

Polaris Alternative High School
School Accountability Report Card
Reported Using Data from the 2013-14 School Year
Published During 2014-15

Every school in California is required by state law to publish a School Accountability Report Card (SARC), by February 1 of each year. The SARC contains information about the condition and performance of each California public school. Under the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) all local educational agencies (LEAs) are required to prepare a Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP), which describes how they intend to meet annual school-specific goals for all pupils, with specific activities to address state and local priorities. Additionally, data reported in an LCAP is to be consistent with data reported in the SARC.

- For more information about SARC requirements, see the California Department of Education (CDE) SARC Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa/>.
- View this SARC online at the school and/or LEA Web sites.
- 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 and community members should contact the school principal or the district office.

About This School

Contact Information (Most Recent Year)

School Contact Information	
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School Description and Mission Statement (Most Recent Year)

Polaris High School is a voluntary alternative educational placement for students who would benefit from a flexible academic schedule. Independent Study requires a minimum of one hour per week of on-site interaction with a case carrier/supervising teacher to review curriculum assignments, instructional activities, and to assess academic progress. Students with grade-level academic study skills and the ability to work independently are considered for this program. Using a standards-based curriculum founded upon research-based strategies, Polaris High School will offer students a unique opportunity to earn their high school diploma in an emerging technologically sophisticated society by enhancing their skills of self-discipline and motivation, integrity, and independent thinking. The mission of Polaris High School is to provide an alternative to traditional or continuation school education that offers opportunities for students to achieve academic, career, and personal success by providing a variety of individualized instructional programs.

Student Enrollment by Grade Level (School Year 2013-14)

Grade Level	Number of Students
Grade 8	7
Grade 9	6
Grade 10	31
Grade 11	52
Grade 12	116
Total Enrollment	212

Student Enrollment by Group (School Year 2013-14)

Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	3.8
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.0
Asian	4.2
Filipino	3.3
Hispanic or Latino	59.9
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.5
White	26.4
Two or More Races	1.9
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	58.5
English Learners	16.0
Students with Disabilities	0.0

A. Conditions of Learning

State Priority: Basic

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the Basic State Priority (Priority 1):

- Degree to which teachers are appropriately assigned and fully credentialed in the subject area and for the pupils they are teaching;
- Pupils have access to standards-aligned instructional materials; and
- School facilities are maintained in good repair.

Teacher Credentials

Teachers	School			District
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2014-15
With Full Credential	11			
Without Full Credential				
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence (with full credential)				

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions

Indicator	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners	0	0	0
Total Teacher Misassignments *	0		
Vacant Teacher Positions	0	0	

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

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

Core Academic Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers (School Year 2013-14)

Location of Classes	Percent of Classes In Core Academic Subjects	
	Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers	Not Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers
This School	100.00	0.00
All Schools in District	99.98	0.02
High-Poverty Schools in District	99.98	0.02
Low-Poverty Schools in District	100.00	0.00

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

Quality, Currency, Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials (School Year 2014-15)

Year and month in which data were collected: August 2009

All content subject areas utilize standards-aligned, State and District adopted textbooks and instructional materials. Teachers have input into the textbook selection process at the district-level through an established curriculum cycle. Teachers are given indepth training on the instructional materials and the ancillary materials that accompany the basic textbook material. Ancillary materials support both the language needs and the learning needs of students. As provided for through the Williams Act, all students have access to all District adopted textbooks, supplemental materials and any other related instructional materials.

This information was collected in September, 2012.

Core Curriculum Area	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/ Year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption?	Percent of Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
Reading/Language Arts	English language arts textbooks were adopted in 2002-03. There is one textbook available per student.	Yes	0

Core Curriculum Area	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/ Year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption?	Percent of Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
Mathematics	Mathematics textbooks were adopted in 2007-08. Course appropriate, standards-based textbooks were chosen for each mathematics course. There is one textbook available per student.	Yes	0
Science	Science textbooks were adopted in 2006-07. There is one textbook available per student.	Yes	0
History-Social Science	History/Social science textbooks were adopted in 2005-06. There is one textbook available per student.	Yes	0
Foreign Language	Foreign Language is currently not offered through independent studies. Polaris students attend other AUHSD campuses or community college to fulfill the foreign language requirements for college entrance.	Yes	0
Health	Health textbooks were adopted in 2004-05. There is one textbook available per student.	Yes	0
Visual and Performing Arts	Visual and performing arts students have access to course appropriate textbooks and instructional materials.	Yes	0
Science Laboratory Equipment (grades 9-12)	Polaris students attend other AUHSD campuses or community college to fulfill the lab requirements for college entrance. Currently, there are limited science lab facilities available on the site. There are plans to provide a science lab classroom for the 2009-10 school year.	Yes	0

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements (Most Recent Year)

Polaris High School is located on the Trident Educational Center at 1800 W. Ball Road, and shares the campus with Gilbert High School and Community Day School.

