Polaris Alternative High School School Accountability Report Card Reported Using Data from the 2017-18 School Year Published During 2018-19

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.

DataQuest

DataQuest is an online data tool located on the CDE DataQuest Web page at <u>http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/</u> 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).

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About This School

Contact Information (School Year 2018-19)

School Contact Information		
School Name	Polaris Alternative High School	
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Superintendent	Michael B. Matsuda	
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School Description and Mission Statement (School Year 2018-19)

School Mission Statement:

Polaris High School's mission is to provide safe and individualized support to students who need an alternative setting. Through instruction that is based on the current state-adopted standards, we help our students improve their academic and social skills so they can think critically, communicate appropriately, navigate life responsibly, and strive for advancement.

General Information:

Polaris High School is a voluntary alternative educational placement for students who would benefit from a flexible academic schedule. Students enter the independent studies program throughout the academic year with varying skills and deficiencies; therefore, the programs offered at Polaris do not follow the traditional 18-week, two-semester model. The flexible schedule allows the students to work at different paces and to complete courses at different times. Polaris students are each assigned to a supervising teacher and Instruction is tailored to the student's needs. Students must meet the District's minimum graduation requirements of 220 credits to earn a high school diploma. Completed coursework must include the District's requirements of: English 1-4, U.S. History, World History, Government, Economics, Math 3, Math 4, Math 5, Introduction to Functions, Earth Science, Biology, Art, as well as Computer Ethics, PE, Health, and electives. Targeted instruction is offered via APEX online courses and ALEKS supplementary coursework. Career Technical Education (CTE) courses include accounting, wood, law and legal, culinary arts, and masonry.

Highlights:

Polaris teachers have all been trained in APEX and now offer online classes as well as the traditional independent study coursework. Students can attend Polaris on the Trident Campus or at the District's recently opened independent study centers at Kennedy and Katella high schools.

Demographic Information:

Annual enrollment at Polaris fluctuates throughout the year but typically ranges between 30 to 35 students per teacher. A September 12, 2018 snapshot showed enrollment at 91, in which 69.2% were socioeconomically disadvantaged, 13.2% were English Learners, and 19.8% were McKinney-Vento. In addition, the majority of students were Hispanic (56%) and female (67%).

Grade Level	Number of Students
Grade 7	1
Grade 8	6
Grade 9	5
Grade 10	32
Grade 11	33
Grade 12	55
Total Enrollment	132

Student Enrollment by Grade Level (School Year 2017-18)

Student Enrollment by Group (School Year 2017-18)

Student Group	Percent of Total Enrollment		
Black or African American	2.3		
American Indian or Alaska Native	3.8		
Asian	2.3		
Filipino	1.5		
Hispanic or Latino	67.4		
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0		
White	12.9		
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	77.3		
English Learners	13.6		
Students with Disabilities	0.0		
Foster Youth	0.0		

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

To a barry		District		
Teachers	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2018-19
With Full Credential	8	4	7	1199
Without Full Credential	0	0	0	18
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence (with full credential)	8	0	0	146

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions

Indicator	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners	0	0	0
Total Teacher Misassignments *	10	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 2018-19)

Year and month in which data were collected: July 2018

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 in-depth 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.

This information was collected in October 2015.

Subject 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, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt-Collections, were adopted in 2014-15. There is one textbook available per student.	Yes	0
Mathematics	Mathematics textbooks, by Carnegie Learning, were adopted in 2018-19. Course appropriate, standards- aligned instructional materials have been selected for each mathematics course. There is one textbook available per student.	Yes	0
Science	Science textbooks were adopted in 2006-07. Science textbooks that support Advanced Placement courses are adopted as needed, the most recent adoption occurring in 2018-19. There is one textbook available per student.	Yes	0
History-Social Science	History/Social science textbooks were adopted in 2018-19. There is one textbook available per student.	Yes	0
Foreign Language	Foreign language textbooks are adopted as needed by course. Several courses adopted new textbooks in 2016-17, and supplemental books continue to be adopted each year. There is one textbook available per student.	Yes	0
Health	Health textbooks were adopted in 2016-17. 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.	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)

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 overall rating

School Facility Good Repair Status (Most Recent Year) Year and month of the most recent FIT report: October 6, 2015						
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 Facility Rating (Most Recent Year)

Year and month of the most recent FIT report: October 6, 2015			
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):

- Statewide assessments (i.e., California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress [CAASPP] System, which includes the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments for students in the general education population and the California Alternate Assessments [CAAs] for English language arts/literacy [ELA] and mathematics given in grades three through eight and grade eleven. Only eligible students may participate in the administration of the CAAs. CAAs items are aligned with alternate achievement standards, which are linked with the Common Core State Standards [CCSS] for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities); and
- The percentage of students who have successfully completed courses that satisfy the requirements for entrance to the University of California and the California State University, or career technical education sequences or programs of study.

