

Nevada City School of the Arts

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).

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About This School

School Contact Information (School Year 2019-20)

Entity	Contact Information
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Entity	Contact Information
District Name	Nevada City School of the Arts
Phone Number	(530) 273-7736
Superintendent	Holly Ann Pettitt
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School Description and Mission Statement (School Year 2019-20)

Nevada City School of the Arts (NCSA), charter #869, is a public charter school serving students in Transitional Kindergarten through eighth grade. The school is located in a forested setting approximately ten miles from Grass Valley. NCSA was first sponsored by the Nevada City School district in 1994, then sponsored by Twin Ridges Elementary District from 1996 through 2005, and is currently sponsored by the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools. The Shared vision of NCSA is to provide a rigorous academic environment, using art as a lens to shape curriculum. The strong emphasis on learning through the arts means art, dance and music are woven into the curriculum to support and enhance studies. Nevada city School of the Arts has been four times honored: as a California Distinguished School, as a California Award Recipient, as the first charter school to be awarded the National Blue Ribbon School Award, and most recently voted as Best Charter School by readers of the Parent Resource Guide, a Sierra Foothills Magazine four years in a row.

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

Grade Level	Number of Students
Kindergarten	58
Grade 1	42
Grade 2	42
Grade 3	42
Grade 4	50
Grade 5	50
Grade 6	53
Grade 7	54
Grade 8	52
Total Enrollment	443

Student Enrollment by Group (School Year 2018-19)

Student Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	0.9
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.2
Hispanic or Latino	10.4
White	71.3
Two or More Races	11.5
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	48.3
English Learners	0.9
Students with Disabilities	13.5
Homeless	0.5

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	20	20	21	
Without Full Credential	0	0	0	
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence (with full credential)	0	0	0	

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions

Indicator	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
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 2019-20)

Year and month in which data were collected: December 2019

Subject	Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials/year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption?	Percent Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
Reading/Language Arts	Orton-Gillingham Spelling/phonics program - 2016. All other appropriate and sufficient materials are supplied	Yes	0%
Mathematics	Singapore Math – Math In Focus, 2015	Yes	0%
Science	Appropriate and sufficient materials are supplied	No	0%
History-Social Science	Appropriate and sufficient materials are supplied	No	0%
Health	Positive Prevention Cardea curriculum	Yes	0%
Visual and Performing Arts	Appropriate and sufficient materials are supplied	Yes	0%

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements (Most Recent Year)

Like most charter schools, our school facility is not provided by the state. We currently own our facility and the 316 acres of land on which it rests. We are continually looking for grants and additional funding from the state to renovate and upgrade our facilities when we can. We utilized the Clean Energy Proposition 39 funding to install energy-efficient HVAC and lighting improvements. We recently finished the installation of a natural playground area at our main building and we are starting the process of renovating all occupied buildings for accessibility for compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). NCSA has a full-time Director of Facilities, a full-time Property Manager, one full time and one part-time facility maintenance crew, two full-time and one part-time Custodian who ensure our buildings are clean and who perform all needed maintenance and repair that is required on-site.

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: October 2019

System Inspected	Rating	Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	Good	Our main school buildings have just been renovated to increase efficiency, but the actual units are old and outdated. We are in the process of including these units in our facilities master plan to be upgraded when funding becomes available.

System Inspected	Rating	Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
Interior: Interior Surfaces	Good	
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/ Vermin Infestation	Good	
Electrical: Electrical	Good	
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	Fair	Renovation is needed to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). We are in the process of starting construction plans to upgrade our bathrooms in occupied buildings.
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	Good	
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	Good	
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	Good	We are currently working on creating a vision for the remainder of our school grounds as funding becomes available.
Overall Rating	Good	

B. Pupil Outcomes

State Priority: Pupil Achievement

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

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

CAASPP Test Results in ELA and Mathematics for All Students

Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven

Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standard

Subject	School 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)	52	55	43	47	50	50
Mathematics (grades 3-8 and 11)	35	44	29	31	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	300	293	97.67	2.33	54.95
Male	145	143	98.62	1.38	46.15
Female	155	150	96.77	3.23	63.33
Black or African American	--	--	--	--	--
American Indian or Alaska Native					
Filipino					
Hispanic or Latino	32	32	100.00	0.00	62.50
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander					
White	220	215	97.73	2.27	56.74
Two or More Races	36	34	94.44	5.56	38.24

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	151	147	97.35	2.65	46.26
English Learners	--	--	--	--	--
Students with Disabilities	52	49	94.23	5.77	28.57
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services					
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.

