# School Accountability Report Card Reported Using Data from the 2010-11 School Year Published During 2011-12

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.

- For more information about SARC requirements, see the California Department of Education (CDE) SARC webpage at http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa/.
- For additional information about the school, parents and community members should contact the school principal or the district office.

# I. Data and Access

## **EdData Partnership Web Site**

EdData is a partnership of the CDE, EdSource, and the Fiscal Crisis Management and Assistance Team (FCMAT) that provides extensive financial, demographic, and performance information about California's public kindergarten through grade twelve school districts and schools.

#### **DataQuest**

DataQuest is an online data tool located on the CDE DataQuest webpage at <a href="http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/">http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/</a> that contains additional information about this school and comparisons of the school to the district, the county, and the state. Specifically, DataQuest is a dynamic system that provides reports for accountability (e.g., state Academic Performance Index [API], federal Adequate Yearly Progress [AYP]), test data, enrollment, high school graduates, dropouts, course enrollments, staffing, and data regarding English learners.

#### **Internet Access**

Internet access is available at public libraries and other locations that are publicly accessible. 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.

# **II. About This School**

## Contact Information (School Year 2011-12)

	School	District		
School Name	John McManus Elementary School	District Name Chico Unified School District		
Street	988 East Ave.	Phone Number	(530) 891-3000	
City, State, Zip	Chico, CA 95926	Web Site	www.chicousd.org	
Phone Number	(530) 891-3128	Superintendent	Kelly Staley	
Principal	Laurie DeBock	E-mail Address	kstaley@chicousd.org	
E-mail Address	Idebock@chicousd.org	CDS Code	04-61424-6003024	

## School Description and Mission Statement (School Year 2010-11)

This section provides information about the school, its programs and its goals.

John McManus Elementary School is located on the north side of Chico and is home to 560 students, K-6. It is the vision of teachers and parents to create a caring school community with involved staff, committed to a goal of excellence in teaching. Our mission: The McManus staff collaborates to provide the instruction and support that all students need in order to learn and achieve at high levels. We believe all students can reach their full potential. In 2008/09 we received the Healthy Start Grant which began full implementation in the 2009/10 school year. It is the goal of Healthy Start to ensure that each child receives the physical, emotional, and intellectual support that he or she needs in school, at home, and in the community to be able to learn.

## Opportunities for Parental Involvement (School Year 2010-11)

This section provides information on how parents can become involved in school activities, including contact information pertaining to organized opportunities for parent involvement.

Parents are encouraged to become involved in their child's education by becoming involved in a variety of activities at school ranging from classroom volunteer, PTA member and becoming a School Site Council Parent Representative. We also strongly encourage parents to attend Back to School Night, Parent Teacher Conferences, Open House, Family Fun evening events, and various Award Assemblies. Parents are kept informed of school news through the marquee, weekly school bulletin that is translated in English and Spanish and through our school website http://chicousd.org. Parents are asked to monitor and accept an active role in their child's homework. Contact the main office for more information.

Student Enrollment by Grade Level (School Year 2010-11)

Grade Level	Number of Students
Kindergarten	88
Grade 1	84
Grade 2	84
Grade 3	74
Grade 4	102
Grade 5	88
Grade 6	92
Total Enrollment	612

Student Enrollment by Group (School Year 2010-11)

Group	Percent of Total Enrollment	Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	6.4	White	44.8
American Indian or Alaska Native	2.9	Two or More Races	0.5
Asian	11.9	Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	77.8
Filipino	0.2	English Learners	26.3
Hispanic or Latino	30.9	Students with Disabilities	9
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1		

**Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Elementary)** 

		200	8-09		2009-10			2010-11				
Grade Level	Avg.	Numbe	er of Class	rooms	Avg.	Numbe	er of Class	rooms	Avg.	Numbe	er of Class	rooms
	Class Size	1-20	21-32	33+	Class Size	1-20	21-32	33+	Class Size	1-20	21-32	33+
K	19.8	5	0	0	27		3		29.3	0	3	0
1	18	4	0	0	29		2		28	0	3	0
2	19.8	4	1	0	28		2		28	0	3	0
3	19.8	4	1	0	28.7		3		28.3	0	3	0
4	32.8	0	2	2	30		3		30.3	0	3	0
5	30.5	0	2	0	31.7		3		29.3	0	3	0
6	33.5	0	0	2	28		1		30.7	0	3	0

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

# **III. School Climate**

#### School Safety Plan (School Year 2010-11)

This section provides information about the school's comprehensive safety plan, including the dates on which the safety plan was last reviewed, updated, and discussed with faculty; as well as a brief description of the key elements of the plan.

