

Aurelia Pennekamp Elementary

California Department of Education School Accountability Report Card Reported Using Data from the 2016-17 School Year

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/fq/aa/lc/>.
- For additional information about the school, parents/guardians and community members should contact the school principal or the district office.

DataQuest

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About Our School

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About This School

Contact Information (School Year 2017-18)

District Contact Information (School Year 2017-18)		School Contact Information (School Year 2017-18)	
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School Description and Mission Statement (School Year 2017-18)

Pennekamp Elementary School is a caring, safe, respectful environment that prepares students to become responsible, productive members of an ever-changing world. Our mission is to offer a strong educational program that is aligned with the California State Standards and meets the needs of all learners. We strive to develop students with strong self-esteem and self-confidence, a full realization of academic potential, a life-long love of learning, appreciation of the arts and a commitment to positive change at the school level and in the local and global communities.

Pennekamp Elementary School is one of five elementary schools in the Manhattan Beach Unified School District. Manhattan Beach is a small, beachside community of approximately 36,000 residents, located approximately 3 miles south of Los Angeles International Airport. Pennekamp serves roughly 500 students in TK (Transitional Kindergarten) through 5th grade. Our campus has colorful murals, hundreds of California native plants, flower gardens, and an organic student garden. Aurelia Pennekamp first opened its doors in 1955 and at that time it was known as Curtis Street School. Even after a half a century, traditions of academic excellence and strong levels of spirit and pride still shine brightly.

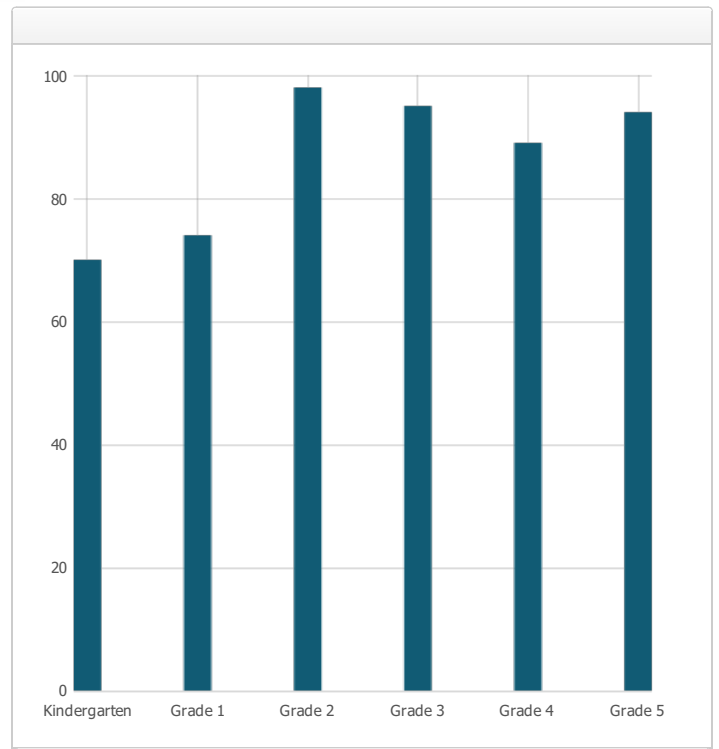
Our strengths are best reflected in the attitude and performance of students, staff, and parents. On any given day, it is not unusual to find dozens of volunteers on campus. Each year, our volunteers log in an excess of 30,000 hours of service to the school. The school community values education and sets high expectations for students and staff. Dedicated teachers demonstrate concern for the progress of each learner. Throughout the year, Pennekamp offers a variety of student-centered programs for participation. At various grade levels, students may participate in our Dragon Innovation Den, Mindful Morning assemblies or supporting PK in our "green efforts". Our fifth grade students can participate in activities such as; Student Ambassadors, Book Club, and offering student to student connections. These programs afford Pennekamp students an opportunity to extend the curricular experience outside of the classroom.

Teamwork is an integral component of Pennekamp's achievement and we have forged a strong "triangle of success". Parents/guardians, staff, and students work together to create a positive environment where everyone knows they are valued as a contributing member of the school community. By capitalizing on our collective talents, Pennekamp School will continue to flourish!

