



Sequoia Middle School

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Principal's Message

It is with great enthusiasm and excitement that I offer to everyone a Sequoia Hawk welcome. By attending our school you are beginning an incredible adventure in education. Our staff is working hard to bring our students the latest in computer technology development and also the "Best Educational Practices" in the classroom. We have high expectations and goals for all of our students. We believe that student success is strongly based upon parent support and involvement in the Sequoia community.

I truly hope that everyone has a successful year, as we are committed to providing our students with the very best learning environment possible. I urge everyone to make the most of their Sequoia Middle School experience and seize the opportunity to reach a new level of academic achievement.

We align our vision and mission with the district's goals and Graduate Outcomes:

PUSD students will have the skills and knowledge to be prepared for college and career and to make a positive impact in a dynamic global society.

The mission of PUSD is to provide students a dynamic, engaging and effective educational experience that prepares them with the skills to be productive citizens in a global society.

Expected Graduate Outcomes:

As a result, all students will develop and demonstrate:

- Critical thinking and problem solving skills
- Cultural awareness and the ability to collaborate with diverse groups
- Technical skills in digital media applications and information management
- Effective communication skills of listening, speaking and writing
- Creativity and innovation
- Leadership, self-management and organizational skills obtained through real world applications and community involvement
- Adaptability, responsibility and ethical behaviors
- The ability to navigate the global world of work and further their education

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.

Sequoia Middle School serves students in grades seven and eight on a traditional calendar schedule. Curriculum is based on improving literacy and mathematical comprehension. Additionally, we offer a variety of elective courses, cooking, robotics, media technology, yearbook, leadership, just to name a few. These courses create opportunities for students to explore different possible career pathways.

During the 2018-2019 school year, approximately 599 students, 305 seventh graders and 294 eighth graders, were enrolled at the school. Student demographics are displayed in the chart.

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, 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 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.

2018-19 Student Enrollment by Grade Level

Grade Level	Number of Students
Grade 7	297
Grade 8	287
Total Enrollment	584

2018-19 Student Enrollment by Group

Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	0.2
American Indian or Alaska Native	1.2
Asian	2.2
Filipino	0.7
Hispanic or Latino	74.7
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.3
White	17.8
Two or More Races	1.9
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	68.8
English Learners	14.7
Students with Disabilities	7.7
Foster Youth	0.3
Homeless	0.2

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 Sequoia Middle School	17-18	18-19	19-20
With Full Credential	25	23	24
Without Full Credential	2	5	3
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	1	3	2

Teacher Credentials for Porterville Unified	17-18	18-19	19-20
With Full Credential	♦	♦	584
Without Full Credential	♦	♦	64
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	♦	♦	17

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions at Sequoia Middle School

Indicator	17-18	18-19	19-20
Teachers of English Learners	0	0	0
Total Teacher Misassignments*	0	0	0
Vacant Teacher Positions	0	0	0

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

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

Quality, Currency, Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials (School Year 2019-20)

Porterville Unified School District held a Public Hearing on September 12, 2019 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 in August 2019, regarding textbooks in use during the 2019-2020 school year.

Textbooks and Instructional Materials

Year and month in which data were collected: August 2019

Core Curriculum Area	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/Year of Adoption
Reading/Language Arts	<p>McDougal Littell Adopted 2003</p> <p>Wright Group Adopted 2003</p> <p>The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0.0%</p>
Mathematics	<p>Houghton Mifflin Harcourt - Big Ideas Adopted 2015</p> <p>The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0.0%</p>
Science	<p>Glencoe Adopted 2001</p> <p>The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0.0%</p>
History-Social Science	<p>McDougal Littell Adopted 2007</p> <p>The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0.0%</p>
Health	<p>MacMillan/McGraw Hill Adopted 2006</p> <p>The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0.0%</p>

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

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements (Most Recent Year)

Sequoia Middle School is currently comprised of 27 classrooms, a library, a staff room, a multi-purpose room/cafeteria, two athletic fields, and the main office. The school's first year of operation was 2006-07, with construction of the new campus completed in 2006. The chart displays the results of the most recent school facilities inspection, provided by the district in June of 2019:

Thermostat not working in room 103, ceiling tile stained in room 202, counter top damaged in room 206, torn wall covering in room 209, lighting ballast out in room 104. The action to be taken: Our custodian will submit work orders to the district maintenance department.

