

Black Mountain Middle School

School Accountability Report Card

Reported Using Data from the 2017-18 School Year

Published During 2018-19

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.

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- For more information about the LCFF or LCAP, see the CDE LCFF Web page at <http://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

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About This School

Contact Information (School Year 2018-19)

School Contact Information	
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School Description and Mission Statement (School Year 2018-19)

Black Mountain Middle School is located in the community of Rancho Penasquitos. In 2009, the school completed a full remodel, in which its infrastructure, buildings and landscaping were updated. For the 2018-2019 school year, 6th grade enrollment is 396 students, 7th grade enrollment is 444 students and 8th grade enrollment is 439 students. The mission of Black Mountain Middle School is to provide a safe environment and inspire responsibility, respect, hard-work, and kindness to prepare Raiders to succeed in our global society.

At Black Mountain Middle School, the staff works hard to foster and sustain an environment in which all students feel safe, supported and have high expectations. In alignment with our district's vision of "College and Career Readiness for All", our teachers expose all students to quality instruction and experiences designed to prepare students for success beyond the middle school. Assisting our teachers in this work is our Monday ACT time; this professional time is set aside for our teachers each Monday to work on curriculum, instruction and assessment. Our focus for this year is identifying essential learnings in each subject area that every student needs to show proficiency in. As part of this work, we are also continually working on intervention and building relational capacity with our students and community.

It is recognized on our campus that memorizing facts and information are not the most important skills for our students to master. While there is a time and place for these skills, we understand the need for our students to think more deeply, read with a powerful lens, and write with purpose. One of the ways that we achieve this is through our belief of AVID and its focus on critical reading, writing and thinking. We are proud to be an AVID National Demonstration School, a distinction that we have held for the past seven years.

Multiple programs exist to support our student body. Programs such as the Academy, GATE, RSP, ELL and AVID are designed to provide students the necessary scaffolds and supports to be successful. Each day, students are able to participate in the after school/before school program which offers enrichment activities such as Robotics, as well as school clubs such as Running Raiders, Builder's Club, First Lego League (FLL), and Math Team. Lastly, students can take advantage of daily homework tutorials in our Power Hour.

Black Mountain Middle School has a strong relationship with its parent community. Our Black Mountain Education Foundation and PTSA work with our staff to help create a positive experience for our students. With their support, Black Mountain is able to have programs such as Science Olympiad, Culture of Kindness, and Running Raiders. Additionally, through their support, technology and instructional supplies have been able to be purchased to enhance the teaching and instruction in classrooms.

Student Enrollment by Grade Level (School Year 2017-18)

Grade Level	Number of Students
Grade 6	442
Grade 7	453
Grade 8	424
Total Enrollment	1,319

Student Enrollment by Group (School Year 2017-18)

Student Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	3.4
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.3
Asian	19.3
Filipino	9.6
Hispanic or Latino	13.7
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.5
White	45.9
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	22.7
English Learners	9.2
Students with Disabilities	14.1
Foster Youth	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

Teachers	School			District
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2018-19
With Full Credential	56	55	55	1625
Without Full Credential	0	0	0	10
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence (with full credential)	0	0	0	0

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions

Indicator	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Misassignments of 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 2018-19)

Year and month in which data were collected: 03/1/2016

Subject	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/ Year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption?	Percent of Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
Reading/Language Arts	Each pupil, including English learners, has a textbook or reading language arts material, or both, as required by the state of California. Appropriate materials and textbooks are available for each child to use in class and to take home to complete required homework assignments. All textbooks are aligned to the California Content Standards and approved for use by the State and the Poway Unified Board of Education.	Yes	0
Mathematics	Each pupil, including English learners, has a textbook or math material, or both, as required by the state of California. Appropriate materials and textbooks are available for each child to use in class and to take home to complete required homework assignments. All textbooks are aligned to the California Content Standards and approved for use by the State and the Poway Unified Board of Education.	Yes	0
Science	Each pupil, including English learners, has a textbook or science/health material, or both, as required by the state of California. Appropriate materials and textbooks are available for each child to use in class and to take home to complete required homework assignments. All textbooks are aligned to the California Content Standards and approved for use by the State and the Poway Unified Board of Education.	Yes	0
History-Social Science	Each pupil, including English learners, has a textbook or History/Social Science material or both, as required by the state of California. Appropriate materials and textbooks are available for each child to use in class and to take home to complete required homework assignments. All textbooks are aligned to the California Content Standards and approved for use by the State and the Poway Unified Board of Education.	Yes	0
Foreign Language	Each pupil, including English learners, has a textbook or foreign language material, or both, as required by the state of California. Appropriate materials and textbooks are available for each child to use in class and to take home to complete required homework assignments. All textbooks are aligned to the California Content Standards and approved for use by the State and the Poway Unified Board of Education.	Yes	0