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Student Enrollment by Grade Level (School Year 2016-17)

Grade Level	Number of Students
Kindergarten	70
Grade 1	74
Grade 2	98
Grade 3	95
Grade 4	89
Grade 5	94
Total Enrollment	520



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Student Enrollment by Student Group (School Year 2016-17)

Student Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	1.0 %
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.0 %
Asian	19.8 %
Filipino	1.7 %
Hispanic or Latino	9.4 %
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0 %
White	49.0 %
Two or More Races	19.0 %
Other	0.1 %
Student Group (Other)	Percent of Total Enrollment
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	4.0 %
English Learners	5.6 %
Students with Disabilities	6.7 %
Foster Youth	0.0 %

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A. Conditions of Learning

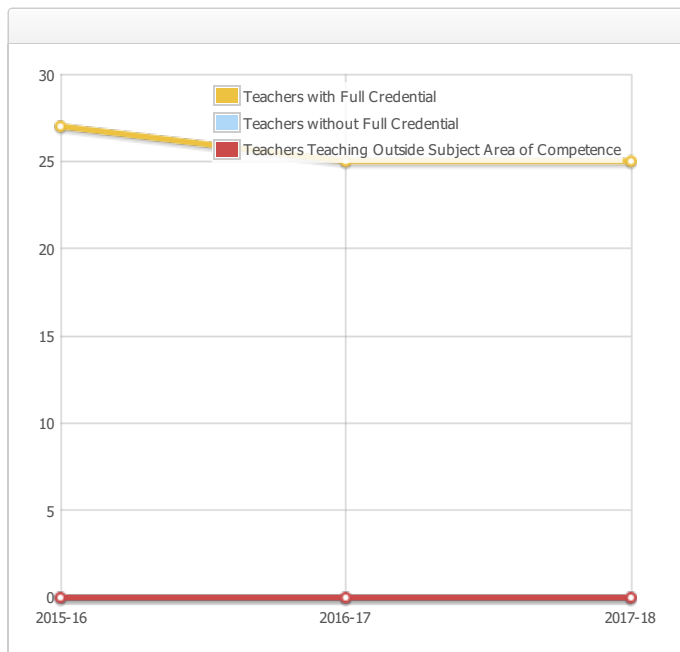
State Priority: Basic

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

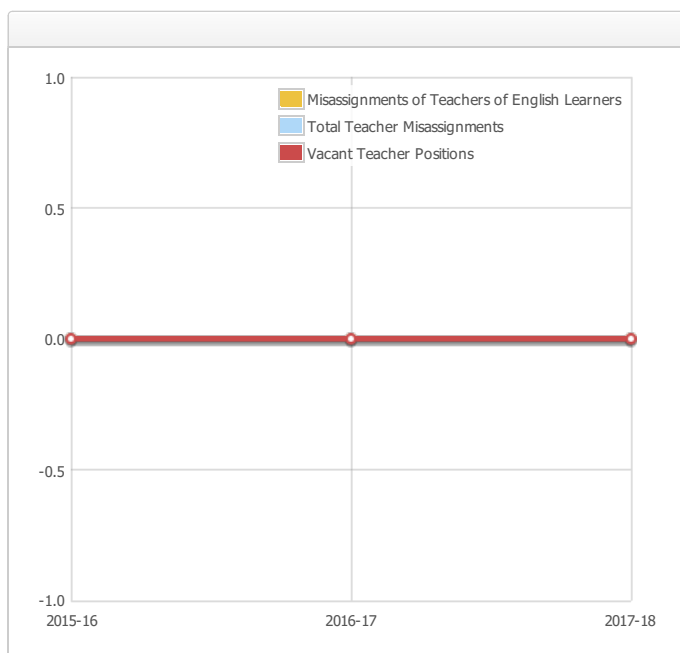
Teachers	School			District
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2017-18
With Full Credential	27	25	25	287
Without Full Credential	0	0	0	2
Teachers Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence (with full credential)	0	0	0	0



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Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions

Indicator	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Misassignments of 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.

