

La Paz Intermediate School

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School Description

La Paz Intermediate School is a 2011 and 2013 California and National School to Watch and has been recognized four times as a California Distinguished School and twice as a National Blue Ribbon School. In alignment with the California Department of Education Taking Center Stage: Act II document, La Paz's mission is to ensure academic excellence for all students and to promote social equity in an environment that is responsive to the developmental needs of intermediate school students.

As a professional learning community, the La Paz staff works together to deliver a consistently rigorous instructional program to all students. Support efforts revolve around the school's smaller learning communities, school-wide tutorial, and Pyramids of Intervention, all of which are designed to systemically ensure academic success for all students.

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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
Grade 7	467
Grade 8	422
Total Enrollment	889

2015-16 Student Enrollment by Group	
Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	1
American Indian or Alaska Native	0
Asian	7.6
Filipino	2.9
Hispanic or Latino	26.1
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.6
White	54.6
Two or More Races	6.9
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	23.5
English Learners	10.5
Students with Disabilities	10.7
Foster Youth	0.2

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			
La Paz Intermediate School	14-15	15-16	16-17
With Full Credential	36	37	38
Without Full Credential	0	0	0
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	0	0	0
Saddleback Valley Unified School District	14-15	15-16	16-17
With Full Credential	♦	♦	
Without Full Credential	♦	♦	
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	♦	♦	

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions at this School			
La Paz Intermediate School	14-15	15-16	16-17
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

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	100.0	0.0
High-Poverty Schools	100.0	0.0
Low-Poverty Schools	100.0	0.0

* 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)

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: October 2016	
Core Curriculum Area	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/Year of Adoption
Reading/Language Arts	<p>Study Sync Adopted 2016</p> <p>English 3D Adopted 2016</p> <p>Scholastic Read 180 Adopted 2004</p> <p>The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0</p>
Mathematics	<p>Big Ideas Math Course 2 by Big Ideas Learning Adopted 2014</p> <p>Glencoe Math Accelerated by McGraw-Hill Adopted 2014</p> <p>California Math Course 3 by McGraw-Hill Adopted 2014</p> <p>Algebra 1: Analyze, Connect, Explore California by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Adopted 2014</p> <p>The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0</p>
Science	<p>Prentice Hall CA Science Explorer: Focus/Life Science Adopted 2008</p> <p>Prentice Hall CA Science Explorer: Focus/Physical Sci. Adopted 2008</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>World His., Med./Early Mod./Holt, Rinehart & Winston Adopted 2007</p> <p>U.S. History, Ind. to 1914 by Holt, Rinehart & Winston Adopted 2007</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)

Our two-level, Spanish-style campus was built in 1968. We have maintained it well and upgraded it regularly, including providing handicapped access, technology, and an alarm system to reflect current needs. Measure B financing allowed us to add a new gymnasium and a community parking lot.

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: 10-31-16				
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			Stained ceiling tiles, to be replaced by custodian.
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/ Vermin Infestation	X			
Electrical: Electrical	X			light burnt out, to be replaced by custodian
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			
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.				

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	65	73	61	65	44	48
Math	47	56	48	50	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	80	83	83	80	79	77	60	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
7	15.2	29.4	39.5

* 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	426	422	99.1	83.4
Male	222	218	98.2	84.4
Female	204	204	100.0	82.4
Asian	26	25	96.2	100.0
Filipino	19	19	100.0	84.2
Hispanic or Latino	108	107	99.1	69.2
White	238	236	99.2	87.3
Two or More Races	26	26	100.0	96.2
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	100	99	99.0	67.7
English Learners	43	43	100.0	46.5
Students with Disabilities	51	50	98.0	56.0

* 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	7	478	468	97.9	75.2
	8	426	420	98.6	71.2
Male	7	239	233	97.5	70.0
	8	222	218	98.2	64.7
Female	7	239	235	98.3	80.4
	8	204	202	99.0	78.2
Asian	7	45	43	95.6	93.0
	8	26	25	96.2	100.0
Filipino	8	19	18	94.7	66.7
Hispanic or Latino	7	125	122	97.6	51.6
	8	108	106	98.2	55.7
White	7	255	252	98.8	82.5
	8	238	236	99.2	74.2
Two or More Races	7	34	34	100.0	79.4
	8	26	26	100.0	88.5
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	7	118	114	96.6	50.9
	8	100	98	98.0	53.1
English Learners	7	54	50	92.6	18.0
	8	43	40	93.0	22.5
Students with Disabilities	7	48	47	97.9	27.7
	8	51	50	98.0	14.0

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	7	478	470	98.3	58.3
	8	478	470	98.3	58.3
Male	7	239	236	98.7	57.6
	8	239	236	98.7	57.6
Female	7	239	234	97.9	59.0
	8	239	234	97.9	59.0

