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School Description

The Alternative Education Department of the Santa Cruz County Office of Education offers a variety of unique academic programs at 18 different school sites throughout the county. The Alternative Education Court and Community programs serve students in grades 6 to 12 with the vast majority of students being in high school. The Alternative Education Program has steadily grown and evolved over the years to meet the ever-changing demands of our student population, but our mission and philosophy remain the same. The ultimate goal of our program is to ensure that every student in our County has access to an educational program that suits the individual's unique need. This is accomplished through a variety of locations, educational models, and structures. The vast majority of our students come to us deficient in credits. Typically, our students are affected by significant life challenges. A significant portion of our students are continuously enrolled for less than an academic year. High student mobility and short length of enrollment make data collection for student outcomes problematic.

Our Mission: The mission of the Santa Cruz County Office Alternative Education Program is to provide a safe, supportive learning environment that empowers students to achieve academic, social, and vocational excellence.

Our Philosophy: We believe that the educational success of our students is dependent upon quality academic and effective programs, which are supported by a healthy organization, our students' families, and effective community partnerships. Our programs are student-centered and adaptive to meet individual needs. We value personal and professional development. Staff works collaboratively to facilitate learning and change.

We Believe That:

- All students can learn.
- All students can grow socially and emotionally to become productive citizens.
- Each student should be given the opportunity to fully develop their potential.
- There is a need to facilitate learning by drawing on individual strengths and learning styles.
- Structured educational environments and programs help our students to learn.
- Each student has a right to a physically and emotionally safe environment that is conducive to learning.
- There is strength in diversity.
- Collaborative relationships are essential in delivering quality services and effective programs to our students.
- We are accountable through evaluation of students and programs.

We provide a number of services for our students intended to ensure that our students can benefit from the academic program. These include: social and emotional counseling, free and reduced priced meals, special education services, work-based learning, and college and career counseling. Our programs include a site at Juvenile Hall, independent studies centers, personalized learning communities, middle school programs, thematic single classroom programs, conventional community schools, and an all girls program.

Community School Programs Include:*Natural Bridges High School*

Natural Bridges High School/Career Training Center is a program for students in grades 10-12 seeking employment training while earning credits toward high school graduation. The program includes training for careers in agriculture, construction, alternative energy, habitat restoration and computers; courses in local ecology, history, economics, as well as other graduation requirements; and instruction in written and spoken communication, presentation and leadership skills.

Ponderosa High School

Ponderosa High School is designed for students seeking to earn a high school diploma through a curriculum focused on academic, experiential, vocational education, and employment. This program is born out of the core tenants of the community, collaboration, and commitment. In addition to their work in the classroom, students will listen to guest speakers, be taken on field trips, be involved in community service projects, and participate in short and long-term internships in green businesses and agencies.

Santa Cruz Community School (Phoenix)

Santa Cruz Community School is a structured learning environment that uses the S.E. L. framework to guide adolescents in grades 7-9. We focus on and encourage students' interests and abilities, so that each student achieves academic, social, and emotional success.

San Lorenzo Valley Community School (Highlands)

Highlands is a unique learning environment. Based on a riverfront park in the redwoods, we provide a nurturing, homelike atmosphere for students in need of a more personalized approach to education. Beyond individualized academics, our core focus is on acceptance, compassion and flexibility, based on Trauma Informed Care, self-empowerment and building healthy life skills. With an abundance of creativity and "love", Highlands has been an often life-changing fixture in the San Lorenzo Valley community for over 30 years. Our goal is to support our students in learning to love themselves and to believe in their ability to be kind, happy, and successful members of the community.

Lighthouse High School

At Lighthouse, The teacher, student, and family plan a course of study together, allowing for personalization and flexibility in the time, place, delivery model, and pace. Online, classroom-based, and individualized learning opportunities are available. Students may wish to include ROP courses that are available on or off-campus. Lighthouse is focused on future success. Students can pursue a-g (University of California approved) coursework here. Concurrent enrollment at Cabrillo College is encouraged, and the personalized learning community operates by contracted learning.

Louden Nelson Community School & Teen Center

Louden Nelson Community School & Teen Center serves students with both Classroom and Independent Studies programs located in Downtown Santa Cruz. Both programs focus on life skills as well as academics. The program is also an opportunity to get involved in the community. Loudon Nelson was a Santa Cruz resident in the 1850's. A former slave, Nelson donated his land to the school district upon his death in 1860. The community center was built as an elementary school in 1932, but is now named after Nelson for his support of local schools.

