

Mountain Valley Academy

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Principal's Message

Mountain Valley Academy is a rare and unique place for learning. Our alternative school incorporates a non-threatening flexible environment that fosters self-motivation and responsibility for students' own learning. Parents are considered partners in their child's education, working actively with teachers for the good of the student. The transitional kindergarten through 12th grade program provides opportunities for students of all grade levels to interact providing positive role models for our younger students. Our campus offers two computer labs, with additional student computers available in all classrooms. Our library collection is reflective of the breadth of student needs on our campus.

Mountain Valley Academy is a free public schools of choice, meaning that students throughout the district may enroll in our programs. The campus offers two alternative schools: Ramona Community Montessori School, a TK-6 instructional program based on the principles of Dr. Maria Montessori, and Mountain Valley Academy, a TK-12 independent study college model where students attend class two to five days a week, completing research based projects at home. Mountain Valley Academy High School program is WASC accredited and has been recognized as one of the top 8% high schools in the country, by US News and World Report. Our elementary programs earned California Distinguished School recognition in 2014.

Our school's API scores have consistently grown each year. Based on our 2013 STAR testing, our school has a Statewide Rank of 9, and a Similar Schools Rank of 10. We are very proud of our students' formally assessed academic achievement.

The teaching and support staff of Mountain Valley Academy provide a unique, individualized alternative education for students by offering a choice in learning methodology, curriculum, resources, and experiences from a caring, student-centered, knowledgeable staff. We implement site-based decision making so students can excel academically, technologically, and socially to become productive citizens in society and sustain a life-long love of learning.

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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.

2015-16 Student Enrollment by Grade Level	
Grade Level	Number of Students
Kindergarten	19
Grade 1	10
Grade 2	17
Grade 3	8
Grade 4	9
Grade 5	12
Grade 6	15
Grade 7	19
Grade 8	18
Grade 9	22
Grade 10	25
Grade 11	17
Grade 12	22
Total Enrollment	213

2015-16 Student Enrollment by Group	
Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	1.9
Asian	0.9
Filipino	0
Hispanic or Latino	11.7
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.5
White	82.2
Two or More Races	2.8
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	9.9
English Learners	0.9
Students with Disabilities	1.4
Foster Youth	0.5

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			
Mountain Valley Academy	14-15	15-16	16-17
With Full Credential	21	12	11
Without Full Credential	0	0	0
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	0	0	0
Ramona City Unified	14-15	15-16	16-17
With Full Credential	♦	♦	240
Without Full Credential	♦	♦	13
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	♦	♦	1

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions at this School			
Mountain Valley Academy	14-15	15-16	16-17
Teachers of English Learners	0	0	1
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.

Core Academic Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers

2015-16 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	100.0	0.0
Districtwide		
All Schools	98.5	1.5
High-Poverty Schools	95.7	4.3
Low-Poverty Schools	99.8	0.2

* 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 2016-17)

Textbooks and Instructional Materials	
Year and month in which data were collected: September 2015	
Core Curriculum Area	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/Year of Adoption
Reading/Language Arts	<p>A Legacy of Literacy Houghton Mifflin 2003 Holt Literature and Language Arts Holt Rinehart 2003 Pearson Literature- Reading and Language Pearson/Prentice Hall Adventures in Reading Adventures in English Literature Adventures in American Literature Holt, Rinehart & Winston</p> <p>The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0</p>
Mathematics	<p>Core Connections Integrated I CPM 2015 Core Connections Integrated II & III CPM Pilot On Core Mathematics HMH Big Ideas MATH Big Ideas Learning enVisionMath Common Core 2015 Harcourt Math Harcourt Brace 2012 Algebra 1 Holt Algebra 2 Prentice Hall 2000 CA Geometry Glencoe Pre-Calculus Pearson/Prentice Hall 2004 Calculus Brooks/Cole</p> <p>The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0</p>
Science	<p>Harcourt Science Harcourt Brace 2008 Modern Earth Science Holt CA Physical Science Holt CA Life Science Holt Rinehart Modern Biology 2006 Holt Rinehart Biology Holt Rinehart Chemistry 2006 Holt Rinehart Conceptual Physics 2001</p> <p>The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0</p>
History-Social Science	<p>Reflections Harcourt 2007 United States History: Discovering Our Past- The American Journey Glencoe 2006 The Americans McDougal Littell 2005 The Modern Era: Connections to Today Prentice Hall 2005 The American Pageant – AP Edition Houghton Mifflin History of Western Society Houghton Mifflin</p> <p>The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0</p>

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements (Most Recent Year)

Each school within the Ramona Unified School District is carefully maintained to ensure that campuses are safe and clean. With the completion of multiple recent building projects at various campuses, the District has continued to provide outstanding campus environments for our students which provide for high-quality educational programs. In addition to the District’s maintenance department which performs everyday maintenance on over 165 buildings, the District also utilizes its deferred maintenance budget which allows for additional funding to maintain various items, including flooring, roofs, walls, windows, and other major systems within the buildings.