The school has an updated emergency plan for fire drills, earthquakes, and basic emergency procedures. Parent and staff surveys indicate that McManus provides a safe and supportive educational environment but that more focus needs to be placed on student safety, both on the school campus and on safe routes to and from school. Due to our proximity to major traffic patterns, there is an emphasis on bicycle, pedestrian, and traffic safety.

Staff, students and parents strive to make our campus a safe, friendly place for all. We continually communicate student safety concerns to our school community through parent newsletters, parent education events, and personal contacts. Outdoor cameras have been installed to help prevent vandalism during the weekends. Supervision of students is provided before and after school. Before school all students report to areas designated for primary and intermediate students. Supervisors, custodians, office personnel and teachers have access to phone or two-way radio communication at all times. Visitors are required to check in at the main office before they visit classrooms or other areas of the school. Emergency Action Plans are in place and staff and students perform regular emergency/evacuation drills. The school safety plan is updated annually in accordance with Senate Bill 187.

**Suspensions and Expulsions** 

Rate		School		District		
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Suspensions	7.11	11.78	13.72	6.92	10.03	8.95
Expulsions	0	0	0	0.77	0.73	0.59

<sup>\*</sup> The rate of suspensions and expulsions is calculated by dividing the total number of incidents by the total enrollment (and multiplying by 100).

#### IV. School Facilities

## School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements (School Year 2011-12)

This section provides information from the most recent Facility Inspection Tool (FIT) data (or equivalent), including:

- · Description of the safety, cleanliness, and adequacy of the school facility
- · Description of any planned or recently completed facility improvements
- The year and month in which the data were collected
- Description of any needed maintenance to ensure good repair

## Year and month in which data were collected: October 2011

McManus Elementary School was built in 1955 with two classrooms, an office and a multipurpose room. It has grown to 31 classrooms, three special education rooms, a multipurpose room, a library, and an administration/office wing. Two wings of permanent classrooms were constructed in 1968. Five portable classrooms, which included one computer lab, were constructed in 1984, and four more were added in 1996 to accommodate the Class Size Reduction Program. In 2004 the school was completely wired for networking, a school server was installed and in 2008 a wireless network was completed. In 2005, three additional classrooms were added and additional student bathrooms were installed for the increased student population. The playground was enlarged in 1984 with the addition of the portable classrooms and in 1996, an additional parking area and bus lanes were added. In 2005 a portion of the playground was reduced to accommodate our additional classrooms. In the summer of 2006 additional playground equipment was installed to accommodate the increased student population. The expansion of the cafeteria was accomplished by building a patio cover to house picnic tables, which are currently located 200 steps from the current multipurpose room.

District maintenance staff and site custodial 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 and that emergency repairs are given the highest priority. The principal works closely with the custodial staff to ensure that all school facilities are kept clean and free of safety hazards.

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.

# School Facility Good Repair Status (School Year 2011-12)

This section provides information from the most recent Facility Inspection Tool (FIT) data (or equivalent), including:

- Determination of repair status for systems listed
- Description of any needed maintenance to ensure good repair
- The Overall Rating (bottom row)

Custom Inspected	Repair Status				Repair Needed and	
System Inspected	Exemplary	Good	Fair	Poor	Action Taken or Planned	
Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	[X]	[]	[]	[]		
Interior: Interior Surfaces	[X]	[]	[]	[]		
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/ Vermin Infestation	[X]	[]	[]	[]		
Electrical: Electrical	[]	[]	[X]	[]	Room 13: 3 ft. clearance in front of electrical panel Site to maintain clearance	
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]	[]	Access doors between portables 30 and 31 are open Site to close panels	
Overall Rating	[]	[X]	[]	[]		

# V. Teachers

# **Teacher Credentials**

Tanahana		District		
Teachers	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2010-11
With Full Credential	34	29	30	560
Without Full Credential	0	0	0	0
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	0	0	0	

**Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions** 

Indicator	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	
Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners	0	0	0	
Total Teacher Misassignments	0	0	0	
Vacant Teacher Positions	0	0	0	

<sup>&</sup>quot;Misassignments" refers to the number of positions filled by teachers who lack legal authorization to teach that grade level, subject area, student group, etc.
"Vacant Teacher Positions" refer to positions not filled by a single designated teacher assigned to teach the entire course at the beginning of the

school year or semester.

