

Renaissance at Mathson

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	Renaissance at Mathson
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District Contact Information (School Year 2020-2021)

Entity	Contact Information
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School Description and Mission Statement (School Year 2020-2021)

Renaissance is a small middle school of choice serving approximately 280 sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students. All Renaissance students, parents, and educators have chosen to come to Renaissance to participate, work hard, and focus on preparing students to be successful in high school, college and beyond. At Renaissance there is a strong emphasis on building student, parent, and school staff relationships. The community believes that when all stakeholders know one another's hearts and minds well, the students will be best supported and able to achieve their full potential. The parents' active support and cooperation, combined with the staff's best professional efforts, will continue to make Renaissance a place for students to learn and grow. Renaissance provides a safe, equitable, rigorous and relationship-centered learning environment for all students.

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

Grade Level	Number of Students
Grade 6	87
Grade 7	96
Grade 8	84
Total Enrollment	267

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

Student Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	1.5
Asian	13.9
Filipino	3.7
Hispanic or Latino	76
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.4
White	1.9
Two or More Races	2.6
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	85.4
English Learners	24.3
Students with Disabilities	10.9
Homeless	

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	12	13	13	431
Without Full Credential	1	1	1	35
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence (with full credential)	0	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	0	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.

The building in which Renaissance resides was built in 1959. 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 Union Elementary 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
Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	Good	Rm:Electrical Room-A/C not working.
Interior: Interior Surfaces	Fair	Rm:Cafeteria Electrical Room-Dirty, dusty. Rm:F7-Rip on wall. Rm:F9-Spot on ceiling tile. Rm:Girls Locker Room-Wall needs repair, wall needs to be painted. Rm:Boys Locker Room-Hole in walls, needs to be painted.
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/ Vermin Infestation	Good	Rm:Electrical Room E-Spiders and roaches. Rm:E5-Ants and spiders. Rm:E4-Spiders and roaches. Rm:F5-Spiders. Rm:Renaissance Boys Restroom-Walls are dirty. Rm:F10-Webs in class and spiders. Rm:Storage Room F-Wing-Dirty lots of clutter, no room to walk. Rm:G8-Dirty, roaches, bugs, spiders and clutter. Rm:Storage Room G-Wing-Too much clutter. Rm:Girls Locker Room-Needs to be cleaned, spiders and roaches, closet has too much clutter. Rm:Boys Locker Room-Need to clean walls Rm:Outside Locker Room Storage Areas-Very dirty, lots of clutter

System Inspected	Rating	Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
Electrical: Electrical	Poor	Rm:Cafeteria-Need to repair light switches, light fixtures, cover for J-Box for Bay Alarm. Rm:Kitchen Area-Missing clock, need to replace bulbs. Rm:Cafeteria Electrical Room-Lamp out. Rm:E5-Need new lamps. Rm:E4-Need new lens cover. Rm:E3-Need new ballast. Rm:F1 Break Room-Need to replace lamps. Rm:F7-Need lamps. Rm:F8-Need lamps. Rm:F10-Light switch out. Rm:G6-Internet port broken. Rm:Girls Restroom G-Wing-LED lights are bad. Rm:G3-Internet ports are broken. Rm:G2-Internet ports are broken. Rm:Boys Locker Room-Burnt lights. Rm:Outside Locker Room Storage Areas-Light out, bad light switch and second storage has no light switch and bad light.
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	Good	Rm:Boys Locker Room-Walls in restroom area is falling apart near the floor.
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	Good	Rm:Storage Room F-Wing-Clutter, No room to walk. Rm:Girls Locker Room-Fire extinguisher is on the floor.
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	Good	
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	Good	Rm:Girls Locker Room-Playground has weeds everywhere.
Overall Rating	Good Fair	

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)	42	N/A	40	N/A	50	N/A
Mathematics (grades 3-8 and 11)	36	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.

