### California Department of Education School Accountability Report Card Reported Using Data from the 2013-14 School Year

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Every school in California is required by state law to publish a School Accountability Report Card (SARC), by February 1 of each year. 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 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/.
- View this SARC online at the school and/or LEA Web sites.
- For more information about the LCFF or LCAP, see the CDE LCFF Web page at http://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/aa/kc/.
- For additional information about the school, parents and community members should contact the school principal or the district office.

### **Cassandra Farley, Principal**

Principal, Sulphur Springs Community Elementary

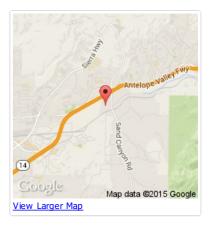
## **About Our School**

Welcome to Sulphur Springs Community School's School Accuntability Report Card. We are very proud of our accomplishments and all the Suphur Springs Community School has to offer to our students.

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### **About This School**

### **Contact Information - Most Recent Year**

School		District		
School Name	Sulphur Springs Community Elementary	District Name	Sulphur Springs Union	
Street	16628 West Lost Canyon Rd.	Phone Number	(661) 252-5131	
City, State, Zip	Canyon Country, Ca, 91387	Web Site	http://www.sssd.k12.ca.us	
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Principal	Cassandra Farley, Principal	Superintendent Last Name	Kawaguchi	
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County-District- School (CDS) Cod	19650456022917 le			Last updated: 1/28/201

### School Description and Mission Statement (Most Recent Year)

Sulphur Springs Community School is nestled in the foothills of Santa Clarita, California, about 40 miles northeast of Los Angeles. Established by Colonel Mitchell in 1872, Sulphur Springs Community School has played an important role in the history of the Santa Clarita Valley. At present, Sulphur Springs is the oldest active school in Los Angeles County. Our state-of-the-art facility bears little resemblance to its humble beginnings as a one-room adobe schoolhouse. Our spacious campus is located in a park like setting distinguished by Heritage Oaks.

A visit to Sulphur Springs School reveals an environment where high expectations, positive morale, dedication to the highest quality education and a sense of camaraderie are prevalent. An exciting spirit of cooperation exists at Sulphur Springs School and schools work together in grade level Professional Learning Communities in order to calibrate on best instructional practices. The outstanding staff continues to be on the cutting edge in providing educational instruction for our students.

Sulphur Springs currently educates a student population of 625 students, on a Blended Calendar. We have 23 regular classrooms and two Special Day classes. Our support staff includes a Speech and Language Specialist, Resource Teacher, School Psychologist, Adaptive P.E. Teacher, and an Occupational Therapist. We have a consultant contract with Cultivating Creative Minds for music and arts instruction. We have a fully equipped computer lab with 35 computers and a Computer Lab Specialist that works with each class on a weekly basis. Our science lab is used by grades three thru six on a weekly basis with a Science Lab Assistant that works with classes on experiments. Our Bilingual EL aide supports EL students on a regular basis and consistently supports our Hispanic families by communicating with them, supporting them, and providing translation when needed. Two Curriculum Specialists help to support our Response to Intervention program that helps to lower class size and give grade levels an hour a day of intense targeted intervention for their students.

Our continuing educational goal is to meet the diverse educational needs of all students. Sulphur Springs Community School is a leader among California's elementary schools. We received the California Distinguished School Award in 1997, 2002, and 2006. All students are provided a challenging curriculum aligned with the California State Standards. Effective use of a wide range of teaching strategies, a variety of high quality, and readily available materials bring this curriculum to life.

Even in today's financial climate, class size reduction implementation continues to assist reducing class sizes in first, second, and third grade. Our transitional kindergarten and Kindergarten classes have 22 students with a full day schedule. Reading instruction in primary grades is enhanced by the implementation of intervention programs including Frontline Phonics (a kinesthetic method for teaching phonics), reading in both fiction and non fiction text, a focus on reading comprehension, and a Response to Intervention model that focuses on closely the student achievement gap. Various intervention strategies support the learning for our below basic students in all grades. The importance of technology continues to be a significant focus. Students, staff and community view and utilize technology as a tool in school, work and life. The use of technology is integrated throughout the curriculum and enhances school operations. Each classroom is equipped with state of the art technology including a Smartboard, teacher laptop, teacher iPad, sound system and document camera. We continually seek innovative means to expand and update our existing technology through district provided technology trainings and professional development Tuesday staff meetings. Every student TK-6 has supervised access to the Internet through trips to the computer lab as well in the classroom on computers and iPads. Staff, students and the community participate in training aimed at increasing computer literacy and the ability to access meaningful information. Smart Boards are used in

the computer lab, science lab and all classrooms. Students receive hands-on, enriched, standards-based lessons in all classrooms, computer lab and in the state-ofthe-art Science Lab.

