Westlake Elementary School

2021-2022 School Accountability Report Card (Published During the 2022-2023 School Year)



General Information about the School Accountability Report Card (SARC)



2022-23 School Contact Information

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2022-23 School Overview

Welcome to Westlake Elementary School, home of the Wildcats. Westlake is dedicated to educating the whole child through a comprehensive visual and performing arts program, including visual arts, music, dance, and theater for students in kindergarten through fifth grade. Programs are made possible by local parcel taxes and PTA donations. Westlake Elementary School is known throughout the Santa Cruz area for its ongoing commitment to excellence. This rich tradition and reputation is possible due to the hard work of a dedicated and talented staff, the full participation of parents, and community involvement.

Westlake Elementary School is located on the northwest side of Santa Cruz, California, near the campus of the University of California at Santa Cruz (UCSC). In the academic year 2022-23, approximately 475 students were registered for transitional kindergarten through fifth grades.

In order to improve our student achievement, we have provided staff with assessment information of their current students. The most informative achievement data for classroom teachers are the local literacy and math assessments that are administered three times a year. With this information, teachers are able to identify areas for improvement and set targets for academic achievement. Teachers work together in grade level teams and as a whole staff on continuous school improvement.

A positive school climate is a constant focus for Westlake. The Positive Behavior Instruction Systems (PBIS) program includes the four Wildcat Ways school expectations: Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Do Your Personal Best. There are also specific procedures, routines and rules for all areas of the school. Positive behavior is reinforced through Cool Cat tickets. They can be redeemed for items from the student store and popcorn on Fridays. The social emotional learning curriculum Second Step is taught TK-5 and the units of study are: skills for learning, problem solving, emotion management and empathy. Together these programs help create a safe, orderly and positive learning environment.

Westlake is dedicated to providing an enriched learning experience. Students participate in the science fair, county spelling bee, and county math league. Other enrichment activities include Math Monday games, skate dogs, math club, sports, young scientist program, and lunchtime chess.

About this School

2021-22 Student Enrollment by Grade Level						
Grade Level	Number of Students					
2021-22 Student Enrollment by Student Group						
Student Group	Percent of Total Enrollment					
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

2020-21 Teacher Preparation and Placement

Authorization/Assignment	School Number	School Percent	District Number	District Percent	State Number	State Percent
Fully (Preliminary or Clear) Credentialed for Subject and Student Placement (properly assigned)						
Intern Credential Holders Properly Assigned						
Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments ("ineffective" under ESSA)						
Credentialed Teachers Assigned Out-of- Field ("out-of-field" under ESSA)						
Unknown						
Total Teaching Positions						

Note: The data in this table is based on Full Time Equivalent (FTE) status. One FTE equals one staff member working full time; one FTE could also represent two staff members who each work 50 percent of full time. Additionally, an assignment is defined as a position that an educator is assigned based on setting, subject, and grade level. An authorization is defined as the services that an educator is authorized to provide to students.

2021-22 Teacher Preparation and Placement						
Authorization/Assignment	School Number	School Percent	District Number	District Percent	State Number	State Percent
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Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments ("ineffective" under ESSA)						
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Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments (considered "ineffective" under ESSA)

Authorization/Assignment	2020-21	2021-22
Permits and Waivers		
Misassignments		
Vacant Positions		
Total Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments		

Credentialed Teachers Assigned Out-of-Field (considered "out-of-field" under ESSA)

Indicator	2020-21	2021-22
Credentialed Teachers Authorized on a Permit or Waiver		
Local Assignment Options		
Total Out-of-Field Teachers		

Indicator	2020-21	2021-22
Misassignments for English Learners (a percentage of all the classes with English learners taught by teachers that are misassigned)		
No credential, permit or authorization to teach (a percentage of all the classes taught by teachers with no record of an authorization to teach)		

2022-23 Quality, Currency, Availability of Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials

In all subject areas, our textbooks are the most recently approved by the State Board of Education and our Local Governing Agency.

Year and month in which the data were collected

December 2022

Subject	Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials/year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption ?	Percent Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
Reading/Language Arts	Benchmark Workshop - Benchmark Education Company Adopted 2019	Yes	0%
Mathematics	Eureka - Great Minds Adopted 2016	Yes	0%
Science	FOSS - Delta Education	Yes	0%

	Adopted 2017		
History-Social Science	History & Social Science - Pearson Adopted 2006	Yes	0%
Foreign Language			
Health			
Visual and Performing Arts			
Science Laboratory Equipment (grades 9-12)			

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements

Westlake opened in 1960, sits on a 10 acre lot in Santa Cruz's upper west side neighborhood and shares a property line with the University of California at Santa Cruz. Westlake's day and night custodians keep the facilities clean. Each classroom is vacuumed every other day and restrooms are cleaned daily. Landscaping and grounds staff maintain the fields and landscaping. A facilities bond was passed by the local community in 2016. The bond supports modernizations and improvements. Some of the recent projects include a new roof, school painting, digital marquee, restroom repairs, sewer line repairs, a perimeter fence, and upgraded electrical service. A new classroom wing and modernization of the existing classrooms are in the planning stages.