Oasis High School (Atos and Watsonville)

Designed to meet the needs of students who benefit from a personalized learning program. Oasis staff work collaboratively with the student, their parents/guardians, teacher, and counselor to design an education plan. Oasis is located on the Cabrillo College campus and works closely with the college to provide students the opportunity to fulfill the requirements for admission to a CSU or UC through a combination of Oasis and Cabrillo coursework. Oasis staff work to empower students and provide a literal "oasis" that is safe and supportive.

Seabright High School

At Seabright High School, we are creative, flexible, ambitious, independent and responsible learners. We are creating a learning community where students have choices, reach their goals, appreciate diversity and feel safe. Through individualized programming, small daily classes, and recreational activities, we work together in a personalized learning community, supporting each individual to realize their potential!

Star Community School

Small, student-centered community that provides a safe, nurturing environment that fosters academic and behavioral growth, so students can develop the self-confidence needed to be successful adults in the 21st century.

Star Personalized Learning Community

Star PLC provides a safe space for students to grow, develop, and work towards their personal and academic goals. Star PLC is a hybrid between Independent Studies and a Day Program. Star PLC focuses on supporting students in a small, holistic, safe environment. Juniors and seniors will be encouraged to attend a Cabrillo class and while in high school.

The Cottage

The Cottage is an afternoon program designed for students who benefit from a small classroom setting with individual attention. Centrally located in Harvey West Park, The Cottage is accessible to students countywide and the afternoon class schedule allows students who are working or who have been out of school to reconnect with a high school education with an emphasis on career choices, character education, and literacy.

Independent Studies Programs

Located at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education and Sequoia Schools campus. Students meet with teachers individually once a week. Independent Studies students are offered the same supports as day program students and each student is supported to move forward academically, emotionally and vocationally through an individual approach.

DeWitt Anderson School

DeWitt Anderson School provides an educational environment for girls who are supported in setting and achieving academic goals. The school focuses on the unique challenges that face adolescent girls. The teaching and counseling staff are trained and experienced in supporting students as they transition to comprehensive high school, the workplace, or college. The curriculum emphasizes women's studies and art in addition to basic academics, and students have the opportunity to work in an organic garden.

La Manzana

A small, personalized learning community that provides a small, safe learning environment. All students are supported and encouraged to achieve their individualized academic, social and emotional goals.

Sequoia High School

Sequoia High School is committed to Social, Emotional, Academic learning with an emphasis on vocational training and community involvement. We promote this through restorative practices and ROP classes all encompassed in a 21st Century learning environment.

Sequoia Junior High

Our junior high is for students in grades 7-8. The Emphasis is on Social Emotional Learning in a safe, healthy, and positive learning environment. Adolescents in the Sequoia Junior High Program learn study skills as well as life skills, and gain experience in the classroom and community to be able to transition to comprehensive high school.

El Nido

El Nido provides a small classroom learning environment on the Cabrillo College campus in Watsonville. Students have the opportunity to be dually enrolled and to participate in a myriad of opportunities such as CTE courses, outdoor learning opportunities, the arts, and digital media.

The Camp

The Camp is a school program within an in-patient drug and alcohol treatment center. The school is open year round and employs a staff with extensive experience and training related to providing education services within a therapeutic setting.

Cypress High School

Cypress High School graduates self-actualized citizens who utilize creativity, critical-thinking, and a comprehensive worldview, to be engaged and informed members of their communities. Cypress fosters a diverse student body through an inclusive community where each individual is seen and valued. Students utilize critical thinking skills in real-world applications, achieving personal and academic growth through a student-centered learning environment and a college preparatory, a-g curriculum.

About the SARC

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

- For more information about SARC requirements and access to prior year reports, see the California Department of Education (CDE) SARC web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa/>.
- For more information about the LCFF or the LCAP, see the CDE LCFF webpage at <https://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.