School Facility Good Repair Status (Most Recent Year)				
Year and month in which data were collected: 04/04/2016				
System Inspected	Repair Status			Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
	Good	Fair	Poor	
Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	X			
Interior: Interior Surfaces	X			
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/ Vermin Infestation	X			
Electrical: Electrical	X			
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	X			
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	X			
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	X			
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	X			
Overall Rating	Exemplary	Good	Fair	Poor
	X	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

2015-16 CAASPP Results for All Students						
Subject	Percent of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standards (grades 3-8 and 11)					
	School		District		State	
	14-15	15-16	14-15	15-16	14-15	15-16
ELA	77	85	49	53	44	48
Math	63	77	36	38	34	36

* 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 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		
	13-14	14-15	15-16	13-14	14-15	15-16	13-14	14-15	15-16
Science		90	85		66	67		56	54

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

Grade Level	2015-16 Percent of Students Meeting Fitness Standards		
	4 of 6	5 of 6	6 of 6
9	11.1	22.2	48.1

* 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	63	54	85.7	85.2
Male	32	28	87.5	82.1
Female	31	26	83.9	88.5
White	49	42	85.7	85.7

* 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 2015-16 CAASPP Assessment Results - English Language Arts (ELA)
Disaggregated by Student Groups, Grades Three through Eight and Eleven**

Student Group	Grade	Number of Students		Percent of Students	
		Enrolled	Tested	Tested	Standard Met or Exceeded
All Students	5	16	16	100.0	93.8
	6	15	15	100.0	86.7
	7	18	18	100.0	61.1
	8	20	19	95.0	77.8
	11	17	15	88.2	100.0
Male	11	11	10	90.9	100.0
Female	7	14	14	100.0	64.3
	8	11	10	90.9	88.9
White	5	11	11	100.0	90.9
	7	12	12	100.0	75.0
	8	17	17	100.0	87.5
	11	17	15	88.2	100.0

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 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.

**School Year 2015-16 CAASPP Assessment Results - Mathematics
Disaggregated by Student Groups, Grades Three through Eight and Eleven**

Student Group	Grade	Number of Students		Percent of Students	
		Enrolled	Tested	Tested	Standard Met or Exceeded
All Students	5	16	16	100.0	87.5
	6	15	15	100.0	60.0
	7	18	18	100.0	55.6
	8	18	18	100.0	55.6
	11	17	14	82.3	92.3
Male	11	11	9	81.8	100.0

**School Year 2015-16 CAASPP Assessment Results - Mathematics
Disaggregated by Student Groups, Grades Three through Eight and Eleven**

Student Group	Grade	Number of Students		Percent of Students	
		Enrolled	Tested	Tested	Standard Met or Exceeded
Female	7	14	14	100.0	50.0
	8	14	14	100.0	50.0
White	5	11	11	100.0	90.9
	7	12	12	100.0	66.7
	8	12	12	100.0	66.7
	11	17	14	82.3	92.3

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 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.

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 (School Year 2016-17)

The high level of parent involvement has been recognized as our school's strength. An attitude of interest and pride on the part of the parent is recognized as essential to shaping healthy and inquisitive student attitudes toward learning. Involvement opportunities for parents include classroom volunteers, field trip coordinators and drivers, Children's Night, Parent Teacher Student Association, School Site Council, Program Meetings, parent workshops, and various special events at school, such as International Day, History Day, Career Day and Literature Day.

Parents are encouraged to contact their child's teacher or PTSA through our website.

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

Mountain Valley Academy recognizes that students and staff have the right to a safe and secure campus where they are free from physical and psychological harm. The school is fully committed to maximizing school safety and to creating a positive learning environment that sets high expectations for student conduct, responsible behavior and respect for others. Mountain Valley Academy maintains a comprehensive safety plan that identifies major safety concerns including violence prevention strategies and actions to be taken in the event of a crisis.

Campus Safety Officers monitor students at lunch and recess (TK-8), and Campus Security supervises our high school students outside of classrooms. These personnel also monitor gates and campus access areas. Parents and other visitors are directed to the main office to sign in/out and obtain visitor badges. All campus safety/security staff, custodians, and office personnel have two-way radios to ensure immediate communication.

The School Safety Plan includes specific procedures for evacuation, lockdowns, earthquake, intruder, hazardous materials, and dangerous situations on/near campus. All students participate regularly in drills for all of those situations. The Safety Plan includes details for Command Post and all emergency teams. The Safety Plan is reviewed and revised annually.

Suspensions and Expulsions

School	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Suspensions Rate	0.0	0.4	0.0
Expulsions Rate	0.0	0.0	0.0
District	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Suspensions Rate	2.6	2.8	3.2
Expulsions Rate	0.1	0.0	0.1
State	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Suspensions Rate	4.4	3.8	3.7
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.

