

# **Fischer Middle School**

## **School Accountability Report Card**

### **Reported Using Data from the 2019-2020 School Year**

#### **Published During 2020-2021**

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 and access to prior year reports, see the California Department of Education (CDE) SARC web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa/>.
- For more information about the LCFF or the LCAP, see the CDE LCFF webpage at <https://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.

#### **DataQuest**

DataQuest is an online data tool located on the CDE DataQuest web page at <https://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).

#### **California School Dashboard**

The California School Dashboard (Dashboard) <https://www.caschooldashboard.org/> reflects California's new accountability and continuous improvement system and provides information about how LEAs and schools are meeting the needs of California's diverse student population. The Dashboard contains reports that display the performance of LEAs, schools, and student groups on a set of state and local measures to assist in identifying strengths, challenges, and areas in need of improvement.

## About This School

### School Contact Information (School Year 2020-2021)

Entity	Contact Information
School Name	Fischer Middle School
Street	1720 Hopkins Drive
City, State, Zip	San Jose CA, 95122
Phone Number	(408) 928-7500
Principal	George Kleidon, Ed.D.
Email Address	george.kleidon@arUSD.org
Website	www.arUSD.org
County-District-School (CDS) Code	43693696046148

### District Contact Information (School Year 2020-2021)

Entity	Contact Information
District Name	Alum Rock Union Elementary School District
Phone Number	(408) 928-6800
Superintendent	Hilaria Bauer, Ph.D.
Email Address	hilaria.bauer@arUSD.org
Website	www.arUSD.org

### School Description and Mission Statement (School Year 2020-2021)

Clyde L. Fischer Middle School is a school on the rise. We remain dedicated to our purpose of why we teach. Everything we do, we believe in preparing diverse leaders who are empowered to meet the challenges of an evolving society. Our success is due to a good home-school partnership, a dedicated staff, the integration of technology and most importantly, hardworking students dedicated to achieve.

Fischer Saints are resilient youngsters, empowered to succeed. We strongly believe that students learn best in a setting where they are well-known, where expectations are high, support is strong and where their voices are valued. We expect all of our students to become college graduates and return to our community to contribute to its wealth and growth. Our successful examples of community leadership coupled with our commitment to extend learning beyond the walls of the classroom setting have truly created an incomparable atmosphere. At Fischer, we dream, believe and achieve with great courage and integrity.

Fischer Middle School provides an academically challenging curriculum to support the development of student leaders and an atmosphere for students to mature socially and to develop into strong advocates for themselves and others.

**Student Enrollment by Grade Level (School Year 2019-2020)**

Grade Level	Number of Students
Grade 6	88
Grade 7	94
Grade 8	119
Total Enrollment	301

**Student Enrollment by Student Group (School Year 2019-2020)**

Student Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	4.7
Asian	7.3
Filipino	1
Hispanic or Latino	85
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	1.3
White	0.7
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	92.7
English Learners	42.2
Students with Disabilities	18.6
Foster Youth	0.7
Homeless	1.3

**A. Conditions of Learning****State Priority: Basic**

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the State priority: Basic (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**

Teachers	School 2018-19	School 2019-20	School 2020-21	District 2020-21
With Full Credential	16	13	11	431
Without Full Credential	1	2	2	35
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence (with full credential)	0	0		0

## Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions

Indicator	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners	0	0	0
Total Teacher Misassignments*	0	0	0
Vacant Teacher Positions	0	2	0

Note: "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.