Maintenance and Repair: Site and District maintenance staff ensure that the repairs necessary to keep the school in good repair and working order are completed in a timely manner. A work order process is used to ensure efficient service. Emergency repairs are given the highest priority.

Cleaning Process and Schedule: The District's Board of Trustees has adopted cleaning standards for all schools. The administration works daily with the custodial staff to develop cleaning schedules to ensure a clean and safe school. All classrooms and restrooms are cleaned daily. Deep cleaning, including waxing of floors and painting, takes place during times when students are not in classes. Students, parents, and staff are encouraged to report any objectionable conditions via a uniform complaint procedure.

The most recent site inspection was completed on October 23, 2014.

School Facility Good Repair Status (Most Recent Year)

School Facility Good Repair Status (Most Recent Year)				
Year and month in which data were collected: October, 2014				
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]	[]	[]	
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/ Vermin Infestation	[X]	[]	[]	

School Facility Good Repair Status (Most Recent Year)
 Year and month in which data were collected: October, 2014

System Inspected	Repair Status			Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
	Good	Fair	Poor	
Electrical: Electrical	[X]	[]	[]	
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	[X]	[]	[]	
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	[X]	[]	[]	
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	[X]	[]	[]	
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	[X]	[]	[]	

Overall Facility Rating (Most Recent Year)

Overall Rating	Exemplary	Good	Fair	Poor
		[X]	[]	[]

B. Pupil Outcomes

State Priority: Pupil Achievement

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

- Statewide assessments (i.e., California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress and its successor the Standardized Testing and Reporting Program);
- The Academic Performance Index; and
- The percentage of pupils who have successfully completed courses that satisfy the requirements for entrance to the University of California and the California State University, or career technical education sequences or programs of study.

California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress / Standardized Testing and Reporting Results for All Students in Science (Three-Year Comparison)

Subject	Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced (meeting or exceeding the state standards)								
	School			District			State		
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Science (grades 5, 8, and 10)	24	27	32	64	62	62	60	59	60

Note: Science assessments include California Standards Tests (CSTs), California Modified Assessment (CMA), and California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA). Scores are not shown when the number of students tested is ten or less, either because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or to protect student privacy.

California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress Results by Student Group in Science (School Year 2013-14)

Group	Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced
All Students in the LEA	62
All Student at the School	32
Male	
Female	
Black or African American	
American Indian or Alaska Native	
Asian	
Filipino	
Hispanic or Latino	18
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	
White	
Two or More Races	
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	27
English Learners	
Students with Disabilities	
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	

Note: CAASPP includes science assessments (CSTs, CMA, and CAPA) in grades 5, 8, and 10. Scores are not shown when the number of students tested is ten or less, either because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or to protect student privacy.

Standardized Testing and Reporting Results for All Students (Three-Year Comparison)

Subject	Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced (meeting or exceeding the state standards)								
	School			District			State		
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
English-Language Arts	37	30	37	49	54	52	54	56	55
Mathematics	10	9	10	35	37	35	49	50	50
History-Social Science	34	25	20	49	51	50	48	49	49

Note: STAR Program was last administered in 2012-13. 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.

Academic Performance Index Ranks (Three-Year Comparison)

API Rank	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Statewide	1	1	1
Similar Schools			

Note: For 2014 and subsequent years, the statewide and similar schools ranks will no longer be produced.

Academic Performance Index Growth by Student Group (Three-Year Comparison)

Group	Actual API Change		
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
All Students at the School	-73	26	-22
Black or African American			
American Indian or Alaska Native			
Asian			
Filipino			
Hispanic or Latino			
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander			
White			
Two or More Races			
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged			
English Learners			
Students with Disabilities			

Note: "N/D" means that no data were available to the CDE or LEA to report. "B" means the school did not have a valid API Base and there is no Growth or target information. "C" means the school had significant demographic changes and there is no Growth or target information.

