

Palmdale Discovery Center

2021-2022 School Accountability Report Card

(Published During the 2022-2023 School Year)

General Information about the School Accountability Report Card (SARC)

SARC Overview



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 web page 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.

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.

Internet Access

Internet access is available at public libraries and other locations that are publicly accessible (e.g., the California State Library). 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.

2022-23 School Contact Information

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2022-23 District Contact Information

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2022-23 School Overview

Palmdale Discovery Center is dedicated to providing each of our students with the finest possible education supported by highest quality staffing programs within a healthy and safe learning environment.

The mission of the Palmdale Discovery Center is to provide each student with an appropriate and relevant academic experience in a safe learning environment which will provide each student educational benefit and prepare each student to be responsible and respectful members of our community.

About this School

2021-22 Student Enrollment by Grade Level

Grade Level	Number of Students
Kindergarten	29
Grade 1	13
Grade 2	14
Grade 3	24
Grade 4	20
Grade 5	24
Grade 6	7
Grade 7	13
Grade 8	9
Total Enrollment	153

2021-22 Student Enrollment by Student Group

Student Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Female	19.6
Male	80.4
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.7
Asian	1.3
Black or African American	18.3
Filipino	2.6
Hispanic or Latino	68.0
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0
Two or More Races	0.7
White	7.8
English Learners	7.2
Foster Youth	2.6
Homeless	0.0
Migrant	0.7
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	75.8
Students with Disabilities	96.7



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

2020-21 Teacher Preparation and Placement

Authorization/Assignment	School Number	School Percent	District Number	District Percent	State Number	State Percent
Fully (Preliminary or Clear) Credentialed for Subject and Student Placement (properly assigned)	12.00	85.71	740.50	82.02	228366.10	83.12
Intern Credential Holders Properly Assigned	1.00	7.14	11.50	1.28	4205.90	1.53
Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments (“ineffective” under ESSA)	0.00	0.00	26.70	2.97	11216.70	4.08
Credentialed Teachers Assigned Out-of-Field (“out-of-field” under ESSA)	0.00	0.00	73.80	8.18	12115.80	4.41
Unknown	1.00	7.14	50.10	5.56	18854.30	6.86
Total Teaching Positions	14.00	100.00	902.80	100.00	274759.10	100.00

Note: The data in this table is based on Full Time Equivalent (FTE) status. One FTE equals one staff member working full time; one FTE could also represent two staff members who each work 50 percent of full time. Additionally, an assignment is defined as a position that an educator is assigned based on setting, subject, and grade level. An authorization is defined as the services that an educator is authorized to provide to students.

2021-22 Teacher Preparation and Placement

Authorization/Assignment	School Number	School Percent	District Number	District Percent	State Number	State Percent
Fully (Preliminary or Clear) Credentialed for Subject and Student Placement (properly assigned)	15.10	84.27	738.10	81.83	234405.20	84.00
Intern Credential Holders Properly Assigned	2.00	11.12	16.90	1.88	4853.00	1.74
Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments (“ineffective” under ESSA)	0.00	0.00	61.30	6.80	12001.50	4.30
Credentialed Teachers Assigned Out-of-Field (“out-of-field” under ESSA)	0.30	1.83	58.20	6.46	11953.10	4.28
Unknown	0.50	2.78	27.30	3.03	15831.90	5.67
Total Teaching Positions	17.90	100.00	902.00	100.00	279044.80	100.00

Note: The data in this table is based on Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) status. One FTE equals one staff member working full time; one FTE could also represent two staff members who each work 50 percent of full time. Additionally, an assignment is defined as a position that an educator is assigned based on setting, subject, and grade level. An authorization is defined as the services that an educator is authorized to provide to students.

Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments (considered “ineffective” under ESSA)

Authorization/Assignment	2020-21	2021-22
Permits and Waivers	0.00	0.00
Misassignments	0.00	0.00
Vacant Positions	0.00	0.00
Total Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments	0.00	0.00

Credentialed Teachers Assigned Out-of-Field (considered “out-of-field” under ESSA)

Indicator	2020-21	2021-22
Credentialed Teachers Authorized on a Permit or Waiver	0.00	0.00
Local Assignment Options	0.00	0.30
Total Out-of-Field Teachers	0.00	0.30

2021-22 Class Assignments

Indicator	2020-21	2021-22
Misassignments for English Learners (a percentage of all the classes with English learners taught by teachers that are misassigned)	0.00	0.00
No credential, permit or authorization to teach (a percentage of all the classes taught by teachers with no record of an authorization to teach)	7.10	0.00

Note: For more information refer to the Updated Teacher Equity Definitions web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/pd/ee/teacherequitydefinitions.asp>.

2022-23 Quality, Currency, Availability of Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials

All students are provided with appropriate textbooks and materials in each curriculum area. The students at Palmdale Discovery Center work with an alternative curriculum designed to support students with moderate to severe Autism. We use supplementary curriculums which includes: Edmark, Touchmath, and Learning Without Tears.

Year and month in which the data were collected	November 2022
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Subject	Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials/year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption ?	Percent Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
Reading/Language Arts	Ed Mark and Learning without Tears	Yes	0
Mathematics	Touch Math	Yes	0
Science	Teacher created per IEP goals	Yes	0

History-Social Science	SEACO/ Work in Progress 2007	Yes	0
Health	Social and communication skills- Teach Town	Yes	0

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements

Palmdale Discovery Center is a clean facility. It is maintained and cleaned on a daily basis, throughout the day.

It is a closed campus, and occupies students who have moderate to severe disabilities. It was built with a plan to deter students from elopement behaviors. All classrooms and doors have the capability of locking on both sides. Every classroom has 4 doors, for extra added safety measures.

The facility just obtained a security fence on the North West side of the campus parallel to White Ash Street. This has added extra security, as there was previously a chain link fence that was easy to climb over. This was replaced with an iron fence during the summer of 2020.

During the 19/20 school year, the mat on the playground was replaced, which had several holes in it.

There is a piece of rubber padding on the playground that needs to be repaired, due to the removal of a broken piece of equipment on the playground.

Year and month of the most recent FIT report

June 2022

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

Overall Facility Rate

Exemplary	Good	Fair	Poor
	X		

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 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).

The CAASPP System encompasses the following assessments and student participation requirements:

1. **Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments and CAAs for ELA** in grades three through eight and grade eleven.
2. **Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments and CAAs for mathematics** in grades three through eight and grade eleven.
3. **California Science Test (CAST) and CAAs for Science** in grades five, eight, and once in high school (i.e., grade ten, eleven, or twelve).
4. **College and Career Ready**
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.

SARC Reporting in the 2020-2021 School Year Only

Where the most viable option, LEAs were required to administer the statewide summative assessment in ELA and mathematics. Where a statewide summative assessment was not the most viable option for the LEA (or for one or more grade-level[s] within the LEA) due to the pandemic, LEAs were allowed to report results from a different assessment that met the criteria established by the State Board of Education (SBE) on March 16, 2021. The assessments were required to be:

- Aligned with CA CCSS for ELA and mathematics;
- Available to students in grades 3 through 8, and grade 11; and
- Uniformly administered across a grade, grade span, school, or district to all eligible students.

Options

Note that the CAAs could only be administered in-person following health and safety requirements. If it was not viable for the LEA to administer the CAAs in person with health and safety guidelines in place, the LEA was directed to not administer the tests. There were no other assessment options available for the CAAs. Schools administered the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments for ELA and mathematics, other assessments that meet the SBE criteria, or a combination of both, and they could only choose one of the following:

- Smarter Balanced ELA and mathematics summative assessments;
- Other assessments meeting the SBE criteria; or
- Combination of Smarter Balanced ELA and mathematics summative assessments and other assessments.

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.

Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standard on CAASPP

This table displays CAASPP test results in ELA and mathematics for all students grades three through eight and grade eleven taking and completing a state-administered assessment.