## Core Academic Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers (School Year 2010-11)

The Federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), also known as No Child Left Behind (NCLB), requires that core academic subjects be taught by Highly Qualified Teachers, defined as having at least a bachelor's degree, an appropriate California teaching credential, and demonstrated core academic subject area competence. For more information, see the CDE *Improving Teacher* 

and Principal Quality webpage at: http://www.cde.ca.gov/nclb/sr/tq/

Location of Classes	Percent of Classes In Core Academic Subjects Taught by				
Location of Classes	NCLB Compliant Teachers	Non-NCLB Compliant Teachers			
This School	100	0			
All Schools in District	99.43	0.57			
High-Poverty Schools in District	100	0			
Low-Poverty Schools in District	100	0			

<sup>\*</sup> 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 25 percent or less in the free and reduced price meals program.

# VI. Support Staff

Academic Counselors and Other Support Staff (School Year 2010-11)

Title	Number of FTE Assigned to School	Average Number of Students per Academic Counselor
Academic Counselor		
Counselor (Social/Behavioral or Career Development)		
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)		
Library Media Services Staff (paraprofessional)		
Psychologist	0.4	
Social Worker		
Nurse	0.2	
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	0.9	
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.

# VII. Curriculum and Instructional Materials

## Quality, Currency, Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials (School Year 2011-12)

This section describes whether the textbooks and instructional materials used at the school are from the most recent adoption; whether there are sufficient textbooks and instruction materials for each student; and information about the school's use of any supplemental curriculum or non-adopted textbooks or instructional materials.

## Year and month in which data were collected: October 2011

Updated and readily available resources are important if students are to perform at their best in class. The State of California adopts textbooks that meet quality standards established by the State Board of Education. The Chico Unified School District selects textbooks and other instructional materials from these state adoptions. All of the textbooks currently in use meet these standards. They were selected to match the needs of Chico students by a Task Force comprised of teachers and administrators and approved by the Board of Education. The CUSD convenes curricular task forces to review textbooks in core subject areas on the Kindergarten through 8th grade state adopted list concurrent with the adoption cycle. These standards aligned textbooks are in the hands of all students within two years of adoption.

Core Curriculum Area	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/ Year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption?	Percent of Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
Reading/Language Arts	Houghton-Mifflin / A Legacy of Literature - 2002	Yes	0
Mathematics	McGraw Hill/Wright Group / Everyday Math - 2009	Yes	0
Science	K-5: McMillan/McGraw Hill / California Science - 2007 6-8: Prentice Hall / Focus on California Science - 2007	Yes	0
History-Social Science	Harcourt / Reflections - 2006	Yes	0
Foreign Language	Meets State Guidelines		0
Health	Meets State Guidelines		0
Visual and Performing Arts	Meets State Guidelines		0

# VIII. School Finances

Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries (Fiscal Year 2009-10)

Level	Total Expenditures Per Pupil	Expenditures Per Pupil (Supplemental/ Restricted)	Expenditures Per Pupil (Basic/ Unrestricted)	Average Teacher Salary
School Site	\$8,499	\$3,377	\$5,122	\$68,158
District			\$5,212	\$65,393
Percent Difference: School Site and District			-1.71%	4.23%
State			\$5,455	\$67,667
Percent Difference: School Site and State			-6.10%	0.73%

<sup>\*</sup> Supplemental/Restricted expenditures come from money whose use is controlled by law or by a donor. Money that is designated for specific purposes by the district or governing board is not considered restricted.

Basic/Unrestricted expenditures are from money whose use, except for general guidelines, is not controlled by law or by a donor.

For detailed information on school expenditures for all districts in California, see the CDE Current Expense of Education & Per-pupil Spending webpage at http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/ec/. For information on teacher salaries for all districts in California, see the CDE Certificated Salaries & Benefits webpage at http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/. To look up expenditures and salaries for a specific school district, see the Ed-Data Web site at: http://www.ed-data.org.

# Types of Services Funded (Fiscal Year 2010-11)

This section provides specific information about the types of programs and services available at the school that support and assists students. For example, this narrative may include information about supplemental educational services related to the school's federal Program Improvement (PI) status.