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
Asian	7	45	45	100.0	80.0
	8	45	45	100.0	80.0
Hispanic or Latino	7	125	124	99.2	31.4
	8	125	124	99.2	31.4
White	7	255	250	98.0	67.6
	8	255	250	98.0	67.6
Two or More Races	7	34	34	100.0	64.7
	8	34	34	100.0	64.7
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	7	118	116	98.3	30.2
	8	118	116	98.3	30.2
English Learners	7	54	54	100.0	3.7
	8	54	54	100.0	3.7
Students with Disabilities	7	48	47	97.9	25.5
	8	48	47	97.9	25.5

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)

Our Student Teacher Parent Organization (STPO) is an active and thriving support system for our school. Through its fund-raising efforts, La Paz increased the school's health aide's hours and provided other resources that enhance the educational environment for students. The STPO maintains a Web site to provide timely information on activities and events. STPO meetings are held in both morning and evening time slots. The SSC (School Site Council) has 12 voting members, half of whom are students and parents. The SSC oversees the expenditure of annual school improvement funds, which are dedicated to improving student achievement. Our ELAC (English Language Advisory Committee) meets four times a year to share school-wide and English Learner programs, gather parental input, and provide community resources. The La Paz Principal also holds informal coffees in English and Spanish throughout the school year. Many parents also participate in our La Paz Music Boosters. To find out more about getting involved at the school, contact the STPO through the school's Web site.

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

La Paz Intermediate prides itself on providing a safe and nurturing learning environment. Our behavior and safety plans revolve around our commitment to Positive Behavior Support (PBS). A PBS oversight team meets to collect and analyze behavior data and to discuss effective interventions and positive reinforcement programs. The staff is PBS-trained and committed to implementing the tenets of the program, which focus on supervision and monitoring; positive reinforcement; and timely, consistent consequences. We revisit and update the plan regularly to reflect trends, current needs, and input from members of the school community.

Suspensions and Expulsions

School	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Suspensions Rate	0.2	2.4	3.0
Expulsions Rate	4.5	0.0	0.0
District	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Suspensions Rate	1.9	1.7	1.8
Expulsions Rate	0.2	0.2	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		2013-2014
Year in Program Improvement		Year 1
Number of Schools Currently in Program Improvement		6
Percent of Schools Currently in Program Improvement		66.7

Academic Counselors and Other Support Staff at this School	
Number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)	
Academic Counselor	1
Counselor (Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	.474
Psychologist	.6
Social Worker	
Nurse	
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	.8
Resource Specialist	
Other	
Average Number of Students per Staff Member	
Academic Counselor	450

* 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 (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	28	25	25	9	10	10	7	24	24	19	2	2
Mathematics	26	31	31	8	1	1	18			13	1	1
Science	32	27	27	2	4	4	9	25	25	20	3	3
Social Science	31	27	27	4	5	5	7	17	17	20	10	10

* 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

Our Early-out Mondays provide our staff with the time needed to implement the professional learning community and data team models.

FY 2014-15 Teacher and Administrative Salaries		
Category	District Amount	State Average for Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$30,000	\$45,092
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$73,082	\$71,627
Highest Teacher Salary	\$98,840	\$93,288
Average Principal Salary (ES)	\$119,997	\$115,631
Average Principal Salary (MS)	\$128,306	\$120,915
Average Principal Salary (HS)	\$136,764	\$132,029
Superintendent Salary	\$285,286	\$249,537
Percent of District Budget		
Teacher Salaries	43%	37%
Administrative Salaries	5%	5%

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

Types of Services Funded

Saddleback Valley USD has identified Goals and Actions/Services to support students to be college and career ready and to demonstrate the 21st century skills of critical thinking, communication, collaboration, and creativity.

Goal 1- Improve literacy in all content areas.

Goal 2- Improve student proficiency in all subject areas: English/Language Arts, mathematics, social sciences, science, visual and performing arts, health, physical education, world languages, and career technical education.

Goal 3- Improve access to, enrollment in and completion of a rigorous course of study.

Goal 4- Increase student engagement and parent involvement.

The District has implemented the following Actions and Services to support each Goal identified above:

- * Develop and implement school site literacy goals for all students and specific goals for students in significant subgroups.
- * Expand literacy intervention programs including prevention and early systematic intervention, appropriate materials, professional development and extended learning time options; provide focused support for students in grades 4-12 at the Intermediate Level of Proficiency at all school sites.
- * Provide appropriate, current instructional materials.
- * Provide staffing to support classrooms with Literacy Coaches/Academic Coach and ELD Coach.
- * Support continued implementation of strategies for Designated and Integrated ELD.
- * Expand intervention programs for at-risk students to prepare them for "a-g" courses.
- * Expand Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID).
- * Increase the number of "a-g" approved courses and Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate courses.
- * Expand Counseling Services.
- * Provide parent education regarding course pathways, graduation requirements, post-secondary opportunities, current academic standards; support parent participation and involvement in parent and advisory groups.

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.

FY 2014-15 Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries				
Level	Expenditures Per Pupil			Average Teacher Salary
	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	
School Site	5602.90	71.53	5531.37	99147.20
District	♦	♦	5531.37	\$80,136
State	♦	♦	\$5,677	\$75,837
Percent Difference: School Site/District			0.0	23.7
Percent Difference: School Site/ State			-2.6	30.7

* Cells with ♦ do not require data.