2019-20 Student Enrollment by Grade Level

Grade Level	Number of Students
Grade 6	1
Grade 7	6
Grade 8	17
Grade 9	112
Grade 10	141
Grade 11	250
Grade 12	208
Total Enrollment	735

2019-20 Student Enrollment by Group

Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	0.3
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.3
Asian	0.4
Filipino	0.1
Hispanic or Latino	53.7
White	40.3
Two or More Races	4.6
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	53.6
English Learners	18.4
Students with Disabilities	6.7
Foster Youth	1
Homeless	1.1

A. Conditions of Learning

State Priority: Basic

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

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

Teacher Credentials for Santa Cruz County Community School	18-19	19-20	20-21
With Full Credential	31.9	31.49	38.6
Without Full Credential	0	0	0
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	0	0	0

Teacher Credentials for Santa Cruz County Office of Education	18-19	19-20	20-21
With Full Credential	◆	◆	48.6
Without Full Credential	◆	◆	0
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	◆	◆	0

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions at Santa Cruz County Community School

Indicator	18-19	19-20	20-21
Teachers of English Learners	0	0	0
Total Teacher Misassignments*	0	0	0
Vacant Teacher Positions	0	0	0

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

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

Quality, Currency, Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials (School Year 2020-21)

Annually, in September, the Santa Cruz County Office of Education's Governing Board holds a public meeting and passes a resolution regarding the sufficiency of textbooks and instructional materials for Alternative Education programs in English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, History-Social Science, Foreign Language, Health, and Visual and Performing Arts. To prepare for this, Alternative Education staff inventories texts at all school sites prior to the start of the school year, makes appropriate purchases, and distributes textbooks and instructional materials to each site. At the beginning of the school year, administrators conduct a survey to identify additional textbooks and instructional materials needed by teachers and deliver them from storage. Administrators then visit all sites to visually verify the sufficiency of textbooks and instructional materials in all classrooms. Textbooks and instructional materials are selected by a teacher committee and selections are based on several factors including accessibility, state board approval/recommendation, standards alignment, student engagement elements, and appropriate reading level.

Textbooks and Instructional Materials

Year and month in which data were collected: September 2020

Core Curriculum Area	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/Year of Adoption
Reading/Language Arts	Adoption Years Vary - For complete listing of Instructional Materials contact Alternative Education administrative staff. The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0
Mathematics	Adoption Years Vary - For complete listing of Instructional Materials contact Alternative Education administrative staff. The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0
Science	Adoption Years Vary - For complete listing of Instructional Materials contact Alternative Education administrative staff. The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0
History-Social Science	Adoption Years Vary - For complete listing of Instructional Materials contact Alternative Education administrative staff. The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0
Foreign Language	Adoption Years Vary - For complete listing of Instructional Materials contact Alternative Education administrative staff. The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0
Health	Adoption Years Vary - For complete listing of Instructional Materials contact Alternative Education administrative staff. The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0
Visual and Performing Arts	Adoption Years Vary - For complete listing of Instructional Materials contact Alternative Education administrative staff. The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0
Science Laboratory Equipment	Adoption Years Vary - For complete listing of Instructional Materials contact Alternative Education administrative staff. The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0

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

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements (Most Recent Year)

Santa Cruz COE The Alternative Education Programs are housed in 18 sites located strategically throughout Santa Cruz county. Sites are leased or are provided in-kind, except for Sequoia Schools, which is owned by the COE. Sites are clean, safe and are maintained by either the Santa Cruz COE or by the partnering agency. A recent facilities inspection found a few minor deficiencies, but they have all been corrected and there are no outstanding work orders at this time. Santa Cruz COE takes great efforts to ensure that all schools are clean, safe, and in "Good Repair." To assist in this effort, Santa Cruz COE Maintenance & Operations staff conducts a facility inspection annually. The goal of the inspection is to (i) assist programs in evaluating their self-audit procedures, (ii) facilitate the identification of conditions which may pose a risk of injury and/or property damage, and (iii) provide recommendations and/or suggestions to help mitigate the risks identified. The results of this inspection are available at the LEA office.

Below is more specific information on the condition of the school sites and the efforts made to ensure that students are provided with a clean, safe, and functional learning environment.

-Maintenance and Repair

Santa Cruz COE maintenance staff ensures 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.

-Cleaning Process and Schedule

Santa Cruz COE has adopted cleaning standards for all school sites. The Director of Maintenance and Operations works daily with the custodial staff to assign cleaning schedules to ensure clean and safe schools.

-New School Construction Projects

Construction of a new school site (Sequoia Schools) was completed during the 2016-17 school year. This school site is the largest Alternative Education program offered by Santa Cruz COE. There is a high school, junior high, independent studies program, personalized learning program, child development center, and Sequoia Academy, all housed at the new Sequoia campus.

