

# Melinda Heights Elementary School

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## 2013-14 School Accountability Report Card Published During the 2014-15 School Year



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### School Description

Melinda Heights Elementary School sits on a 14-acre campus at the base of the Santa Ana Mountains. The Melinda Heights community is committed to maintaining a safe, healthy environment. We have high expectations for our students' behavior and academic achievement, and we maintain sound instructional practices, high-quality materials, and state-of-the-art technology.

Our scores on state tests and our Academic Performance Index (API) place Melinda Heights in the top ten percent of the nation's schools. Although our enrollment is close to 1,200 students, our sense of family is strong, and our students feel safe and respected. Our success lies in a clear vision, dedicated staff and community, and strong collegial support. We are proud that Melinda Heights received recognition as a 2008 California Distinguished School and as a 2005 No Child Left Behind National Blue Ribbon School.

Laura Sacks, PRINCIPAL

## 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 (949) 888-7311.

2013-14 Student Enrollment by Grade Level	
Grade Level	Number of Students
Kinder.	129
Gr. 1	142
Gr. 2	157
Gr. 3	167
Gr. 4	195
Gr. 5	145
Gr. 6	179
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,114</b>

2013-14 Student Enrollment by Group	
Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	1.0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.2
Asian	8.2
Filipino	2.3
Hispanic or Latino	13.2
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.0
White	66.3
Two or More Races	7.8
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	9.5
English Learners	6.2
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			
Melinda Heights Elementary School	12-13	13-14	14-15
Fully Credentialed		44	45
Without Full Credential		0	0
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence		0	0
Saddleback Valley 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			
Melinda Heights Elementary	12-13	13-14	14-15
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.

### 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	100.00	0.00
High-Poverty Schools	100.00	0.00
Low-Poverty Schools	100.00	0.00

\* 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)**

We choose textbooks and instructional materials that are aligned to state-adopted content standards consistent with state-adopted curriculum framework content and cycles. This report includes a list of some of the textbooks and instructional materials we use at our school. We have also reported additional facts about our textbooks called for by the Williams legislation of 2004. This report shows whether each student in each core course had sufficient textbooks or instructional materials that are consistent with the content and cycles of the state-adopted curriculum frameworks for those subjects.

**Textbooks and Instructional Materials**

**Year and month in which data were collected: November 2014**

Core Curriculum Area	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/Year of Adoption
<p><b>Reading/Language Arts</b></p> <p>The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption:      Yes</p> <p>Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook:      0</p>	<p>High Point Basics Student Book Adopted 2004</p> <p>HM Reading: A Legacy of Literature Adopted 2004</p> <p>Holt Literature and Language Arts Adopted 2004</p>
<p><b>Mathematics</b></p> <p>The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption:      Yes</p> <p>Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook:      0</p>	<p>Math Expressions by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Adopted 2014</p> <p>Go Math by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Adopted 2014</p>
<p><b>Science</b></p> <p>The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption:      Yes</p> <p>Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook:      0</p>	<p>Scott Foresman California Science K-5 Adopted 2008</p> <p>Prentice Hall CA Science Explorer Focus/Earth Science Adopted 2008</p>
<p><b>History-Social Science</b></p> <p>The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption:      Yes</p> <p>Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook:      0</p>	<p>Reflections by Harcourt Adopted 2007</p> <p>World History, Ancient Civil./Holt, Rinehart &amp; Winston Adopted 2007</p>

### School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements (Most Recent Year)

Melinda Heights is our district's newest school; it opened in April 1998. All buildings are in excellent condition (despite the wear and tear brought by almost 1,200 students) and include state-of-the-art heating, airconditioning, and security systems. Areas of concern include a shortage of library space, inadequate parking, and the large number of portable classrooms needed for our large enrollment. We have used recent bond funds to address these issues.

More facts about the condition of our school buildings are available in an online supplement to this report called for by the Williams legislation of 2004. What you will find is an assessment of more than a dozen aspects of our buildings: their structural integrity, electrical systems, heating and ventilation systems, and more. The important purpose of this assessment is to determine if our buildings and grounds are safe and in good repair. If anything needs to be repaired, this assessment identifies it and targets a date by which we commit to make those repairs. The guidelines for this assessment were written by the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) and were brought about by the Williams legislation. You can look at the six-page Facilities Inspection Tool used for the assessment on the Web site of the OPSC.