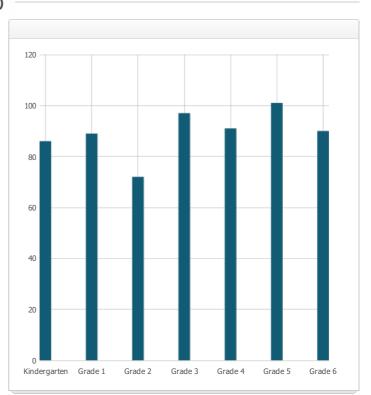
School pride is evident throughout the campus and something that makes Sulphur Springs unique. At monthly assemblies students are recognized for their accomplishments and achievements are celebrated. The school cheer team gets the crowd involved, our student council helps to announce awards, and our PTA gets involved with raffles for students who turn in Box Tops to help with school fundraising. Every Friday students and staff are attired in their spirit wear and adorn themselves in head to toe red and blue, the school colors. Student Council has a variety of "spirit" days scheduled during the school year from "twin day" to "crazy hat day." There exists a strong sense of pride, commitment and caring among the staff, students and the community of Sulphur Springs School and is felt just walking on to the campus.

Parent support and involvement in all aspects of our school is a proud tradition of the Sulphur Springs community. For the past 60 years the P.T.A.'s Founder's Day Celebration has recognized the outstanding accomplishments of staff and community members. Other Sulphur Springs traditions include a holiday store, Fall Carnival, Visual Arts Exhibit, Winter Sing and Boutique, Volunteer Tea, Student Talent Show, and the Annual Mustang Roundup, a fund-raising auction. Classroom volunteers are seen working in classrooms all over the campus and in the office workroom. Parents help to support teachers and the school with endless fundraising efforts and through the many school events that they host.

Sulphur Springs School makes a concentrated effort to ensure that students, parents and staff feel a sense of belonging. A component to Sulphur Springs' success is it's rich history of community involvement. Even as our community continues to change and grow, we are confident our "tradition of family" will remain strong.

### Student Enrollment by Grade Level (School Year 2013-14)

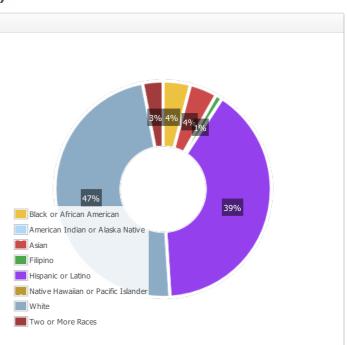
Grade Level	Number of Students
Kindergarten	86
Grade 1	89
Grade 2	72
Grade 3	97
Grade 4	91
Grade 5	101
Grade 6	90
Total Enrollment	626



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### Student Enrollment by Student Group (School Year 2013-14)

Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	4.0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.2
Asian	4.3
Filipino	1.8
Hispanic or Latino	39.0
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0
White	47.8
Two or More Races	3.0
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	28.3
English Learners	11.3
Students with Disabilities	11.7



## A. Conditions of Learning

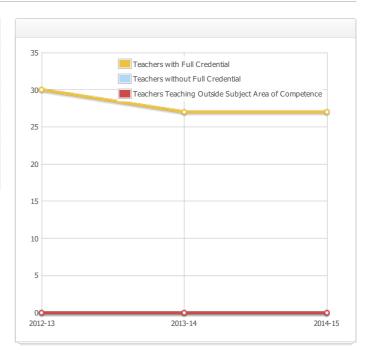
## **State Priority: Basic**

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the Basic State Priority (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**

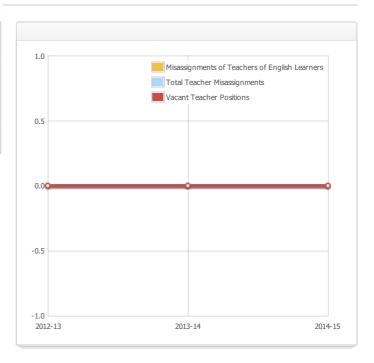
Teachers		School		District
	2012- 13	2013- 14	2014- 15	2014- 15
With Full Credential	30	27	27	256
Without Full Credential	0	0	0	1
Teachers Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence (with full credential)	0	0	0	0



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#### 2012-2013-2014-Indicator 13 14 15 Misassignments of Teachers of English 0 0 0 Learners Total Teacher Misassignments\* 0 0 0 Vacant Teacher Positions 0 0 0

**Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions** 



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.