Overall, all sites and classrooms were in "Good Repair" and there were no high priority recommendations offered in the inspection report.

School Facility Good Repair Status (Most Recent Year)

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

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

Year and month in which data were collected: September 2020

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

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

Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standard

Subject	School 18-19	School 19-20	District 18-19	District 19-20	State 18-19	State 19-20
ELA	32	N/A	63	N/A	50	N/A
Math	9	N/A	47	N/A	39	N/A

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

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

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

Note: ELA and mathematics test results include the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment and the CAA. The "Percent Met or Exceeded" is calculated by taking the total number of students who met or exceeded the standard on the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment plus the total number of students who met the standard (i.e., achieved Level 3-Alternate) on the CAAs divided by the total number of students who participated in both assessments.

CAASPP Test Results in Science for All Students

Grades Five, Eight, and High School

Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standard

Subject	School 18-19	School 19-20	District 18-19	District 19-20	State 18-19	State 19-20
Science	14	N/A	34	N/A	30	N/A

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

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

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

State Priority: Other Pupil Outcomes

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

- Pupil outcomes in the subject areas of physical education.

2019-20 Percent of Students Meeting Fitness Standards

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

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

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

CAASPP Test Results in Science by Student Group
Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven (School Year 2019-2020)

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

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

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

CAASPP Test Results in ELA by Student Group
Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven (School Year 2019-2020)

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

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

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

**CAASPP Test Results in Mathematics by Student Group
Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven (School Year 2019-2020)**

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

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

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

C. Engagement

State Priority: Parental Involvement

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

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

Opportunities for Parental Involvement (School Year 2020-21)

As in previous years, we have aligned our continuous improvement efforts and solicited stakeholder involvement to inform and provide feedback regarding our goals and actions. During the 19-20 school year, parent and community meetings were held in North and South County, in person. During the 20-21 school year we transitioned to virtual meetings. In 20-21, The Alternative Education Administration met with parents from the School Site Council, ELAC, DELAC, and the LCAP Parent Advisory. The purpose of these meetings were to review the implementation of the LCAP, examine metric results, solicit ideas for goals, and report out on actions and expenditures. Flyers in English and Spanish are sent to students and families. Personal phone calls home were made to invite and encourage attendance.

Parent input indicated that there is widespread interest in and support for:

1. Increased ways to communicate between parents and teachers.
2. Continued social emotional counseling.
3. Personalized Learning Community (PLC) classrooms.
4. Opportunities for online and in-person learning.

As a result of the input, the district and school sites are using app-based communications. Our counseling efforts have increased through hiring additional counselors and beginning a counseling cohort which meets monthly to continuously improve. Parents and students continue to discuss their interest in our PLC programs and we have adjusted resources to allow for the PLC programs to grow. There are sufficient devices for one-to-one online programming during distance learning.

State Priority: School Climate

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

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

School Safety Plan (School Year 2020-2021)

Santa Cruz COE Alternative Education updates and reviews its School Safety Plan annually. The plan includes a Safe School Vision, a description of the school grounds and the condition of facilities. The plan also provides school rules and regulations as well as strategies and procedures for preventing and dealing with emergency situations.

The Santa Cruz COE Alternative Education Comprehensive School Safety Plan analyzes current school safety conditions, describes programs in place at our schools, and defines strategies and programs for continued improvement in providing a safe, orderly, school environment conducive to learning. The analysis results in two action plans, one pertaining to school physical safety and the other centering on issues connected to maintaining a safe and positive school climate. Appendices follow the action plan. These Appendices include specific, mandated policies and procedures connected to the safety strategies and programs described within the analysis section.

The plan was developed by a safety committee with representation and input from the Santa Cruz COE School Site Council and local law enforcement. The plan was last reviewed and discussed with staff in September 2020 and will be updated prior to March 2021 for the 2020-21 school year. The safety committee utilizes multiple sources of data to conduct its study of the current state of school safety as it applies to both school climate and the physical environment. Sources used include, but are not limited to:

- Annual Facilities Inspections
- WASC Self-Study
- Student, Teacher, Parent Perception Surveys
- Program Course of Study
- Board Policies
- Healthy Kids Survey,
- United Way Community Assessment Project
- Site walk-throughs
- School Site Handbooks
- Student and Staff Interviews

