# **Gauldin Elementary School**

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# 2019-20 School Accountability Report Card Published During the 2020-21 School Year



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#### **School Description**

It is my pleasure to introduce this annual School Accountability Report Card. The data and information contained within these pages will prove useful in informing you about our school, including but not limited to academic standings, curriculum and instruction, school facilities and safety, budget, and facility enhancement. As you read our School Accountability Report Card, you will see a school that ensures every child has equal access to a rigorous core curriculum in language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. The hard-working staff is both skilled and dedicated to the success of our students. The parents and the community organizations are very supportive.

Our goal in presenting you with this information is to keep our community well informed. If you have any questions or are interested in making an appointment to discuss this report, please call our school.

Gauldin Elementary's Mission Statement for PBIS:

Gauldin Elementary is a safe, positive, and engaging environment where students grow academically, build relationships with others, and become citizens of strong character.

Sylvia Ramirez, PRINCIPAL

#### **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 and access to prior year reports, see the California Department of Education (CDE) SARC web page at <a href="https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa/">https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa/</a>.
- For more information about the LCFF or the LCAP, see the CDE LCFF webpage at <a href="https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/aa/lc/">https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/aa/lc/</a>.
- For additional information about the school, parents/guardians and community members should contact the school principal or the district office.

#### 2019-20 Student Enrollment by Grade Level

Grade Level	Number of Students
Kindergarten	120
Grade 1	86
Grade 2	83
Grade 3	105
Grade 4	101
Grade 5	81
Total Enrollment	576

#### 2019-20 Student Enrollment by Group

Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	3.8
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.2
Asian	0.9
Filipino	0.5
Hispanic or Latino	89.8
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.5
White	3
Two or More Races	1.4
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	86.3
English Learners	31.4
Students with Disabilities	13.9
Foster Youth	1.6
Homeless	1.7

#### 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 Gauldin Elementary	18-19	19-20	20-21
With Full Credential	23	21	29
Without Full Credential	0	1	1
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	0	0	0

<b>Teacher Credentials for Downey Unified School</b>	18-19	19-20	20-21
With Full Credential	*	+	894
Without Full Credential	+	+	17
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	+	+	1

# Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions at Gauldin Elementary School

Indicator	18-19	19-20	20-21
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 2020-21)

The main fact about textbooks that the Williams legislation calls for described whether schools have enough books in core classes for all students. The law also asks districts to reveal whether those books are presenting what the California Content Standards call for.

#### **Textbooks and Instructional Materials**

Year and month in which data were collected: 10/06/2020

Core Curriculum Area	Textbooks and Instructional Ma	aterials/Year of Adoption
Reading/Language Arts	Reading California, Houghton Mifflin adopted in 2003 The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook:	Yes 0
Mathematics	California Math Expressions, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, and The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook:	Yes
Science	California Science, Macmillan/McGraw-Hill adopted in 2007. The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook:	Yes
History-Social Science	History-Social Science for California, Scott Foresman adopted The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption:  Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook:	Yes

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

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

Our school provides a safe, clean environment for students, staff, and volunteers. Classrooms, bathrooms, and general areas are in good repair and receive basic cleaning on a daily basis. Detailed cleaning is done during vacation periods. The district provides maintenance services on a regular schedule or when an emergency occurs.

Safety concerns are the number one priority of Maintenance and Operations. District maintenance supervisors are proactive and conduct inspections at school sites on a continual basis. The district administers a scheduled maintenance program to ensure a suitable learning environment. At the time this report was published, all restrooms on campus were in good working order. Daily reports of incidents that require repair at the school sites are processed through work orders. Emergency repairs are given the highest priority. The remaining incidents are handled on a first-come, first-served basis to ensure efficient service.

The district participates in the State School Deferred Maintenance Program, which provides 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. Typically this includes roofing, plumbing, heating, air conditioning, electrical systems, interior or exterior painting, and floor systems. The district's complete deferred maintenance plan is available at the district office.

To determine the condition of our facilities, our district sent experts from our facilities team to perform an inspection using a survey called the Facilities Inspection Tool, which is issued by the Office of Public School Construction.

Based on that survey, we've answered the questions you see on this report. Please note that the information reflects the condition of our buildings as of the date of the report. Since that time, those conditions may have changed.