Career Technical Education Programs (School Year 2013-14)

Polaris Alternative High School is in the process of identifying current industry pathways that best suit the needs and interests of its diverse student body.

Career Technical Education Participation (School Year 2013-14)

Measure	CTE Program Participation
Number of pupils participating in CTE	na
% of pupils completing a CTE program and earning a high school diploma	na
% of CTE courses sequenced or articulated between the school and institutions of postsecondary education	na

Courses for University of California and/or California State University Admission

UC/CSU Course Measure	Percent
2013-14 Students Enrolled in Courses Required for UC/CSU Admission	49.89
2012-13 Graduates Who Completed All Courses Required for UC/CSU Admission	1.43

State Priority: Other Pupil Outcomes

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the Other Pupil Outcomes State Priority (Priority 8):

- Pupil outcomes in the subject areas of English, mathematics, and physical education.

California High School Exit Examination Results for All Grade Ten Students (Three-Year Comparison)

Subject	Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced								
	School			District			State		
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
English-Language Arts	35	34	31	53	55	46	56	57	56
Mathematics	28	38	9	58	57	51	58	60	62

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.

California High School Exit Examination Grade Ten Results by Student Group (School Year 2013-14)

Group	English-Language Arts			Mathematics		
	Not Proficient	Proficient	Advanced	Not Proficient	Proficient	Advanced
All Students in the LEA	49	23	28	43	34	23
All Students at the School	69	28	3	91	6	3
Male	71	29		86	14	
Female	68	27	5	95		5
Black or African American						
American Indian or Alaska Native						
Asian						
Filipino						
Hispanic or Latino	59	41		86	9	5
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander						
White						
Two or More Races						
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	77	23		91	4	4
English Learners						
Students with Disabilities						
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services						

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.

California Physical Fitness Test Results (School Year 2013-14)

Grade Level	Percent of Students Meeting Fitness Standards		
	Four of Six Standards	Five of Six Standards	Six of Six Standards
7			
9			

Note: Percentages are not calculated when the number of students tested is ten or less, either because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or to protect student privacy.

C. Engagement

State Priority: Parental Involvement

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the Parental Involvement State Priority (Priority 3):

- Efforts the school district makes to seek parent input in making decisions for the school district and each schoolsite.

Opportunities for Parental Involvement (Most Recent Year)

Parental involvement is essential in the independent studies model, as students are likely to have limited exposure at the school site. Parents are encouraged to take an active role in their students' academic and social/emotional development. In addition, parents have the opportunity, and are expected, to participate in any at-risk counseling for their child beginning with the first required Parent/Student Orientation meeting. Parents are required to meet with their student's case carrier once each semester to review their student's individual learning plan, and sign a master agreement. Parenting classes are available throughout the year through the district Parent Involvement Office. Parents receive home calls periodically to inform them of activities or incidents on campus. Weekly student progress is also communicated through teacher notations in each student's daily planner. All parents have access to school counselors and administrators as needed. There is bilingual support on campus for parents with language needs. Additionally, all parents are invited to attend School Site Council meetings for alternative education to provide input on school policies and procedures under discussion.

State Priority: Pupil Engagement

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

- High school dropout rates; and
- High school graduation rates.

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

Indicator	School			District			State		
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Dropout Rate	30.4	43.8	36.2	13.1	12.1	8.6	14.7	13.1	11.4
Graduation Rate	48.10	42.98	46.67	82.11	82.48	84.34	77.14	78.87	80.44

Completion of High School Graduation Requirements (Graduating Class of 2013)

Group	Graduating Class of 2013		
	School	District	State
All Students	73.68	84.19	84.56
Black or African American	100.00	82.48	75.90
American Indian or Alaska Native	66.67	88.89	77.82
Asian	40.00	95.77	92.94
Filipino	0.00	95.24	92.20
Hispanic or Latino	71.43	79.58	80.83
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.00	86.36	84.06
White	93.55	89.89	90.15
Two or More Races	20.00	89.10	89.03
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	120.00	87.67	82.58
English Learners	46.15	52.83	53.68
Students with Disabilities	0.00	59.15	60.31

State Priority: School Climate

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

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

Suspensions and Expulsions

Rate	School			District			State		
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Suspensions	0.0	0.9	0.2	3.2	5.8	5.4	5.7	5.1	4.4
Expulsions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1

Note: The rate of suspensions and expulsions is calculated by dividing the total number of incidents by the total enrollment x 100.