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Quality, Currency, Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials (School Year 2017-18)

Year and month in which the data were collected: September 2017

Subject	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption?	Percent Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
Reading/Language Arts	Click here to view the Curriculum and Instructional Materials chart.	Yes	0.0 %
Mathematics	Click here to view the Curriculum and Instructional Materials chart.	Yes	0.0 %
Science	Click here to view the Curriculum and Instructional Materials chart.	Yes	0.0 %
History-Social Science	Click here to view the Curriculum and Instructional Materials chart.	Yes	0.0 %
Foreign Language	Click here to view the Curriculum and Instructional Materials chart.	Yes	0.0 %
Health	Click here to view the Curriculum and Instructional Materials chart.	Yes	0.0 %
Visual and Performing Arts	Click here to view the Curriculum and Instructional Materials chart.	Yes	0.0 %
Science Lab Eqmpt (Grades 9-12)	N/A	N/A	0.0 %

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

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School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements

Pennekamp Elementary School was remodeled ten years ago, resulting in functional, beautiful classrooms, offices, and learning environments. Pennekamp has over twenty classrooms, library, computer lab, art and music rooms, cafeteria, science lab, and offices for the school counselor, psychologist, and student support specialists (e.g., speech-language pathologist, occupational therapist and reading specialist). Upper grade and lower grade playgrounds, as well as a kindergarten playground provide developmentally appropriate venues for physical and recreational activity. Pennekamp Elementary School thanks the Manhattan Beach community for supporting the School Bond Measures that made these improvements possible.

Pennekamp Elementary School is an open campus. Staff and students are alert to the presence of unidentified visitors on the grounds. All adults must sign in at the office and wear a visitor badge. Adults not wearing badges are courteously questioned by staff and directed to the school office for visitor badges. All Pennekamp Staff wear badges throughout the day to identify themselves to students and parents.

On November 8, 2016, the voters of Manhattan Beach approved two bond measures, Measure C, a \$114 million measure that will be used to improve infrastructure (including classroom air conditioning), replace the Ladera building at Grand View, and make improvements to each school site, based on the Facilities Master Plan developed in 2015, and Measure EE, a \$39 million measure to replace the outdated and undersized gymnasium at Mira Costa High School. The District is currently finalizing plans for submittal to DSA for the new MCHS athletics facility and is developing conceptual plans for Measure C projects. Detailed designs will be developed over the next year, and bond-supported facilities improvements at each MBUSD school campus will follow.

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School Facility Good Repair Status

Year and month of the most recent FIT report: January 2018

System Inspected	Rating	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	Fair	Ongoing repairs as needed.

Overall Facility Rate

Year and month of the most recent FIT report: January 2018

Overall Rating	Good
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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 ELA and Mathematics for All Students

Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven (School Year 2016-17)

Subject	Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standards					
	School		District		State	
	2015-16	2016-17	2015-16	2016-17	2015-16	2016-17
English Language Arts / Literacy (grades 3-8 and 11)	83%	85%	82%	84%	48%	48%
Mathematics (grades 3-8 and 11)	85%	83%	72%	74%	36%	37%

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.

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CAASPP Test Results in ELA by Student Group**Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven (School Year 2016-17)**

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	280	272	97.14%	84.56%
Male	151	144	95.36%	82.64%
Female	129	128	99.22%	86.72%
Black or African American	--	--	--	
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian	51	51	100.00%	92.16%
Filipino				
Hispanic or Latino	29	29	100.00%	72.41%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander				
White	139	132	94.96%	84.09%
Two or More Races	59	59	100.00%	86.44%
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	15	15	100.00%	46.67%
English Learners	17	16	94.12%	81.25%
Students with Disabilities	46	44	95.65%	54.55%
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services				
Foster Youth				

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.