Subject	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/ Year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption?	Percent of Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
Health	<p>Comprehensive sexual health education and HIV prevention education shall be offered to all students in grades 7-12, including at least once in junior high or middle school and at least once in high school. (Education Code 51934).</p> <p>The district's curriculum shall support the purposes of the California Healthy Youth Act as specified in Education Code 51930-51939, be unbiased and inclusive of all students in the classroom, and be aligned with the state's content standards.</p>	Yes	0

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements (Most Recent Year)

The Poway Unified School District ensures that students attend clean and safe facilities. In accordance with Education Code Section 17070.75(e), the District uses a School Facilities Inspection System developed by the State of California to ensure that each of its schools is maintained in good repair. A work order process is used to ensure efficient service and that emergency repairs are given the highest priority. Daily cleaning schedules ensure that classrooms, offices and bathrooms are clean and well maintained. Playgrounds and fields are ample and well maintained. A full time custodian is on every campus throughout every school day. A night custodial crew cleans classrooms, restrooms and offices daily. The district has adopted cleaning standards for all schools. A summary of these standards is available at the district offices.

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 overall rating

School Facility Good Repair Status (Most Recent Year) Year and month of the most recent FIT report: 08/20/2018		
System Inspected	Repair Status	Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	Good	
Interior: Interior Surfaces	Fair	Carpet unraveled @ entry and center of room
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/Vermin Infestation	Good	
Electrical: Electrical	Good	
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/Fountains	Good	
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	Good	

School Facility Good Repair Status (Most Recent Year) Year and month of the most recent FIT report: 08/20/2018		
System Inspected	Repair Status	Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	Poor	Roofs needs to be repaired
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	Good	

Overall Facility Rating (Most Recent Year)

Year and month of the most recent FIT report: 08/20/2018	
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 English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA) and Mathematics for All Students Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven

Subject	Percent of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standards (grades 3-8 and 11)					
	School		District		State	
	2016-17	2017-18	2016-17	2017-18	2016-17	2017-18
English Language Arts/Literacy (grades 3-8 and 11)	71.0	72.0	74.0	74.0	48.0	50.0
Mathematics (grades 3-8 and 11)	64.0	65.0	66.0	67.0	37.0	38.0

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 ELA by Student Group Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven (School Year 2017-18)

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	1322	1299	98.26	72.34
Male	721	711	98.61	67.04
Female	601	588	97.84	78.74
Black or African American	44	43	97.73	51.16

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
American Indian or Alaska Native	--	--	--	--
Asian	255	253	99.22	88.93
Filipino	116	113	97.41	71.68
Hispanic or Latino	177	172	97.18	52.33
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	--	--	--	--
White	609	600	98.52	72.62
Two or More Races	101	99	98.02	72.73
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	307	300	97.72	50.00
English Learners	263	254	96.58	55.51
Students with Disabilities	193	189	97.93	32.45
Foster Youth	--	--	--	--

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.

CAASPP Test Results in Mathematics by Student Group Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven (School Year 2017-18)

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	1,317	1,293	98.18	64.81
Male	717	704	98.19	63.21
Female	600	589	98.17	66.72
Black or African American	44	43	97.73	27.91
American Indian or Alaska Native	--	--	--	--
Asian	255	254	99.61	87.4
Filipino	115	113	98.26	61.95
Hispanic or Latino	177	170	96.05	40.59
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	--	--	--	--
White	605	595	98.35	65.55
Two or More Races	101	99	98.02	63.64
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	304	297	97.7	32.66
English Learners	261	256	98.08	47.27
Students with Disabilities	191	182	95.29	23.08
Foster Youth	--	--	--	--