In addition, the following supplemental programs are provided at McManus; The 21st Century Grant program offers educational enrichment and recreational opportunities for students from 2:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. Along with our 21st Century program we offer an academic remedial before and after school program for students in grades 1 through 6. We also provide an extended kindergarten day as well as after school remedial and enrichment programs. The Economic Impact Aide Program provides funds, which are expended for support personnel, including classroom aides, computer and library aides. Other expenditures include staff development and instructional supplies. The school receives federal funds for the Title I program. This program provides support personnel, as well as instructional materials for all students at McManus. Funds are also provided through the Healthy Start grant, a program designed to help serve children, their families, and the community.

Teacher and Administrative Salaries (Fiscal Year 2009-10)

Category	District Amount	State Average for Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$38,541	\$41,035
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$53,749	\$65,412
Highest Teacher Salary	\$84,597	\$84,837
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)	\$95,080	\$106,217
Average Principal Salary (Middle)	\$99,405	\$111,763
Average Principal Salary (High)	\$102,267	\$121,538
Superintendent Salary	\$166,688	\$197,275
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	41%	39%
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	5%	5%

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

## IX. Student Performance

The Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program consists of several key components, including:

- California Standards Tests (CSTs), which include English-language arts (ELA) and mathematics in grades two through eleven; science in grades five, eight, and nine through eleven; and history-social science in grades eight, and nine through eleven.
- California Modified Assessment (CMA), an alternate assessment that is based on modified achievement standards in ELA for
  grades three through eleven; mathematics for grades three through seven, Algebra I, and Geometry; and science in grades five
  and eight, and Life Science in grade ten. The CMA is designed to assess those students whose disabilities preclude them from
  achieving grade-level proficiency on an assessment of the California content standards with or without accommodations.
- California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA), includes ELA and mathematics in grades two through eleven, and science
  for grades five, eight, and ten. The CAPA is given to those students with significant cognitive disabilities whose disabilities prevent
  them from taking either the CSTs with accommodations or modifications or the CMA with accommodations.

The assessments under the STAR Program show how well students are doing in relation to the state content standards. On each of these assessments, student scores are reported as performance levels.

For detailed information regarding the STAR Program results for each grade and performance level, including the percent of students not tested, see the CDE STAR Results Web site at http://star.cde.ca.gov.

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

Cubicat		School		District			State		
Subject	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
English-Language Arts	43	39	37	54	56	58	49	52	54
Mathematics	45	38	43	46	47	51	46	48	50
Science	48	55	48	61	64	67	50	54	57
History-Social Science	N/A	N/A	N/A	50	55	59	41	44	48

<sup>\*</sup> 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 by Student Group - Most Recent Year

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Group	English- Language Arts	Mathematics	Science	History-Social Science		
All Students in the LEA	58	51	67	59		
All Student at the School	37	43	48	N/A		
Male	35	47	49	N/A		
Female	39	40	48	N/A		
Black or African American	36	33	0	N/A		
American Indian or Alaska Native	50	58	0	N/A		
Asian	20	34	36	N/A		
Filipino	0	0	0	N/A		
Hispanic or Latino	32	43	30	N/A		
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0	0	0	N/A		
White	46	47	63	N/A		
Two or More Races	0	0	0	N/A		
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	35	43	47	N/A		
English Learners	12	34	26	N/A		
Students with Disabilities	36	40	0	N/A		
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services				N/A		

<sup>\*</sup> 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 Physical Fitness Test Results (School Year 2010-11)

The California Physical Fitness Test (PFT) is administered to students in grades five, seven, and nine only. This table displays by grade level the percent of students meeting the fitness standards for the most recent testing period. For detailed information regarding this test, and comparisons of a school's test results to the district and state, see the CDE PFT webpage at http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/pf/.

Grade	Percent of Students Meeting Fitness Standards						
Level	Four of Six Standards Five of Six Standards Six of Six Standards						
5	25	30.7	13.6				

<sup>\*</sup> 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.

# X. Accountability

## **Academic Performance Index**

The Academic Performance Index (API) is an annual measure of state academic performance and progress of schools in California. API scores range from 200 to 1,000, with a statewide target of 800. For detailed information about the API, see the CDE API webpage at http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ap/.