### Core Academic Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers (School Year 2013-14) -

Location of Classes	Percent of Classes In Core Academic Subjects Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers	Percent of Classes In Core Academic Subjects Not Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers
This School	100	0
All Schools in District	100	0
High-Poverty Schools in District	100	0
Low-Poverty Schools in District	100	0

Note: High-poverty schools are defined as those schools with student eligibility of approximately 40 percent or more in the free and reduced price meals program. Low-poverty schools are those with student eligibility of approximately 39 percent or less in the free and reduced price meals program.

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### Quality, Currency, Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials - Most Recent Year

Year and month in which data were collected: December 2014

Subject	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption?	Percent Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
Reading/Language Arts	Houghton Mifflin Reading Language (K-6) (Adopted 2003) ***The state of California suspended textbook adoptions in 2009 and will be reinstating them in the 2015-2016 school year***	No	0.0
Mathematics	Math Expressions	Yes	0.0
Science	Scott Foresman California Science (3-6) Houghton Mifflin California Science (K-2) ***The state of California suspended textbook adoptions in 2009 and will be reinstating them in the 2015-2016 school year <sup>***</sup>	Yes	0.0
History-Social Science	Scott Foresman History-Social Studies (K-5) (2007) Harcourt History-Social Studies (6) (2007) ***The state of California suspended textbook adoptions in 2009 and will be reinstating them in the 2015-2016 school year***	Yes	0.0
Foreign Language			0.0
Health			0.0
Visual and Performing Arts			0.0
Science Laboratory Equipment (grades 9-12)			0.0

### School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements - Most Recent Year

Our campus has 25 classrooms, 9 relocatable classrooms, a library, computer lab, science lab, music room, and a track. The school was remodeled most recently in 1987. The students are well supervised by classified staff on the playground before school, at recess, and during lunch time. The two full time custodians work to make sure our school is clean and safe for the students and staff.

District and community resources are used to keep facilities and the campus clean and in good repair. Resources are allocated for the continuous maintenance and safety of our buildings and grounds. Monthly cleanliness and safety reports identify needs and these are addressed promptly. During the summer of 2011, many upgrades were completed. The main building on campus was painted, covered walkways were repaired, and grass areas were reseeded. This school year there were many mini projects taking place to update the campus. Trees around campus were treated for beetle bark in order to preserve them and dead trees . Tables on the kinder yard were repainted, a dead tree was removed, and a border was painted around the swing set in order to give students a guide of how far to stand from the swings. The primary science lab had tiles replaced in the floor and is in the process of getting ready for student use. A new playground was installed on the main playground and old appartus was removed as it is outdated.

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### School Facility Good Repair Status - Most Recent Year

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	
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	Good	
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	Good	
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/Doors/Gates/Fences	Good	

### **Overall Facility Rate - Most Recent Year**

Overall Rating

Good

### **B. Pupil Outcomes**

## **State Priority: Pupil Achievement**

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

- Statewide assessments (i.e., California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress and its successor the Standardized Testing and Reporting Program);
- The Academic Performance Index; and
- The percentage of pupils 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.

California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress/ Standardized Testing and Reporting Results for All

### Students in Science – Three-Year Comparison

	Per	cent of Stud	ents Scoring	at Proficient	or Advanced	(meeting or e	exceeding the	state standa	rds)
		School			District		State		
Subject	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Science (grades 5, 8, and 10)	87	87	90	73	65	76	60	59	60

Note: Science assessments include California Standards Tests (CSTs), California Modified Assessment (CMA), and California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA).

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.

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### California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress Results by Student Group in Science (School Year

### 2013-14)

Group	Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced
All Students in the LEA	76
All Students at the School	90
Male	93
Female	87
Black or African American	
American Indian or Alaska Native	
Asian	
Filipino	
Hispanic or Latino	83
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	
White	96
Two or More Races	
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	80
English Learners	
Students with Disabilities	
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	

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.

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### Standardized Testing and Reporting Results for All Students - Three-Year Comparison

	I	Percent of Stu	Idents Scoring	at Proficient	or Advanced	(meeting or e	cceeding the s	tate standard	5)
		School			District			State	
Subject	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
English-Language Arts	72%	75%	72%	62%	65%	65%	54%	56%	55%
Mathematics	71%	75%	74%	64%	65%	67%	49%	50%	50%
History-Social Science	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	48%	49%	49%

Note: STAR Program was last administered in 2012–13. 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.

