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School Description

Dr. J. Michael McGrath Elementary School is one of ten schools in the Newhall School District. It is located in the Santa Clarita Valley north of Los Angeles. McGrath consists of a core building housing the library, multipurpose room, and school offices; three two-story classroom buildings connected by walkways surrounding the core building; four portable classrooms; a kindergarten building; and a preschool facility. The certificated staff includes the principal, one full time assistant principal, one part-time assistant principal, fourteen full-time classroom teachers in the Hybrid model, twenty-three full-time classroom teachers in the DLA program (Distance Learning Academy), one full-time Teacher on Special Assignment Tier II/III Intervention Teacher, one .80 Tier II/III Intervention Teacher, two part-time (.47) Tier II/III intervention teachers, one full-time Special Education teacher, one full-time Resource Specialist Program (RSP) teacher, a part-time RSP Teacher and two orchestra teachers one day a week, a choral music teacher one day a week, and an itinerant art teacher for grades 3rd - 6th. Support staff includes a full-time school psychologist, a full-time school counselor, a part-time counselor, three part-time Speech/Language contracted service providers, seven safety supervisors, three full-time Behavior Support Specialists (BSS), two part-time itinerant Occupational Therapist (OT), and an itinerant Adaptive Physical Education (APE) teacher. Office staff consists of the office manager, one part-time office assistant, one part-time health assistant, one full-time community outreach, one part-time English Language Assistant, a full-time Technology Site Support Technician and a production center coordinator. Reduced class sizes are in kindergarten through third grade and the average class size is 24. A State preschool program operates in its own building on campus, offering both morning and afternoon sessions. McGrath receives federal funds in addition to the state funding allocated by the District. All funding sources are incorporated into the School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) and overseen by the School Site Council. These funding sources support the School Plan's academic improvement goals. All students in K-6 who are at-risk or in need of support and/or intervention have access to the programs funded with federal money.

The school serves a residential population in the Newhall community. Housing in the community includes apartments, condominiums, single-family homes, and mobile homes. The current enrollment is 948 students. The school's English Language Learner (ELL) population represents 29% of the total student body; the socio-economically disadvantaged population represents 62% of the total school population, and the students with disabilities population represents 11% of the school population.

To meet the varied academic, social and emotional needs of all of our students, McGrath Elementary has specialized school programs for its students including Gifted and Talented Education (GATE), Response to Intervention (RTI), After School Enrichment and Safety Program (ASES), After School Academy (ASA), Before School Academy (BSA), grade level Homework Clubs, school-wide technology initiatives, counseling services, Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS), Kelso's Choices, social skills groups, a theme of the month that promotes a Growth Mindset, a Student Council, STAR students, as well as awards for attendance and academic achievement. At our school, our community comes together so that students achieve success every day. We provide a safe environment for our students to thrive and reach their potential.

To support our programs at McGrath, we build capacity within our staff and as a result have many leadership teams on campus to support continued staff and student growth. The Grade Level Team Leaders (TL), Response to Intervention Team (RTI), Instructional Leadership Team (ILT), Positive Behavior Intervention and Support Team (PBIS), and English Learner Teacher Lead, are committed to working together to examine student performance data. The results of those analyses inform teaching, inquiry cycles, and support programs and practices to eliminate achievement gaps or extend learning. Trends also dictate the focus of future professional development for teachers.

In addition, when on site, our school's orderly, purposeful, child-centered environment is conducive to learning and achievement and continues to welcome students, parents and community members. The spirit on campus is inclusive and students are eager to share their school life with those important to them and those who reach out to support them. When on site, families of children volunteer in our classrooms and production center. Parents and guardians also serve on our Parent Teacher Association (PTA), our School Site Council (SSC) and our English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC). We include parents in school events such as the Welcome to McGrath Orientation, Back to School Night, Pajamarama, the annual 6th grade softball game, field trips, and the annual Halloween Parade. We also partner with the community. The City of Santa Clarita provides Family Movie Nights for our families. College of the Canyons Performing Arts Center (COC PAC) provides "bus-in" field trips and workshops, and the SCV Education Foundation provides the Bag of Books program as well as Read with Me! volunteers who support reading in classrooms and tutor students on campus. Costco and Walmart donate backpacks and school supplies to support our students' education. In addition, the Assistance League of Santa Clarita Valley provides clothing to our students through Operation School Bell. Other McGrath community supporters include the City of Santa Clarita Library, Community Center and Homework Help Center, Boys and Girls Club, Santa Clarita Valley YMCA, Samuel Dixon Health Center, The Salvation Army, Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles, Child and Family Center, Children's Bureau, Placerita Canyon Nature Center, Wm. S. Hart Museum, Santa Clarita Valley School Food Services Agency and the SCV Sheriff's Department.