The 2020-21 data cells have N/A values because these data are not comparable to other year data due to the COVID-19 pandemic during the 2020-21 school year. Where the CAASPP assessments in ELA and/or mathematics is not the most viable option, the LEAs were allowed to administer local assessments. Therefore, the 2020-21 data between school years for the school, district, state are not an accurate comparison. As such, it is inappropriate to compare results of the 2020-21 school year to other school years.

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.

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.

Subject	School 2020-21	School 2021-22	District 2020-21	District 2021-22	State 2020-21	State 2021-22
English Language Arts/Literacy (grades 3-8 and 11)	N/A	13	N/A	29	N/A	47
Mathematics (grades 3-8 and 11)	N/A	9	N/A	14	N/A	33

2021-22 CAASPP Test Results in ELA by Student Group

This table displays CAASPP test results in ELA by student group for students grades three through eight and grade eleven taking and completing a state-administered assessment.

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.

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.

The number of students tested includes all students who participated in the test whether they received a score or not; however, the number of students tested is not the number that was used to calculate the achievement level percentages. The achievement level percentages are calculated using only students who received scores.

CAASPP Student Groups	CAASPP Total Enrollment	CAASPP Number Tested	CAASPP Percent Tested	CAASPP Percent Not Tested	CAASPP Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	104	96	92.31	7.69	12.50
Female	15	12	80.00	20.00	25.00
Male	89	84	94.38	5.62	10.71
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Asian	--	--	--	--	--
Black or African American	21	16	76.19	23.81	18.75
Filipino	--	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	71	68	95.77	4.23	10.29
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Two or More Races	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
White	--	--	--	--	--
English Learners	--	--	--	--	--
Foster Youth	--	--	--	--	--
Homeless	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Military	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	74	69	93.24	6.76	13.04
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	--	--	--	--	--
Students with Disabilities	104	96	92.31	7.69	12.50

2021-22 CAASPP Test Results in Math by Student Group

This table displays CAASPP test results in Math by student group for students grades three through eight and grade eleven taking and completing a state-administered assessment.

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.

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.

The number of students tested includes all students who participated in the test whether they received a score or not; however, the number of students tested is not the number that was used to calculate the achievement level percentages. The achievement level percentages are calculated using only students who received scores.

CAASPP Student Groups	CAASPP Total Enrollment	CAASPP Number Tested	CAASPP Percent Tested	CAASPP Percent Not Tested	CAASPP Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	104	96	92.31	7.69	9.38
Female	15	12	80.00	20.00	16.67
Male	89	84	94.38	5.62	8.33
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Asian	--	--	--	--	--
Black or African American	21	16	76.19	23.81	18.75
Filipino	--	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	71	68	95.77	4.23	7.35
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Two or More Races	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
White	--	--	--	--	--
English Learners	--	--	--	--	--
Foster Youth	--	--	--	--	--
Homeless	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Military	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	74	69	93.24	6.76	10.14
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	--	--	--	--	--
Students with Disabilities	104	96	92.31	7.69	9.38

CAASPP Test Results in Science for All Students

This table displays the percentage of all students grades five, eight, and High School meeting or exceeding the State Standard.

For any 2020–21 data cells with N/T values indicate that this school did not test students using the CAASPP for Science.

Subject	School 2020-21	School 2021-22	District 2020-21	District 2021-22	State 2020-21	State 2021-22
Science (grades 5, 8 and high school)	NT		NT	13.34	28.5	29.47

2021-22 CAASPP Test Results in Science by Student Group

This table displays CAASPP test results in Science by student group for students grades five, eight, and High School. 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.

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

B. Pupil Outcomes

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.

2021-22 California Physical Fitness Test Results

This table displays the percentage of students participating in each of the five fitness components of the California Physical Fitness Test Results. Due to changes to the 2021-22 PFT administration, only participation results are required for these five fitness areas. Percentages are not calculated and double dashes (--) appear in the table 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.

Grade Level	Component 1: Aerobic Capacity	Component 2: Abdominal Strength and Endurance	Component 3: Trunk Extensor and Strength and Flexibility	Component 4: Upper Body Strength and Endurance	Component 5: Flexibility
Grade 5	--	--	--	--	--
Grade 7	--	--	--	--	--

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 regarding the school district and at each school site.

