Pioneer Middle School

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				
School Name	Pioneer Middle School			
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School Website	https://pioneer.portervilleschools.org/			
County-District-School (CDS) Code	54-75523-6054266			

2022-23 District Contact Information				
District Name	Porterville Unified School District			
Phone Number	(559) 793-2400			
Superintendent	Nate Nelson, Ed.D.			
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2022-23 School Overview

Principal's Message:

Our mission at Pioneer Middle School is to provide an array of opportunities and experiences that will produce confident, competitive, and successful scholars. Scholars will be equipped with the 21st century skills needed to be college and career ready, furthermore, we firmly believe it is equally important to practice good character and be model citizens. Finally, Pioneer scholars understand that through their growth mindset, their abilities will be developed and enhanced through effort, perseverance, and hard work.

The staff at Pioneer Middle School are educators who value and understand the importance of working with young adolescent minds. As a professional learning community, we strive for continuous improvement in all areas. Teachers are continuously engaged in collaboration and reflective dialogue that enables them to examine their practices with the ultimate goal of improving student achievement. Pioneer continually strives to create a college-bound academic culture where students play a major role in their own learning and education.

Finally, we strive in establishing productive partnerships with parents and all stakeholders to ensure all students achieve their highest potential. We recognize that in order to be successful in school, our students need support from home, school, and the community. We know strong partnerships with stakeholders make a great difference in children's education. I look forward to having a productive, fun, and successful school year with high-expectations for the entire Pioneer community.

Community & School Profile

Porterville, lying along the foothills of the Sierras, is located on State Highway 65, 165 miles north of Los Angeles, and 171 miles east of the Pacific Coast. Centrally located to major markets, the city has strategic access to major transportation routes. Porterville Unified School District serves over 14,000 students throughout the community, as well as the town of Strathmore. The district is comprised of ten elementary schools, three middle schools, four comprehensive high schools, three dependent charter schools, one continuation high school, and one alternative site. Centrally located within city limits, Pioneer Middle School serves students in grades six, seven, and eight on a traditional calendar schedule.

2022-23 School Overview

During the 2021-2022 school year, approximately 743 students were enrolled at the school.

About this School

2021-22 Student Enrollment by Grade Level

Grade Level	Number of Students
Grade 6	211
Grade 7	262
Grade 8	284
Total Enrollment	757

2021-22 Student Enrollment by Student Group

Student Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Female	51.7
Male	48.3
American Indian or Alaska Native	7.8
Asian	0.7
Black or African American	0.4
Filipino	0.5
Hispanic or Latino	84.7
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.3
Two or More Races	0.7
White	4.4
English Learners	23.6
Foster Youth	0.0
Homeless	0.5
Migrant	10.8
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	93.4
Students with Disabilities	5.4

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)	29.00	82.86	498.10	80.41	228366.10	83.12
Intern Credential Holders Properly Assigned	0.20	0.71	27.90	4.52	4205.90	1.53
Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments ("ineffective" under ESSA)	3.50	10.00	33.10	5.34	11216.70	4.08
Credentialed Teachers Assigned Out-of- Field ("out-of-field" under ESSA)	1.30	3.80	42.40	6.85	12115.80	4.41
Unknown	0.90	2.60	17.80	2.88	18854.30	6.86
Total Teaching Positions	35.00	100.00	619.40	100.00	274759.10	100.00

2021-22 data was not included as part of the initial release of data on 1/13/23. The CDE has indicated that the data will be available after the 2/1/23 SARC deadline. The data will be populated when it is published by the CDE.

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)						
Intern Credential Holders Properly Assigned						
Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments ("ineffective" under ESSA)						
Credentialed Teachers Assigned Out-of- Field ("out-of-field" under ESSA)						
Unknown						
Total Teaching Positions						

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Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments (considered "ineffective" under ESSA)

Authorization/Assignment	2020-21	2021-22
Permits and Waivers	2.00	
Misassignments	1.50	
Vacant Positions	0.00	
Total Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments	3.50	

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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	
Local Assignment Options	1.30	
Total Out-of-Field Teachers	1.30	

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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)	4.80	
No credential, permit or authorization to teach (a percentage of all the classes taught by teachers with no record of an authorization to teach)	7.70	

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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

Porterville Unified School District held a Public Hearing on August 26, 2021 and determined that each school has sufficient and good quality textbooks, instructional materials, or science lab equipment pursuant to the settlement of Williams vs. the State of California. All students, including English Learners, are given their own individual standards-aligned textbooks or instructional materials, or both, in core subjects for use in the classroom and to take home. The chart below displays data collected regarding textbooks in use during the 2021-2022 school year.

