

# Ralph A. Gates 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

Ralph A. Gates Elementary School focuses on children's individual needs and improvement through our award-winning dual-language (English/ Spanish) immersion program. Our programs enable students to become culturally competent, linguistically competent, and ready for a global society. The community of staff, parents, and students at Gates strives to provide a caring, structured, and safe environment. We support parents by providing annual parent workshops and regular parent classes. We encourage parents to become involved in the PTA, School Site Council (SSC), and Advocates for Language Learners.

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## 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) 837-2260.

### 2013-14 Student Enrollment by Grade Level

Grade Level	Number of Students
Kinder.	177
Gr. 1	181
Gr. 2	147
Gr. 3	129
Gr. 4	126
Gr. 5	141
Gr. 6	123
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,024</b>

### 2013-14 Student Enrollment by Group

Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	0.6
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.0
Asian	1.6
Filipino	2.2
Hispanic or Latino	77.2
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.2
White	13.6
Two or More Races	3.9
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	63.0
English Learners	55.6
Students with Disabilities	5.7

## 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

Ralph A. Gates Elementary School	12-13	13-14	14-15
<b>Fully Credentialed</b>		37	38
<b>Without Full Credential</b>		0	0
<b>Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence</b>		0	0
Saddleback Valley Unified School District	12-13	13-14	14-15
<b>Fully Credentialed</b>	♦	♦	
<b>Without Full Credential</b>	♦	♦	
<b>Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence</b>	♦	♦	

### Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions at this School

Ralph A. Gates Elementary	12-13	13-14	14-15
<b>Teachers of English Learners</b>	0	0	0
<b>Total Teacher Misassignments</b>	0	0	0
<b>Vacant Teacher Positions</b>	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
<b>This School</b>	100.00	0.00
Districtwide		
<b>All Schools</b>	100.00	0.00
<b>High-Poverty Schools</b>	100.00	0.00
<b>Low-Poverty Schools</b>	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)

We modernized our site in 1999, bringing all classroom and workspaces up to federal and state safety and building codes. A security alarm system protects the extensive technology on the site. Between 2001 and 2004, we replaced all playground equipment with modern play structures that meet new state safety codes. Many classrooms received new carpeting. Our upper grade playground's field received new irrigation and new sod.

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: 9-25-14

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]	[ ]	[ ]		Carpet buckling, to be repaired when carpet is replaced. Stained ceiling tiles.
<b>Cleanliness:</b> Overall Cleanliness, Pest/ Vermin Infestation	[X]	[ ]	[ ]		
<b>Electrical:</b> Electrical	[X]	[ ]	[ ]		Burnt out light bulbs a cracked lenses, to be repaired by custodian.
<b>Restrooms/Fountains:</b> Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	[X]	[ ]	[ ]		One sink not working, 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	74	68	58	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	58	59	54	71	74	71	54	56	55
Math	64	68	62	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	6	7	6
Similar Schools	6	6	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	11.1	15.3	39.6

\* 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	58
Male	67
Female	48
Black or African American	
American Indian or Alaska Native	
Asian	
Filipino	
Hispanic or Latino	51
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	
White	85
Two or More Races	
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	40
English Learners	25
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	17	10	-17
Black or African American			
American Indian or Alaska Native			
Asian			
Filipino			
Hispanic or Latino	22	12	-15
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander			
White	27	1	-5
Two or More Races			
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	22	16	-21
English Learners	24	22	-26
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

Parents play an important role at Gates, and we welcome new parents to our organizations. Our SSC includes parents and staff, and it approves our school's annual plan and budget expenditures. Our ELAC includes our English Learner parents and provides workshops and information. In addition, ELAC provides input to our school plan and expenditures. Our parent organizations, PTA and Advocates for Language Learners (ALL), have contributed to funding our Art Masters art program, field trips, new playground equipment, and many school programs. We provide Spanish translation at PTA and ALL meetings. Both the PTA and ALL help support our Reading Counts computer-based comprehension tests in both English and Spanish. To find out more about becoming involved at our school, contact Yvonne Estling at (949) 837-2260.

### 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 integrate district-approved safety guidelines into our site discipline and character education plans in collaboration with School Site Council, English Language Advisory Committee, the Student Council, and other groups. Students and staff receive training in asset building, conflict resolution, and preventing harassment and bullying. We review our School Safety Plan annually in October. To prepare students and staff for emergencies, our Site Safety Plan includes simulated disaster drills twice a year and monthly fire drills. All visitors are required to check in at the school office.

### Suspensions and Expulsions

School	11-12	12-13	13-14
Suspensions Rate	0.6	0.4	0.2
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	In PI
First Year of Program Improvement	2006-2007	2013-2014
Year in Program Improvement	Year 5	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	0
Counselor (Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	0
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	0
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	1
Psychologist	.20
Social Worker	0
Nurse	0
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	.70
Resource Specialist	1
Other	2
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	28	30	1			1	6	6	3		
Gr. 1	23.9	25	26	3			4	6	7	0		
Gr. 2	29.5	26	29	0	1		4	4	5	0		
Gr. 3	30.5	25	26	0	2	1	6	3	4	0		
Gr. 4	35	29	25	0	1	2	0	2	1	3	2	2
Gr. 5	32.2	29	28	0	1	1	3	2	1	2	1	3
Gr. 6	33.7	25	31	0	1		0	4	3	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	\$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	\$4,626	\$416	\$4,210	\$89,129
District	♦	♦	\$4,644	\$77,428
State	♦	♦	\$4,690	\$70,720
Percent Difference: School Site/District			-23%	12%
Percent Difference: School Site/ State			-28%	-7%

**Types of Services Funded at Ralph A. Gates 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 Ralph A. Gates Elementary School**

Teachers meet weekly in grade-level teams to review student work, plan instruction, and review teaching strategies. Teachers attend district staff development workshops, county workshops, and state workshops to improve teaching methods and lesson delivery.