Suspensions and Expulsions

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

Rate	School 2017-18	School 2018-19	District 2017-18	District 2018-19	State 2017-18	State 2018-19
Suspensions	0.0	0.2	0.7	0.7	3.5	3.5
Expulsions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1

Suspensions and Expulsions for School Year 2019-2020 Only

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

Rate	School 2019-20	District 2019-20	State 2019-20
Suspensions	3.4	3.3	N/A
Expulsions	0	0	N/A

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

D. Other SARC Information

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

Ratio of Pupils to Academic Counselor (School Year 2019-2020)

Title	Ratio
Academic Counselor*	0

*One full time equivalent (FTE) equals one staff member working full time; one FTE could also represent two staff members who each work 50 percent of full time.

Student Support Services Staff (School Year 2019-2020)

Title	Number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)
Counselor (Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	10
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	0
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	0
Psychologist	1
Social Worker	0
Nurse	.25
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	.25
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)	3.5
Other	0

*One Full Time Equivalent (FTE) equals one staff member working full time; one FTE could also represent two staff members who each work 50 percent of full time.

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Secondary)

Subject	2017-18	2017-18	2017-18	2017-18	2018-19	2018-19	2018-19	2018-19	2019-20	2019-20	2019-20	2019-20
	Average Class Size	# of Classes* Size 1-20	# of Classes* Size 21-32	# of Classes* Size 33+	Average Class Size	# of Classes* Size 1-20	# of Classes* Size 21-32	# of Classes* Size 33+	Average Class Size	# of Classes* Size 1-20	# of Classes* Size 21-32	# of Classes* Size 33+
English									21	18	18	
Mathematics									21	18	18	
Science									21	18	18	
Social Science									21	18	18	

*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.

Professional Development (Most Recent Three Years)

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

For the 2018-19, 2019-20, and 2020-21 school years, professional development has been focused on the implementation of the Common Core State Standards and Next Generation Science Standards, supporting English Learners, effective Math instruction, and the integration of technology (especially around Distance Learning). Social Emotional Learning and School Safety have also been a major focus integrated throughout the different Professional Development offerings.

Alternative Education leadership and staff share a strong collegial bond based on trust and shared commitment to students and each other. Every year begins with a full-day orientation where the superintendent addresses the entire County Office staff. At this time, the administrative team of Alternative Education meets with the entire staff to set the tone for the year and to outline goals regarding student achievement and professional development. Goals are determined based on student achievement data from state tests and local benchmark assessments. Orientation day allows veteran staff members to meet new staff, which begins the process of forging community. At least one other opportunity each year is provided specifically for team building. Some years have included a staff meeting directed by a visiting team-building expert. At the beginning of the year, each staff member also receives a yearlong calendar outlining the focus of each weekly staff meeting and professional development days. In addition to a calendar, a staff handbook is provided that details everything from district policy to classroom procedures, as well as testing dates and evaluation procedures.

Three full days of professional development are offered each school year. Topics depend on current PD focus areas, student and staff needs, as well as on staff interest. Interest and needs are determined by survey data, formal and informal discussions between and among administrators and staff, and by data analysis. Teachers are also encouraged and supported to attend outside professional development conferences and workshops of interest. All new teachers are provided the opportunity to clear their credential through the Santa Cruz/Silicon Valley New Teacher Project, a teacher induction program. SCSVNT is a two-year program that involves the building of a teacher/mentor relationship and a series of New Teacher seminars designed to meet the California Standards for the Teaching Profession and facilitate development as a skilled teacher. New teachers are also mentored by a veteran teacher from Alternative Education, someone whose experience can help them with everyday operations and systems of classroom management. The mentor also facilitates visits to other alternative education sites to experience instructional strategies and management systems unique to particular alternative education student populations.

During the year, teachers and instructional aides attend weekly staff meetings. Each month, one meeting is focused on all staff, one is focused on collaboration at school sites, one is focused on Collaborative Learning Communities implementation, and in some months an additional meeting is focused on leadership teams and professional learning options. Collaborative Learning Communities (CLC) were developed for teachers to come together to learn about interactive instructional routines that work in conjunction with vocabulary instruction. The vocabulary instruction focuses on high impact words necessary for success in college and career. With the CLC, teachers have the opportunity to collaborate and compare instructional efforts. There is dedicated time for teachers to come together and evaluate student work, successes and challenges. Although we value our diverse and unique programs we hope that through this instructional emphasis, we can collectively focus on emphasizing effective instruction. In 2020-21 Collaborative Learning Communities continue to focus on developing common curriculum and promising instructional practices for use in hybridize and Distance Learning, and online classrooms. Teachers collaborate to create at least one unit and a sequence of lessons/activities that incorporate effective instructional practices to meet the needs of every student in areas chosen by each teacher.