# School Facility Good Repair Status (Most Recent Year)

Using the most recently collected FIT data (or equivalent), provide the following:

- Determination of repair status for systems listed
- Description of any needed maintenance to ensure good repair
- The year and month in which the data were collected
- The rate for each system inspected
- The overall rating

Year and month in which data were collected: 6/18/2020

System Inspected	Repair Status	Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	Good	
Interior: Interior Surfaces	Good	
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/ Vermin Infestation	Good	
Electrical: Electrical	Good	
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	Good	
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	Good	
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	Good	
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	Good	
Overall Rating	Exemplary	

#### **B. Pupil Outcomes**

#### **State Priority: Pupil Achievement**

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the State priority: Pupil Achievement (Priority 4):

- 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 18-19	School 19-20	District 18-19	District 19-20	State 18-19	State 19-20
ELA	41	N/A	53	N/A	50	N/A
Math	33	N/A	41	N/A	39	N/A

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

Note: The 2019-2020 data are not available. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Executive Order N-30-20 was issued which waived the requirement for statewide testing for the 2019-2020 school year.

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.

#### CAASPP Test Results in Science for All Students Grades Five, Eight, and High School

Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standard

Subject	School	School	District	District	State	State
	18-19	19-20	18-19	19-20	18-19	19-20
Science	20	N/A	26	N/A	30	N/A

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

Note: The 2019-2020 data are not available. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Executive Order N-30-20 was issued which waived the requirement for statewide testing for the 2019-2020 school year.

Note: The new California Science Test (CAST) was first administered operationally in the 2018-2019 school year.

#### **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 areas of physical education.

#### 2019-20 Percent of Students Meeting Fitness Standards

Grade Level	4 of 6	5 of 6	6 of 6
5	N/A	N/A	N/A
7	N/A	N/A	N/A
9	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

Note: The 2019–2020 data are not available. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Executive Order N-56-20 was issued which waived the requirement to administer the physical fitness performance test for the 2019–2020 school year.

### **CAASPP Test Results in Science by Student Group**

Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven (School Year 2019-2020)

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Male	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Female	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Black or African American	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
American Indian or Alaska Native	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Asian	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Filipino	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic or Latino	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Two or More Races	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
English Learners	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Students with Disabilities	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Foster Youth	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Homeless	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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# **CAASPP Test Results in ELA by Student Group**

Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven (School Year 2019-2020)

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Male	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Female	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Black or African American	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
American Indian or Alaska Native	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Asian	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Filipino	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic or Latino	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Two or More Races	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
English Learners	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Students with Disabilities	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Foster Youth	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Homeless	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

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#### **CAASPP Test Results in Mathematics by Student Group**

Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven (School Year 2019-2020)

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Male	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Female	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Black or African American	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
American Indian or Alaska Native	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Asian	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Filipino	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic or Latino	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Two or More Races	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
English Learners	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Students with Disabilities	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Foster Youth	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Homeless	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

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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 2020-21)

Parents and community members are very supportive of the educational program at our school. Staff members and parents participate on various committees that make decisions regarding the priorities and direction of the educational plan to ensure instructional programs are consistent with student needs.

Parents are encouraged to participate on one or more of the following committees or organizations:

- Parent-Teacher Association (PTA)
- School Site Council (SSC)
- English-Language Advisory Committee (ELAC)
- Parent PBIS meetings (Positive Behavior Intervention Systems)
- Parent Attendance Committee (Equity for all students)

Parents are encouraged to participate on one or more of the following parent involvement activities:

- Coffee with the Principal meetings
- Parent Education mornings, afternoon, and nights
- Dine In nights with the Dolphins
- Open House
- Citizenship Assemblies done every other month
- Books and Burgers for our families
- Reclassification Awards- yearly

The SSC, consisting of school staff and parents, is a major governing body that meets regularly to address programs and components that make up the school, to discuss the effectiveness of programs relative to the goals of the school, and to act as a communication liaison between the community and school.

The contact person for parent involvement is Principal Ramirez; she can be reached at (562) 904-3582.

#### 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 (School Year 2020-2021)

Safety of students and staff is the primary concern at our school. The school's disaster preparedness plan includes steps for ensuring student and staff safety during a disaster. Monthly fire drills and disaster drop drills are conducted on a regular basis throughout the school year. A storage bin contains food, water, and other supplies for use during a disaster.

Our school is a closed campus. All visitors are required to sign-in at the school's office. Before school, after school, and during lunch administrators and other campus supervisors monitor activity and ensure student safety.

A Comprehensive School Safety Plan, which is reviewed annually, was developed by the school staff to provide students and staff a means to ensure a safe and orderly learning environment. Components of the Comprehensive School Safety Plan include: child abuse reporting procedures, teacher notification of dangerous pupils procedures, disaster response procedures, procedures for safe arrival and departure from school, sexual harassment policy, suspension and expulsion policies, dress code, and discipline policies. The school safety committee and district personnel evaluate the plan annually and update the plan as needed. The School Safety Plan was last revised in October.