CAASPP Test Results in English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA) and Mathematics for All Students Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven

	Percent of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standards (grades 3-8 and 11)						
Subject	School		District		State		
	2016-17	2017-18	2016-17	2017-18	2016-17	2017-18	
English Language Arts/Literacy (grades 3-8 and 11)	40.0	21.0	46.0	44.0	48.0	50.0	
Mathematics (grades 3-8 and 11)	6.0	7.0	28.0	27.0	37.0	38.0	

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 ELA by Student Group

Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven (School Year 2017-18)

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	69	33	47.83	21.21
Male	23	8	34.78	12.50
Female	46	25	54.35	24.00
Black or African American				
Filipino				
Hispanic or Latino	50	23	46.00	17.39
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander				
White				
Two or More Races				
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	56	24	42.86	20.83
English Learners	16	8	50.00	0.00

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.

CAASPP Test Results in Mathematics by Student Group Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven (School Year 2017-18)

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	70	29	41.43	7.41
Male	23	6	26.09	16.67
Female	47	23	48.94	4.76
Black or African American				
Filipino				
Hispanic or Latino	51	20	39.22	5.56
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander				
White				
Two or More Races				
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	56	21	37.5	10.53
English Learners	17	7	41.18	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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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.

CAASPP Test Results in Science for All Students

Grades Five, Eight, and Ten

	Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standard								
Subject	School		Dist	trict	State				
	2016-17	2017-18	2016-17	2017-18	2016-17	2017-18			
Science (grades 5, 8, and 10)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			

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

Note: The 2016–17 and 2017–18 data are not available. The CDE is developing a new science assessment based on the Next Generation Science Standards for California Public Schools (CA NGSS). The CAST was pilot-tested in spring 2017 and field-tested in spring 2018. The CAST will be administered operationally during the 2018–19 school year. The CAA for Science was pilot-tested for two years (i.e., 2016–17 and 2017–18) and the CAA for Science will be field-tested in 2018–19.

Note: Science test results include the CAST and the CAA for Science. 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 CAA for Science divided by the total number of students.

Career Technical Education Programs (School Year 2017-18)

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 2017-18)

Measure	CTE Program Participation				
Number of pupils participating in CTE					
% of pupils completing a CTE program and earning a high school diploma	100%				
% of CTE courses sequenced or articulated between the school and institutions of postsecondary education	N/A				

Courses for University of California (UC) and/or California State University (CSU) Admission

UC/CSU Course Measure	Percent
2017–18 Pupils Enrolled in Courses Required for UC/CSU Admission	92.3
2016–17 Graduates Who Completed All Courses Required for UC/CSU Admission	0.0

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.

California Physical Fitness Test Results (School Year 2017-18)

Grade	Percent of Students Meeting Fitness Standards						
Level	Four of Six Standards	Five of Six Standards	Six of Six Standards				
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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 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 2018-19)

Parents are required to meet with their student's supervising teacher once each semester to review their student's individual learning plan and sign a master agreement. Family orientation nights are held at the beginning of each semester and on-campus events, such as Back to School Night, Open House, and an awards and talent show, are held throughout the year. Parents/family members are invited to join the English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC), the School Site Council (SSC), and other committee meetings to provide input on school policies and procedures. SSC members help write the annual school plan and the family engagement policy. Our full-time, bilingual Family and Community Engagement specialist (FACE) addresses parent needs and conducts family participation events. Parents/family members receive home calls, text messages or emails in their preferred language through Teleparent, Blackboard Connect, and Remind to inform them of campus activities or incidents. In addition, all parents/family members have access to their student's progress through the Aeries (student information system) Parent Portal, which is available with instructions on the school website.

State Priority: Pupil Engagement

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

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

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

lu diastan	School			District			State			
Indicator	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	
Dropout Rate	40.0	44.7	14.1	7.3	6.3	6.8	10.7	9.7	9.1	
Graduation Rate	40.0	37.9	52.5	87.3	88.6	86.2	82.3	83.8	82.7	

For the formula to calculate the 2016–17 adjusted cohort graduation rate, see the 2017–18 Data Element Definitions document located on the SARC web page at https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa/.