FY 2018-19 Teacher and Administrative Salaries

Category	District Amount	State Average for Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	43,374	49,500
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	65,304	77,750
Highest Teacher Salary	90,577	98,000
Average Principal Salary (ES)	N/A	N/A
Average Principal Salary (MS)	N/A	N/A
Average Principal Salary (HS)	N/A	N/A
Superintendent Salary	200,000	N/A

Percent of District Budget	District Amount	State Average for Districts In Same Category
Teacher Salaries	30%	N/A
Administrative Salaries	5%	N/A

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

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

Level	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	Average Teacher Salary
School Site	\$13,972.03	\$1,49405	\$12,477.97	\$72,750
District	N/A	N/A	\$12,663.86	
State	N/A	N/A	\$7,750	

Percent Differences	Unrestricted	Average Teacher Salary
School Site/District	-1.5	1.3
School Site/ State	46.7	N/A

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

Types of Services Funded

Counseling

The aim of the Santa Cruz COE Alternative Education programs is not only to build academic skills, but also develop life skills, a positive self-concept, appropriate peer relationships, and to help students become productive citizens for the future. Teachers and support staff receive training in the area of conflict resolution and restorative justice. There are social-emotional counselors who work at various sites to support students and staff. To increase services, Alternative Education has contracted with Encompass Youth Services and Children's

Behavioral Health to provide additional counseling to our programs and hired a Gang Prevention Counselor as well as a Health and Sex Ed Educator.

English Learners

The Alternative Education Project Director also serves as the English Learner (EL) Coordinator and works with the Admin team to review and recommends curriculum, and oversees staffing to ensure bilingual and bi-cultural personnel are appropriately placed at sites as determined by student and community need. The Project Director/ EL Coordinator and Admin team facilitate the ELAC and DELAC, working directly with parents in support of their students' education. The Monthly English Language Development (MELD) program from the Orange County Department of Education has been adopted. Teachers have complete access to the curriculum, and many teachers modify the curriculum to meet the needs of their students. MELD is arranged by eight language functions (Making Predictions, Explain and Describe, Sequencing Events, Compare and Contrast, Expressing Opinions, Requesting Information, etc.). MELD's intention is to engage the student in the use of language structures necessary to complete the focused language function. Staff have been introduced to and are exploring the California EL Roadmap and we send a group of teachers to the countywide Multilingual Network Meetings. This year we are improving stakeholder engagement and gathering input to better serve our English Learners.

Career/Vocational (Preparedness to Enter Workforce)

Two Work Experience Specialists assist students to find meaningful employment. Classroom teachers are all trained in the Roadmaps Career Education curriculum. Students identify their skills and abilities, learn how to use the Internet, and create resumes and letters of introduction. The California CareerZone is utilized to assist students in identifying career pathways and interests.

Career Technical Education (CTE)

CTE courses are offered to students in all programs. Courses include: Construction Technology, Agriculture Production, Early Childhood Education, Culinary Arts, Fire Science, Hospitality, Tourism, & Recreation, Criminal Justice, and Landscape Design. Courses are offered in partnership with the Career and Technical Education Partnership (CTEP) at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education. Some students also participate in weekly internships.

Arts

Alternative Education Program partners with the William James Arts Education Program to provide a variety of arts programming at each site. Additional partners include the Santa Cruz Arts Council. The classes include: watercolor painting, sculpture, graphic design, mural design and painting, mask making, collage, ceramics, and quilting. The Santa CruzCOE was awarded one of the state SSAE grants. Part of the mission of the grant was to increase the arts opportunities for our Alternative Education students. We have several programs at various locations in our county. One of our most public programs was the mural and theater program. There have been 22 arts programs in 14 of the Alternative Education classrooms. We have had Poetry and Photography projects; several other mural design and construction projects; theater and dance programs including hip hop and improvisational movement; ceramics programs; Impressionism studies; and a math and movement class.