School Safety Plan (Most Recent Year)

School Safety Plans are reviewed on an annual basis. A School Safety Plan Committee meets three times each year to update the plan. The completed plan was presented to the School Site Council December 10, 2014. The plan is further reviewed once each quarter in connection with regularly scheduled emergency-drill events including post-drill debriefing.

D. Other SARC Information

The information in this section is required to be in the SARC but is not included in the state priorities for LCFF.

Adequate Yearly Progress Overall and by Criteria (School Year 2013-14)

AYP Criteria	School	District
Made AYP Overall	No	
Met Participation Rate: English-Language Arts	Yes	
Met Participation Rate: Mathematics	Yes	
Met Percent Proficient: English-Language Arts	Yes	
Met Percent Proficient: Mathematics	No	
Met Graduation Rate (if applicable)	Yes	

Federal Intervention Program (School Year 2014-15)

Indicator	School	District
Program Improvement Status		In PI
First Year of Program Improvement		2008-2009
Year in Program Improvement*		Year 3
Number of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	---	14
Percent of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	---	100.0

Note: Cells with "----" do not require data.

* DW (determination waiver) indicates that the PI status of the school was carried over from the prior year in accordance with the flexibility granted through the federal waiver process.

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Secondary)

Subject	2011-12				2012-13				2013-14			
	Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms			Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms			Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms		
		1-22	23-32	33+		1-22	23-32	33+		1-22	23-32	33+
English					3	44			4	44		
Mathematics					3	28			4	28		
Science					2	14			2	16		
Social Science					4	34			5	30		

Note: 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.

Academic Counselors and Other Support Staff (School Year 2013-14)

Title	Number of FTE Assigned to School	Average Number of Students per Academic Counselor
Academic Counselor	1	161
Counselor (Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	0	---
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	0	---
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	0.5	---
Psychologist	0.33	---
Social Worker	0	---
Nurse	0	---
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	0	---
Resource Specialist	0	---
Other	0	---

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

Expenditures per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries (Fiscal Year 2012-13)

Level	Expenditures Per Pupil			Average Teacher Salary
	Total	Supplemental/Restricted	Basic/Unrestricted	
School Site	\$9,119	\$852	\$8,267	\$94,464
District	---	---	\$1,852	\$85,155
Percent Difference: School Site and District	---	---	346.4	10.9
State	---	---	\$4,690	\$72,276
Percent Difference: School Site and State	---	---	76.3	30.7

Note: Cells with "----" do not require data.

Types of Services Funded (Fiscal Year 2013-14)

Polaris High School receives limited federal and State categorical funding. The English Learner students' targeted needs are funded through the Local Control Funding Formula Supplemental and Concentration grants. Each of these funding sources supports English Learners in the acquisition of English. Title II funding supports the professional development needs of the Polaris staff, including acquiring instructional strategies that benefit the independent studies student.

Teacher and Administrative Salaries (Fiscal Year 2012-13)

Category	District Amount	State Average for Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$47,150	\$42,957
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$85,797	\$69,613
Highest Teacher Salary	\$98,662	\$89,407
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)	\$0	
Average Principal Salary (Middle)	\$126,652	\$120,526
Average Principal Salary (High)	\$136,840	\$129,506
Superintendent Salary	\$243,016	\$207,044
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	41	37
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	4	5

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

Advanced Placement Courses (School Year 2013-14)

Subject	Number of AP Courses Offered*	Percent of Students In AP Courses
Computer Science		---
English		---
Fine and Performing Arts		---
Foreign Language		---
Mathematics		---
Science		---
Social Science		---
All courses		

Note: Cells with "---" do not require data.

* Where there are student course enrollments.

Professional Development

Teachers participate in a variety of District in-services as well as professional development workshops and conferences to enhance their content knowledge and instructional skills. Alternative Education provides site specific staff development through a Lesson Design Specialist who provides weekly trainings in data collection, instructional strategies, and curriculum development and alignment. The District and school continue to train teachers in strategies to deliver a differentiated curriculum with depth and complexity. Teachers learn to utilize students' assessment results in order to target instruction to better meet the individual needs of students. Classified staff members have many opportunities to participate in training designed to enhance their effectiveness with students. All District staff members are supported in their efforts to deliver highly-effective lessons. In addition, Polaris High School teachers are continually updating and revising course learning plans to better meet the needs of students. Site categorical funds are utilized to provide release time for teacher training.