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### Academic Performance Index Ranks – Three-Year Comparison

API Rank	2011	2012	2013
Statewide	8	8	8
Similar Schools	4	4	6

Note: For 2014 and subsequent years, the statewide and similar schools ranks will no longer be produced.

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### Academic Performance Index Growth by Student Group – Three-Year Comparison

Group	Actual API Change 2011	Actual API Change 2012	Actual API Change 2013
All Students at the School	6	12	-1
Black or African American			
American Indian or Alaska Native			
Asian			
Filipino			
Hispanic or Latino	9	15	0
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			
White	-1	13	13
Two or More Races			
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	13	-25	3
English Learners			
Students with Disabilities			

Note: "N/D" means that no data were available to the CDE or LEA to report. "B" means the school did not have a valid API Base and there is no Growth or target information. "C" means the school had significant demographic changes and there is no Growth or target information.

# **State Priority: Other Pupil Outcomes**

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the Other Pupil Outcomes State Priority (Priority 8):

• Pupil outcomes in the subject areas of English, mathematics, and physical education.

### California Physical Fitness Test Results (School Year 2013-14)

	Percent of Students Meeting Fitness Standards					
Grade level	Four of Six Standards	Five of Six Standards	Six of Six Standards			
5	28.4%	22.5%	26.5%			
7	N/A	N/A	N/A			
)	N/A	N/A	N/A			

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.

## C. Engagement

## **State Priority: Parental Involvement**

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the Parental Involvement State Priority (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 - Most Recent Year**

Our parents are involved in many aspects of our school. The Sulphur Springs PTA, our largest parent organization, sponsors and plans many of our school events such as the annual Fall Carnival, Father Daughter Dance, Mother Son Night, Red Ribbon Week, Holiday Boutique, and our largest fund raising event, The Mustang Roundup. Each classroom has a room parent to help the teacher to communicate with other parents regarding classroom activities. Our Site Council and ELAC (English Language Advisory Committee) also have parent participation to review our Single School Plan and School Safety Plan. Parents volunteer in the office, library, and classrooms on a daily basis.

## **State Priority: Pupil Engagement**

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The SARC provides the following information relevant to the Pupil Engagement State Priority (Priority 5):

- High school dropout rates; and
- High school graduation rates.

## **State Priority: School Climate**

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the School Climate State Priority (Priority 6):

- Pupil suspension rates;
- Pupil expulsion rates; and
- Other local measures on the sense of safety.

### **Suspensions and Expulsions**

	School				District		State		
Rate	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Suspensions	9.00	5.00	3.00	84.00	73.00	55.00	5.70	5.10	4.40
Expulsions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.10	0.10



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### School Safety Plan - Most Recent Year

Every student and staff member has the right to attend a safe school where he or she is free from physical or psychological harm. The School Safety Plan was updated October of 2013 and was discussed with the staff.

This plan includes:

-School disaster procedures and a comprehensive plan

-Guidelines to ensure a safe teaching and learning environment

-Guidelines to promote safe travel to and from school

-District and community resources for students and parents

-Guidelines to promote an environment where students, parents, staff and the community communicate in a manner that is respectful to all cultural, racial, and religious backgrounds.

-If a crisis situation was to occur, the special education department or designee would mobilize the school psychologists to assist staff and students during and after the crisis.

### **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.

### Adequate Yearly Progress Overall and by Criteria (School Year 2013-14)

AYP Criteria	School	District
Made AYP Overall	No	No
Met Participation Rate - English-Language Arts	Yes	Yes
Met Participation Rate - Mathematics	Yes	Yes
Met Percent Proficient - English-Language Arts	No	No
Met Percent Proficient - Mathematics	No	No
Met Graduation Rate	N/A	N/A

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### Federal Intervention Program (School Year 2014-15)

Indicator	School	District
Program Improvement Status	Not in PI	In PI
First Year of Program Improvement		2011-2012
Year in Program Improvement *		Year 3
Number of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	N/A	4
Percent of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	N/A	44.0%

#### Note: Cells with NA values do not require data.

\* DW (determination waiver) indicates that the PI status of the school was carried over from the prior year in accordance with the flexibility granted through the federal waiver process.

