

Emerson Elementary School

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School Description

Principal's Message

Emerson Elementary School is an amazing school. The entire staff is dedicated to the success of all students and the children thrive under our care. Our highly trained teachers work collaboratively to provide a challenging, engaging, and equitable learning environment for all students and are skilled at bringing out the best in everyone. In addition to our core program of reading, writing, mathematics, science and social studies, we provide art, music, physical education, conditioning, and gardening. Students in all grade levels go on field trips throughout the Bay Area culminating in a science based overnight field trip for our fifth graders. All students in grades three, four, and five have personal chrome books to use throughout the year. Students use their chrome books to practice keyboarding, create stories, essays and reports, practice and enrich their language arts and math skills with programs such as Reflex Math, Khan Academy, ZEARN, Flocabulary, NewsELA, and RAZ Kids. All students in the school have access to listening to books online with our Tales2Go program and we provide extra support for reading and comprehension skills on RAZ Kids and math fluency skills in grades 3-5 through the online use of REFLEX math. Students have access to all of these programs at home through our Emerson Library Website.

We build community at our monthly All School Meeting by recognizing children for their unique personalities and skills and by celebrating our talents and accomplishments through student performances including songs, dances, poetry, spoken word, instrumental pieces, jump rope rhymes, skits, etc. We practice a positive approach to student development, guiding students as they learn to: "Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be an Ally." Our fifth graders contribute to the community by engaging in school service projects, such as tutoring in lower grade classrooms and helping throughout the school.

Emerson has many systems in place to support and enrich our students. Our outstanding intervention, tutoring, and after school programs provide additional enrichment and support activities to over half the student population. Our math tutors and computer programs provide challenge activities to students both during and after school as well as extra support to students who need it. Our intervention teachers and BUILD tutors work with students individually and in small groups to provide extra instruction in reading, writing, and math. Kids' World, our on site after school program, provides homework support as well as a broad range of classes and activities to keep student engaged in the afternoons. Students play and compete on our soccer, basketball, and football teams, exercise their creative talents in art and drama. With this level of expertise and support, students do not fall through the cracks at Emerson School.

Finally, we have an enthusiastic parent community whose members volunteer many hours working in classrooms, at events, and on special projects. We are a truly unique community, committed to working and learning together the Emerson Way.

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About the SARC

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 <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa/>.
- For more information about the LCFF or LCAP, see the CDE LCFF Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/aa/lc/>.
- For additional information about the school, parents/guardians and community members should contact the school principal or the district office.

2016-17 Student Enrollment by Grade Level	
Grade Level	Number of Students
Kindergarten	56
Grade 1	40
Grade 2	61
Grade 3	42
Grade 4	55
Grade 5	50
Total Enrollment	304

2016-17 Student Enrollment by Group	
Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	16.8
American Indian or Alaska Native	0
Asian	8.9
Filipino	0.7
Hispanic or Latino	19.1
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0
White	37.8
Two or More Races	16.8
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	38.2
English Learners	10.5
Students with Disabilities	10.5
Foster Youth	0.3

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			
Emerson Elementary School	15-16	16-17	17-18
With Full Credential	14	14	18
Without Full Credential	0	0	0
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	0	0	0
Berkeley Unified School District	15-16	16-17	17-18
With Full Credential	♦	♦	602
Without Full Credential	♦	♦	4
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	♦	♦	0

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions at this School			
Emerson Elementary School	15-16	16-17	17-18
Teachers of English Learners	0	0	0
Total Teacher Misassignments	0	0	0
Vacant Teacher Positions	0	0	0

* "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 2017-18)

Williams legislation calls for the schools to have enough books in core classes for all students and asks districts to reveal whether those books are presenting information outlined in the California content standards. Textbook materials are adopted by the school board following a rotating adoption cycle for subject specific state adopted textbooks and instructional materials.

