

# Valley Elementary School

## School Accountability Report Card

### Reported Using Data from the 2018-19 School Year

#### Published During 2019-20

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.

#### **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**

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## **About This School**

### **School Contact Information (School Year 2019-20)**

Entity	Contact Information
<b>School Name</b>	Valley Elementary School
<b>Street</b>	13000 Bowron Rd.
<b>City, State, Zip</b>	Poway, CA 92064-5704
<b>Phone Number</b>	858-748-2007
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<b>County-District-School (CDS) Code</b>	37682966039010

Entity	Contact Information
District Name	Poway Unified
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Superintendent	Marian Kim-Phelps, Ed.D.
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## School Description and Mission Statement (School Year 2019-20)

Valley's mission reflects that of the Poway Unified School District: to build college & career readiness for all students through a rigorous, engaging, standards-based curriculum. Traditionally, discussions of college-readiness have been confined to high schools. At Valley, we believe that the awareness of post-secondary opportunities must be built from the first day students enter school. Beginning in kindergarten Valley teachers instill in their students the understanding that "after high school comes college." Classes adopt a university of their own and display college-related banners, t-shirts and other visuals to bring the presence of the university right into our elementary school classrooms. But college-readiness is more than just knowing about college. It is most important to receive high-quality instruction that ensures mastery of the standards proscribed by the State in the Frameworks for Public Instruction. To provide a strong, coherent instructional program for all our students, teachers work together both within and across grade levels to coordinate curriculum, track student achievement data, and plan together for the success of each Valley student.

Built in 1962, Valley Elementary School is one of twenty-five elementary schools in the Poway Unified School district. It is one of the three original elementary schools located in the heart of the community of Poway and is located next to the City Library, Sheriff Station, Fire Department, City Hall, and Community Center. Valley is proud to be a part of the No Excuses University network of schools. We pride ourselves in the continuous improvement of Six Exceptional Systems that improve student achievement. Staff and students see their learning through the lens of a growth mindset and let No Excuse stand in the way of student success. Approximately 720 students are currently enrolled in transitional kindergarten through fifth grade. Overall enrollment has remained stable with a rich and diverse student demographic. Students live in upper, middle, and lower income single-family homes, apartments, and mobile homes.

Valley Elementary is a school wide Title 1 school, meaning that the school receives federal funding to provide services to children identified by the school as failing, or most at risk to meet the state's academic content standards. Title 1 funds are used to support methods and instructional strategies that are proven to be effective and strengthen the core curriculum for students at risk of failure. This is done through daily small group instruction to struggling students along with coaching of classroom teachers from the school's TOSA's and educational consultant.

Dual Language (Spanish) Immersion Program is provided for students K through fifth grade. Valley also provides a full day program for Kindergarten students. This school is also on a modified calendar, which serves to shorten the time that students are away from school during the summer, strengthening the consistency of all learning opportunities. Head Start provides childcare in the Boys and Girls Club for three and four year olds. On-site preschool programs for three and four year olds includes state-funded, parent participation, and fee based programs. An onsite Homework Club is provided for over 100 students each day through a community group.

### Student Enrollment by Grade Level (School Year 2018-19)

Grade Level	Number of Students
Kindergarten	137
Grade 1	143
Grade 2	125
Grade 3	103
Grade 4	108
Grade 5	110
<b>Total Enrollment</b>	<b>726</b>

### Student Enrollment by Group (School Year 2018-19)

Student Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	1.5
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.1
Asian	4.1
Filipino	1.7
Hispanic or Latino	58.3
White	22.5
Two or More Races	7.3
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	46.8
English Learners	42
Students with Disabilities	10.9
Homeless	2.8

## 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 2017-18	School 2018-19	School 2019-20	District 2019-20
With Full Credential	37	39	38	1,562
Without Full Credential	0	0	0	12
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence (with full credential)	0	0	0	0

## Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions

Indicator	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners	0	0	
Total Teacher Misassignments*	0	0	
Vacant Teacher Positions	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)

Year and month in which data were collected: 6/29/2017

Subject	Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials/year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption?	Percent Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
<b>Reading/Language Arts</b>	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
<b>Mathematics</b>	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
<b>Science</b>	Each pupil, including English learners, has a textbook or 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. These materials include science laboratory equipment for grades 9 to 12, inclusively. All textbooks are aligned to the California Content Standards and approved for use by the State and/or the Poway Unified Board of Education.	Yes	0

Subject	Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials/year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption?	Percent Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
<b>History-Social Science</b>	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
<b>Foreign Language</b>	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 /or the Poway Unified Board of Education.	No	
<b>Health</b>	Each pupil, including English learners, has a textbook or 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/or the Poway Unified Board of Education.	Yes	
<b>Science Laboratory Equipment (grades 9-12)</b>	Each pupil, including English learners, has a textbook or science laboratory 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. These materials include science laboratory equipment for grades 9 to 12, inclusively. All textbooks are aligned to the California Content Standards and approved for use by the State and/or the Poway Unified Board of Education.		