Year and month in which the data were collected	August 2022

Subject	Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials/year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption ?	Percent Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
Reading/Language Arts	Pearson Adopted 2020 Wright Group	Yes	0.0%
	Adopted 2003 Wonders ELA (6th grade) Adopted 2016		2.20
Mathematics	Houghton Mifflin, Larson Big Ideas Adopted 2016	Yes	0.0%
Science	Accelerate Learning, STEMscopes/Adopted 2022	Yes	0.0%
History-Social Science	Cengage, National Geographic Learning/Adopted 2022	Yes	0.0%
Foreign Language			
Health	Positive Prevention PLUS/Adopted 2015	Yes	0%
Visual and Performing Arts			
Science Laboratory Equipment (grades 9-12)			

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements

Pioneer Middle School, originally constructed in the 1950s, is currently comprised of 35 classrooms (including 17 portables), a library, one staff room, a cafeteria/multi-purpose room, one athletic field, and the main office. All facilities have been modernized and upgraded throughout the years.

The most recent renovations to the campus occurred September 12, 2019, and included the construction of a county-sponsored, multi-million dollar Special Education facility. The state-of-the-art building replaced a number of older portable classrooms on the property and serves the needs of numerous students throughout the district. The chart displays the results of the most recent school facilities inspection.

Cleaning Process

The school provides a safe and clean environment for students, staff, and volunteers. The district governing board has adopted cleaning standards for all schools in the district. Basic cleaning operations are performed on a daily basis throughout the school year with emphasis on classrooms and restrooms. A joint effort between students and staff helps keep the campus clean and litter-free.

Maintenance & Repair

A scheduled maintenance program is administered by the school's custodial staff on a regular basis, with heavy maintenance functions occurring during vacation periods. Additionally, a scheduled maintenance program is administered by the district to ensure that school grounds and facilities remain in excellent repair. A work order process is used when issues arise that require immediate attention. Emergency repairs are given the highest priority; repair requests are completed efficiently and in the order in which they are received.

Year and month of the most recent FIT report

September 2022

System Inspected	Rate Good		
Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	Χ		

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements								
Interior: Interior Surfaces			X	holes in the tile holes in wall - ceiling tiles need repl curtain rails floor tiles curtains dirty loose baseboard torn wallpaper broken mirror missing carpet				
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/Vermin Infestation	Х							
Electrical		X		projector mount old clock - unsecured wires light out exposed wires in ceiling light outside out missing cap on sensor dim lights				
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains		X		loose faucet drinking faucet is out leak in restroom - slow valve drinking faucet don't work no water pressure at faucet malfunction sink missing hand sanitizer dispenser faucet not working - faucet stays on a long time leak in valve - holes in wall - bad odor				
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	Χ							
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	Х							
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	Х							

Overall Facility Rate			
Exemplary	Good	Fair	Poor
		Х	

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	36	N/A	40	N/A	47
Mathematics (grades 3-8 and 11)	N/A	15	N/A	23	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	764	755	98.82	1.18	35.59
Female	387	384	99.22	0.78	41.62
Male	377	371	98.41	1.59	29.38
American Indian or Alaska Native	57	53	92.98	7.02	13.21
Asian					
Black or African American					
Filipino					
Hispanic or Latino	649	645	99.38	0.62	37.64
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander					
Two or More Races	12	12	100.00	0.00	33.33
White	33	32	96.97	3.03	31.25
English Learners	179	179	100.00	0.00	10.06
Foster Youth	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Homeless	15	13	86.67	13.33	7.69
Military	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	715	706	98.74	1.26	33.66
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	89	89	100.00	0.00	33.71
Students with Disabilities	43	41	95.35	4.65	2.50