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CAASPP Test Results in Mathematics by Student Group**Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven (School Year 2016-17)**

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	280	272	97.14%	82.72%
Male	151	144	95.36%	86.11%
Female	129	128	99.22%	78.91%
Black or African American	--	--	--	
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian	51	51	100.00%	90.20%
Filipino				
Hispanic or Latino	29	29	100.00%	55.17%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander				
White	139	132	94.96%	84.09%
Two or More Races	59	59	100.00%	88.14%
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	15	15	100.00%	40.00%
English Learners	17	16	94.12%	68.75%
Students with Disabilities	46	44	95.65%	63.64%
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services				
Foster Youth				

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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CAASPP Test Results in Science for All Students**Grades Five, Eight and Ten**

Subject	Percentage of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced					
	School		District		State	
	2014-15	2015-16	2014-15	2015-16	2014-15	2015-16
Science (grades 5, 8, and 10)	92.0%	92.0%	89.0%	87.0%	56%	54%

Note: Science test results include California Standards Tests (CSTs), California Modified Assessment (CMA), and California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA) in grades five, eight, and ten.

Note: 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.

Note: The 2016-17 data are not available. The California Department of Education is developing a new science assessment based on the Next Generation Science Standards for California Public Schools (CA NGSS). The new California Science Test (CAST) was piloted in spring 2017. The CST and CMA for Science will no longer be administered.

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State Priority: Other Pupil Outcomes

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

- Pupil outcomes in the subject area of physical education

California Physical Fitness Test Results (School Year 2016-17)

Grade Level	Percentage of Students Meeting Fitness Standards		
	Four of Six Fitness Standards	Five of Six Fitness Standards	Six of Six Fitness Standards
5	28.0%	20.4%	34.4%

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.

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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 schoolsite

Opportunities for Parental Involvement (School Year 2017-18)

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 PTA Co-President, Katie Gunther, katie@kghall.com
 Pennekamp Website: <http://pennekampschool.org/>

Pennekamp Elementary School is committed to maintaining strong partnerships with parents and the community. Parents collaborate with teachers to support the education of their children at home and school. They volunteer in the classrooms, science lab, Young at Art program, Growing Great program, library, playground, and within all aspects of the Pennekamp learning community. It is not unusual to find dozens of parent volunteers on campus at any given time. Parents are valued partners in the Pennekamp community.

Our active and vibrant Parent Teacher Association organizes activities and programs to enrich the educational program. PTA volunteers log over 30,000 hours per year. Parents also participate in School Site Council, GATE Advisory Committee, Safety Committee, Social Emotional Wellness Committee, and the Manhattan Beach Education Foundation.