2016-17 Federal Intervention Program		
Indicator	School	District
Program Improvement Status		In PI
First Year of Program Improvement		2011-2012
Year in Program Improvement		Year 3
Number of Schools Currently in Program Improvement		3
Percent of Schools Currently in Program Improvement		60.0

Academic Counselors and Other Support Staff at this School	
Number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)	
Academic Counselor	1
Counselor (Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	0
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	0
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	0.5
Psychologist	0.5
Social Worker	0
Nurse	.1
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	0.2
Resource Specialist	1.0
Other	
Average Number of Students per Staff Member	
Academic Counselor	250

* 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+		
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
K		13	19		1	.5						
1		18	10		1	.5						
2			17			.5						
3			8			.5						
4			9			.5						
5			12			.5						
6			15			.5						
Other			19			1.5						

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Secondary)												
Subject	Average Class Size			Number of Classrooms*								
				1-22			23-32			33+		
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
English		14	20		7	3		1	2			0
Mathematics		15	15		6	5		1				
Science		18	15		4	2		1				
Social Science		9	14		9	4		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.

Professional Development provided for Teachers

Ramona Unified School District is dedicated to providing ongoing and sustainable professional development to its administrators, teachers, and paraeducators. In order to effectively implement the new state standards and enhance instructional delivery across the district, our educators participate in professional development at the site, district, and county level. The primary focus of this year's professional development is in the following areas:

- New state standards in math
- New state standards in English Language Arts (reading and writing)
- Technology integration
- Next Generation Science Standards
- Administrator and teacher leadership

Teachers and the administrator of Mountain Valley Academy additionally seek opportunities to strengthen their practice around effective strategies for Independent Study.

FY 2014-15 Teacher and Administrative Salaries		
Category	District Amount	State Average for Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$39,954	\$43,821
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$68,496	\$69,131
Highest Teacher Salary	\$86,716	\$89,259
Average Principal Salary (ES)	\$109,649	\$108,566
Average Principal Salary (MS)	\$123,721	\$115,375
Average Principal Salary (HS)	\$135,637	\$125,650
Superintendent Salary	\$200,591	\$198,772
Percent of District Budget		
Teacher Salaries	36%	37%
Administrative Salaries	6%	6%

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

FY 2014-15 Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries				
Level	Expenditures Per Pupil			Average Teacher Salary
	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	
School Site	\$5280	\$83	\$5197	\$69570
District	♦	♦	\$5134	\$74751
State	♦	♦	\$5,677	\$71,517
Percent Difference: School Site/District			1.2	-6.9
Percent Difference: School Site/ State			-8.5	-2.7

* Cells with ♦ do not require data.

Types of Services Funded

We believe all students can learn, and we recognize that all students learn and retain information in different ways. For students with differing learning styles or disabilities, RUSD has a wide variety of intervention programs. The District provides regular education, categorical programs and additional educational opportunities designed to help all students meet or exceed grade-level standards and to prevent students from falling behind. Federal categorical and additional educational opportunities are funded through the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, which was reauthorized in 2015 as the Every Students Succeeds Act. These programs include, Title I (English Language Arts and Mathematics support); Title II (Improving Teacher Quality); Title III (support for English Language Acquisition). State funding provides supplemental dollars so the District can provide additional service to unduplicated count students, including foster youth, English language learners, homeless youth, and students of low income families. RUSD offers a wide variety of alternative education programs and settings, including the Ramona Community campus which houses the Ramona Community Montessori School (TK-6) and Mt. Valley Academy (TK-12 School/Home Study); Future Bound (7-12 off campus Independent Study); and Montecito Continuation High School (9-12).

Dropout Rate and Graduation Rate (Four-Year Cohort Rate)			
Mountain Valley Academy	2011-12	2013-14	2014-15
Dropout Rate			0.00
Graduation Rate			100.00
Ramona City Unified	2011-12	2013-14	2014-15
Dropout Rate			4.40
Graduation Rate			88.84
California	2011-12	2013-14	2014-15
Dropout Rate	11.40	11.50	10.70
Graduation Rate	80.44	80.95	82.27

Career Technical Education Participation	
Measure	CTE Program Participation
Number of pupils participating in CTE	4
% of pupils completing a CTE program and earning a high school diploma	1
% of CTE courses sequenced or articulated between the school and institutions of postsecondary education	0

Courses for University of California (UC) and/or California State University (CSU) Admission	
UC/CSU Course Measure	Percent
2015-16 Students Enrolled in Courses Required for UC/CSU Admission	41.03
2014-15 Graduates Who Completed All Courses Required for UC/CSU Admission	36.0

* Where there are student course enrollments.

2015-16 Advanced Placement Courses		
Subject	Number of AP Courses Offered*	Percent of Students in AP Courses
Computer Science		♦
English	1	♦
Fine and Performing Arts		♦
Foreign Language		♦
Mathematics		♦
Science		♦
Social Science	1	♦
All courses	2	23%

Completion of High School Graduation Requirements			
Group	Graduating Class of 2015		
	School	District	State
All Students	100	89	86
Black or African American	100	100	78
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	78	78
Asian	0	100	93
Filipino	0	75	93
Hispanic or Latino	100	87	83
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0	100	85
White	100	91	91
Two or More Races	0	67	89
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	0	60	66
English Learners	0	79	54
Students with Disabilities	50	41	78

Career Technical Education Programs

High School Students enrolled in Mountain Valley Academy have access to enrollment at the District's comprehensive high school (Ramona High School) for CTE courses, based on available enrollment space and schedules that accommodate the student taking courses through both schools.

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.