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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**CAASPP Test Results in Science for All Students
Grades Five, Eight, and Ten**

Subject	Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standard					
	School		District		State	
	2016-17	2017-18	2016-17	2017-18	2016-17	2017-18
Science (grades 5, 8, and 10)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

Note: The 2016–17 and 2017–18 data are not available. The CDE is developing a new science assessment based on the Next Generation Science Standards for California Public Schools (CA NGSS). The CAST was pilot-tested in spring 2017 and field-tested in spring 2018. The CAST will be administered operationally during the 2018–19 school year. The CAA for Science was pilot-tested for two years (i.e., 2016–17 and 2017–18) and the CAA for Science will be field-tested in 2018–19.

Note: Science test results include the CAST and the CAA for Science. The “Percent Met or Exceeded” is calculated by taking the total number of students who met or exceeded the standard on the CAST plus the total number of students who met the standard (i.e., achieved Level 3–Alternate) on the CAA for Science divided by the total number of students who participated on both assessments.

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.

California Physical Fitness Test Results (School Year 2017-18)

Grade Level	Percent of Students Meeting Fitness Standards		
	Four of Six Standards	Five of Six Standards	Six of Six Standards
7	9.0	26.2	57.1

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.

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 2018-19)

At Black Mountain Middle School, we are fortunate to have parent organizations that support our school. The three main organizations are BMMS PTSA, BMMS Educational Foundation and the BMMS Academy. Many of our school activities depend on the involvement of parent volunteers, such as Science Olympiad, Library Book Fairs, PTSA Reflections, Speech and Debate and the Running Raiders. Parents are also involved in the school improvement process and can serve in an advisory capacity on committees such as the School Site Council (SSC) and English Language Advisory Council (ELAC). Volunteer opportunities such as these are shared through our weekly Connect Ed messages. This year, we held a BMMS Beginnings Parent Orientation at the beginning of school to welcome our newest 5th grade parents; parents were able to learn about some of the basics of the school such as how to call in for student absence, how the health office works, and more. Our principal hosts Coffee with the Principal once a month where families are encouraged to share concerns and ideas related to BMMS. Additionally, we have offered our Parent University for the past two years where community experts present on various topics such as anxiety and high school readiness. Parents are able to learn more about school plans and express ideas and concerns during monthly Coffee with the Principal meetings.

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

Rate	School			District			State		
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Suspensions	2.3	2.6	4.1	1.2	1.3	1.6	3.7	3.7	3.5
Expulsions	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1

School Safety Plan (School Year 2018-19)

Black Mountain Middle School realizes the need to create a culture that is welcoming, safe and secure for both students and staff. As a part of this realization, Black Mountain Middle School places a strong emphasis on safety. Emergency plans are reviewed annually, and students/staff learn and practice emergency procedures (fire, earthquake, lockdown, evacuation and bus evacuation).

At the beginning of the school year, our counselors and administration go over school/district policies with all students. Counselors visit classrooms to discuss types of bullying and ways to be proactive and prevent. The school implements a discipline program that focuses on changing student behavior through a progression designed to allow students to reflect and correct inappropriate behaviors. This year, we have added a student services support person who works with our counselors, and provides support to programs such as Tobacco Cessation and Too Good for Drugs. Our before school/after school program is available to all students and offers adult supervised activities, such as homework tutorial, athletics and STEAM activities.

We have implemented a character program called the Culture of Kindness. This program encompasses the same teachings and traits as the Character Counts! Program except it is geared towards the middle school, and centers around the development of a culture of empathy, kindness and acceptance. As a part of this program, we have a teacher/staff committee who, with the help of our student services support person, organizes kindness events, assemblies, school wide videos, and more. During 2017-2018 school year, BMMS is working on becoming a No Place for Hate school in collaboration with the Anti-Defamation League. The Kindness Crew, part of the Culture of Kindness, is working with our counseling department to help us become a No Place for Hate.

Our PTSA and teachers recognize students on a monthly basis that demonstrate positive character. Additionally, our teachers hold a Breakfast of Champions each month to recognize students who demonstrate positive character/behavior in the classroom in specific departments, i.e. Physical Education, 8th Grade Humanities, etc.