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	300	293	97.67	2.33	44.03
Male	145	143	98.62	1.38	46.15
Female	155	150	96.77	3.23	42.00
Black or African American	--	--	--	--	--
American Indian or Alaska Native					
Filipino					
Hispanic or Latino	32	32	100.00	0.00	50.00
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander					
White	220	215	97.73	2.27	46.05
Two or More Races	36	34	94.44	5.56	29.41
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	151	147	97.35	2.65	37.41
English Learners	--	--	--	--	--
Students with Disabilities	52	49	94.23	5.77	16.33
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services					
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.

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.

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**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	26.0	36.0	14.0
7	19.2	30.8	30.8

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)

Parent volunteers are the core of NCSA, from classroom volunteering and driving on Field Studies to serving on the Charter Governing Council as well as assisting with the two annual fundraisers that NCSA uses to support the arts program. Parents are also welcome to attend our Parent Advisory Group (PAG) meetings, held once a month, when our School Director listens to community concerns, asks for input, and updates parents on new happenings at the school. The Advisory Committee also provides a mentor contact for families new to NCSA. Additional support to new families is provided through enrollment meetings, at which point families learn about all that NCSA has to offer and gain more information about their critical support and how it helps us. NCSA appreciates any and all help received from parents.

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	1.9	1.2	1.5	0.7	0.7	0.5	3.6	3.5	3.5
Expulsions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1

School Safety Plan (School Year 2019-20)

Nevada City School of the Arts has developed a comprehensive school-wide safety and reunification plan that identifies major safety concerns as well as specific prevention and action strategies involving community and local law enforcement agencies. Working with school goals and priorities, our school maintains a safe and secure campus by fostering a positive learning environment that uses prevention strategies and emphasizes high expectations for student conduct. Members of our staff and students are also trained as part of the Federal Emergency Response Agency's (FEMA) Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) to provide critical support in an emergency.

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	18	3			18	3			19	1	2	
1	20	2			21		2		21		2	
2	20	2			21	1	1		21		2	
3	20	2			21	1	1		21		2	
4	28		1		27		1		25		2	
5	27		2		28		2		25		2	
6	35		4	2	35		4	2	35		4	2
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*	.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)	
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	
Psychologist	
Social Worker	
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)	1.0
Other	1.0

*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.

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
School Site	\$11,607	\$1,414	\$10,193	\$52,678
District	N/A	N/A		
Percent Difference - School Site and District	N/A	N/A		
State	N/A	N/A	\$7,506.64	
Percent Difference - School Site and State	N/A	N/A	30.4	

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)

Funding provides for most educational services, including instructional materials, professional development, salaries, facility costs, maintenance, health services and other expenses. Funds are provided through the Local Control Funding Formula, Lottery, local, state and federally funded programs and grants. NCSA receives Federal Title funding to support reading and math intervention programs for struggling students, in addition to providing funds to train teachers and support the need for additional paraprofessionals for in class support to students.

Teacher and Administrative Salaries (Fiscal Year 2017-18)

Category	District Amount	State Average For Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$	\$
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$	\$
Highest Teacher Salary	\$	\$
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)	\$	\$
Average Principal Salary (Middle)	\$	\$

Category	District Amount	State Average For Districts In Same Category
Average Principal Salary (High)	\$	\$
Superintendent Salary	\$	\$
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	%	%
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	%	%

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	9	9	9

The area of primary focus is the implementation of the Common Core State Standards testing and curriculum. This includes training on our math program, Math In Focus, as well as providing high-quality explicit instruction to growing readers through the Orton Gillingham methodology, and shifting instruction in science to incorporate the Next Generation Science Standards. We include in our budget professional development money that can be spent on workshops and training geared toward Common Core and classroom management through positive discipline training and mindfulness practices. NCSA has begun to train teachers in the Universal Design of learning teaching methods to help broaden teachers' ability to meet all students' needs and learning styles within the classroom so that every child may access their education. We have on-site training and allow for travel to conferences and workshops as necessary. Our teachers are supported by completing a reflective video-taping and goal-setting process that encourages internal reflection and growth, a formative process, rather than a focus on external evaluation. Resources, collaboration sessions, training, and workshops are recommended or provided based on these goals. We allow release time for teachers to collaborate in team meetings to integrate arts into the curriculum, in addition to connecting the curriculum throughout the grades.