



Julia B. Morrison Elementary School

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School Description

Welcome to Morrison Elementary School, we are a California Distinguished School and a California Title I High Achieving School. Morrison has also been awarded the prestigious Golden Bell Award for closing the achievement gap with English-Language Learners using English Language Development (ELD) and Academic Language Development (ALD). Our mission is to provide a caring, challenging, and creative learning environment so that all children can reach their maximum potential. Students receive a rigorous academic program enriched by participation in the arts, especially music. Morrison has significant technology resources, which also support student learning.

To achieve our vision for students, we support our staff members with the transition towards the implementation of the Common Core State Standards to prepare students for college, career, and life. The standards clearly demonstrate what students are expected to learn at each grade level, so that every parent and teacher can understand and support their learning.

Parents are always welcome on the campus to participate in their child's education by reviewing homework and progress notes, volunteering in the classroom, attending school events and taking advantage of all the classes available to parents to further enhance the support given at home.

Parents can help their children make the most of their education by sending them to school on time every day, by making sure that they are completing school and homework assignments, and by attending parent conferences. We believe that parents are our partners in providing a rigorous, quality education for our students. Working together we can make a bright future for the children in our care.

About the SARC

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/lc/>.
- For additional information about the school, parents and community members should contact the school at (562) 868-9878.

2013-14 Student Enrollment by Grade Level	
Grade Level	Number of Students
Kinder.	163
Gr. 1	135
Gr. 2	127
Gr. 3	113
Gr. 4	113
Gr. 5	109
Total	760

2013-14 Student Enrollment by Group	
Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	3.7
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.1
Asian	1.7
Filipino	2.0
Hispanic or Latino	87.0
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.3
White	3.2
Two or More Races	0.9
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	86.1
English Learners	32.8
Students with Disabilities	7.9

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			
Julia B. Morrison Elementary School	12-13	13-14	14-15
Fully Credentialed	22	27	32
Without Full Credential	0	0	0
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	0	0	0
Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District	12-13	13-14	14-15
Fully Credentialed	♦	♦	
Without Full Credential	♦	♦	
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	♦	♦	

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions at this School			
Julia B. Morrison Elementary	12-13	13-14	14-15
Teachers of English Learners	0	0	0
Total Teacher Misassignments	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.

Core Academic Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers

2013-14 Percent of Classes In Core Academic Subjects Core Academic Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers		
Location of Classes	Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers	Not Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers
This School	100.00	0.00
Districtwide		
All Schools	93.95	6.05
High-Poverty Schools	93.90	6.10
Low-Poverty Schools	95.05	4.95

* 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.

Quality, Currency, Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials (School Year 2014-15)

All textbooks meet the content standards for each of their curricular areas. These materials are supplemented with instructional materials aligned with the California Common Core State Standards.

Textbooks and Instructional Materials

Year and month in which data were collected: 2014

Core Curriculum Area	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/Year of Adoption
<p>Reading/Language Arts</p> <p>The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes</p> <p>Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0</p>	Grades K-5 English-language Arts: Houghton Mifflin Reading, adopted 2002 and Common Core aligned supplemental materials: Ready Common Core-Reading, Curriculum Associates – ELA
<p>Mathematics</p> <p>The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes</p> <p>Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0</p>	Grades K-5 Mathematics: Houghton Mifflin - Math Expressions, adopted 2014
<p>Science</p> <p>The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes</p> <p>Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0</p>	Grades K-5 Science: Macmillan/McGraw Hill – Science, adopted 2008
<p>History-Social Science</p> <p>The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes</p> <p>Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0</p>	Grades K-5 Social Science: Pearson Scott Foresman – History, adopted 2006

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements (Most Recent Year)

School Facility Good Repair Status (Most Recent Year)

Year and month in which data were collected:

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

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.

CAASPP Results for All Students - Three-Year Comparison

Subject	Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced (meeting or exceeding the state standards)								
	School			District			State		
	11-12	12-13	13-14	11-12	12-13	13-14	11-12	12-13	13-14
Science	60	55	68	53	56	55	60	59	60

* Science (grades 5, 8, and 10) assessments include California Standards Tests (CSTs), California Modified Assessment (CMA), and California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA). 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.

