

Paul L. Cato Middle School
School Accountability Report Card
Reported Using Data from the 2019-2020 School Year
Published During 2020-2021

By February 1 of each year, every school in California is required by state law to publish a School Accountability Report Card (SARC). The SARC contains information about the condition and performance of each California public school. Under the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) all local educational agencies (LEAs) are required to prepare a Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), which describes how they intend to meet annual school-specific goals for all pupils, with specific activities to address state and local priorities. Additionally, data reported in an LCAP is to be consistent with data reported in the SARC.

- For more information about SARC requirements and access to prior year reports, see the California Department of Education (CDE) SARC web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa/>.
- For more information about the LCFF or the LCAP, see the CDE LCFF webpage at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/aa/lc/>.
- For additional information about the school, parents/guardians and community members should contact the school principal or the district office.

DataQuest

DataQuest is an online data tool located on the CDE DataQuest web page at <https://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/> that contains additional information about this school and comparisons of the school to the district and the county. Specifically, DataQuest is a dynamic system that provides reports for accountability (e.g., test data, enrollment, high school graduates, dropouts, course enrollments, staffing, and data regarding English learners).

California School Dashboard

The California School Dashboard (Dashboard) <https://www.caschooldashboard.org/> reflects California's new accountability and continuous improvement system and provides information about how LEAs and schools are meeting the needs of California's diverse student population. The Dashboard contains reports that display the performance of LEAs, schools, and student groups on a set of state and local measures to assist in identifying strengths, challenges, and areas in need of improvement.

About This School

School Contact Information (School Year 2020-2021)

Entity	Contact Information
School Name	Paul L. Cato Middle School
Street	4115 Vineland Road
City, State, Zip	Bakersfield, CA, 93306
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County-District-School (CDS) Code	15 63321 0129189

District Contact Information (School Year 2020-2021)

Entity	Contact Information
District Name	Bakersfield City School District
Phone Number	661-631-4600
Superintendent	Doc Ervin
Email Address	supt@bcasd.com
Website	www.bcsd.com

School Description and Mission Statement (School Year 2020-2021)

The School Accountability Report Card was established by Proposition 98, an initiative passed by California voters. As you read the Report Card, you will gain a better understanding of Paul L. Cato as a school with a record for improvement, a faculty that is professionally committed to meeting the learning needs of students and a student body which is enthusiastic and motivated to perform well.

Our vision at Paul L. Cato Middle School is to mold students into 21st century leaders who are prepared to compete for careers in the future. Paul L. Cato Middle School will ensure high levels of learning in a positive environment through accountability, communication and collaboration.

Student Enrollment by Grade Level (School Year 2019-2020)

Grade Level	Number of Students
Grade 6	142
Grade 7	372
Grade 8	361
Total Enrollment	875

Student Enrollment by Student Group (School Year 2019-2020)

Student Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	3.3
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.5
Asian	1.6
Filipino	1
Hispanic or Latino	73.6
White	17.6
Two or More Races	2.4
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	75.2
English Learners	9.9
Students with Disabilities	12.7
Foster Youth	0.8
Homeless	2.2

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 2018-19	School 2019-20	School 2020-21	District 2020-21
With Full Credential	34	30		
Without Full Credential	6	4		
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence (with full credential)	1	2		

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions

Indicator	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
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 Other Instructional Materials (School Year 2020-2021)

Year and month in which data were collected: September, 2020

Every student is provided with sufficient and standards-aligned textbooks or other instructional materials.