Physical Education

The Alternative Education Department participates in the Monterey Bay Alternative Athletic League. Over ten schools participate in competitive team sports including volleyball, basketball and softball. In addition to organized sports, students have the opportunity to participate in health and wellness classes, including Yoga and other soft-form martial arts.

Academic Tutoring Services

Alternative Educations offers tutoring to students who are performing two or more years below grade level on state tests and local benchmark assessments. Students are able to focus on basic skills and improve their confidence in academic subjects.

Restorative Practices and Conflict Resolution

As part of our commitment to providing alternatives to suspension and expulsion, Alternative Education is committed to relying on Restorative Practices and Conflict Resolution Strategies where ever possible. Restorative Practices seek to repair harm and restore relationships between people and communities. Conflict resolution is used as a method to proactively as well as reactively involve stakeholders, such as students in solving problems through non-violent communication.

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)

Rate for Santa Cruz County Community	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Dropout Rate	22.4	47.8	40.6
Graduation Rate	60.5	51.1	59.1

Rate for Santa Cruz County Office of	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Dropout Rate	20.4	49.3	40
Graduation Rate	62.2	49.3	57.9

Rate for California	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Dropout Rate	9.1	9.6	9
Graduation Rate	82.7	83	84.5

Career Technical Education Participation

Measure	CTE Program Participation
Number of pupils participating in CTE	86
% of pupils completing a CTE program and earning a high school diploma	15.4
% of CTE courses sequenced or articulated between the school and institutions of postsecondary education	77.8

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

UC/CSU Course Measure	Percent
2018-19 Pupils Enrolled in Courses Required for UC/CSU Admission	279
2017-18 Graduates Who Completed All Courses Required for UC/CSU Admission	96.99

2019-20 Advanced Placement Courses

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

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

Career Technical Education Programs

In close cooperation with classroom teachers, students are provided comprehensive vocational assessment using the California CareerZone Interest Inventory (part of our Roadmaps Curriculum) and individualized goals are developed at intake as part of an individualized learning plan (ILP). Students are provided an array of services ranging from individual job search and placement assistance, credit analysis and review, exposure to community service activities, guest speakers and field trips, enrollment in on-site Job Search and Work Experience Programs, and assistance with enrollment in post-secondary and other vocational training programs (such as the Career & Technical Education Partnership (CTEP), Adult Education and community college classes). Students are taken out in the community to facilitate job acquisition and are provided assistance in requesting applications, filling out applications, interviewing and completing new-job paperwork requirements. Once employed, students are provided a comprehensive Work Experience program focused on job retention and success. Teaching staff has been provided in-service training in integrating the Roadmaps Curriculum into the regular curriculum and provided with materials for use in the classroom. The primary representative for the CTE advisory committee in 2019-2020 was Mark Hodges, CTEP Director. The industries represented are: Construction Technology, Agriculture Production, Early Childhood Education, Culinary Arts, Fire Science, Hospitality, Tourism, & Recreation, Criminal Justice and Landscape Design.

The Santa Cruz County Alternative Education department works in conjunction with community colleges throughout the greater San Francisco Bay Area and our local Cabrillo College to help facilitate the transition from our program to college. In addition, the Santa Cruz COE Alternative Education department works closely with local industry to support students in finding and keeping jobs in our community. Our Work Experience Coordinator and specialists work with our Alternative Education students throughout Santa Cruz County. Students in our programs have access to individualized assistance with their resume, interview preparation, and career exploration.

Teachers at all of our sites tie their curriculum and instruction to college and career themes. At numerous sites, students have the opportunity to engage in Work Based Learning (WBL). WBL is a great opportunity for students to bridge their in-class learning with real world, hands-on activities. Students who participate in WBL or internships have the chance to learn valuable soft skills alongside their peers.

DataQuest

DataQuest is an online data tool located on the CDE DataQuest web page at <https://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/> that contains additional information about this school and comparisons of the school to the district and the county. Specifically, DataQuest is a dynamic system that provides reports for accountability (e.g., test data, enrollment, high school graduates, dropouts, course enrollments, staffing, and data regarding English learners).

California School Dashboard

The California School Dashboard (Dashboard) <https://www.caschooldashboard.org/> reflects California's new accountability and continuous improvement system and provides information about how LEAs and schools are meeting the needs of California's diverse student population. The Dashboard contains reports that display the performance of LEAs, schools, and student groups on a set of state and local measures to assist in identifying strengths, challenges, and areas in need of improvement.