## **Academic Performance Index Ranks - Three-Year Comparison**

This table displays the school's statewide and similar schools' API ranks. The **statewide API rank** ranges from 1 to 10. A statewide rank of 1 means that the school has an API score in the lowest ten percent of all schools in the state, while a statewide rank of 10 means that the school has an API score in the highest ten percent of all schools in the state.

The **similar schools API rank** reflects how a school compares to 100 statistically matched "similar schools." A similar schools rank of 1 means that the school's academic performance is comparable to the lowest performing ten schools of the 100 similar schools, while a similar schools rank of 10 means that the school's academic performance is better than at least 90 of the 100 similar schools.

API Rank	2008	2009	2010
Statewide	3	3	2
Similar Schools	3	2	1

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

	Actual API Change					
Group	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11			
All Students at the School	13	-19	6			
Black or African American						
American Indian or Alaska Native						
Asian						
Filipino						
Hispanic or Latino	-17	-7	24			
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander						
White	28	-34	13			
Two or More Races	N/D					
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	13	-18	7			
English Learners	-5	-18	12			
Students with Disabilities						

<sup>\* &</sup>quot;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.

# Academic Performance Index Growth by Student Group - 2011 Growth API Comparison

This table displays, by student group, the number of students included in the API and the 2011 Growth API at the school, LEA, and state level.

	2011 Growth API						
Group	School		LEA		State		
	# of Students	Growth API	# of Students	Growth API	# of Students	Growth API	
All Students at the School	407	727	8,725	803	4,683,676	778	
Black or African American	31	691	324	696	317,856	696	
American Indian or Alaska Native	9		164	743	33,774	733	
Asian	53	655	612	775	398,869	898	
Filipino	1		53	907	123,245	859	
Hispanic or Latino	125	686	1,762	730	2,406,749	729	
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	5		45	819	26,953	764	
White	177	778	5,596	835	1,258,831	845	
Two or More Races	1		23	762	76,766	836	
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	305	710	3,894	731	2,731,843	726	
English Learners	109	628	1,321	681	1,521,844	707	
Students with Disabilities	46	642	977	622	521,815	595	

## **Adequate Yearly Progress**

The federal ESEA requires that all schools and districts meet the following Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) criteria:

- Participation rate on the state's standards-based assessments in ELA and mathematics
- Percent proficient on the state's standards-based assessments in ELA and mathematics
- API as an additional indicator
- Graduation rate (for secondary schools)

Detailed information about AYP, including participation rates and percent proficient results by student group, can be found at the CDE Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) webpage at http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ay/.

Adequate Yearly Progress Overall and by Criteria (School Year 2010-11)

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

### Federal Intervention Program (School Year 2011-12)

Schools and districts receiving federal Title I funding enter Program Improvement (PI) if they do not make AYP for two consecutive years in the same content area (ELA or mathematics) or on the same indicator (API or graduation rate). After entering PI, schools and districts advance to the next level of intervention with each additional year that they do not make AYP. For detailed information about PI identification, see the CDE PI Status Determinations webpage: http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ay/tidetermine.asp.

Indicator	School	District
Program Improvement Status	In PI	In PI
First Year of Program Improvement	2003-2004	2004-2005
Year in Program Improvement	Year 5	Year 3
Number of Schools Currently in Program Improvement		10
Percent of Schools Currently in Program Improvement		35.7

# XI. Instructional Planning and Scheduling

# **Professional Development**

This section provides information on the number of days provided for professional development and continuous professional growth in the most recent three year period. Questions that may be answered include:

- What are the primary/major areas of focus for staff development and specifically how were they selected? For example, were student achievement data used to determine the need for professional development in reading instruction?
- What are the methods by which professional development is delivered (e.g., after school workshops, conference attendance, individual mentoring, etc.)?
- How are teachers supported during implementation (e.g., through in-class coaching, teacher-principal meetings, student performance data reporting, etc.)?

Our School Site Council budgets money for staff members to participate in staff development programs that meet their specific individual needs for improvement. Teachers have taken classes in RTI (Response to Intervention) to help improve student learning in reading and comprehension. All teachers have been trained in Love and Logic and by the BEST discipline team to keep student behavior positive. All teachers have been trained in Everyday Math, our newly adopted math curriculum. To better meet the needs of second language learners teachers have been trained in Language Star. All staff, including administration and support staff, participate in Professional Learning Communities (PLC) training using the DuFour model.