2022-23 Opportunities for Parental Involvement

Parent involvement program

At Palmdale Discovery Center, we encourage parents to be active participants in their child's education. Parent involvement is observed through the following activities: family nights, school and district committees, IEP teams, parent workshops, district parenting partnership programs, parent advisory council, and school site council. Our parent community liaison and leadership coordinate and facilitate parent involvement opportunities.

Parents also work with classroom teacher and DIS professionals to ensure that they have the appropriate materials and training to provide similar strategies for their children across environments, and this includes in the home environment.

2021-22 Chronic Absenteeism by Student Group

Student Group	Cumulative Enrollment	Chronic Absenteeism Eligible Enrollment	Chronic Absenteeism Count	Chronic Absenteeism Rate
All Students	176	166	112	67.5
Female	32	28	20	71.4
Male	144	138	92	66.7
American Indian or Alaska Native	1	1	0	0.0
Asian	2	2	1	50.0
Black or African American	34	29	20	69.0
Filipino	4	4	3	75.0
Hispanic or Latino	118	114	75	65.8
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0.0
Two or More Races	1	1	1	100.0
White	15	14	11	78.6
English Learners	14	14	10	71.4
Foster Youth	9	9	7	77.8
Homeless	2	2	2	100.0
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	142	133	94	70.7
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	1	1	1	100.0
Students with Disabilities	176	166	112	67.5

C. Engagement

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

This table displays suspensions and expulsions data collected between July through February, partial school year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The 2019-20 suspensions and expulsions rate data are not comparable to other year data because the 2019-20 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 2019-20 school year compared to other school years.

Subject	School 2019-20	District 2019-20	State 2019-20
Suspensions	0.00	4.30	2.45
Expulsions	0.00	0.06	0.05

This table displays suspensions and expulsions data collected between July through June, each full school year respectively. Data collected during the 2020-21 school year may not be comparable to earlier years of this collection due to differences in learning mode instruction in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Subject	School 2020-21	School 2021-22	District 2020-21	District 2021-22	State 2020-21	State 2021-22
Suspensions	0.00	0.00	0.06	5.41	0.20	3.17
Expulsions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.11	0.00	0.07

2021-22 Suspensions and Expulsions by Student Group

Student Group	Suspensions Rate	Expulsions Rate
All Students	0.00	0.00
Female	0.00	0.00
Male	0.00	0.00
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.00	0.00
Asian	0.00	0.00
Black or African American	0.00	0.00
Filipino	0.00	0.00
Hispanic or Latino	0.00	0.00
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.00	0.00
Two or More Races	0.00	0.00
White	0.00	0.00
English Learners	0.00	0.00
Foster Youth	0.00	0.00
Homeless	0.00	0.00
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	0.00	0.00
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	0.00	0.00
Students with Disabilities	0.00	0.00

2022-23 School Safety Plan

Palmdale Discovery Center is a school site, which resides on the same property campus of another school site. Our last school site safety plan was last annually approved by the school board in spring of 2022. The current safety plan includes information and protocols/practices for the Pandemic. The safety committee and school stakeholders will be reviewing the safety plan currently and will be updating it annually.

D. Other SARC Information Information Required in the SARC

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

2019-20 Elementary Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution

This table displays the 2019-20 average class size and class size distribution. The columns titled "Number of Classes" indicates how many classes fall into each size category (a range of total students per class). The "Other" category is for multi-grade level classes.

Grade Level	Average Class Size	Number of Classes with 1-20 Students	Number of Classes with 21-32 Students	Number of Classes with 33+ Students
3	8	1		
6	4	1		
Other	9	11		

2020-21 Elementary Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution

This table displays the 2020-21 average class size and class size distribution. The columns titled "Number of Classes" indicates how many classes fall into each size category (a range of total students per class). The "Other" category is for multi-grade level classes.

Grade Level	Average Class Size	Number of Classes with 1-20 Students	Number of Classes with 21-32 Students	Number of Classes with 33+ Students
6	5	1		
Other	10	12		

2021-22 Elementary Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution

This table displays the 2021-22 average class size and class size distribution. The columns titled "Number of Classes" indicates how many classes fall into each size category (a range of total students per class). The "Other" category is for multi-grade level classes.