Year and month of the most recent FIT report

November 2022

System Inspected	Rate Good	Rate Poor	Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	Х		
Interior: Interior Surfaces	Х		
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/Vermin Infestation	Х		
Electrical	Х		
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	Х		
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	Х		
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	Х		
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	Х		

Overall Facility Rate			
Exemplary	Good	Fair	Poor
Х			

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 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).

The CAASPP System encompasses the following assessments and student participation requirements:

- 1. Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments and CAAs for ELA in grades three through eight and grade eleven.
- 2. Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments and CAAs for mathematics in grades three through eight and grade eleven.
- 3. California Science Test (CAST) and CAAs for Science in grades five, eight, and once in high school (i.e., grade ten, eleven, or twelve).
- 4. College and Career Ready

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.

SARC Reporting in the 2020-2021 School Year Only

Where the most viable option, LEAs were required to administer the statewide summative assessment in ELA and mathematics. Where a statewide summative assessment was not the most viable option for the LEA (or for one or more grade-level[s] within the LEA) due to the pandemic, LEAs were allowed to report results from a different assessment that met the criteria established by the State Board of Education (SBE) on March 16, 2021. The assessments were required to be:

- Aligned with CA CCSS for ELA and mathematics;
- Available to students in grades 3 through 8, and grade 11; and
- Uniformly administered across a grade, grade span, school, or district to all eligible students.

Options

Note that the CAAs could only be administered in-person following health and safety requirements. If it was not viable for the LEA to administer the CAAs in person with health and safety guidelines in place, the LEA was directed to not administer the tests. There were no other assessment options available for the CAAs. Schools administered the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments for ELA and mathematics, other assessments that meet the SBE criteria, or a combination of both, and they could only choose one of the following:

- Smarter Balanced ELA and mathematics summative assessments;
- Other assessments meeting the SBE criteria; or
- Combination of Smarter Balanced ELA and mathematics summative assessments and other assessments.

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.

Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standard on CAASPP

This table displays CAASPP test results in ELA and mathematics for all students grades three through eight and grade eleven taking and completing a state-administered assessment.

The 2020-21 data cells have N/A values because these data are not comparable to other year data due to the COVID-19 pandemic during the 2020-21 school year. Where the CAASPP assessments in ELA and/or mathematics is not the most viable option, the LEAs were allowed to administer local assessments. Therefore, the 2020-21 data between school years for the school, district, state are not an accurate comparison. As such, it is inappropriate to compare results of the 2020-21 school year to other school years.

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.

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.

Subject	School 2020-21	School 2021-22	District 2020-21	District 2021-22	State 2020-21	State 2021-22
English Language Arts/Literacy (grades 3-8 and 11)	N/A		N/A		N/A	
Mathematics (grades 3-8 and 11)	N/A		N/A		N/A	

2021-22 CAASPP Test Results in ELA by Student Group

This table displays CAASPP test results in ELA by student group for students grades three through eight and grade eleven taking and completing a state-administered assessment.

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.

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.

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

2021-22 CAASPP Test Results in Math by Student Group

This table displays CAASPP test results in Math by student group for students grades three through eight and grade eleven taking and completing a state-administered assessment.

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.

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.

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

CAASPP Test Results in Science for All Students

This table displays the percentage of all students grades five, eight, and High School meeting or exceeding the State Standard.

For any 2020–21 data cells with N/T values indicate that this school did not test students using the CAASPP for Science.

Subject	School	School	District	District	State	State
	2020-21	2021-22	2020-21	2021-22	2020-21	2021-22
Science (grades 5, 8 and high school)						

2021-22 CAASPP Test Results in Science by Student Group

This table displays CAASPP test results in Science by student group for students grades five, eight, and High School. 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.

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

B. Pupil Outcomes

State Priority: Other Pupil Outcomes

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the State priority: Other Pupil Outcomes (Priority 8): Pupil outcomes in the subject area of physical education.

2021-22 California Physical Fitness Test Results

This table displays the percentage of students participating in each of the five fitness components of the California Physical Fitness Test Results. Due to changes to the 2021-22 PFT administration, only participation results are required for these five fitness areas. 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.

Grade Level	Component 1: Aerobic Capacity	Component 2: Abdominal Strength and Endurance	Component 3: Trunk Extensor and Strength and Flexibility	Component 4: Upper Body Strength and Endurance	Component 5: Flexibility
Grade 5	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%

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 regarding the school district and at each school site.

2022-23 Opportunities for Parental Involvement

There are many opportunities for parental involvement at Westlake. Parents are encouraged to volunteer in their child's classroom and at PTA events. There are numerous events throughout the school year that are run by parent volunteers with the support of the Westlake PTA. There are also a few school committees that parents can participate on including Site Council, Arts Committee, and the PTA Executive Board. Parents are also encouraged to bring their creative ideas to the Principal and PTA. All parents are also encouraged to get and stay involved in their child's education. Parents can contact the school office for more information on ways to get involved.