Subject	Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials/year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption?	Percent Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
Reading/Language Arts	<p>Grades TK-5: Benchmark Education Company, Benchmark Advance California; Benchmark Adelante California, 2018</p> <p>Grades 6-8: McGraw Hill, Study Sync, 2018</p> <p>Grades TK-5: Benchmark Education Company, Benchmark Advance (How English Works) (ELD), 2018</p> <p>Grades 6-8: HMH, English 3D (ELD), 2017</p>	Yes	0%
Mathematics	<p>Grades K-5: McGraw Hill, McGraw Hill My Math, 2013</p> <p>Grades 6-8: McGraw Hill, McGraw Hill California Math, Courses 1-3, 2013</p> <p>Grade 7: McGraw Hill, Glencoe Math Accelerated, 2013</p> <p>Grade 8: McGraw Hill, Glencoe Algebra 1, 2013</p>	Yes	0%
Science	<p>Grades K-5: Houghton Mifflin, Houghton Mifflin California Science, 2007</p> <p>Grades 6-8: Holt, Rinehart & Winston, Holt California Science: Earth, Life and Physical Science, 2007</p>	Yes	0%
History-Social Science	<p>Grades K-5: Harcourt School Publishers, Reflections, 2007</p> <p>Grade 6: Pearson Education, Pearson: Gr. 6 myWorld Ancient Civilization, 2019</p> <p>Grade 7: Pearson Education, Pearson: Gr. 7 myWorld Medieval And Modern Times, 2019</p> <p>Grade 8: Pearson Education, Pearson: Gr. 8 myWorld Growth and Conflict, 2019</p>	Yes	0%

Subject	Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials/year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption?	Percent Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
Visual and Performing Arts	Grades TK-6 (Elementary): The California Arts Project, BCSD Course of Study TK-5 (Online), 2019 Grades 6-8 (Jr Hi/Middle School): Pearson Scott Foresman, Pearson/Scott Foresman, Art, 2007 Grades 6-8: Silver Burdett, Silver Burdett Making Music, 2007	Yes	0%

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

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements

Cato School was built in 2013. It sits on 25.00 acres, of which 13.36 acres is playground. This school has 41 classrooms, a multi-purpose facility, music room, library/media center, staff lounge, IMC room, PE rooms, and computer labs.

The custodial staff adheres to a weekly cleaning schedule that includes classrooms, restrooms, cafeteria and kitchen areas.

The District's Mobile Maintenance Team visits the school site at least twice a year. Maintenance emergencies are addressed immediately. District personnel maintain the grounds at least once every two weeks.

This site also is maintained to ensure a clean, safe, and functional facility as determined pursuant to a Facility Inspection Tool developed by the State of California Office of Public School Construction.

School Facility Good Repair Status

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 rate for each system inspected
- The overall rating

Year and month of the most recent FIT report: NOVEMBER 2020

System Inspected	Rating	Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	Good	
Interior: Interior Surfaces	Good	
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/ Vermin Infestation	Good	
Electrical: Electrical	Good	
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	Good	

System Inspected	Rating	Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	Good	
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	Good	
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/Doors/Gates/Fences	Good	
Overall Rating	Exemplary	

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 2018-19	School 2019-20	District 2018-19	District 2019-20	State 2018-19	State 2019-20
English Language Arts/Literacy (grades 3-8 and 11)	47	N/A	36	N/A	50	N/A
Mathematics (grades 3-8 and 11)	26	N/A	22	N/A	39	N/A

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

Note: The 2019-2020 data are not available. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Executive Order N-30-20 was issued which waived the requirement for statewide testing for the 2019-2020 school year.

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 2019-2020)

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Male	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
Female	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Black or African American	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
American Indian or Alaska Native	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Asian	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Filipino	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic or Latino	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Two or More Races	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
English Learners	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Students with Disabilities	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Foster Youth	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Homeless	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

Note: The 2019-2020 data are not available. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Executive Order N-30-20 was issued which waived the requirement for statewide testing for the 2019-2020 school year.

CAASPP Test Results in Mathematics by Student Group Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven (School Year 2019-2020)

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Male	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Female	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Black or African American	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
American Indian or Alaska Native	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Asian	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Filipino	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic or Latino	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Two or More Races	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
English Learners	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Students with Disabilities	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Foster Youth	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Homeless	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

Note: The 2019-2020 data are not available. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Executive Order N-30-20 was issued which waived the requirement for statewide testing for the 2019-2020 school year.

