

Freedom Elementary
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	Freedom Elementary
Street	2101 Fine Avenue
City, State, Zip	Modesto, CA 95355
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County-District-School (CDS) Code	50-71290-6120430

District Contact Information (School Year 2020-2021)

Entity	Contact Information
District Name	Sylvan Union Elementary School District
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Superintendent	Mr. Eric Fredrickson
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School Description and Mission Statement (School Year 2020-2021)

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and health & safety guidelines, all Sylvan Union schools started the school year with a distance learning platform, Sylvan SeLECT. This platform allowed students and teachers to continue a rich academic experience through multiple online platforms including Google Classroom and Google Meet. As COVID-19 positivity rates decrease as well as small groups and waivers are approved, groups of students were allowed to return to in-person learning with strict social distancing and safety protocols. While the 20-21 school year began like no other, the strong Sylvan foundation guaranteed a robust educational experience for all.

Freedom Elementary opened its doors to educating children in grades Kindergarten through fifth grade in 2002. During the 2020-2021 school year, approximately 669 students were enrolled in kindergarten through fifth grade. We believe that a child's education is fostered by the school and families working together to provide a learning experience where the students will excel. Our mission is to teach students how to learn, to help them gain knowledge, and to promote a positive self-image and growth in a culture of safety and respect. Utilizing district-adopted curriculum the staff employs the most effective teaching strategies along with grade level collaboration time to ensure the students are receiving quality instruction in all academic areas. Classroom celebrations and virtual assemblies are a time when the entire school comes together to celebrate each other and accomplishments. Through the analysis of data and communication between staff members, students are provided with an educational experience that incorporates strong academic goals, physical education, comprehensive music and art programs, and the development of life-long character skills which will help develop our students into successful adults.

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

Grade Level	Number of Students
Kindergarten	96
Grade 1	98
Grade 2	104
Grade 3	126
Grade 4	119
Grade 5	129
Total Enrollment	672

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

Student Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	2.1
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.1
Asian	11.6
Filipino	5.8
Hispanic or Latino	35.7
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	1.9
White	32.9
Two or More Races	6.8
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	36.3
English Learners	17.3
Students with Disabilities	12.6
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	30	30	30	399
Without Full Credential	2	3	2	18
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence (with full credential)	0	0	0	5

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

Sylvan Union School District provides each student in grades K-8 sufficient textbooks or instructional materials in each subject consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum framework. On August 25, 2020 the Sylvan District Board of Trustees adopted Resolution 2020-2021 #05: Sufficiency of Instructional Materials.

Subject	Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials/year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption?	Percent Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
Reading/Language Arts	Benchmark Advance (K-5) 2016	Yes	0
Mathematics	Eureka Math (K-6) 2014	Yes	0
Science	Amplify 2020 (K-5)	Yes	0
History-Social Science	Studies Weekly (K) 2019 Pearson (1-5) 2019	Yes	0

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

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements

Cleaning Process: During the 2020-2021 school year, COVID-19 cleaning and sanitation protocols were followed. Freedom Elementary School strives to maintain a safe, healthy, nurturing and orderly school campus that encourages positive attitudes in students and staff. The district governing board has adopted cleaning standards for all schools in the district. Schools are on a regular cleaning schedule including wiping surface areas, being swept or vacuumed and the trash emptied. The cafeteria, gym, and all restrooms are cleaned daily. Grounds are groomed on a rotating basis with trash, and lawn service.

Maintenance and Repair: Freedom Elementary School is in good repair. The site is being maintained to the standards of the Sylvan Union School District. Only routine work orders for Freedom throughout the year. Freedom Elementary School is in good repair and is prepared for daily learning activities.

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: July 20, 2020

System Inspected	Rating	Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	Good	Minor HVAC repairs and routine maintenance performed throughout the year.
Interior: Interior Surfaces	Good	
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/ Vermin Infestation	Good	Year round pest control is provided.
Electrical: Electrical	Good	The electrical panels are being evaluated for hot spots.
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	Good	Minor repairs to the plumbing system were made throughout the year.
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	Good	
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	Good	All roofing is in great shape.
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	Good	Irrigation pump replaced in May 2020
Overall Rating	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)	62	N/A	52	N/A	50	N/A
Mathematics (grades 3-8 and 11)	52	N/A	44	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)	42	N/A	32	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)

Freedom Elementary parents and community members are actively involved in both district and site level committees, and in the classrooms. Our School Site Council (SSC) and Parent Teacher Association (PTA) are committed to working with staff and parents to build a strong community focused on raising student achievement through parent involvement. Parents and community members are encouraged to participate in these committees. Parent participation throughout the school is encouraged and information is made available to our families through various sources such as the school website, newsletters, and information sent home in the weekly Communication Folder.