Textbooks and Instructional Materials Year and month in which data were collected: December 2017	
Core Curriculum Area	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/Year of Adoption
Reading/Language Arts	Teachers College Reading and Writing Project Adopted 2011 & Lesson Study Lucy Caulkins Adopted 2014 The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0%
Mathematics	A Story of Units (Eureka Math) Adopted 2013 The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0%
Science	Full Option Science System (FOSS) (Foss Delta Education) Adopted in 2007 The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0%
History-Social Science	History Social Science for California (Scott Foresman) Adopted in 2006 The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0%
Science Laboratory Equipment	N/A The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: N/A

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

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements (Most Recent Year)

The district administers a scheduled maintenance program to ensure that all classrooms and facilities are well maintained and in good repair. A work order process alerts district personnel of any maintenance needed to be performed and ensures that emergencies are given the highest priority.

Safety issues are the top priority for Maintenance and Operations. District maintenance supervisors inspect school sites continually and complete repairs in a timely manner. They use a work order process to ensure an efficient, prioritized repair process. The district maintenance staff has indicated that 100% of all toilets on school grounds are in working order.

To determine the condition of our facilities, our district sent experts from our facilities team to perform an inspection using a survey called the Facilities Inspection Tool, which is issued by the Office of Public School Construction.

Based on that survey, we've answered the questions you see on this report. Please note that the information reflects the condition of our buildings as of the date of the report. Since that time, those conditions may have changed.

Date of Last Inspection: September 2017

School Facility Good Repair Status (Most Recent Year) Year and month in which data were collected: December 2016				
System Inspected	Repair Status			Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
	Good	Fair	Poor	
Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer		X		The heating system is old and needs to be replaced. There is no plan to replace it. We performed maintenance on it in summer 2017
Interior: Interior Surfaces	X			No apparent problems
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/ Vermin Infestation	X			No apparent problems
Electrical: Electrical	X			No apparent problems

School Facility Good Repair Status (Most Recent Year)				
Year and month in which data were collected: December 2016				
System Inspected	Repair Status			Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
	Good	Fair	Poor	
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	X			No apparent problems
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	X			No apparent problems
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	X			No apparent problems
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	X			New playground installed in summer 2015
Overall Rating	Exemplary	Good	Fair	Poor
		X		

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. The CAAs have replaced the California Alternate Performance Assessment [CAPA] for ELA and mathematics, which were eliminated in 2015. Only eligible students may participate in the administration of the CAAs. CAA items are aligned with alternate achievement standards, which are linked with the Common Core State Standards [CCSS] for students with 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

2016-17 CAASPP Results for All Students						
Subject	Percent of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standards (grades 3-8 and 11)					
	School		District		State	
	15-16	16-17	15-16	16-17	15-16	16-17
ELA	64	72	60	59	48	48
Math	62	68	55	54	36	37

* 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.

CAASPP Test Results in Science for All Students						
Subject	Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced (meeting or exceeding the state standards)					
	School		District		State	
	14-15	15-16	14-15	15-16	14-15	15-16
Science	70	54	66	63	56	54

Note: Science test results include California Standards Tests (CSTs), California Modified Assessment (CMA), and California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA) in grades five, eight, and ten.

Note: Scores are not shown 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: The 2016-17 data are not available. The California Department of Education is developing a new science assessment based on the Next Generation Science Standards for California Public Schools (CA NGSS). The new California Science Test (CAST) was piloted in spring 2017. The CST and CMA for Science will no longer be administered.

Grade Level	2016-17 Percent of Students Meeting Fitness Standards		
	4 of 6	5 of 6	6 of 6
5	16.7	18.8	47.9

* 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.

**2015-16 CAASPP Results by Student Group
Science (grades 5, 8, and 10)**

Group	Number of Students		Percent of Students	
	Enrolled	with Valid Scores	w/ Valid Scores	Proficient or Advanced
All Students	55	54	98.2	53.7
Male	25	24	96.0	45.8
Female	30	30	100.0	60.0
Black or African American	19	19	100.0	21.1
White	18	17	94.4	82.4
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	29	29	100.0	31.0

* Science test results include CSTs, CMA, and CAPA in grades five, eight, and ten. The "Proficient or Advanced" is calculated by taking the total number of students who scored at Proficient or Advanced on the science assessment divided by the total number of students with valid scores. Scores are not shown 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.