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Secondary)

Subject	2015-16				2016-17				2017-18			
	Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms			Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms			Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms		
		1-22	23-32	33+		1-22	23-32	33+		1-22	23-32	33+
English	23.0	12	10	14	26.0	8	9	15	27.0	7	7	18
Mathematics	13.0	8	1	2	13.0	8	2	1	22.0	15	20	5
Science	24.0	10	16	9	26.0	7	13	12	28.0	6	3	22
Social Science	26.0	8	10	14	27.0	7	8	16	27.0	7	5	20

Note: 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.

Academic Counselors and Other Support Staff (School Year 2017-18)

Title	Number of FTE Assigned to School	Average Number of Students per Academic Counselor
Academic Counselor	2.5	512
Counselor (Social/Behavioral or Career Development)		N/A
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	.5	N/A
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	1	N/A
Psychologist	1	N/A
Social Worker		N/A
Nurse		N/A
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	1.3	N/A
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)	0	N/A
Other		N/A

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

*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.

Expenditures per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries (Fiscal Year 2016-17)

Level	Expenditures Per Pupil			Average Teacher Salary
	Total	Supplemental/ Restricted	Basic/ Unrestricted	
School Site	7,003.70	1,133.15	5,870.56	\$73,600.71
District	N/A	N/A	7349.46	\$78,935
Percent Difference: School Site and District	N/A	N/A	-22.4	-7.0
State	N/A	N/A	\$7,125	\$80,764
Percent Difference: School Site and State	N/A	N/A	-19.3	-9.3

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.

Types of Services Funded (Fiscal Year 2017-18)

The district’s general fund includes monies for:

1. General operations—salaries, benefits, services, materials, and support to the general education
2. Special education—programs offering appropriate, individualized education to students with special needs
3. Supplemental grants used to increase or improve services to unduplicated pupils
4. Special projects/grants
5. Transportation
6. Facilities, Maintenance and operations
7. District administration

Each school in the district receives an instructional budget based on enrollment, programs, and on formulas set by the Board of Education policy, state law, agreements with employee bargaining units, and guidelines of outside funding agencies.

Teacher and Administrative Salaries (Fiscal Year 2016-17)

Category	District Amount	State Average for Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$47,046	\$47,903
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$83,106	\$74,481
Highest Teacher Salary	\$101,917	\$98,269
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)	\$131,931	\$123,495
Average Principal Salary (Middle)	\$143,470	\$129,482
Average Principal Salary (High)	\$151,598	\$142,414
Superintendent Salary	\$287,500	\$271,429
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	37.0	35.0
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	4.0	5.0

For detailed information on salaries, see the CDE Certificated Salaries & Benefits Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/>.

Professional Development (Most Recent Three Years)

At the end of last year, our teachers voted to make student engagement the focus of instruction during the 2018-2019 school year. Together, we have created a "Pathways System." Pathways are professional learning communities dedicated to researching and implementing strategies that increase student engagement, which will hope will increase student achievement. Pathways include Technology, SAI Collab, Differentiation, Assessments to Guide Learning, Support for Positive Behavior, Critical Thinking Skills, and Cultural Relevancy. Pathways are led by teachers. The groups meet five times a semester. Every Monday, our staff has 70 minutes of professional time set aside in the morning. These are equally divided between teacher and administrative initiatives. Teachers and administration have a committee which meets once a month to discuss our professional growth plan.

We continue to focus on identifying students in need of intervention, possible interventions to help support struggling students, and continuing our work with the essential learnings in each content area. By identifying essential learnings, we are then able to develop targeted interventions whenever a student is unable to show proficiency. Professional time is balanced between learning about topics to support our focus, such as AVID strategies, RtI2 process, and time for teachers to collaborate on curriculum, instruction and assessment. A committee of teachers and administrators determine the dates and topics of the Mondays.

For our newest teachers, they are supported through PPAP (Poway Professional Assistance Program) and are regularly observed by a PPAP consultant who works with them to become strong classroom teachers. All teachers have the opportunity to create and join TLCs. In addition, teachers have been able to flex their professional growth time over the school year, and come together to collaborate on various activities such as assessment design and cross-content units.

Through the support of our PTSA and Foundation, teachers are able to apply for funding to attend professional conferences.