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. The principal works with two full time custodians to develop sanitation schedules that ensure a clean, safe, and functional learning environment.

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. At the time of publication, 100% of the school's restrooms were in working order.

School Facility Good Repair Status (Most Recent Year)
Year and month in which data were collected: June 2019

System Inspected	Repair Status	Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	Good	Thermostat not working Rm. 103
Interior: Interior Surfaces	Good	Ceiling tiles stained need to be replaced Rm. 202; Counter top damaged Rm. 206; Torn wall covering Rm. 209
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/ Vermin Infestation	Good	
Electrical: Electrical	Good	Lighting ballast out Rm. 104
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	Good	
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	Good	
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	Good	
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	Good	
Overall Rating	Good	The action to be taken: Our custodian will submit work orders to the district maintenance department.

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 17-18	School 18-19	District 17-18	District 18-19	State 17-18	State 18-19
ELA	46	49	44	44	50	50
Math	27	30	27	28	38	39

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 Ten

Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standard

Subject	School 17-18	School 18-19	District 17-18	District 18-19	State 17-18	State 18-19
Science	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

Note: This is a placeholder for the California Science Test (CAST) which was administered operationally during the 2018-19 school year. However, these data are not available for inclusion in the 2018-19 SARC posting due February 1, 2020. These data will be included in the 2019-20 SARC posting due February 1, 2021.

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

2018-19 Percent of Students Meeting Fitness Standards

Grade Level	4 of 6	5 of 6	6 of 6
7	14.7	29.3	36.0

Note: 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.

**School Year 2018-19 CAASPP Assessment Results - English Language Arts (ELA)
Disaggregated by Student Groups, Grades Three through Eight and Eleven**

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	594	590	99.33	48.81
Male	322	321	99.69	44.86
Female	272	269	98.90	53.53
Black or African American	--	--	--	--
American Indian or Alaska Native	--	--	--	--
Asian	12	12	100.00	58.33
Filipino	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	444	440	99.10	45.23
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	--	--	--	--
White	111	111	100.00	63.06
Two or More Races	11	11	100.00	45.45
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	413	409	99.03	41.81
English Learners	174	171	98.28	26.32
Students with Disabilities	49	49	100.00	10.20
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	16	16	100.00	37.50
Foster Youth	--	--	--	--
Homeless	--	--	--	--

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

Note: Double dashes (--) appear in the table when the number of students is ten or less, either because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or to protect student privacy.

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

School Year 2018-19 CAASPP Assessment Results - Mathematics
Disaggregated by Student Groups, Grades Three through Eight and Eleven

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	594	592	99.66	30.07
Male	322	322	100.00	30.75
Female	272	270	99.26	29.26
Black or African American	--	--	--	--
American Indian or Alaska Native	--	--	--	--
Asian	12	12	100.00	58.33
Filipino	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	444	442	99.55	24.43
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	--	--	--	--
White	111	111	100.00	45.95
Two or More Races	11	11	100.00	45.45
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	413	411	99.52	22.38
English Learners	174	173	99.43	11.56
Students with Disabilities	49	49	100.00	2.04
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	16	16	100.00	31.25
Foster Youth	--	--	--	--
Homeless	--	--	--	--

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

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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 2019-20)

Parents and guardians have the right and should be given the opportunity to work in a mutually supportive and respectful partnership with the school to help their child succeed. Sequoia Middle School has a parental involvement policy and school compact.

Parents and guardians can support their child's learning environment by becoming involved in:

- School Site Council (SSC)
- English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC)
- Monitoring school attendance/grades on Aeries

*Attend parent/teacher conferences

*Attend student recognition assemblies

- Participating in extracurricular activities
- Monitoring and regulating electronic usage (television, cellphones, video games, etc.)
- Planning and participating in activities at home that are supportive of classroom activities
- Volunteering at school
- Participating in decision-making processes by attending School Site Council meetings

* Participating in formulating LCAP goals

* Support Clubs and competition (CyberQuest, Robotics, Science Fair, National History Day, Reading Club, Reading Revolution, Spelling Bee, and other county, state, and national competitions)

Contact Information

Parents who wish to participate in the school's leadership teams, school committees, school activities, or become a volunteer may contact the main office at (559) 788-0925. The district's website (www.portervilleschools.org) also provides a variety of helpful resources and information for parents, students, staff, and community members.