Completion of High School Graduation Requirements - Graduating Class of 2017 (One-Year Rate)

2		Graduating Class of 2017	
Group	School	District	State
All Students	84.2	87.7	88.7
Black or African American	100.0	91.0	82.2
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.0	84.6	82.8
Asian	100.0	98.8	94.9
Filipino	100.0	93.3	93.5
Hispanic or Latino	76.8	84.3	86.5
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.0	100.0	88.6
White	93.8	90.3	92.1
Two or More Races	60.0	89.6	91.2
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	97.8	93.3	88.6
English Learners	46.2	58.7	56.7
Students with Disabilities	100.0	68.9	67.1
Foster Youth	0.0	66.7	74.1

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

Data	School			District			State		
Rate	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Suspensions	0.9	0.7	0.0	5.6	5.8	4.8	3.7	3.7	3.5
Expulsions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1

School Safety Plan (School Year 2018-19)

School Safety Plans are reviewed, discussed, and updated on an annual basis. Input is gathered from staff, students, and community resource groups along with the School Site Council in order to determine any needed changes. The Anaheim High School Safety Plan is implemented by staff members. No less than four safety/evacuation drills are conducted throughout the school year. Students, teachers, and other faculty members are required to participate in these drills.

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Secondary)

		2015-16				2016-17			2017-18			
Subject	Avg.	Numb	er of Clas	srooms	Avg.	Numb	er of Clas	srooms	Avg.	Numb	er of Class	srooms
0	Class Size	1-22	23-32	33+	Class Size	1-22	23-32	33+	Class Size	1-22	23-32	33+
English	4.0	49			4.0	48			4.0	22		
Mathematics	2.0	50			2.0	32			4.0	21		
Science	3.0	18			2.0	17			4.0	10		
Social Science	4.0	36			3.0	35			4.0	18		

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 2017-18)

Title	Number of FTE Assigned to School	Average Number of Students per Academic Counselor
Academic Counselor	1	136
Counselor (Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	0	N/A
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	0.05	N/A
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	0.5	N/A
Psychologist	0.25	N/A
Social Worker	0.05	N/A
Nurse	0.08	N/A
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	0.15	N/A
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)	0	N/A
Other	0.5	N/A

Note: Cells with N/A values 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 2016-17)

		Average		
Level	Total	Supplemental/ Restricted	Basic/ Unrestricted	Teacher Salary
School Site	\$11,188	\$1,417	\$9,770	\$85,717
District	N/A	N/A	\$8,163	\$94,805
Percent Difference: School Site and District	N/A	N/A	17.9	-8.3
State	N/A	N/A	\$7,125	\$85,815
Percent Difference: School Site and State	N/A	N/A	39.1	3.5

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

The California Department of Education issued guidance to LEAs on August 1, 2018, regarding how to calculate school-level per-pupil expenditures that will be reported on 2018-19 report cards.

Types of Services Funded (Fiscal Year 2017-18)

Polaris High School receives limited federal and state categorical funding. Funding for the LCAP goals of college and career readiness, parental involvement, and a safe and positive school culture is provided by the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) and Title II. Our LCFF funds are used to improve and increase educational services for our educationally disadvantaged students and English Learners. Our Title II funding targets the professional development needs of the Polaris staff, including developing instructional strategies that benefit the independent study student and aligning the curricula to the current state-adopted standards, the Partnership for 21st Century Skills, and the Next Generation Science Standards.

Teacher and Administrative Salaries (Fiscal Year 2016-17)

Category	District Amount	State Average for Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$51,328	\$50,747
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$93,402	\$86,127
Highest Teacher Salary	\$110,430	\$106,915
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)	\$0	
Average Principal Salary (Middle)	\$137,581	\$136,636
Average Principal Salary (High)	\$152,510	\$150,286
Superintendent Salary	\$260,000	\$238,058
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	36.0	34.0
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	4.0	5.0

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

Advanced Placement (AP) Courses (School Year 2017-18)

Subject	Number of AP Courses Offered*	Percent of Students In AP Courses
Computer Science	0	N/A
English	0	N/A
Fine and Performing Arts	0	N/A
Foreign Language	0	N/A
Mathematics	0	N/A
Science	0	N/A
Social Science	0	N/A
All courses	0	.0

Cells with N/A values do not require data.

*Where there are student course enrollments of at least one student.

Professional Development (Most Recent Three Years)

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. This is in addition to two non-student days and weekly late-start meetings, which are scheduled each year for professional learning activities. New teachers are also required to participate in the Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment (BTSA) program. 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. Teachers and administrators are given many opportunities to examine current instructional programs and strategies and realign with state curriculum performance and content standards. Research-based instructional strategies are reviewed and implemented.

In addition to what the district provides, Anaheim High School has weekly professional development opportunities on Tuesday's late start days. The time is utilized by departments, specialized programs, and cross-curricular articulation. All educational staff is involved in a variety of workshops and conferences.