2021-22 Chronic Absenteeism by Student Group

Student Group	Cumulative Enrollment	Chronic Absenteeism Eligible Enrollment	Chronic Absenteeism Count	Chronic Absenteeism Rate
All Students				
Female				
Male				
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian				
Black or African American				
Filipino				
Hispanic or Latino				
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander				
Two or More Races				
White				
English Learners				
Foster Youth				
Homeless				
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged				
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services				
Students with Disabilities				

C. Engagement

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

This table displays suspensions and expulsions data collected between July through February, partial school year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The 2019-20 suspensions and expulsions rate data are not comparable to other year data because the 2019-20 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 2019-20 school year compared to other school years.

Subject	School 2019-20	District 2019-20	State 2019-20
Suspensions			
Expulsions			

This table displays suspensions and expulsions data collected between July through June, each full school year respectively. Data collected during the 2020-21 school year may not be comparable to earlier years of this collection due to differences in learning mode instruction in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Subject	School 2020-21	School 2021-22	District 2020-21	District 2021-22	State 2020-21	State 2021-22
Suspensions						
Expulsions						

2021-22 Suspensions and Expulsions by Student Group

Student Group	Suspensions Rate	Expulsions Rate
All Students		
Female		
Male		
American Indian or Alaska Native		
Asian		
Black or African American		
Filipino		
Hispanic or Latino		
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander		
Two or More Races		
White		
English Learners		
Foster Youth		
Homeless		
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged		
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services		
Students with Disabilities		

2022-23 School Safety Plan

Westlake provides a safe, supportive, and caring school environment. The School Safety Plan is revised annually at the beginning of the school year and monitored by the School Site Council. Staff participate in monthly safety meetings and online training. We hold fire, earthquake, and lockdown drills regularly. Each room is equipped with a disaster and first aid kit. Yard duty and teachers supervise school grounds before and after school, during recess, and at lunch periods. We send a copy of school rules home in the student folders at the beginning of the school year, review them twice a school year at expectation rotations, and reinforce them regularly in the classroom. We use programs that develop students' sense of safety in class and on the playground, including Positive Behavior Instruction Systems (PBIS) and social emotional learning curriculum Second Step for social skills and academic success. Visitors to Westlake are required to sign in at the office and receive an identification badge.

D. Other SARC Information Information Required in the SARC

The information in this section is required to be in the SARC but is not included in the state priorities for LCFF.

2019-20 Elementary Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution

This table displays the 2019-20 average class size and class size distribution. The columns titled "Number of Classes" indicates how many classes fall into each size category (a range of total students per class). The "Other" category is for multi-grade level classes.

Grade Level	Average Class Size	Number of Classes with 1-20 Students	Number of Classes with 21-32 Students	Number of Classes with 33+ Students
К				
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				

2020-21 Elementary Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution

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2021-22 Ratio of Pupils to Academic Counselor

This table displays the ratio of pupils to Academic Counselor. 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.

Title	Ratio
Pupils to Academic Counselor	

2021-22 Student Support Services Staff

This table displays the number of FTE support staff assigned to this school. 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.

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)	

2020-21 Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries

This table displays the 2020-21 expenditures per pupil and average teacher salary for this school. Cells with N/A values do not require data.

Level	Total Expenditures Per Pupil	Expenditures Per Pupil (Restricted)	Expenditures Per Pupil (Unrestricted)	Average Teacher Salary
School Site	\$10,730	\$2,454	\$8,276	\$90,573
District	N/A	N/A	\$7,989	\$82,291
Percent Difference - School Site and District	N/A	N/A	3.5	9.6
State	N/A	N/A		
Percent Difference - School Site and State	N/A	N/A	-13.9	-19.0

2021-22 Types of Services Funded

In the 2021-22 school year, supplemental funds were provided to the school through the Local Control Accountability Plan via Local Control Funding Formula. Funds were used to: hire paraprofessionals to work with English learners, in the reading intervention program, provide classroom supplies, and substitutes for professional development.

2020-21 Teacher and Administrative Salaries

This table displays the 2020-21 Teacher and Administrative salaries. For detailed information on salaries, see the CDE Certification Salaries & Benefits web page at http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/.

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)		
Average Principal Salary (High)		
Superintendent Salary		
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries		
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries		

Professional Development

The ongoing focus of professional development are the Common Core Standards and Professional Learning Communities implementation. Specific focus area is implementation of the English Language Arts Adoption. An ongoing focus is Integrated ELD and the use of accountable talk strategies during instruction. There are two professional development days held districtwide each school year. There are monthly follow up sessions facilitated by leadership team members to identify best practices of instruction and to provide professional learning community meeting time. Progress monitoring of students in Math is used to evaluate the instructional program and identify areas for improvement.

This table displays the number of school days dedicated to staff development and continuous improvement.

Professional Development			
Subject	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Number of school days dedicated to Staff Development and Continuous Improvement	4-6	4-6	4-6