STAR Results for All Students - Three-Year Comparison

Subject	Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced (meeting or exceeding the state standards)								
	School			District			State		
	10-11	11-12	12-13	10-11	11-12	12-13	10-11	11-12	12-13
ELA	69	71	70	52	54	54	54	56	55
Math	75	78	78	46	47	48	49	50	50
HSS				41	41	44	48	49	49

* 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.

Academic Performance Index Ranks - Three-Year Comparison

API Rank	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Statewide	8	8	8
Similar Schools	10	10	10

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

Grade Level 2013-14 Percent of Students Meeting Fitness Standards

Grade Level	2013-14 Percent of Students Meeting Fitness Standards		
	4 of 6	5 of 6	6 of 6
5	19.8	15.3	15.3

* 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.

2013-14 CAASPP Results by Student Group

Group	Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced	
	Science (grades 5, 8, and 10)	
All Students in the LEA	55	
All Student at the School	68	
Male	72	
Female	62	
Black or African American		
American Indian or Alaska Native		
Asian		
Filipino		
Hispanic or Latino	68	
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander		
White		
Two or More Races		
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	66	
English Learners	6	
Students with Disabilities		
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services		

* CAASPP includes science assessments (CSTs, CMA, and CAPA) in grades 5, 8, and 10. 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.

API Growth by Student Group – Three-Year Comparison

Group	Actual API Change		
	10-11	11-12	12-13
All Students at the School	16	21	-8
Black or African American			
American Indian or Alaska Native			
Asian			
Filipino			
Hispanic or Latino	19	17	-5
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander			
White			
Two or More Races			
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	15	17	-3
English Learners	25	9	-9
Students with Disabilities			

* "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.

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

Parent educational classes are provided by PROedu. PROedu's mission is to inform parents and strengthen their skills as parents and leaders so they can play an important role in their children's lives.

The general curriculum content consists of three stages:

- Responsible Parenthood. Promotes parent's responsibility and commitment to create healthy family relationships.
- School Success. Informs parents and raises awareness about their involvement in their children's education.
- Responsible Leadership. Motivates/guides parents' leadership-advocacy in their family/community.

Parents are also provided training in the use of Internet programs such as i-Ready and Raz-Kids.

We provide opportunities for parents to have input through School Site Council, PTA and ELAC.

Morrison PTA, along with site staff, coordinates and integrates parent involvement activities such as, Back-to-School Night, Open House/Family Picnic Day, College Week, Red Ribbon Week, Picture Day and our 5th Grade Promotion Ceremony.

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.

School Safety Plan

In order to increase school safety, we have a campus that is fully fenced, visitors and volunteers sign-in and wear badges during their visit. Many parents wait with their students outside the classrooms in the morning and pick them up at the classroom door after school. If parents notice anything problematic, they report it immediately to the office. Supervision aides monitor the school grounds for 30 minutes before and after school as well as at all recesses and at lunchtime, bus boarding and departing.

Teachers, staff and administration, regularly review with students the school-wide expectations for appropriate behavior. The three behavioral expectations are around safety, respect, and responsibility in school, class, and on the playground. Students will continue to be encouraged to display appropriate behavior through Positive Rewards such as Verbal praise, Citizenship awards, and Participation in special grade level activities. We are constantly trying to find ways to encourage students to improve their behavior and be great role models today and in the future. Students who do not follow the School-Wide Expectation for Behaviors either from their teacher, paraprofessional, supervision aide, office, the Dean or Principal, will receive discipline referrals to address behavioral concerns.

We revise our School Safety Plan annually. The plan includes procedures for emergencies, exit routes, and inventories of emergency supplies. Each teacher has a copy of the plan in the classroom along with an emergency bag. We practice emergency drills on a regular basis. The school safety committee inspects the school three times a year. After each drill and site inspection, the safety committee discusses what was noticed, and the Safety Plan is revised accordingly.