State Priority: Pupil Engagement

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

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

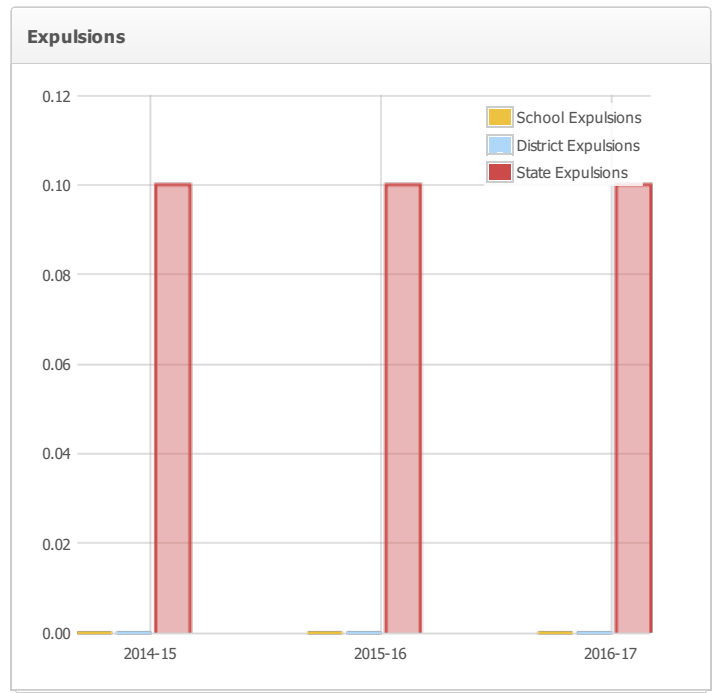
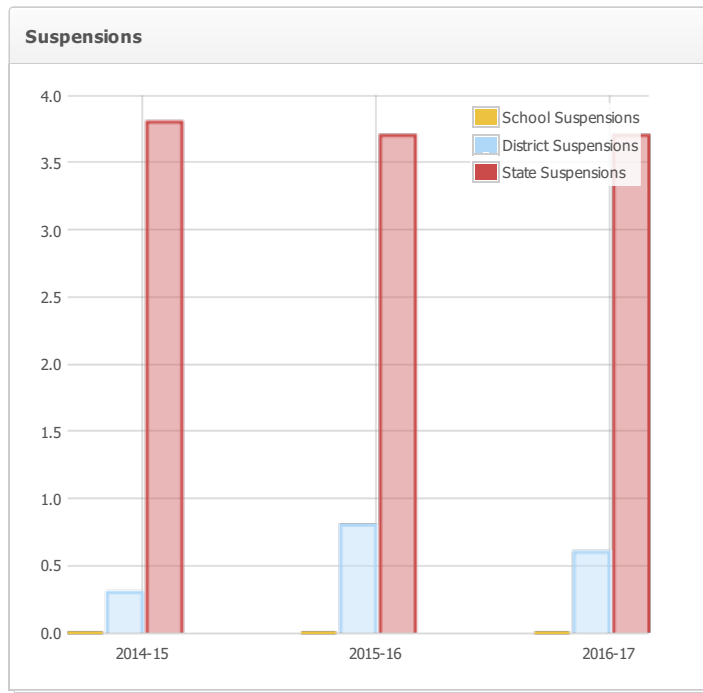
State Priority: School Climate

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

Rate	School			District			State		
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Suspensions	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.8%	0.6%	3.8%	3.7%	3.7%
Expulsions	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%



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School Safety Plan (School Year 2017-18)

Date of Last Review/Update: October 2016

Date Last Discussed with Staff: November 2016

Pennekamp School has a comprehensive plan that addresses fire, earthquake, and other emergencies, as well as protocols for communication with police and fire departments. Developed by staff and parents with critical input by Manhattan Beach Fire and Police Departments, the plan outlines evacuation procedures and lists staff responsibilities for search and rescue, first aid, and student management. Students and staff participate in monthly emergency drills. Continued monitoring by the Pennekamp staff ensure the regular maintenance of a safe and orderly school environment. Safety information is reviewed during faculty meetings and with parents ("Dragon Flash" weekly communication and on the Pennekamp school website).

Additionally, MBUSD has a comprehensive plan that includes policies and procedures addressing school crime, reporting of child abuse, suspensions and expulsions, sexual harassment, and the maintenance of a safe and orderly school environment.

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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.

Federal Intervention Program (School Year 2017-18)

Indicator	School	District
Program Improvement Status	Not in PI	Not in PI
First Year of Program Improvement		
Year in Program Improvement		
Number of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	N/A	1
Percent of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	N/A	100.0%

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Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Elementary)

Grade Level	2014-15				2015-16				2016-17			
	Average Class Size	Number of Classes *			Average Class Size	Number of Classes *			Average Class Size	Number of Classes *		
		1-20	21-32	33+		1-20	21-32	33+		1-20	21-32	33+
K	21.0	2	3	0	23.0	0	4	0	23.0	0	3	0
1	22.0	0	4	0	24.0	0	4	0	24.0	0	3	0
2	23.0	0	4	0	24.0	0	4	0	24.0	0	4	0
3	24.0	0	4	0	23.0	0	4	0	24.0	0	4	0
4	31.0	0	3	0	32.0	0	3	0	30.0	0	3	0
5	31.0	0	3	0	32.0	0	3	0	31.0	0	3	0
6	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0
Other	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0

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

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Academic Counselors and Other Support Staff (School Year 2016-17)

Title	Number of FTE* Assigned to School	Average Number of Students per Academic Counselor
Academic Counselor	0.0	0.0
Counselor (Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	0.0	N/A
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	0.0	N/A
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	0.9	N/A
Psychologist	0.6	N/A
Social Worker	0.0	N/A
Nurse	0.3	N/A
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	1.6	N/A
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)	0.0	N/A
Other	1.6	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.