## 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

**Year and month of the most recent FIT report: 05/2019**

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

## B. Pupil Outcomes

### State Priority: Pupil Achievement

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the State priority: Pupil Achievement (Priority 4):

- **Statewide assessments** (i.e., California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress [CAASPP] System, which includes the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments for students in the general education population and the California Alternate Assessments [CAAs] for English language arts/literacy [ELA] and mathematics given in grades three through eight and grade eleven. Only eligible students may participate in the administration of the CAAs. CAAs items are aligned with alternate achievement standards, which are linked with the Common Core State Standards [CCSS] for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities); and
- The percentage of students who have successfully completed courses that satisfy the requirements for entrance to the University of California and the California State University, or career technical education sequences or programs of study.

### CAASPP Test Results in ELA and Mathematics for All Students

#### Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven

#### Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standard

Subject	School 2017-18	School 2018-19	District 2017-18	District 2018-19	State 2017-18	State 2018-19
English Language Arts/Literacy (grades 3-8 and 11)	53	51	74	76	50	50
Mathematics (grades 3-8 and 11)	47	48	67	70	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 ELA by Student Group

#### Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven (School Year 2018-19)

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	324	320	98.77	1.23	51.25
Male	156	153	98.08	1.92	49.02
Female	168	167	99.40	0.60	53.29
Black or African American	--	--	--	--	--
American Indian or Alaska Native					
Asian	--	--	--	--	--
Filipino	--	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	187	184	98.40	1.60	41.30
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander					
White	83	83	100.00	0.00	71.08

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
Two or More Races	25	25	100.00	0.00	64.00
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	177	173	97.74	2.26	28.32
English Learners	140	136	97.14	2.86	34.56
Students with Disabilities	48	48	100.00	0.00	29.17
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services					
Foster Youth					
Homeless	13	13	100.00	0.00	15.38

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 2018-19)

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	324	323	99.69	0.31	47.68
Male	156	155	99.36	0.64	53.55
Female	168	168	100.00	0.00	42.26
Black or African American	--	--	--	--	--
American Indian or Alaska Native					
Asian	--	--	--	--	--
Filipino	--	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	187	186	99.47	0.53	37.10
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander					
White	83	83	100.00	0.00	67.47
Two or More Races	25	25	100.00	0.00	68.00
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	177	176	99.44	0.56	27.27
English Learners	140	139	99.29	0.71	35.25
Students with Disabilities	48	48	100.00	0.00	20.83
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services					



Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
Foster Youth					
Homeless	13	13	100.00	0.00	7.69

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.

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 Science for All Students

#### Grades Five, Eight, and Ten

#### Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standard

Subject	School 2017-18	School 2018-19	District 2017-18	District 2018-19	State 2017-18	State 2018-19
Science (grades 5, 8 and high school)	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 areas of physical education.

### California Physical Fitness Test Results (School Year 2018-19)

Grade Level	Percentage of Students Meeting Four of Six Fitness Standards	Percentage of Students Meeting Five of Six Fitness Standards	Percentage of Students Meeting Six of Six Fitness Standards
5	18.9	19.8	23.4

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.

## 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)

Valley recognizes the importance of the partnership between home and school and remains committed to supporting the Parents As Partners Core Value. The parent community of Valley is very supportive. Parents have been included in the school improvement process and serve in an advisory capacity through the English Learner Advisory Committee, GATE advisory, School Site Council, Foundation and PTA. All Valley families make a signed commitment to our School Compact that is aligned with our Parent and Family Engagement Policy. Regular activities are available for parent involvement and education, such as Title 1 Parent Meetings, Dual Language parent meetings, regular Coffee with the Principal meetings, Parent Education Workshops and other ongoing PTA sponsored events. Additionally, parent volunteers provide student support through: Volunteer Workroom, Arts Attack!, Book Fairs, Running Club (Tiger Trackers), and Classroom Support. The Valley Elementary Education Foundation also offers many opportunities for parents to be involved in fundraising events to support school programs - most notably through the annual Cinco de Mayo 5K Fun Run.

### 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 2016-17	School 2017-18	School 2018-19	District 2016-17	District 2017-18	District 2018-19	State 2016-17	State 2017-18	State 2018-19
Suspensions	0.5	1.4	1.5	1.3	1.6	1.4	3.6	3.5	3.5
Expulsions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1

### School Safety Plan (School Year 2019-20)

Valley places strong emphasis on safety for students and staff. We have clear guidelines for behavior that are focused primarily on living out the Character Traits and creating a Safe, Friendly and Respectful school. Our three rules are "We work hard, We take care of each other, and We take care of our school." These positive behaviors are reinforced through daily PA announcements made by the principal as well as classroom instruction by teachers. Every teacher on campus teaches and models one specific expected behavior a day at the beginning of the school year and students are given the opportunity to practice the behaviors that are outlined in our "First 20 Days of School Handbook". Logical consequences for inappropriate student behavior are communicated and enforced. As a result, Valley's climate is calm, orderly and welcoming.