Suspensions and Expulsions

School	11-12	12-13	13-14
Suspensions Rate	0.4	0.4	1.2
Expulsions Rate	0	0	0.0
District	11-12	12-13	13-14
Suspensions Rate	5	5.7	3.6
Expulsions Rate	0.1	0	0.1
State	11-12	12-13	13-14
Suspensions Rate	5.7	5.1	4.4
Expulsions Rate	0.1	0.1	0.1

* The rate of suspensions and expulsions is calculated by dividing the total number of incidents by the total enrollment x 100.

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.

2013-14 Adequate Yearly Progress Overall and by Criteria		
AYP Criteria	School	District
Made AYP Overall		
Met Participation Rate: English-Language Arts		
Met Participation Rate: Mathematics		
Met Percent Proficient: English-Language Arts		
Met Percent Proficient: Mathematics		
Met API Criteria		

2014-15 Federal Intervention Program		
Indicator	School	District
Program Improvement Status	Not in PI	In PI
First Year of Program Improvement		2009-2010
Year in Program Improvement		Year 3
Number of Schools Currently in Program Improvement		16
Percent of Schools Currently in Program Improvement		94.1

* 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.

Academic Counselors and Other Support Staff at this School	
Number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)	
Academic Counselor	0
Counselor (Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	.5
Psychologist	.5
Social Worker	
Nurse	
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	1
Resource Specialist	1
Other	1
Average Number of Students per Staff Member	
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.

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution												
Average Class Size				Number of Classrooms*								
				1-20			21-32			33+		
Grade	12	13	14	12	13	14	12	13	14	12	13	14
Kinder.	28.8	34	33	0			4	1	1	0	4	4
Gr. 1	28.5	29	27	0			4	4	5	0		
Gr. 2	29	29	25	0			3	4	5	0		
Gr. 3	27.5	28	28	0			4	4	4	0		
Gr. 4	30.5	28	28	0	1	1	2		1	2	3	2
Gr. 5	32.7	31	27	0		1	1	1	2	2	3	1

* 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.

FY 2012-13 Teacher and Administrative Salaries		
Category	District Amount	State Average for Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$44,764	\$41,318
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$69,406	\$65,615
Highest Teacher Salary	\$91,049	\$84,981
Average Principal Salary (ES)	\$117,028	\$107,624
Average Principal Salary (MS)	\$120,045	\$112,817
Average Principal Salary (HS)	\$120,189	\$121,455
Superintendent Salary	\$205,000	\$206,292
Percent of District Budget		
Teacher Salaries	39	40
Administrative Salaries	5	5

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

FY 2012-13 Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries

Level	Expenditures Per Pupil			Average Teacher Salary
	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	
School Site	8138.48	2513.16	5625.33	75326.59
District	♦	♦	6057.23	\$72,884
State	♦	♦	\$4,690	\$69,360
Percent Difference: School Site/District			-7.1	3.4
Percent Difference: School Site/ State			19.9	8.6

Types of Services Funded at Julia B. Morrison Elementary School

Professional Development provided for Teachers at Julia B. Morrison Elementary School

Writing is an area of focus at the district and school site level. The district selected communication skills through speaking and writing as an instructional practice priority. At Morrison, our previous student data reflected a need in writing. Therefore, our teachers will receive ongoing staff development from our consultant Jennifer Richter around the three genres of writing: narrative, informational and opinion/argumentative writing. Teachers are meeting bi-monthly within their grade level teams to implement the Professional Learning Community (PLC) Protocol in order to create SMART goals, rubrics, analyze student work and determine next steps for instruction.

Additionally, our Common Core leads will be trained by the District, around the instructional practice priorities: designing learning experiences that develop students' communication skills through speaking and writing, fostering meaningful and purposeful collaboration among students, and planning for rigor and relevance through effective lesson design. Through staff development, the Common Core site team will plan and share out the information provided by the District.