## Quality, Currency, Availability of Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials (School Year 2020-2021)

Year and month in which data were collected: August 2020

The following are the most recent adoptions for Alum Rock Union Elementary School District:

- Benchmark Advance/Adelante (ELA and ELD) 2016-Elementary/McGraw Hill: Study Sync 2017- Middle Schools
- Pearson enVision Mathematics 2015-Elementary / CPM 2015- Middle Schools
- Learning A-Z: Science A-Z Online 2019 -Elementary/Accelerate Learning:STEMscopes 2019-Middle Schools
- Benchmark 2019- Elementary /TCI Curriculum 2018- Middle School

Subject	Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials/year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption?	Percent Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
Reading/Language Arts	Benchmark Advance/Adelante (ELA and ELD) 2016-Elementary/McGraw Hill: Study Sync 2017- Middle Schools	Yes	0
Mathematics	Pearson: enVision Math 2015-Elementary / CPM 2015- Middle Schools	Yes	0
Science	Learning A-Z: Science A-Z online 2019- Elementary/Accelerate Learning:STEMscopes 2019-Middle School	Yes	0
History-Social Science	Benchmark 2019- Elementary /TCI Curriculum 2018- Middle School	Yes	0
Health	Family Life - Planned Parenthood	Yes	0

Note: Cells with N/A values do not require data.

## School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements

The district makes every effort to ensure all schools are clean, safe, and functional. To assist in this effort, the district uses a facility survey instrument developed by the State of California Office of Public School Construction. The results of this survey are available at the school office and at the district office.

Fischer Middle School was built in 1962. School facilities are being renovated according to the Field Act requirements of the State Building Code with a focus on earthquake safety. In the event that asbestos and lead containing building materials are found, they are removed according to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), State, and Local requirements. Deferred maintenance funds have been used to properly maintain and renovate district buildings. Needed repairs and maintenance projects are completed in a timely manner.

Whenever possible, school facilities are upgraded to support and maintain a safe, clean and secure campus. Sufficient classroom, office, library, playground, staff space, and restroom facilities are allocated to support stakeholders' needs and the instructional program. The Alum Rock School District maintenance staff, in conjunction with day and night custodians, ensure the school buildings and grounds are safe, clean, and in good repair. Rigorous daily custodial schedules ensure that classrooms, lavatories, serving kitchens, eating areas, offices, and playgrounds are clean for both student and staff use.

Regular oversight by district maintenance crews ensures that grass and landscaped areas are well maintained, and that the school's buildings, grounds and play areas are safe for use.

### School Facility Good Repair Status

Using the **most recently collected** FIT data (or equivalent), provide the following:

- Determination of repair status for systems listed
- Description of any needed maintenance to ensure good repair
- The year and month in which the data were collected
- The rate for each system inspected
- The overall rating

**Year and month of the most recent FIT report:** November 2020

System Inspected	Rating	Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
<b>Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer</b>	Good	
<b>Interior: Interior Surfaces</b>	Poor	Rm:Fitness Zone Gym-Need five ceiling tiles. Rm:Staff Room-Leaking on sink's right side and ceiling tiles issues. Rm:41-Door needs paint and missing ceiling tile. Rm:43-Stain on ceiling. Rm:45-Stain on ceiling. Rm:32-Need to fix cabinet door. Rm:23-Patch and paint hole in wall. Rm:Girls P.E. Room-Paint peeling off. Rm:11-Missing clock.
<b>Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/ Vermin Infestation</b>	Good	
<b>Electrical: Electrical</b>	Good	Rm:45-Missing electric plate. Rm:20-Electric box broke. Rm:23-Missing outlet plate. Rm:13-I.T. box broke.
<b>Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains</b>	Good	Rm:Boys P.E. Room-Coach toilet leaking. Rm:Boys Restroom A-Wing-Urinal not working.
<b>Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials</b>	Good	Rm:Girls P.E. Room-Paint peeling off.
<b>Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs</b>	Good	Rm:Custodian Room-Crack on wall.
<b>External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences</b>	Good	
<b>Overall Rating</b>	Good	

## 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. Only eligible students may participate in the administration of the CAAs. CAAs items are aligned with alternate achievement standards, which are linked with the Common Core State Standards [CCSS] for students with the most 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.