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Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries (Fiscal Year 2015-16)

Level	Total Expenditures Per Pupil	Expenditures Per Pupil (Restricted)	Expenditures Per Pupil (Unrestricted)	Average Teacher Salary
School Site	\$10494.4	\$4014.2	\$6480.2	\$85095.4
District	N/A	N/A	\$6612.6	\$82686.0
Percent Difference – School Site and District	N/A	N/A	-2.0%	2.9%
State	N/A	N/A	\$6574.0	\$74476.0
Percent Difference – School Site and State	N/A	N/A	-1.4%	13.3%

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

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Types of Services Funded (Fiscal Year 2016-17)

Beach Cities Health District (BCHD)- PE instruction, counseling, and health assistants **\$198,520.00**

Economic Impact Aid (ELL)- Curriculum and instruction for students identified as English language learners **\$239.35**

Manhattan Beach Extra (MBX)- Non-profit organization that contributes to athletics, physical education, and certain academic enrichment programs of the Manhattan Beach Unified School District **\$80,763.00**

Manhattan Beach Education Foundation (MBEF)- Non-profit organization that provides approximately \$5.7 million annually to pay for a variety of critical programs that would not be possible through public funding **\$5,647,922.00**

PTA/PTSA- Support through volunteer and fundraising efforts to secure for all children the highest advantages in academic, physical, and social education **\$688,424.00**

Project Lead The Way (PLTW)- Non-profit organization that develops STEM curricula for use by US elementary, middle, and high schools. PLTW also provides professional development training for instructors **\$40,750.00**

State Lottery Revenue- A portion of state lottery revenue is distributed to school districts for the purpose of enhancing instruction for pupils **\$334,385.00**

Title I, Part A, Accountability- Federal funds used at MCHS to target assistance for students who have been identified as failing, or most at risk of failing, the state's academic content standards **\$218,364.00**

Title II, Part A, Improving Teacher Quality- Federal program that focuses on preparing, training, and recruiting high-quality teachers and administrators **\$107,307.00**

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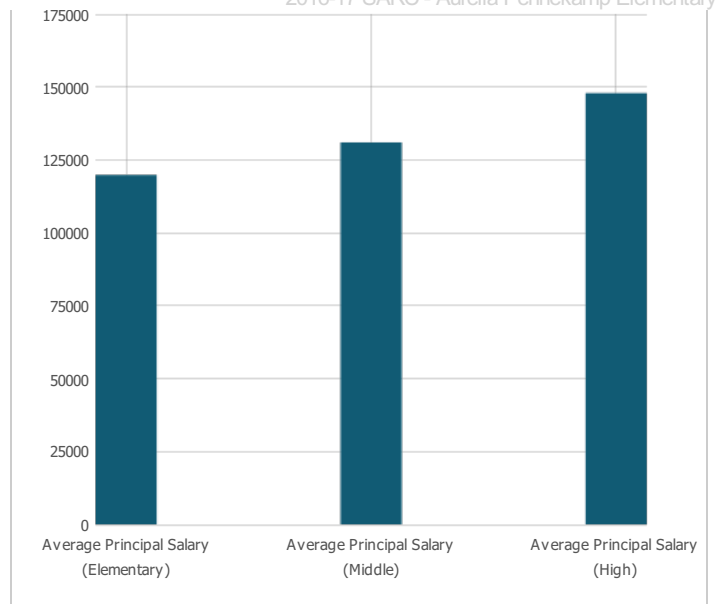
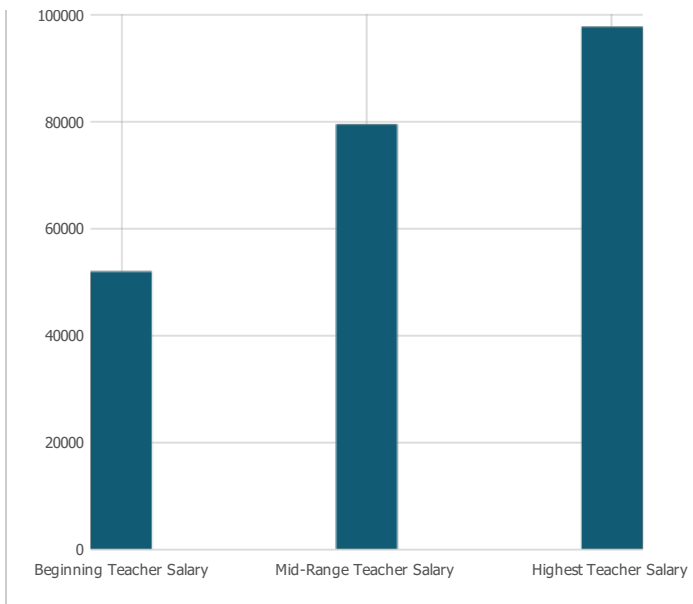
Teacher and Administrative Salaries (Fiscal Year 2015-16)