These efforts have resulted in McGrath receiving the Title I Achieving Schools Award six years in a row from 2008 – 2013. The school has also been named a California Business for Education Honor Roll School six years in a row, 2009 – 2014. McGrath was designated a California Distinguished School in the Spring of 2010 for its outstanding academic achievement and for closing the achievement gap for all significant subgroups. Finally, McGrath School received the highest national award when it was designated as a National Blue Ribbon School for the 2010/2011 school-year. In 2019, McGrath was named a top Los Angeles Public Innovates School.

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
Kindergarten	67
Grade 1	70
Grade 2	82
Grade 3	92
Grade 4	86
Grade 5	111
Grade 6	96
Total Enrollment	604

2019-20 Student Enrollment by Group

Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	5.5
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.3
Asian	2.2
Filipino	3.1
Hispanic or Latino	82
White	4.8
Two or More Races	2
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	86.8
English Learners	42.5
Students with Disabilities	14.6
Foster Youth	1
Homeless	2.6

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 Dr. J. Michael McGrath	18-19	19-20	20-21
With Full Credential	26	25	38
Without Full Credential	2	0	0
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	0	0	0

Teacher Credentials for Newhall School District	18-19	19-20	20-21
With Full Credential	♦	♦	257
Without Full Credential	♦	♦	1
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	♦	♦	0

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions at Dr. J. Michael McGrath Elementary

Indicator	18-19	19-20	20-21
Teachers of English Learners	0	0	0
Total Teacher Misassignments*	0	0	0
Vacant Teacher Positions	0	1	2

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)

Textbooks and Instructional Materials

Year and month in which data were collected: December 2020

Core Curriculum Area	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/Year of Adoption
Reading/Language Arts	Benchmark Advance, 2017, Benchmark Education Company The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0
Mathematics	Bridges, Math Learning Center (K-5), adopted May 2016 College Preparatory Math (6), adopted May 2016 *During the Covid-19 pandemic, digital learning curriculum was purchased for use in the 20-21 school year: Carnegie Math (gr 6) The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0
Science	Harcourt Science (K-2, and 6) and Prentice Hall Science Explorer (6), adopted Spring 2008 STEMscopes (TK-6), approved spring 2016 *During the Covid-19 pandemic, digital learning curriculum was purchased for use in the 20-21 school year: Twig Science (TK-5) Smart NGSS (gr 6) The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0
History-Social Science	Harcourt Brace Social Studies (K-6), adopted Spring 2007 *During the Covid-19 pandemic, at-home materials were purchased for use in the 20-21 school year: Studies Weekly (K-6) 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)

The Newhall School District is very concerned about the safety of our students, staff, parents, and community members. The following outlines the various steps the Newhall School District takes to ensure we have clean, safe, and well maintained schools.

Cleanliness

The Newhall School District provides custodial staffing so that every classroom at every school can be cleaned daily. We also clean all Preschools and Kindergarten bathrooms and offices on a daily basis. Our Director of Facilities, Maintenance, and Operations (FMO) routinely inspects our schools to ensure they are kept in a clean, safe and orderly condition. Our custodial staff has been directed to notify the school Principal or Office Manager of any safety hazard or maintenance issue that requires immediate attention. The Office Manager will submit a work order via our net-based work order program where the Director FMO reviews and distributes work orders to maintenance staff. Safety related work orders are labeled number one priority!

Weekly School Visits / Inspections

The Director FMO visits and inspects two schools every week

Security

We ask that all parents and visitors check in with the main office at each school. The district also utilizes a Visitor Management System (LobbyGuard) to screen visitors. To assist staff in communicating on site, two-way radios are used by administrative staff, office staff, and safety supervisors. Each school provides playground supervision to ensure our students are properly supervised during recess and identify any safety or security concerns to the school administrative team.