**School Year 2016-17 CAASPP Assessment Results - English Language Arts (ELA)
Disaggregated by Student Groups, Grades Three through Eight and Eleven**

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	146	139	95.21	71.94
Male	75	73	97.33	73.97
Female	71	66	92.96	69.7
Black or African American	25	24	96	33.33
Asian	14	11	78.57	90.91
Filipino	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	29	29	100	44.83
White	52	50	96.15	94
Two or More Races	24	24	100	87.5
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	56	52	92.86	44.23
English Learners	19	17	89.47	47.06
Students with Disabilities	20	20	100	25

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.

School Year 2016-17 CAASPP Assessment Results - Mathematics
Disaggregated by Student Groups, Grades Three through Eight and Eleven

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	146	140	95.89	67.86
Male	75	73	97.33	68.49
Female	71	67	94.37	67.16
Black or African American	25	24	96	37.5
Asian	14	11	78.57	72.73
Filipino	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	29	29	100	34.48
White	52	50	96.15	90
Two or More Races	24	24	100	91.67
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	56	52	92.86	38.46
English Learners	19	17	89.47	35.29
Students with Disabilities	20	20	100	10

Note: Mathematics test results include the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment and the CAA. The "Percent Met or Exceeded" is calculated by taking the total number of students who met or exceeded the standard on the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment plus the total number of students who met the standard (i.e., achieved Level 3–Alternate) on the CAAs divided by the total number of students who participated in both assessments.

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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 schoolsite.

Opportunities for Parental Involvement (School Year 2017-18)

Parents and guardians support Emerson School in countless ways. Our Office of Family Engagement and Equity engages families, parent groups, school staff and the community to build partnerships that support student learning. Many parents help by working directly with students both during the school day and after school by chaperoning on field trips and by helping during specialty classes such as cooking, gardening, library and art. Families help each other at Emerson by providing meals, carpooling and coordinating support as needed. Some family members volunteer by maintaining our weekly Bear Facts newsletter and Emerson website, coordinating and working at special events such as our Walk-a-thon and Silent Auction and by participating in the PTA and assuming leadership positions. Parents/caregivers also stay involved as members of our SGC (School Governance Council) and ELAC (English Language Advisory Committee). Parents and caregivers also focus their talents on fundraising for the school, and due to their multitude of talents and perseverance, raise enough funds to provide for weekly Art and PE classes for all students. They also support our school by writing mini-grants to support classrooms, part-time bilingual office assistance to our teachers and field trips and special events, such as our Family Art Night. Our Office of Family Engagement and Equity provides parent/caregiver support and interaction that contributes to a wonderful partnership between home and school, benefiting the children at Emerson Elementary. To get involved, please contact our Office of Family Engagement and Equity Specialist Lily Howell at (510) 295-7791, or our School Secretary Sonia Colon in the school office at (510) 644-6890. We'd love to have you join the Emerson Team.

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.

School Safety Plan

The safety of students and staff is very important to us at Emerson. A variety of people visit the campus to volunteer in the classroom and participate in school events; all visitors must sign in at our office upon their arrival. During lunch, recesses, and after school, staff members, administrators, and yard staff supervise students and school grounds to ensure an orderly, safe environment. The school is always fully compliant with all rules, laws, and regulations concerning state earthquake standards and hazardous materials. Earthquake and fire drills are held monthly, and intruder drills are held twice a year.

Safety procedures, including elements of our Comprehensive Safe School Plan, are reviewed with school and district staff at the start of each school year. The plan was last updated and reviewed with school staff in Fall of 2017-2018.

Suspensions and Expulsions			
School	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Suspensions Rate	0.6	1.3	1.6
Expulsions Rate	0.0	0.0	0.0
District	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Suspensions Rate	2.9	2.1	1.8
Expulsions Rate	0.1	0.0	0.1
State	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Suspensions Rate	3.8	3.7	3.6
Expulsions Rate	0.1	0.1	0.1

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.

