English Language Arts	8	9	1	
Mathematics	2	21		
Science	7	6		
Social Science	10	9	1	

## 2021-22 Secondary Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution

This table displays the 2021-22 average class size and class size distribution. The columns titled “Number of Classes” indicates how many classes 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.

Subject	Average Class Size	Number of Classes with 1-22 Students	Number of Classes with 23-32 Students	Number of Classes with 33+ Students
English Language Arts	14	5	3	
Mathematics	3	25		
Science	12	4		
Social Science	8	15		

## 2022-23 Secondary Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution

This table displays the 2022-23 average class size and class size distribution. The columns titled “Number of Classes” indicates how many classes 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.

Subject	Average Class Size	Number of Classes with 1-22 Students	Number of Classes with 23-32 Students	Number of Classes with 33+ Students
English Language Arts	17	5	2	0
Mathematics	4	19	0	0
Science	6	6	0	0
Social Science	8	16	0	0

## 2022-23 Ratio of Pupils to Academic Counselor

This table displays the ratio of pupils to 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.

Title	Ratio
Pupils to Academic Counselor	102

## 2022-23 Student Support Services Staff

This table displays the number of FTE support staff assigned to this school. 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.

Title	Number of FTE Assigned to School
Counselor (Academic, Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	1
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	
Psychologist	
Social Worker	
Nurse	
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)	
Other	

## Fiscal Year 2021-22 Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries

This table displays the 2021-22 expenditures per pupil and average teacher salary for this school. Cells with N/A values do not require data.

Level	Total Expenditures Per Pupil	Expenditures Per Pupil (Restricted)	Expenditures Per Pupil (Unrestricted)	Average Teacher Salary
School Site	15199.84	949.35	14250.49	100202.19
District	N/A	N/A	6715.45	\$70,139
Percent Difference - School Site and District	N/A	N/A	71.9	35.3
State	N/A	N/A	\$7,607	\$81,984
Percent Difference - School Site and State	N/A	N/A	60.8	20.0

## Fiscal Year 2022-23 Types of Services Funded

Student and staff needs are identified through the process of program analysis. Both state and federal resources are available to address these identified needs. In 2018-19, Mesquite was a targeted Title I school, and the allocation was used to provide supplemental intervention through instructional and evidence-based programs in math and English which continued through the 2022-23 school year. We have used Achieve 3000 for several years for our English Intervention and continue to have positive results. Our PBIS program is funded with a special Mesquite-only fund. The staff has been supported by a contract with a behavior change specialist for several years which is funded through Comprehensive Support & Improvement (CSI) funds.

## Fiscal Year 2021-22 Teacher and Administrative Salaries

This table displays the 2021-22 Teacher and Administrative salaries. For detailed information on salaries, see the CDE Certification Salaries & Benefits web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/>.

Category	District Amount	State Average for Districts in Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$45,118	\$50,875
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$73,562	\$79,761
Highest Teacher Salary	\$103,106	\$103,045
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)	\$115,381	\$128,154
Average Principal Salary (Middle)	\$113,428	\$131,774
Average Principal Salary (High)	\$133,450	\$142,676
Superintendent Salary	\$175,000	\$211,462
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	27.4%	30.11%
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	4.86%	5.49%

## 2022-23 Advanced Placement (AP) Courses

This table displays the percent of student in AP courses at this school.

Percent of Students in AP Courses	0
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This table displays the number of AP courses offered at this school where there are student course enrollments of at least one student.

Subject	Number of AP Courses Offered
Computer Science	0
English	0
Fine and Performing Arts	0
Foreign Language	0
Mathematics	0
Science	0
Social Science	0
<b>Total AP Courses Offered</b> Where there are student course enrollments of at least one student.	0

## Professional Development

Sierra Sands Unified School District provided a minimum average of 3 days (or eighteen hours based on 6 hours/day) of professional development in the 2021-22 school year, 3 days (or 18 hours based on 6 hours/day) in the 2022-23 school year, and 3 days (or 18 hours based on 6 hours/day) in the 2023-24 school year. The primary/major areas of focus for professional development include but are not limited to: social-emotional learning programs such as Capturing Kids Hearts, full implementation of adopted programs, alignment to Common Core State Standards, identification and implementation of best instructional practices, technology proficiency, data analysis of student performance, and student engagement. Additionally,

## Professional Development

sites provide professional development throughout the year as outlined in the School Plan for Student Achievement. Areas of focus were selected based on department needs, CAASPP results, Interim Assessment Block (IAB) results, and Dashboard results. Professional development is delivered in a variety of ways including but not limited to conference attendance, contracted professional development/SSUSD Instructional Coaching delivered within the contractual workday, individual instructional coaching, and after-school workshops.

This table displays the number of school days dedicated to staff development and continuous improvement.

Subject	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
<b>Number of school days dedicated to Staff Development and Continuous Improvement</b>	3	3	3