Age of Schools

The Newhall School District includes 10 schools. Our newest school was constructed in 2005-2006. Eight schools are either less than 13 years old or have been “modernized” with local and State bond funds. “Modernization” may include utility infrastructure replacement, new carpeting, new lights, new windows and doors, new locks, new interior and/or exterior wall paneling, fire alarms, communications systems, internet infrastructure to all classrooms, storage, roof replacement, interior/exterior painting, library renovation, and bathroom renovation.

The district successfully passed Measure E, a \$60 million school construction and modernization bond, in 2011. Projects include the replacement of aging portable classrooms with permanent buildings, the renovation of Newhall Elementary School auditorium, upgrades to the district infrastructure including technology, energy management, communications and utility controls. A significant investment in classroom technology has been completed.

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: 12/11/2020

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	Fair	
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	Fair	
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	47	N/A	69	N/A	50	N/A
Math	44	N/A	69	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	31	N/A	54	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)

One of the Newhall School District's main goals is to build a partnership among all stakeholders in supporting student achievement. Parents are critical stakeholders as they are their child's first teachers and are important partners in helping their child succeed. They attend school events, conference with teachers, ensure homework is completed and, overall, serve as the primary stewards of their children's education.

McGrath Elementary School has put in place the following parent-engagement activities during Distance Learning based on parent feedback:

- Santa Clarita Public Library Online Services
- Parent Coaching
- Kindergarten orientation
- Back-to-School grade level presentations and classroom previews, grades K through 6th
- Parent/Teacher Conferences in November and March
- Grade level workshops are held throughout the year for parents – topics include reading at home, how to help with homework, California State Standards for language arts and math as well as technology
- Student celebration assemblies are held three times a year surrounding achievement, attendance and character
- Parent workshops are conducted through ELAC and PTA throughout the year
- A combined PTA/ELAC/SSC workshop is held two times throughout the year to give input into the District's LCAP plan draft plan before submission
- Pajamarama Reading Night
- Bingo for Books Family Event
- Read Across America Family Events
- Family Movie Nights
- Monthly Family Restaurant Nights
- PTA Reflections Art Contest

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)

Every school in the Newhall School District has a comprehensive safety plan that is reviewed and updated annually. For further information please contact Sheri Staszewski, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, at (661) 291-4166.

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	3.4	1.1	1.1	0.8	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	0.6	0.4	
Expulsions	0.0	0.0	

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*	NA

*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)	1.0
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	NA
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	.63
Psychologist	1
Social Worker	0
Nurse	.25
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	0
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)	1.5
Other	.36

*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 (Elementary)

Grade Level	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+
K	25		4		23	1	3	3	22			
1	24		4		24		3		23		3	
2	22		3		25		4		24	3		
3	24		5		23		4		24		3	
4	32		3		27		4		27		3	
5	27		4		32		1	2	27		4	
6	34			3	24	1	4		32		3	
Other**					8	1			13	2	1	

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

** "Other" category is for multi-grade level classes.

Professional Development (Most Recent Three Years)

Measure	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Number of school days dedicated to Staff Development and Continuous Improvement	122.75	71.5	40

The Newhall School District continuously seeks to offer its staff growth opportunities through training, coaching, and conferences. District staff includes:

- All classroom teachers
- Non-classroom teachers
- Paraprofessionals (instructional aides, teacher assistants, etc.)
- Non-instructional support staff (clerical, custodial, technology, etc.)

Whether a teacher, administrator, academic or office support contributor, we strive to give our professionals occasions to progress. The Number of school days dedicated to staff development and continuous improvement noted above reflects the number of training events offered by the District to staff throughout the school year. Training days may be only a couple hours, half-day, or full day. During these growth moments, qualified substitute teachers are in the classroom to ensure students' courses run smoothly and progress as planned. In all, we work to minimize the time classroom teachers are away from their sites.

Teacher Professional Development

The Newhall School District provides professional development to staff in an effort to enable all students to become proficient or advanced in the Common Core California academic content standards as measured by the CAASPP test. Ongoing efforts in staff development focus on English Language Arts, English Language Development, Mathematics, Science, Guided Language Acquisition Design, Depth and Complexity Icons, Thinking Maps, and the NSD Coherent Writing Program. In addition to these offerings, teachers have the opportunity to attend workshops in technology use and arts integration.