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	0.7	0.1	5.3	3.9	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			
Expulsions			

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)

Freedom School has adopted a comprehensive School Safety Plan that is reviewed and updated annually by members of the School Site Council. The Site Council is composed of teachers, classified staff, parents, and the principal. The Safety Plan for the 2020-2021 school year was formally approved by the school's School Site Council on 2/2/2021. The school staff suggested final changes and had input on new assignments at the 12/14/2020 staff meeting. The revised Safety Plans are presented to the Sylvan Union School District Board of Trustees for annual review and approval. The Safety Plan is reviewed with staff members at the beginning of each school year with particular attention paid to emergency situations and staff and student responses. Safety drills, including fire, earthquake, and lockdown procedures, are held regularly. In addition, the school is inspected annually by the fire marshal and daily by the custodian. All issues discovered during these inspections are given the utmost priority. Copies of the comprehensive School Safety Plan are posted in each classroom and office area.

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.

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Elementary)

Grade Level	2017-18	2017-18	2017-18	2017-18	2018-19	2018-19	2018-19	2018-19	2019-20	2019-20	2019-20	2019-20
	Average Class Size	# of Classes* Size 1-20	# of Classes* Size 21-32	# of Classes* Size 33+	Average Class Size	# of Classes* Size 1-20	# of Classes* Size 21-32	# of Classes* Size 33+	Average Class Size	# of Classes* Size 1-20	# of Classes* Size 21-32	# of Classes* Size 33+
K	21	2	2		22		4	4	23			
1	24		4		25		4		30		3	1
2	21	1	4		22		5		21	4		1
3	20	1	5		20	1	5		21	1	5	
4	31		4		31		4		29		4	
5	28	1	4		28	1	1	3	31		3	
Other**									10	2		

*Number of classes indicates how many classes fall into each size category (a range of total students per class).

** "Other" category is for multi-grade level classes.

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

Title	Ratio
Academic Counselors*	0

*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)	
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	
Psychologist	1
Social Worker	
Nurse	
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	1
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)	
Other	0.5

*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	9120	2443	6677	75482
District	N/A	N/A	7125	\$78,093
Percent Difference - School Site and District	N/A	N/A	-6.5	0.1
State	N/A	N/A	\$7,750	\$84,183
Percent Difference - School Site and State	N/A	N/A	-11.7	-9.1

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

Types of Services Funded (Fiscal Year 2019-2020)

The Sylvan Union School District spent an average of \$10,176 to educate each student (based on 2018-2019 audited financial statements). The figures shown in the table above reflect the direct cost of educational services, per enrollment, excluding food services, facilities acquisition and construction, and certain other expenditures.

This calculation is required by law annually and compared with other districts statewide. In addition to general funds, the Sylvan Union School District receives state and federal categorical funds.

- Title I, Low-Income and Neglected
- Title II, Teacher Quality/Principal Training/Technology Grants
- Title III, Immigrant Education Program/Limited English Proficiency Program
- Title IV, Student Support and Academic Enrichment
- Special Education
- Lottery: Instructional Materials
- After School Education and Safety
- MediCal Billing Option
- Ongoing and Major Maintenance Account

* Common Core State Standards

* Professional Development Block Grant

* COVID 19, SB 117

* Low Performing Student

Teacher and Administrative Salaries (Fiscal Year 2018-2019)

Category	District Amount	State Average For Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$49,068	\$51,004
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$78,092	\$82,919
Highest Teacher Salary	\$104,150	\$104,604
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)	\$115,917	\$131,277
Average Principal Salary (Middle)	\$119,721	\$136,163
Average Principal Salary (High)		\$128,660
Superintendent Salary	\$183,784	\$230,860
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	37.0	35.0
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	5.0	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	70	78	25

District wide during the last three years (2018-2019, 2019-2020, and 2020-2021) school years over 173 days were dedicated to professional development in the areas of:

- Professional Learning Communities
- Common Formative Assessments
- Math and English Language Essential Standards
- Effective Teaching Strategies
- English Language Development Standards
- 21st Century Skills

* Marzano Instructional Strategies

- Social Emotional Skills
- Literacy Instruction
- eLearning

* Multi-Tiered Systems of Support