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

	2011-12			2012-13				2013-14				
		Numb	er of Clas	sses *	Number of Classes *			Number of Classes *				
Grade Level	Average Class Size	1-20	21-32	33+	Average Class Size	1-20	21-32	33+	Average Class Size	1-20	21-32	33+
К	21.7	3	0	0	22.0		4		22.0		4	
1	21.7	6	0	0	14.0	2	3		18.0	1	4	
2	28.0	0	3	0	18.0	2	3		18.0	2	2	
3	26.0	0	5	0	19.0	2	3		19.0	2	3	
4	22.5	3	3	0	22.0	2	3		23.0	1	3	
5	26.5	1	3	0	18.0	3	2		20.0	2	3	
6	31.3	0	3	0	22.0	2	3		23.0	1	3	
Other												

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

### Academic Counselors and Other Support Staff (School Year 2013-14)

Tit le	Number of FTE* Assigned to School	Average Number of Students per Academic Counselor
Academic Counselor	0.0	0.0
Counselor (Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	0.0	N/A
Library Media Teacher (librarian)	0.0	N/A
Library Media Services Staff (paraprofessional)	0.0	N/A
Psychologist	0.5	N/A
Social Worker	0.0	N/A
Nurse	0.2	N/A
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	1.0	N/A
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)	0.7	N/A
Other	0.0	N/A

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

\* 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.

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### Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries (Fiscal Year 2012-13)

			Expenditures Per	
	Total Expenditures Per	Expenditures Per Pupil	Pupil	Average Teacher
Level	Pupil	(Supplemental/Restricted)	(Basic/Unrestricted)	Salary
School Site	\$5,456	\$843	\$4,613	\$60,098
District	N/A	N/A	\$5,611	\$68,577
Percent Difference – School Site and District	N/A	N/A	18.00%	12.00%
State	N/A	N/A	\$4,690	\$70,788
Percent Difference – School Site and State	N/A	N/A	2.00%	15.00%

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### Types of Services Funded (Fiscal Year 2013-14)

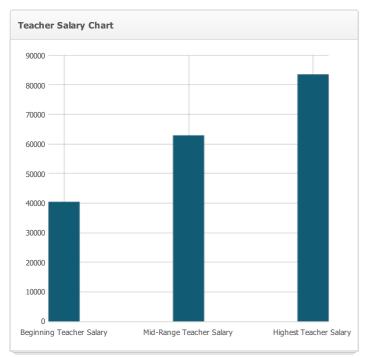
Categorical dollars support training for teachers in working with special populations of students (English Learners, Gifted and Talented Students - GATE) and general teacher training. Funds are also allocated to the site to support intervention programs for students who are at risk academically.

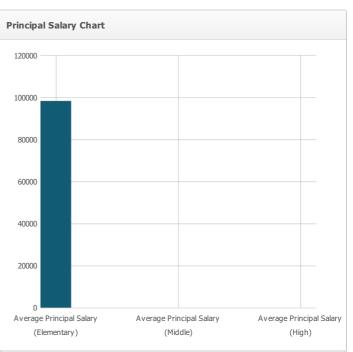
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### Teacher and Administrative Salaries (Fiscal Year 2012-13)

Category	District Amount	State Average For Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$40,411	\$41,507
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$62,862	\$67,890
Highest Teacher Salary	\$83,477	\$86,174
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)	\$98,174	\$109,131
Average Principal Salary (Middle)	\$00	\$111,937
Average Principal Salary (High)	\$00	\$109,837
Superintendent Salary	\$160,123	\$185,462
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	39.0%	42.0%
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	6.0%	6.0%

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





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### **Professional Development – Most Recent Three Years**

The Sulphur Springs School District is firmly committed to the continual development and improvement of its teachers. To this end, the district provides professional development activities and training to enhance teacher effectiveness annually. During the 2013-2014 school year all teachers were provided with the opportunity to attend conferences, workshops, seminars, and other staff development opportunities. Each Tuesday students were released one hour early to provide teachers with site-based professional development opportunities that include site-based training, grade level collaborative planning, and independent planning. Numerous staff meetings focused on analyzing student performance of state and local assessments and how to modify instruction to better meet students' needs. Staff development topics covered all curriculum areas although there was an emphasis on reading, writing, mathematics, supporting English learners, assessment, science, technology, and diversity. All teachers attended four days of Common Core training where Common Core standards in English

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Language Arts were prioritized and unwrapped and units were planned and created. Many teachers also attended Coherent Writing training as well as GLAD training (Guided Language Acquistion Development). The progression to Common Core, English Language Learners students and Technology were the focus of site based professional development in the 2013-2014 school year.