CAASPP Test Results in Science for All Students

Grades Five, Eight, and High School

Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standard

Subject	School 2018-19	School 2019-20	District 2018-19	District 2019-20	State 2018-19	State 2019-20
Science (grades 5, 8 and high school)	23	N/A	16	N/A	30	N/A

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

Note: The 2019-2020 data are not available. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Executive Order N-30-20 was issued which waived the requirement for statewide testing for the 2019-2020 school year.

Note: The new California Science Test (CAST) was first administered operationally in the 2018-2019 school year.

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 2019-2020)

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	N/A	N/A	N/A
7	N/A	N/A	N/A
9	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

Note: The 2019–2020 data are not available. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Executive Order N-56-20 was issued which waived the requirement to administer the physical fitness performance test for the 2019–2020 school year.

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 2020-2021)

There are multiple ways for parents to be involved at Paul L. Cato Middle School. Parental involvement is key to the success of our students. Parents may participate in school improvement through attendance at our annual Back-To-School night each fall, parent conferences, Cato Booster Club, annual fundraisers, School Site Council, School & Bilingual Advisory Committees, parent monitoring opportunities, parent education meetings, field trips, and classroom activities. Parents are encouraged to visit and volunteer in their child’s classroom as much as possible. Our school newsletter, Cato Connection, is mailed to parents in both Spanish and English every month and is also posted on our school’s website in order to keep parents informed. Notices of important meetings are sent home as needed and our automated phone dialer is used to deliver messages and reminders of important events and information throughout the year. The school’s digital marquee is updated regularly to inform students and parents of upcoming events and opportunities for parents to get involved. Parents can call our school office at (661) 631-5245 to access information concerning participation opportunities.

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

(data collected between July through June, each full school year respectively)

Rate	School 2017-18	School 2018-19	District 2017-18	District 2018-19	State 2017-18	State 2018-19
Suspensions						
Expulsions						

Suspensions and Expulsions for School Year 2019-2020 Only

(data collected between July through February, partial school year due to the COVID-19 pandemic)

Rate	School 2019-20	District 2019-20	State 2019-20
Suspensions	0.9	1.3	
Expulsions	0.1	0.0	

Note: The 2019-2020 suspensions and expulsions rate data are not comparable to prior year data because the 2019-2020 school year is a partial school year due to the COVID-19 crisis. As such, it would be inappropriate to make any comparisons in rates of suspensions and expulsions in the 2019-2020 school year compared to prior years.

School Safety Plan (School Year 2020-2021)

Cato established its Comprehensive School Safety Plan in 1998. A law enforcement officer specializing in safety provided direction in the establishment of the School Safety Plan. Cato’s School Safety Plan is current and is updated annually. Key elements of Cato’s School Safety Plan include the following: (a) routine and emergency disaster procedures; (b) suspension, and expulsion procedures; (c) teacher notification of pupils with a specific discipline history; (d) child abuse reporting procedures, (e) the district’s sexual harassment policy; (f) school crime data; (g) the student dress code; (h) safe entrance and exit procedures; (i) the civil defense and disaster plan; and (j) discipline rules and procedures. Our overall goal is to maintain a safe and orderly school environment conducive to learning. SSC approval took place on February 25, 2020. Staff review was to take place on March 26, 2020, however due to school closure from Covid-19 review was not completed.

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Secondary)

Subject	2017-18	2017-18	2017-18	2017-18	2018-19	2018-19	2018-19	2018-19	2019-20	2019-20	2019-20	2019-20
	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+
English Language Arts	21	18	14	6	23	13	19	4	23	18	25	6
Mathematics	22	9	23		22	11	18	4	24	10	18	3
Science	27	3	22	1	28	2	20	4	29		20	5
Social Science	29		24		29	1	20	4	28	2	17	7

*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.