#### School Facility Good Repair Status (Most Recent Year) Year and month in which data were collected: 10-10-14

System Inspected	Repair Status				Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
	Good	Fair	Poor		
<b>Systems:</b> Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	[X]	[ ]	[ ]		
<b>Interior:</b> Interior Surfaces	[X]	[ ]	[ ]		
<b>Cleanliness:</b> Overall Cleanliness, Pest/ Vermin Infestation	[X]	[ ]	[ ]		Stained/broken ceiling tiles, to be replaced by custodian.
<b>Electrical:</b> Electrical	[X]	[ ]	[ ]		Lights do not come on, to be repaired by electrician.
<b>Restrooms/Fountains:</b> Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	[X]	[ ]	[ ]		Drinking fountain not working/needs adjusting and loose faucet, to be repaired by plumber.
<b>Safety:</b> Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	[X]	[ ]	[ ]		
<b>Structural:</b> Structural Damage, Roofs	[X]	[ ]	[ ]		
<b>External:</b> Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	[X]	[ ]	[ ]		
<b>Overall Rating</b>	<b>Exemplary</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Fair</b>	<b>Poor</b>	Our school meets most or all of the standards for good repair, established by the Office of Public School Construction. If we have any deficiencies, they are not significant. We scored between 99 and 100 percent on the 15 categories of our evaluation.
	[X]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	

## 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	93	93	91	79	81	81	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	82	86	85	71	74	71	54	56	55
Math	81	79	84	65	65	65	49	50	50
HSS				69	71	71	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	9	9	10
Similar Schools	6	4	5

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

#### Grade Level

Grade Level	2013-14 Percent of Students Meeting Fitness Standards		
	4 of 6	5 of 6	6 of 6
5	9.8	20.3	57.3

\* 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	81
All Student at the School	91
Male	94
Female	89
Black or African American	
American Indian or Alaska Native	
Asian	100
Filipino	
Hispanic or Latino	76
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	
White	93
Two or More Races	
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	64
English Learners	
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	0	-1	5
Black or African American			
American Indian or Alaska Native			
Asian			
Filipino			
Hispanic or Latino	-25	-10	-14
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander			
White	3	9	4
Two or More Races			
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged			
English Learners			
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 volunteers play an important role at Melinda Heights. Each day, dozens of volunteers work in classrooms and the library, or assist on the playground. Our PTA provides many valuable enrichment programs, such as assemblies, the Meet the Masters art program, and the annual Book Fair. Our SSC, which includes parents and staff, approves our school's annual plan and budget expenditures. Our parent community is a much needed and highly valued component of our instructional program. To find out how you can volunteer at our school, please contact our PTA president, Ashley Regan, at (949) 888-7311.

### 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

We review and update our district-approved safety plan annually. The PTA maintains emergency food and water supplies. We update safety-related equipment regularly. Our teachers know the disaster plan, and we offer first-aid instruction yearly. We conduct monthly evacuation drills.

Our school has modern and safe play areas. District and school maintenance personnel inspect the equipment regularly. Staff members monitor the campus before and after school and during all recesses. To ensure campus safety, all volunteers and visitors are required to sign in at the front office to obtain a visitor's pass.

### Suspensions and Expulsions

School	11-12	12-13	13-14
Suspensions Rate	1.0	0.8	0.3
Expulsions Rate	0.0	0.0	0.0
District	11-12	12-13	13-14
Suspensions Rate	3.3	2.9	1.9
Expulsions Rate	0.1	0.1	0.2
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		In PI
First Year of Program Improvement		2013-2014
Year in Program Improvement		Year 1
Number of Schools Currently in Program Improvement		7
Percent of Schools Currently in Program Improvement		87.5

\* 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	
Counselor (Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	
Psychologist	
Social Worker	
Nurse	
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	
Resource Specialist	
Other	
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.	31	31	26	0		1	3	4	4	1		
Gr. 1	28.2	22	24	1	1	1	5	6	5	0		
Gr. 2	29.7	26	22	0	1	2	6	6	5	0		
Gr. 3	26	27	24	0	1	2	6	6	5	0		
Gr. 4	33.8	35	28	0		1	0		6	6	4	
Gr. 5	29.8	25	29	1	2	1	0	2		5	3	4
Gr. 6	36	27	30	0	2	1	0	1		8	4	5

\* 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	\$30,000	\$41,761
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$69,313	\$66,895
Highest Teacher Salary	\$93,743	\$86,565
Average Principal Salary (ES)	\$112,050	\$108,011
Average Principal Salary (MS)	\$118,747	\$113,058
Average Principal Salary (HS)	\$127,831	\$123,217
Superintendent Salary	\$274,263	\$227,183
Percent of District Budget		
Teacher Salaries	45	38
Administrative Salaries	5	5

\* For detailed information on salaries, see the CDE Certificated Salaries & Benefits webpage at [www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/](http://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	\$4,167	\$46	\$4,120	\$93,396
District	♦	♦	\$4,644	\$77,428
State	♦	♦	\$4,690	\$70,720
Percent Difference: School Site/District			-26%	8%
Percent Difference: School Site/ State			-31%	-10%

**Types of Services Funded at Melinda Heights Elementary School**

The federal law known as No Child Left Behind requires that all schools and districts meet all three of the following criteria in order to attain Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP):

- (a) a 95-percent participation rate on the state's tests
- (b) a CDE-mandated percentage of students scoring Proficient or higher on the state's English/language arts and mathematics tests
- (c) an API of at least 740 or growth of at least one point.

**Professional Development provided for Teachers at Melinda Heights Elementary School**

Melinda Heights teachers participate in training after school during bimonthly staff meetings. We encourage teachers to attend offsite training based on their interests or personal goals, and we set aside time for teachers to meet with their peers to collaborate on teaching strategies.