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	763	748	98.03	1.97	14.61
Female	386	379	98.19	1.81	15.04
Male	377	369	97.88	2.12	14.17
American Indian or Alaska Native	57	54	94.74	5.26	7.41
Asian					
Black or African American					
Filipino					
Hispanic or Latino	649	638	98.31	1.69	15.09
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander					
Two or More Races	11	11	100.00	0.00	9.09
White	33	32	96.97	3.03	12.50
English Learners	179	178	99.44	0.56	5.08
Foster Youth	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Homeless	15	14	93.33	6.67	7.69
Military	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	715	700	97.90	2.10	13.90
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	89	89	100.00	0.00	14.77
Students with Disabilities	43	37	86.05	13.95	10.81

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	School	District	District	State	State
	2020-21	2021-22	2020-21	2021-22	2020-21	2021-22
Science (grades 5, 8 and high school)	NT	11.79	NT	17.02	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	287	281	97.91	2.09	11.79
Female	155	153	98.71	1.29	5.92
Male	132	128	96.97	3.03	18.75
American Indian or Alaska Native	15	13	86.67	13.33	15.38
Asian					
Black or African American					
Filipino					
Hispanic or Latino	249	246	98.8	1.2	10.61
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0
Two or More Races					
White	16	15	93.75	6.25	20
English Learners	65	65	100	0	1.56
Foster Youth	0	0	0	0	0
Homeless					
Military	0	0	0	0	0
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	267	261	97.75	2.25	10.38
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	37	37	100	0	10.81
Students with Disabilities	18	16	88.89	11.11	0

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	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Grade 7	28	29	28	29	29
Grade 9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

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

Pioneer maintains connections with parents and community based agencies that serve our student and families with health, counseling, and other services as needed. In addition, we have family liaisons and social workers that assist and provide resources to our families and students who are in need of support. All parents are encouraged to attend school-wide activities and events so that they will assist our students throughout their educational experience. Every two years Pioneer Middle School has a school-wide parent election to elect parent members for the School Site Council (SSC) and the English Learner Advisory Committee. During SSC/ELAC meetings, all members are trained to work as a decision-making group for school improvement. In addition, staff and parent representatives are also elected to participate in District Advisory Committee (DAC) and DELAC meetings. Parents are invited to participate in: SSC meetings, ELAC meetings, parental workshops throughout the year to gain knowledge and understand the public school system.

For the safety of our students, all volunteers are fingerprinted and cleared through the Department of Justice. Appointments are made with the school secretary.

2021-22 Chronic Absenteeism by Student Group

Student Group	Cumulative Enrollment	Chronic Absenteeism Eligible Enrollment	Chronic Absenteeism Count	Chronic Absenteeism Rate
All Students	793	774	288	37.2
Female	407	399	148	37.1
Male	386	375	140	37.3
American Indian or Alaska Native	59	57	43	75.4
Asian	5	5	1	20.0
Black or African American	3	3	3	100.0
Filipino	4	4	1	25.0
Hispanic or Latino	673	658	214	32.5
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	2	2	1	50.0
Two or More Races	5	5	4	80.0
White	36	34	20	58.8
English Learners	196	193	58	30.1
Foster Youth	4	2	0	0.0
Homeless	17	16	14	87.5
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	743	727	278	38.2
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	94	91	19	20.9
Students with Disabilities	48	44	23	52.3

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	2.09	3.95	2.45
Expulsions	0.49	0.25	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	0.76	0.19	2.05	0.20	3.17
Expulsions	0.00	0.13	0.01	0.09	0.00	0.07

2021-22 Suspensions and Expulsions by Student Group

Student Group	Suspensions Rate	Expulsions Rate
All Students	0.76	0.13
Female	1.23	0.00
Male	0.26	0.26
American Indian or Alaska Native	8.47	1.69
Asian	0.00	0.00
Black or African American	0.00	0.00
Filipino	0.00	0.00
Hispanic or Latino	0.15	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	0.51	0.00
Foster Youth	0.00	0.00
Homeless	5.88	5.88
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	0.67	0.13
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	1.06	0.00
Students with Disabilities	0.00	0.00

2022-23 School Safety Plan

The safety of students and staff is a primary concern of Pioneer Middle School. Teachers and administrators supervise students on campus before and after school and during recess. Noon duty supervisors monitor students during the lunch break. All visitors must sign in at the Pioneer Middle School office and receive proper authorization to be on campus. Visitors are asked by the staff to display their pass at all times. For the safety of our students, ALL volunteers are fingerprinted and cleared through the Department of Justice. All appointments are made with the school secretary and HR.