### CAASPP Test Results in ELA and Mathematics for All Students

#### Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven

#### Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standard

Subject	School 2018-19	School 2019-20	District 2018-19	District 2019-20	State 2018-19	State 2019-20
English Language Arts/Literacy (grades 3-8 and 11)	22	N/A	40	N/A	50	N/A
Mathematics (grades 3-8 and 11)	15	N/A	33	N/A	39	N/A

Note: Cells with N/A values do not require data.

Note: The 2019-2020 data are not available. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Executive Order N-30-20 was issued which waived the requirement for statewide testing for the 2019-2020 school year.

Note: 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.

Note: ELA and 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 (i.e., achieved Level 3-Alternate) on the CAAs divided by the total number of students who participated in both assessments.

### CAASPP Test Results in ELA by Student Group

#### Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven (School Year 2019-2020)

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Male	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Female	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Black or African American	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
American Indian or Alaska Native	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Asian	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Filipino	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic or Latino	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
Two or More Races	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
English Learners	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Students with Disabilities	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Foster Youth	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Homeless	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Note: Cells with N/A values do not require data.

Note: The 2019-2020 data are not available. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Executive Order N-30-20 was issued which waived the requirement for statewide testing for the 2019-2020 school year.

### CAASPP Test Results in Mathematics by Student Group Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven (School Year 2019-2020)

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Male	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Female	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Black or African American	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
American Indian or Alaska Native	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Asian	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Filipino	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic or Latino	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Two or More Races	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
English Learners	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Students with Disabilities	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Foster Youth	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Homeless	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Note: Cells with N/A values do not require data.

Note: The 2019-2020 data are not available. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Executive Order N-30-20 was issued which waived the requirement for statewide testing for the 2019-2020 school year.

**CAASPP Test Results in Science for All Students**  
**Grades Five, Eight, and High School**  
**Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standard**

Subject	School 2018-19	School 2019-20	District 2018-19	District 2019-20	State 2018-19	State 2019-20
Science (grades 5, 8 and high school)	14	N/A	23	N/A	30	N/A

Note: Cells with N/A values do not require data.

Note: The 2019-2020 data are not available. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Executive Order N-30-20 was issued which waived the requirement for statewide testing for the 2019-2020 school year.

Note: The new California Science Test (CAST) was first administered operationally in the 2018-2019 school year.

**State Priority: Other Pupil Outcomes**

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the State priority: Other Pupil Outcomes (Priority 8):

- Pupil outcomes in the subject areas of physical education.

**California Physical Fitness Test Results (School Year 2019-2020)**

Grade Level	Percentage of Students Meeting Four of Six Fitness Standards	Percentage of Students Meeting Five of Six Fitness Standards	Percentage of Students Meeting Six of Six Fitness Standards
5	N/A	N/A	N/A
7	N/A	N/A	N/A
9	N/A	N/A	N/A

Note: Cells with N/A values do not require data.

Note: The 2019–2020 data are not available. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Executive Order N-56-20 was issued which waived the requirement to administer the physical fitness performance test for the 2019–2020 school year.

## C. Engagement

**State Priority: Parental Involvement**

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the State priority: Parental Involvement (Priority 3):

- Efforts the school district makes to seek parent input in making decisions for the school district and each school site

**Opportunities for Parental Involvement (School Year 2020-2021)**

Fischer values and includes all stakeholders in all facets of the educational process. To encourage parent participation, Fischer maintains a system of open two-way communication and employs a variety of ways to increase stakeholder communication.

Not only is the School Accountability Report Card available on the district's website, but pertinent school information, including results of the school evaluation process, school data, and school programs are also available to parents in the weekly newsletter, which is written in Spanish and English. Because a home-school partnership is essential to student achievement, Fischer School provides a number of parent and community involvement opportunities. Parents are welcome and are encouraged to participate in our school. Parents may become members of decision-making and governing bodies such as the Superintendent's Parent Advisory Resource Committee (SPARC), District English Language Advisory Committee, School Site Council (SSC), English Language Advisory Committee (ELAC), and PTO. SSC meetings are held once a month where parents are given information regarding school matters and issues. Parents can volunteer for our school dances, field trips, yard duty supervision and more. College awareness, parenting, prevention/intervention, and similar classes are also made available to and attended by parents in our school in cooperation with various agencies and organizations of the larger community.