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

The safety of students and staff is a primary concern of Sequoia Middle School. Teachers and administrators supervise students on campus before and after school. During lunch and recesses, counselors, administrators, and class assistants monitor students. All visitors must sign in at the principal's office and receive proper authorization to be on campus. Visitors are asked by the staff to display their pass at all times. Additionally, all volunteers who may have opportunity to be alone with students are required to pass fingerprinting through the Porterville Unified School District Office through the Department of Justice. Appointments are made with the school secretary.

The School Site Safety Plan was most recently reviewed in Fall 2019 by the Safety Committee. Key elements of the plan focus on general safety and security, before-and after-school supervision, visitor check-in, and emergency drills. 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, earthquake, and lockdown drills are held once a month on a rotating basis. For the safety of our students, all volunteers are fingerprinted and cleared through the Department of Justice. Appointments are made with the school secretary.

Suspensions and Expulsions for the School	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Suspensions Rate	10.7	6.8	9.1
Expulsions Rate	0.8	1.4	0.2

Suspensions and Expulsions for the District	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Suspensions Rate	5.4	4.9	5.0
Expulsions Rate	0.3	0.5	0.2

Suspensions and Expulsions for the State	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Suspensions Rate	3.6	3.5	3.5
Expulsions Rate	0.1	0.1	0.1

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 Academic Counselors to Pupils (School Year 2018-19)

Title	Ratio
Academic Counselor*	584.0

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

Student Support Services Staff (School Year 2018-19)

Title	Number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)
Counselor (Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	1.0
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	0
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	1
Psychologist	.20
Social Worker	0
Nurse	.20
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	.10
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)	0
Other	0

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

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Secondary)

Subject	2016-17			2017-18			2018-19			
	Average Class Size	# of Classes* Size 1-22	# of Classes* Size 23-32	Average Class Size	# of Classes* Size 1-22	# of Classes* Size 23-32	Average Class Size	# of Classes* Size 1-22	# of Classes* Size 23-32	# of Classes* Size 33+
English	26	5	15	25	15	22	25	8	37	1
Mathematics	25	5	14	23	11	15	22	10	18	1
Science	28	2	16	26	6	15	27	3	19	1
Social Science	28	4	13	25	5	18	27	3	17	2

* Number of classes indicates how many classrooms fall into each size category (a range of total students per classroom). At the secondary school level, this information is reported by subject area rather than grade level.

Professional Development provided for Teachers

Measure	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Number of school days dedicated to Staff Development and Continuous Improvement	5	5	5

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
- Developing as a Professional Educator
- Developing/Implementing Common Core State Standards (CCSS)

Staff members build teaching skills and concepts through participation in conferences and workshops throughout the year. For the past three years, the district has offered two 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. The Instructional Coach works directly with all teachers focusing on student engagement strategies and implementation of instruction containing both rigor and high interest for students. Additionally, site administrators coordinate with department lead teachers to utilize meeting times effectively covering curriculum aligned with the New California State Standards, vertical and horizontal curricular alignment, and safety/procedures training.

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.

FY 2017-18 Teacher and Administrative Salaries

Category	District Amount	State Average for Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$52,400	\$51,374
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$79,147	\$80,151
Highest Teacher Salary	\$102,208	\$100,143
Average Principal Salary (ES)	\$160,646	\$126,896
Average Principal Salary (MS)	\$163,100	\$133,668
Average Principal Salary (HS)	\$176,811	\$143,746
Superintendent Salary	\$239,293	\$245,810

Percent of District Budget	District Amount	State Average for Districts In Same Category
Teacher Salaries	32%	35%
Administrative Salaries	4%	5%

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

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

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).

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.

FY 2017-18 Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries

Level	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	Average Teacher Salary
School Site	\$5,916	\$321	\$5,595	\$69,130
District	N/A	N/A	\$6,336	\$82,921.00
State	N/A	N/A	\$7,506.64	\$82,031.00

Percent Differences	Unrestricted	Average Teacher Salary
School Site/District	-11.7	-1.7
School Site/ State	19.3	-0.3

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

The California Department of Education issued guidance to LEAs on August 1, 2018, regarding how to calculate school-level per-pupil expenditures that will be reported on 2018-19 report cards.