#### Suspensions and Expulsions

(data collected between July through June, each full school year respectively)

Rate	School 2017-18	School 2018-19	District 2017-18	District 2018-19	State 2017-18	State 2018-19
Suspensions	0.0	0.5	2.9	3.4	3.5	3.5
Expulsions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1

#### Suspensions and Expulsions for School Year 2019-2020 Only

(data collected between July through February, partial school year due to the COVID-19 pandemic)

Rate	School 2019-20	District 2019-20	State 2019-20			
Suspensions	0.8	2.6				
Expulsions	0	0				

Note: The 2019-2020 suspensions and expulsions rate data are not comparable to prior year data because the 2019-2020 school year is a partial school year due to the COVID-19 crisis. As such, it would be inappropriate to make any comparisons in rates of suspensions and expulsions in the 2019-2020 school year compared to prior years.

#### 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 Pupils to Academic Counselor (School Year 2019-2020)

Title	Ratio
Academic Counselor*	0

<sup>\*</sup>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.

Student Support Services Staff (School Year 2019-2020)

Title	Number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)
Counselor (Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	
Psychologist	
Social Worker	
Nurse	
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)	
Other	

<sup>\*</sup>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 Level	2017-18 Average Class Size	2017-18 # of Classes* Size 1-20	2017-18 # of Classes* Size 21-32	2017-18 # of Classes* Size 33+	2018-19 Average Class Size	2018-19 # of Classes* Size 1-20	2018-19 # of Classes* Size 21-32	2018-19 # of Classes* Size 33+	2019-20 Average Class Size	2019-20 # of Classes* Size 1-20	2019-20 # of Classes* Size 21-32	2019-20 # of Classes* Size 33+
K	21	2	3		26		4	5	23			
1	26		4		25		3		27		3	
2	23		4		25		4		26	3		
3	23	1	3		25	1	3		25		4	
4	33			3	34			2	30		1	1
5	28	1		3	26	1	3		23	1	2	
Other**									11	4		

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

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

Measure	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Number of school days dedicated to Staff Development and Continuous Improvement	5	3	31

Elementary Education continues to focus on supporting teachers, their instructional practices and first best instruction. These collective efforts help us ensure we are doing everything possible to provide ongoing and timely academic support to our students while they remain in Distance Learning. Our short and long-term goals will continue to focus on doing what is necessary to provide engaging learning opportunities for all our students every day. Elementary Ed. held approximately 93 sixty to ninety-minute Zoom PD sessions to support elementary teachers. PD focused on ELA, Math, Science, Utilizing Technology Tools for Engagement, Building Relationships in a Virtual Environment, and sessions focused on implementing DUSD initiatives during DL. PD was also given to support teachers in assessing learning during Distance Learning.

Teachers are supported through Zoom PD sessions, Teacher on Special Assignment (TOSA) office hours, coaching, collaboration, co-teaching, and coplanning. TOSAs also modeled lessons, planned, and created lessons and resources for teachers that are in a shared Google Drive

<sup>\*\* &</sup>quot;Other" category is for multi-grade level classes.

FY 2018-19 Teacher and Administrative Salaries

Category	District Amount	State Average for Districts In Same Category	
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$57,669	\$50,029	
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$90,680	\$77,680	
Highest Teacher Salary	\$118,049	\$102,143	
Average Principal Salary (ES)	\$134,329	\$128,526	
Average Principal Salary (MS)	\$136,663	\$133,574	
Average Principal Salary (HS)	\$153,683	\$147,006	
Superintendent Salary	\$263,953	\$284,736	

Percent of District Budget	District Amount	State Average for Districts In Same Category
Teacher Salaries	38.0	33.0
Administrative Salaries	4.0	5.0

For detailed information on salaries, see the CDE Certificated Salaries & Benefits webpage at <a href="https://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/">www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/</a>.

#### FY 2018-19 Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries

Level	Total	Restricted	Restricted Unrestricted	
School Site	12385.67	3070.86	9314.81	96459.41
District	N/A	N/A	9278.20	\$97,043
State	N/A	N/A	\$7,750	\$83,052

Percent Differences	Unrestricted	Average Teacher Salary
School Site/District	0.4	-0.6
School Site/ State	18.3	14.9

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

# **Types of Services Funded**

Before, during, and after school instructional support is provided for students with academic needs. Classroom and/or intervention teachers work with identified students in core subjects (English/Language Arts, math, social studies, and science) to assist them in reaching State standards. Funding is provided through the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) and other site funds.

# <u>DataQuest</u>

DataQuest is an online data tool located on the CDE DataQuest web page at <a href="https://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/">https://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/</a> 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.