Category	District Amount	State Average For Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$51,878	\$46,511
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$79,394	\$73,293
Highest Teacher Salary	\$97,643	\$92,082
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)	\$119,855	\$113,263
Average Principal Salary (Middle)	\$131,006	\$120,172
Average Principal Salary (High)	\$147,903	\$131,203
Superintendent Salary	\$224,539	\$213,732
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	37.0%	36.0%
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/>.

Teacher Salary Chart

Principal Salary Chart



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Professional Development

The Manhattan Beach Unified School District (MBUSD) recognizes the importance of offering high quality staff development opportunities for all personnel. We strive to provide personalized professional learning for all staff that includes, individual, grade level, department, school-wide and district-wide support. During the 2016-17 school year, MBUSD provided one full-day workshop for all teachers, and multi-day workshops for elementary teachers and teachers in the following secondary departments: science, world languages, math, visual and performing arts, English, and history/social studies. The focus of these workshops was on the implementation of the subject area standards including: Common Core State Standards (CCSS), Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), the 5E Lesson Model, and the CA History-Social Science Framework.

During the school year Elementary teachers had professional development in conferring with students in both ELA and math and an introduction to the NGSS and related science resources. Secondary teachers received department specific professional development on the shifts required in their content and pedagogy. Partnerships with UCI, LMU, LACOE, TL NGSS, Momentum in Teaching, and Socratic Seminars International, to name a few, were developed to provide teachers with these differentiated professional development experiences. In addition to teacher workshops, site administrators participate in a minimum of five half-day workshops annually. Principal professional development focuses on instructional leadership strategies to support teachers.

Throughout the academic year, professional development activities (e.g. coaching, lesson study) focus on student achievement by providing staff with opportunities to learn skills and strategies that facilitate student progress. In addition, staff examines performance data and identifies gaps in student learning on a regular basis. There is an emphasis on sustained, ongoing articulation among the elementary, middle, and high schools. Additional areas of focus for staff development have included curriculum mapping, common assessments, improving instructional strategies, differentiating instruction, meeting the needs of students with learning disabilities, and several other topics. Through District and site funding to provide professional growth, teachers and other staff have opportunities to attend conferences, participate in workshops, and observe other teachers. In addition, the District and individual school sites provide staff development opportunities both during the day and outside of school hours.

To assist in determining focus areas for professional development, secondary department chairs participate in goal setting meetings with district office staff, elementary teachers participate in a variety of committees, and site leadership is also engaged in the process. The data gleaned from these venues provide information about the areas teachers have defined as being important to their professional growth.

Manhattan Beach Unified School District is a member of the South Bay Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment (BTSA) Consortium. The BTSA program provides mentoring for first and second year educators new to the teaching profession as a critical component of the teacher credentialing process. Teachers in this program attend a variety of training opportunities and are coached and supported by their mentor teacher. MBUSD also conducts New Teacher Institutes, which are comprised of multiple days of professional development in MBUSD signature practices and opportunities for personal coaching.

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