Grade Level	Average Class Size	Number of Classes with 1-20 Students	Number of Classes with 21-32 Students	Number of Classes with 33+ Students
K	7	4		
1	1	1		
2	1	1		
3	1	2		
4	1	1		
Other	8	12		

2021-22 Ratio of Pupils to Academic Counselor

This table displays the ratio of pupils to Academic Counselor. 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.

Title	Ratio
Pupils to Academic Counselor	0

2021-22 Student Support Services Staff

This table displays the number of FTE support staff assigned to this school. 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.

Title	Number of FTE Assigned to School
Counselor (Academic, Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	
Psychologist	2.5
Social Worker	
Nurse	0.5
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	5.5
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)	
Other	12.0

2020-21 Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries

This table displays the 2020-21 expenditures per pupil and average teacher salary for this school. Cells with N/A values do not require data.

Level	Total Expenditures Per Pupil	Expenditures Per Pupil (Restricted)	Expenditures Per Pupil (Unrestricted)	Average Teacher Salary
School Site	\$50,357	\$9,360	\$40,997	\$95,008
District	N/A	N/A	\$3,294	\$83,539
Percent Difference - School Site and District	N/A	N/A	170.3	12.8
State	N/A	N/A	\$6,594	\$87,271
Percent Difference - School Site and State	N/A	N/A	144.6	8.5

2021-22 Types of Services Funded

Palmdale Discovery Center is a special education center. All special education services are funded including: speech and language services, adapted physical education, occupational therapy, health and nursing, and special circumstance instructional assistance. Palmdale Discovery Center has 19 classrooms for moderate to severe students and 2 classrooms for students with moderate disabilities. Our moderate to severe program uses a functional curriculum supported by supplemental curriculum in all academic areas. Our moderate program uses a combination of functional skills curriculum and state standards modified to fit the needs of each individual. We use the ABA (Applied Behavior Analysis) approach for our instruction and research based methods for teaching students with autism. We provide all of our designated instructional services within the classrooms at our site.

2020-21 Teacher and Administrative Salaries

This table displays the 2020-21 Teacher and Administrative salaries. For detailed information on salaries, see the CDE Certification Salaries & Benefits web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/>.

Category	District Amount	State Average for Districts in Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$50,652	\$52,641
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$80,869	\$83,981
Highest Teacher Salary	\$113,227	\$107,522
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)	\$126,034	\$136,247
Average Principal Salary (Middle)	\$130,843	\$142,248
Average Principal Salary (High)		\$139,199
Superintendent Salary	\$251,125	\$242,166
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	28%	34%
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	6%	5%

Professional Development

All staff members attend weekly training that is provided on campus. The training sessions are a combination of didactic and hands-on activities with coaching. Training takes place prior to students arriving to class so that skills can be learned and practiced immediately following the training sessions taking place in an authentic environment.

PROGRAM ELEMENTS

- Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)-Methodologies (beginning through advanced)
- Functional Assessment
- Positive Behavior Support Evaluative data Collection
- Reinforcement and Reward Systems
- Discrete Trial Teaching
- Picture Exchange Communication
- District adopted curriculum aligned with CAPA standards
- Social Skills Training
- Visual Schedules
- Augmentative Communication
- Pivotal Response Training (staff trained by the Koegel institute)
- Promotion of Generalized Behavior across environments
- Effective Classroom Management
- Structured Teaching and Functional Curriculum
- Inclusive Education Opportunities

The ABA Approach

With the use of functional assessment of the relationship between a targeted behavior and the environment, the methods of ABA can be used to change overt inappropriate behaviors; thus leading to students' abilities to be learners.

Classroom instruction individualized for each student with highly qualified staff in a small group setting

Instructional strategies and practices that are research based

A team focused on social skills development and inclusion

A language and sensory enriched program

ABA, DTT, PRT, PECS

This table displays the number of school days dedicated to staff development and continuous improvement.

Subject	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Number of school days dedicated to Staff Development and Continuous Improvement	12	20	21