Ratio of Pupils to Academic Counselor (School Year 2019-2020)

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 2019-2020)

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	
Nurse	
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)	
Other	2.1

*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 2018-2019)

Level	Total Expenditures Per Pupil	Expenditures Per Pupil (Restricted)	Expenditures Per Pupil (Unrestricted)	Average Teacher Salary
School Site	\$7,249	\$1,642	\$5,607	\$65,677
District	N/A	N/A	\$3,176	\$73,608
Percent Difference - School Site and District	N/A	N/A	55.4	-11.4
State	N/A	N/A	\$7,750	\$84,183
Percent Difference - School Site and State	N/A	N/A	-32.1	-24.7

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

Types of Services Funded (Fiscal Year 2019-2020)

- TITLE I
- After School Program
- Migrant Ed.
- Special Ed.
- School Site Supplemental Funds
- NSLP

Teacher and Administrative Salaries (Fiscal Year 2018-2019)

Category	District Amount	State Average For Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$48,981	\$51,004
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$73,841	\$82,919
Highest Teacher Salary	\$97,588	\$104,604
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)	\$140,325	\$131,277
Average Principal Salary (Middle)	\$138,560	\$136,163
Average Principal Salary (High)		\$128,660
Superintendent Salary	\$258,080	\$230,860
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	30.0	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 <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/>.

Professional Development (Most Recent Three Years)

Measure	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Number of school days dedicated to Staff Development and Continuous Improvement			

Professional development is designed to provide continuous learning opportunities for administrators, teachers, and classified personnel. Training opportunities affirm the basic philosophy of education that learning is a lifelong process that contributes to the well-being of the students, teachers, administrators, and community. Professional Development is an essential component of effective instruction and student learning.

All training revolves around identified needs of students and adults for the purpose of the improvement of instruction and increasing content knowledge. Central to all training are student achievement data, district focus areas, the Common Core State Standards, the state adopted standards-based instructional materials, and strategies to effectively teach the academic content standards to all students.

We also provided extensive professional development for Professional Learning Communities through our Service Delivery Model. On-site coaching and support is provided by academic coaches and district specialists for reading/language arts, mathematics, science, writing and social emotional learning. The district provides time and resources for collaboration, planning, and professional development. Additionally, we provided professional development on Multi-Tiered Systems of Support and Support to school and district teams.

Teachers new to the District received four days of professional development prior to the beginning of the school year focused on orientation to District and school site policies and services, Common Core State Standards, classroom management, curriculum and pacing, using technology and setting up the classroom. Teachers in their second year with the District received two days of professional development prior to the beginning of the school year provided by the school site and focused on improving best practices.

New teachers with California preliminary credentials received professional development through the Bakersfield City School District (BCSD) Teacher Induction Program (TIP). The focus of BCSD TIP is being mentored by an experienced teacher, growing in the California Standards for the Teaching Profession (CSTP) and meeting the California Induction standards. The culmination of TIP is the recommendation for the CA Clear Credential. Each TIP teacher was assigned a veteran teacher who served as a mentor. The mentors received on-going professional development in coaching/mentoring strategies, instructional strategies, and guiding cycles of inquiry. Professional development was provided through individual mentoring, monthly meetings, and after-school workshops.

Intern teachers received professional development at monthly meetings focusing on the initial teaching skills of the CSTP including classroom management, lesson planning, assessment, and establishing a climate that is conducive to student achievement. Each Intern was assigned a mentor that provided day-to-day support in these areas as well as advisement toward meeting credential requirements. Mentors received monthly professional development in meeting the needs of Intern teachers. Interns also received coursework and supervision from universities partnered with BCSD to provide the Intern Program.

Teachers on Short Term Staffing Permits (STSPs) were provided mentors and training on beginning pedagogy and best teaching practices. Each teacher on a STSP designed a plan to meet requirements to move to a CA Intern or Preliminary Credential. Support was provided for required testing and BCSD staff worked closely with university partners to ensure teachers on permits were taking prerequisite requirements to move to credentials.

Teachers on Provisional Intern Permits (PIPs) were provided mentors and training on beginning pedagogy and best teaching practices. Each teacher on a PIP designed a plan to meet requirements to move to a CA Intern Credential. Support was provided for required testing and BCSD staff worked closely with university partners to ensure teachers on permits were taking prerequisite requirements to move to credentials.