Visitors to the school must enter through the main office and sign in if they wish to enter the campus during school hours. Our Emergency/ Safety plan was reviewed on August 1, 2019 and our annual training with staff on procedures and drills for earthquakes, fire, and bus evacuation were held on October 3, 2019. Option-Based Training with local law enforcement was held on December 13, 2019. Emergency drills are conducted in accordance with district guidelines regarding frequency, safety procedures and reporting. Maintenance staff work with a scheduled preventive program to offset costly repairs, and the school has an up-to-date Asbestos Plan. Extended Student Services (ESS) is available to students for before and after school childcare.

## 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.

### Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Elementary)

Grade Level	2016-17	2016-17	2016-17	2016-17	2017-18	2017-18	2017-18	2017-18	2018-19	2018-19	2018-19	2018-19
	Average Class Size	# of Classes* Size 1-20	# of Classes* Size 21-32	# of Classes* Size 33+	Average Class Size	# of Classes* Size 1-20	# of Classes* Size 21-32	# of Classes* Size 33+	Average Class Size	# of Classes* Size 1-20	# of Classes* Size 21-32	# of Classes* Size 33+
K	24		7		25		8		24	1	7	
1	25		4		21	1	4		26		3	
2	24		4		26		3		26		4	
3	26		5		24		6		23	2	4	
4	30		2		32		2		29		2	
5	28		6		40		6	1	38		6	1
Other**												

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

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

### Ratio of Academic Counselors to Pupils (School Year 2018-19)

Title	Ratio
Academic Counselors*	726.0

\*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 FTE* Assigned to School
Counselor (Academic, Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	1.0
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	
Psychologist	.6
Social Worker	
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	1.3
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)	1.0

Title	Number of FTE* Assigned to School
<b>Other</b>	5.8

\*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 2017-18)

Level	Total Expenditures Per Pupil	Expenditures Per Pupil (Restricted)	Expenditures Per Pupil (Unrestricted)	Average Teacher Salary
<b>School Site</b>	7,062.35	1,477.15	5,585.20	70,604.15
<b>District</b>	N/A	N/A	7,536.45	\$79,082.00
<b>Percent Difference - School Site and District</b>	N/A	N/A	-29.7	-11.3
<b>State</b>	N/A	N/A	\$7,506.64	\$82,403.00
<b>Percent Difference - School Site and State</b>	N/A	N/A	-29.4	-15.4

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 2018-19)

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 2017-18)

Category	District Amount	State Average For Districts In Same Category
<b>Beginning Teacher Salary</b>	\$47,046	\$48,612
<b>Mid-Range Teacher Salary</b>	\$74,420	\$74,676
<b>Highest Teacher Salary</b>	\$101,917	\$99,791
<b>Average Principal Salary (Elementary)</b>	\$131,931	\$125,830
<b>Average Principal Salary (Middle)</b>	\$143,470	\$131,167
<b>Average Principal Salary (High)</b>	\$151,598	\$144,822

Category	District Amount	State Average For Districts In Same Category
Superintendent Salary	\$287,500	\$275,796
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	37%	34%
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	4%	5%

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

### Professional Development (Most Recent Three Years)

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

Research supports the positive effects professional development has on increasing student learning. All teaching staff is afforded the opportunity to participate in district and site sponsored professional development. These workshops are presented in a semester or year-long series and support a wide variety of professional development. These include the use of effective instructional strategies, implementing the use of technology in teaching and learning, critical reading, writing and mathematics strategies, effective use of assessments, positive discipline in-services, and cultural proficiency training. Teachers and administrators are actively involved in professional development activities at the school, district, state, and national level. The Poway Professional Assistance Program (PPAP) provides support for new teachers. Teachers are encouraged to participate in the National Board Certification process and recognized by the Poway Unified School District when they earn NBCT status.

Valley has a strong culture of ongoing professional learning for administrators and teachers. A math specialist works closely with teachers to support their on-going learning in methods for teaching highly engaging and challenging math lessons aligned to the common core standards. Opportunities are given regularly to teachers to observe each other's practice to learn from one another. This includes regularly scheduled formal "Instructional Rounds" days where a group of teachers and the principal visit all Valley classrooms to collect objective evidence of improvements in student learning and identify needed next steps in instruction to continue growth in student achievement. Through the lesson study process teachers plan, deliver and reflect on lessons together, either in pairs or entire grade level teams. This has led to the refinement of lesson delivery and improvements in student engagement and achievement as measured by student work and benchmark assessments.