The School Site Safety Plan was most recently reviewed in February 2022 by the Safety Committee. Key elements of the plan focus on emergency preparedness. The school is in compliance with the laws, rules, and regulations pertaining to hazardous materials and state earthquake standards. The school's disaster preparedness plan includes steps for ensuring student and staff safety during a disaster. Emergency drills are held on a regular basis; fire drills are held once a month, earthquake and lock-down drills are held at least 4 times a year.

2019-20 Secondary 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 classroom). At the secondary school level, this information is reported by subject area rather than grade level.

Subject	Average Class Size	Number of Classes with 1-22 Students	Number of Classes with 23-32 Students	Number of Classes with 33+ Students
English Language Arts	23	15	13	5
Mathematics	24	10	17	
Science	28	3	18	3
Social Science	28	4	13	6

2020-21 Secondary 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 classroom). At the secondary school level, this information is reported by subject area rather than grade level.

Subject	Average Class Size	Number of Classes with 1-22 Students	Number of Classes with 23-32 Students	Number of Classes with 33+ Students
English Language Arts	23	13	23	
Mathematics	23	9	19	1
Science	29	3	14	3
Social Science	29		18	4

2021-22 Secondary 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 classroom). At the secondary school level, this information is reported by subject area rather than grade level.

Subject	Average Class Size	Number of Classes with 1-22 Students	Number of Classes with 23-32 Students	Number of Classes with 33+ Students
English Language Arts	20	22	15	1
Mathematics	21	16	12	1
Science	27	2	16	2
Social Science	28	1	19	2

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	757

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.

Number of FTE Assigned to School
1.0
0.3
0.3
0.3

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	\$7,542.38	\$1,564.90	\$5,977.48	\$81,481.61
District	N/A	N/A	\$3,120.68	\$87,181
Percent Difference - School Site and District	N/A	N/A	62.8%	6.8%
State	N/A	N/A	\$6,594	\$88,358
Percent Difference - School Site and State	N/A	N/A	-9.8	-17.9

2021-22 Types of Services Funded

In addition to general state funding, Porterville Unified School District received state and federal categorical funding for the following support programs:

- Title I, Basic Grant
- Title II, Teacher Quality & Technology
- Title III, Limited English Proficiency
- * Title IV Student Support & Academic Enrichment
- * Title VI, Indian, Native Hawaiian, and Alaska Native Education.

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	\$57,115	\$54,370
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$86,268	\$82,681
Highest Teacher Salary	\$111,404	\$106,610
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)	\$168,369	\$135,283
Average Principal Salary (Middle)	\$176,026	\$141,244
Average Principal Salary (High)	\$186,502	\$152,955
Superintendent Salary	\$256,208	\$264,367
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	27%	33%
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	4%	5%

Professional Development

A constructive evaluation process promotes quality instruction and is a fundamental element in a sound educational program. Evaluations and formal observations are designed to encourage common goals and to comply with the state's evaluation criteria and district policies. Temporary and probationary teachers are evaluated annually and tenured teachers are evaluated every other year.

Evaluations are conducted by site administrators, who have been trained and certified for competency to perform teacher evaluations. Evaluation criteria includes the following:

- Engaging and Supporting all Students in Learning
- Understanding and Organizing Subject Matter for Student Learning
- Assessing Student Learning
- Creating and Maintaining Effective Environments for Student Learning
- Planning Instruction and Designing Learning Experiences for all Students (Common Core Standards)
- Developing as a Professional Educator
- * Using Technology to enhance student learning
- * ELL Strategies

Staff members build teaching skills and concepts through participation in conferences, workshops, and PLC's throughout the year. For the past three years, the district has offered numerous staff development days. During this time, teachers are offered a broad-based variety of professional growth opportunities in curriculum, teaching strategies, and methodologies. The school uses the Best Practices teaching strategies and teachers are trained in the techniques each year.

For additional support in their profession, teachers may enlist the services of the district's Beginning Teacher Induction Program (TIP) facilitator and/or the IMPACT program.

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		5	5