Professional development is designed to support the instructional shifts in English Language Arts and Mathematics under the California State Standards. The role of the classroom teacher shifts from an instructor to a facilitator of learning in this model. In this professional development, teachers are shown how to expect students to work collaboratively together to problem solve and communicate their learning based upon cited evidence and a deeper understanding of ideas. This instructional model demonstrates that student-to-student discourse is frequent and on-going throughout the arc of the lesson. Teachers engage in activities that illustrate how students must be given opportunities to explore and demonstrate their learning with manipulatives and other technology tools. Teachers engage in multiple professional development opportunities throughout the year and engage with Instructional Coaches to reinforce this work.

During the 20-21 school year, the district was operating under health guidelines due to the Covid-19 pandemic and professional development and the professional development focus was shifted in order to meet immediate needs. Teachers and staff were provided technology training in order to support a digital instructional model and use of various applications and digital curriculum. All professional development was conducted virtually and subsequently supported by weekly coaching office hours, an E-Learning site, and team and individual coaching meetings. No training was conducted during instructional time. In addition, a self-paced learning module was created as an additional way to support teacher needs, specifically in the area of science.

Newhall School District's Coherent Writing Program (CWP) is another example of high quality and ongoing professional development provided to all teachers within the Newhall School District. Implementing the CWP entails comprehensive professional development; teachers receive an initial presentation (by teacher-leaders from the CWP's Writing Professional Development Committee) on a given genre, teach the genre to students, return for a follow-up session to score and analyze student work, and finally, administer a formative (benchmark) assessment, using the results to effect improved performance. All new teachers or teachers new to a grade level receive this training on three genres. After a full year of professional development, teachers attend "tune-up" sessions in subsequent years to learn/share new strategies through examination of their students' work. Overall, the intent is to increase teachers' sophistication in their pedagogy, year-to-year.

Thinking Maps, Tools for Learning is an additional high quality professional development opportunity for teachers within the Newhall School District. It is a powerful and distinctive thirty-hour hands-on course that provides teachers with a series of dynamic learning experiences in the 8 fundamental thinking processes. The course provides an intense study of visual-verbal learning maps, each based on a set of tools showing relationships. This course is carefully crafted, giving teachers the tools that enable them to promote continuous cognitive development. Thinking Maps can be used consistently across disciplines and grade levels to advance integrated thinking and interdisciplinary learning.

Depth and Complexity Icon Training is also offered through the district. This training gives teachers additional differentiation strategies to use. The strategies help students use high-level thinking skills to analyze text and write responses.

The Induction Program provides an effective transition into the teaching career for first- and second-year teachers. Each new teacher is paired with a support provider who provides intensive individualized support and assistance. An induction plan is in place for each participating beginning teacher and is based on an ongoing assessment of the development of the beginning teacher. This program ensures continuous improvement through ongoing research, development, and evaluation for the first two years of teacher service. Additionally, Newhall School District provides coaching opportunities before and during the school year to teachers new to the district (either beginning teachers or teachers coming from other districts). Administrators monitor and meet with new teachers over the course of the year, both individually and as a group, to provide an opportunity to ask questions, discuss needs, and clarify school goals and priorities.

FY 2018-19 Teacher and Administrative Salaries

Category	District Amount	State Average for Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$50,078	\$51,004
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$72,503	\$82,919
Highest Teacher Salary	\$94,756	\$104,604
Average Principal Salary (ES)	\$128,875	\$131,277
Average Principal Salary (MS)		\$136,163
Average Principal Salary (HS)		\$128,660
Superintendent Salary	\$200,000	\$230,860

Percent of District Budget	District Amount	State Average for Districts In Same Category
Teacher Salaries	36.0	35.0
Administrative Salaries	6.0	5.0

* 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	11704.42	3660.30	8044.12	70118.70
District	N/A	N/A	7960.92	\$75,918
State	N/A	N/A	\$7,750	\$84,183

Percent Differences	Unrestricted	Average Teacher Salary
School Site/District	1.0	-7.9
School Site/ State	3.7	-18.2

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

Types of Services Funded

- SITE: Instructional materials, school supplies, computer software
- SITE SUPPLEMENTAL: RTI Tier II & Tier III Teachers
- Title I: TOSA, Teachers, Translators, computer software, books, supplies
- Title III/LEP: Teachers, Translators
- INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES: Teacher training, Substitutes
- ASES: After school academic support and enrichment teachers and supplies
- LOTTERY: Science Materials

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.