Parents are invited to student led parent conferences to discuss student work throughout the school year. Furthermore, monthly parent cafés are held to keep Fischer parents updated and informed. Parents are encouraged to give input on a regular basis and as they so desire.

Parents interested in additional information should contact the Fischer Principal, Dr. George Kleidon at (408) 928-7506 or the Parent/Community Liaison, Monserrat Orozco, at (408) 928-7517.

### State Priority: School Climate

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the State priority: School Climate (Priority 6):

- Pupil suspension rates;
- Pupil expulsion rates; and
- Other local measures on the sense of safety.

### Suspensions and Expulsions

(data collected between July through June, each full school year respectively)

Rate	School 2017-18	School 2018-19	District 2017-18	District 2018-19	State 2017-18	State 2018-19
Suspensions	15.6	5.2	3.8	2.2	3.5	3.5
Expulsions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1

### Suspensions and Expulsions for School Year 2019-2020 Only

(data collected between July through February, partial school year due to the COVID-19 pandemic)

Rate	School 2019-20	District 2019-20	State 2019-20
Suspensions	0.082191781		
Expulsions	0		

Note: The 2019-2020 suspensions and expulsions rate data are not comparable to prior year data because the 2019-2020 school year is a partial school year due to the COVID-19 crisis. As such, it would be inappropriate to make any comparisons in rates of suspensions and expulsions in the 2019-2020 school year compared to prior years.

### School Safety Plan (School Year 2020-2021)

Fischer Middle School has a very detailed, comprehensive school safety plan that outlines protocols, systems, and procedures in the event of any emergency. The plan also contains the yearly safety goals as determined by the students, staff, and parents. The safety plan is developed by the Fischer Safety Committee before it is presented to the Alum Rock Union Elementary School District Board of Trustees for approval. The safety plan and drill procedures are reviewed during the year with all staff. Safety alerts are shared with all staff as needed throughout the school year. In addition, all required drills are calendared and completed, and the results are shared with the staff and a School Resource Officer is available for daily support. Furthermore, all school visitors check-in at the front office for permission to be on campus and wear visitor's passes throughout their stay.

The Fischer Safety Plan has a comprehensive, enforceable, and continuous behavior policy, dress code policy, set of protocols for safety/emergency drills, tardy policy, attendance policy, progressive discipline policy, set of rules and regulations and nondiscriminatory policy on students' rights and responsibilities. The safety plan is revised annually.

### Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Secondary)

Subject	2017-18 Average Class Size	2017-18 # of Classes* Size 1-20	2017-18 # of Classes* Size 21-32	2017-18 # of Classes* Size 33+	2018-19 Average Class Size	2018-19 # of Classes* Size 1-20	2018-19 # of Classes* Size 21-32	2018-19 # of Classes* Size 33+	2019-20 Average Class Size	2019-20 # of Classes* Size 1-20	2019-20 # of Classes* Size 21-32	2019-20 # of Classes* Size 33+
English Language Arts	19	9	6		20	9	6		18	11	5	
Mathematics	19	5	8		21	4	7		19	5	6	
Science	26	1	6	1	26	2	6		24	3	6	
Social Science	26	1	6	1	23	3	6		21	5	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.

### Ratio of Pupils to Academic Counselor (School Year 2019-2020)

Title	Ratio
Academic Counselors*	301

\*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.

### Student Support Services Staff (School Year 2019-2020)

Title	Number of FTE* Assigned to School
Counselor (Academic, Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	1
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	
Psychologist	
Social Worker	
Nurse	
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)	
Other	1

\*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.

### Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries (Fiscal Year 2018-2019)

Level	Total Expenditures Per Pupil	Expenditures Per Pupil (Restricted)	Expenditures Per Pupil (Unrestricted)	Average Teacher Salary
School Site	\$16,767.13	\$4,129.78	\$12,637.35	\$89,969.78
District	N/A	N/A	\$1,148.34	\$88,855
Percent Difference - School Site and District	N/A	N/A	166.7	1.2
State	N/A	N/A	\$7,750	\$84,183
Percent Difference - School Site and State	N/A	N/A	47.9	6.6

Note: Cells with N/A values do not require data.

## Types of Services Funded (Fiscal Year 2019-2020)

Services provided by the regular program to ensure that underperforming students meet standards:

Each teacher identifies students by the results of pertinent assessments and instruction is delivered and monitored according to specific student needs.

The school's English Language Development (ELD) program consists of three ELD levels to meet the linguistic needs of English Learners:

- ELD I- Newcomers for recent arrivals and students who remain in need of intense support. Students are immersed in an accelerated English instructional program with a focus on acquiring language both through ELD instruction and in the core content areas with the integration of the California ELD and Reading Language Arts (RLA) content standards. Depending on their English acquisition rate, students may transition to mainstream classes.
- ELD II- This strand serves the Beginning-Early Intermediate language acquisition levels. Students are immersed in an accelerated English instructional program with a focus on acquiring academic English both through ELD instruction and in the core content areas with the integration of the California ELD/RLA content standards.
- ELD III- Students at this level have some academic English but need further ELD instruction.
- ELD and fully credentialed teachers at Fischer Middle School are qualified to teach and support English Learners in their acquisition of the English language and their overall grasp of content level standards. In addition, both the homeroom teacher and the academic counselor monitor these students' progress. The afterschool program coordinator also works closely with ELD students to support their academic progress.
- The school's Special Education Program consists of a Resource Specialist Program (RSP) which has been restructured and a Special Day Class (SDC) Program. The RSP program exposes the majority of students with special learning needs to the mainstream environment at the appropriate grade level. Students' case manager monitors the progress of the students closely and collaborates frequently with the general education teacher. The Special Day Class program provides an inclusive setting for students to receive intensive support and to mainstream into general education classes as appropriate.
- The Fischer Middle School Counseling Department works with every grade level to provide academic counseling support, motivating students to achieve higher standards. Students are aware of the amount of credits and the Grade Point Average needed to achieve the next grade level.

## Teacher and Administrative Salaries (Fiscal Year 2018-2019)

Category	District Amount	State Average For Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$57,473	\$51,004
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$89,476	\$82,919
Highest Teacher Salary	\$106,470	\$104,604
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)	\$119,374	\$131,277
Average Principal Salary (Middle)	\$131,610	\$136,163
Average Principal Salary (High)		\$128,660
Superintendent Salary	\$212,178	\$230,860
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	35.0	35.0
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	6.0	5.0

For detailed information on salaries, see the CDE Certificated Salaries & Benefits web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/>.

**Professional Development (Most Recent Three Years)**

Measure	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Number of school days dedicated to Staff Development and Continuous Improvement	3	3	3

The staff development is done on two levels, district and school site. Professional development days are given to new and returning teachers on the approved district curriculum. New teachers in education are supported within the New Teacher Program. The school provides professional development through input of teachers within their respective departments. Staff development was conducted during Tuesday staff meetings and voluntary Thursday afternoon meetings. Attendance in conferences are done as a department whenever feasible. Additionally, professional development through the New Tech Network (NTN) and Verizon Innovative Learning Schools (VILS) are offered to the teaching staff throughout the year in the area of technology integration. There are two part-time instructional coaches on site to support teachers in NTN and VILS implementation as well as offering ongoing professional development to staff in the areas of (but not limited to) Study Sync implementation, ELD, lesson planning, instructional strategies, and classroom management.