2017-18 Federal Intervention Program		
Indicator	School	District
Program Improvement Status	In PI	In PI
First Year of Program Improvement	2010-2011	2004-2005
Year in Program Improvement	Year 4	Year 3
Number of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	10	
Percent of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	71.4	

Academic Counselors and Other Support Staff at this School	
Number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)	
Academic Counselor	0
Counselor (Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	0
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	0
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	0.8
Psychologist	.40
Social Worker	0
Nurse	0
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	.5
Resource Specialist	0
Other	
Average Number of Students per Staff Member	
Academic Counselor	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.

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Elementary)												
Grade	Average Class Size			Number of Classrooms*								
				1-20			21-32			33+		
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
K	19	20	19	3	2	3						
1	23	21	20		1	2	2	2				
2	18	22	20	3		2		2	1			
3	22	18	21		3	1	2		1			
4	25	24	28				2	2	2			
5	27	43	52	4	1		2	2	2	1	1	1

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

Professional Development provided for Teachers

Administrators and teachers take time each year to improve their teaching skills and to extend their knowledge of the subjects they teach. During the last three school-years, each school in the Berkeley Unified School District dedicated 3 days annually for teacher and administrator professional development. During 2017-18, 100% of all Berkeley K-5 teachers and site administrators who had not completed this training in 2017 participated in four-days of Common Core State Standards Professional Development for their K-5 classrooms. A site literacy coach provides ongoing support for teachers to improve literacy instruction to students. A math teacher-leader at the site participates in monthly District training's, and supports math professional

development and collaboration at the site. New teachers participate in a rigorous District BTSA program. Teacher-initiated professional development is supported through local funds earmarked for this purpose.

FY 2015-16 Teacher and Administrative Salaries		
Category	District Amount	State Average for Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$42,486	\$46,511
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$71,172	\$73,293
Highest Teacher Salary	\$88,314	\$92,082
Average Principal Salary (ES)	\$117,914	\$113,263
Average Principal Salary (MS)	\$123,182	\$120,172
Average Principal Salary (HS)	\$150,202	\$131,203
Superintendent Salary	\$248,416	\$213,732
Percent of District Budget		
Teacher Salaries	35%	36%
Administrative Salaries	6%	5%

* For detailed information on salaries, see the CDE Certificated Salaries & Benefits webpage at www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/.

Types of Services Funded

The Berkeley Unified School District benefits from a local tax initiative called the Berkeley Schools Excellence Program (BSEP). We used BSEP funds, along with state and federal funds, to support improving student achievement, providing target support to students, sending teachers to staff development, and purchasing instructional materials for classrooms. We use the bulk of our funds to support coaching and direct instructional support services to our students through a full time Literacy Coach/Teacher and a part time Intervention and English Language Development Teacher. We also provide one on one tutoring during and after school to target students with these funds.. Our PTA's fund-raising efforts support many activities and supplies, including weekly Art Enrichment classes for all students, twice weekly PE and conditioning classes for all students, Bilingual/Clerical office support, field trips, assemblies, family nights, after-school enrichment scholarships, teachers' classroom requests, classroom library books, and more.

Total expenses include only the costs related to direct educational services to students. This figure does not include food services, land acquisition, new construction, and other expenditures unrelated to core educational purposes. The expenses per-student figure is calculated by dividing total expenses by the district's average daily attendance (ADA). More information is available on the CDE's Web site.

DataQuest

DataQuest is an online data tool located on the CDE DataQuest Web page at <http://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

Internet access is available at public libraries and other locations that are publicly accessible (e.g., the California State Library). Access to the Internet at libraries and public locations is generally provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Other use restrictions may include the hours of operation, the length of time that a workstation may be used (depending on availability), the types of software programs available on a workstation, and the ability to print documents.

FY 2015-16 Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries				
Level	Expenditures Per Pupil			Average Teacher Salary
	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	
School Site	\$9,111	\$2,211	\$6,900	\$76,043
District	♦	♦	\$10,050	\$73,395
State	♦	♦	\$6,574	\$74,476
Percent Difference: School Site/District			-31.3	3.6
Percent Difference: School Site/ State			5.0	2.1

* Cells with ♦ do not require data.