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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)	25	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)

Renaissance values and includes all stakeholders in all facets of the educational process. To facilitate parent involvement in the students' academic success, each student is assigned to an advisory teacher. Advisory teachers closely monitor and support student performance and learning plans and maintain close communication with parents. One example includes Learner-led Conferences. Each student facilitates three Learner-led Conferences a school year with his/her parent(s) and advisory teacher. At these conferences the student presents what he/she has learned, a portfolio of their work, their goals, and challenges. 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 Renaissance Register (newsletter), which is written in English and Spanish.

Parent and community participation are essential to student achievement. When enrolling their child at Renaissance, the parents sign a Compact for Education. This compact indicates each parent's commitment to remain actively involved in their child's education and to participate in a minimum of 30 hours of school events over the course of the school year. Renaissance provides a number of parent and community involvement opportunities which include but are not limited to parent-child lunches, monthly community meetings, attending student exhibition events, and community service events. Renaissance has an active Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) which coordinates many fundraisers and community and social events. Please contact the Renaissance principal at (408) 928-8500 if you have any questions regarding parent involvement at Renaissance.

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	1.8	3.7	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	0.025925926		
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)

The Renaissance community works hard to ensure all students are safe. Renaissance has a very detailed, comprehensive safety plan that outlines protocols, systems, and procedures in the event of any/all emergencies. The plan also contains the yearly safety goals as determined by the students, staff, and parents. The safety plan is developed by the Renaissance Safety Committee, presented to the School Site Council and then sent to the Alum Rock Union Elementary School District Board of Trustees for approval. The revised plan was last approved in December 2019 and was approved through the end of the 2020-2021 school year. 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. When guests are visiting Renaissance, they first check in at the office and are required to wear a visitor pass while spending time on campus. The Renaissance staff follows a yard-duty schedule to ensure that students are well supervised before school, during brunch, during lunch, and at dismissal. The Renaissance safety plan has a comprehensive, enforceable, continuous behavior policy, rules and regulations, dress code policy, protocols for safety/emergency drills, tardy policy, attendance policy, referral policy, and nondiscriminatory policy on student 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	21	5	9		20	5	6		46	3		8
Mathematics	26	1	6		26	1	6		50	1		6
Science	26	1	6		26	1	6		63	1		6
Social Science	26	1	6		26	1	6		50	1		6

*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*	534

*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)	0.5
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	
Psychologist	
Social Worker	
Nurse	
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)	
Other	

*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	\$14,562.62	\$4,141.25	\$10,421.37	\$77,893.73
District	N/A	N/A	\$1,148.34	\$88,855
Percent Difference - School Site and District	N/A	N/A	160.3	-13.1
State	N/A	N/A	\$7,750	\$84,183
Percent Difference - School Site and State	N/A	N/A	29.4	-7.8

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 enable underperforming students to meet standards:

- Staff development is provided in differentiated instructional practices in the areas of language arts and math.
- Teachers identify at-risk or low-performing students and provide in-class intervention.
- The after school intervention program provides additional instruction to students falling below standards-based benchmark proficiency in the areas of reading, writing and math.

Additional services to enable underperforming students to meet standards:

- Teachers and principal meet to analyze and assess student data to determine if English language learners are meeting standards.
- English learners are enrolled in a designated English Language Development (ELD) class. English learners receive integrated ELD support in content area classes.
- Staff development is provided to improve instruction in language arts and writing. Intervention programs for at-risk students are in place.
- Students below grade-level proficiency are provided with homework assistance and small group tutoring during our afterschool program.
- Teachers use resources, materials, and supplies to prepare and facilitate lessons that challenge students to meet and exceed proficiency.
- Ongoing collaboration and articulation between resource specialist teacher and general education teachers in order to meet the individualized learning goals of students receiving special education services.

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

This section provides information on the annual number of school days dedicated to staff development for the most recent three-year period.

The staff collaborates every Thursday after school dismisses. Generally, half an hour is spent on current school issues & programs, half an hour is spent on increasing staff proficiency in some area - and the remaining hour is spent in grade level collaboration (looking at student issues at the grade level and how teachers can better support students) or in content area collaboration (aligning content, reviewing tests & work for consistent rigor, etc.).

Staff participate in district level professional development and are encouraged (and supported) in attending outside professional development opportunities.