

# **Ruth Brown Elementary 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	Ruth Brown Elementary School
Street	241 North Seventh Street
City, State, Zip	Blythe, CA 92225
Phone Number	(760) 922-7164
Principal	Cintia Robinson
Email Address	crobinson@pvusd.us
Website	www.pvusd.us
County-District-School (CDS) Code	33-67181-6032494

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

Entity	Contact Information
District Name	Palo Verde Unified School District
Phone Number	(760) 922-4164
Superintendent	Ms. Tracie Kern
Email Address	tracie.kern@pvusd.us
Website	www.pvusd.us

### District Mission Statement

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Our mission is to enrich, empower and enhance our students' lives through education.

### District Vision Statement

Palo Verde Unified School District will constantly seek to improve its culture of academic excellence.

We expect every student to read, write and calculate competently.

We expect every teacher to apply consistent standards, evaluate student performance accurately, and coach students with diligence and compassion.

We expect every parent, student and teacher to support the mutual quest for excellence. Educational progress can never happen without truth as its foundation, and it is to the wonderful truth of student potential and the challenging truth of student performance that we are unalterably committed.

### School Mission Statement

We strive to ensure our students will become proficient in academics, be prepared for further learning and develop a concept of self-worth in the process of becoming responsible citizens who respect others.

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

Grade Level	Number of Students
Kindergarten	74
Grade 1	55
Grade 2	76
Grade 3	78
Grade 4	66
Grade 5	64
Grade 6	66
Grade 7	70
Grade 8	61
<b>Total Enrollment</b>	<b>610</b>

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

Student Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	9.8
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.2
Asian	0.3
Filipino	0.5
Hispanic or Latino	70.5
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.3
White	15.7
Two or More Races	2.3
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	79
English Learners	9.2
Students with Disabilities	9.2
Foster Youth	0.8
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	26	24	27	114
Without Full Credential	3	3	0	10
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence (with full credential)	0	0	0	2

## 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:** October 6, 2020

All textbooks used in the core curriculum throughout the Palo Verde Unified School District are aligned to the California Curriculum Frameworks and Content Standards. Instructional materials for grades K-8 are selected from the state's most recent list of standards-based materials and adopted by the State Board of Education. Instructional materials for grades 9-12 are approved by the board of trustees. The district follows the State Board of Education's six-year adoption cycle for core content materials. District textbook review and adoption activities occur the year following the state's adoption. Site-level and district-level committees meet to select textbooks and instructional materials. Every student including English learners have access to their own textbooks and instructional materials.

On October 6, 2020, the Palo Verde Unified School District Board of Trustees held a public hearing to certify the extent to which textbooks and instructional materials have been provided to students, including English learners, in the district.

The board of trustees adopted a resolution which certifies, as required by Education Code Section 60119:

1. Each student in each school in the Palo Verde Unified School District has standards-aligned textbook(s) or instructional materials, or both, to use in class and to take home.
2. Sufficient textbooks and instructional materials were provided to each student, including English learners, that are aligned to the academic content standards and are consistent with the cycles and content of the Curriculum Frameworks in mathematics, science, history-social science, and English language arts, including the English-language development component of an adopted program.
3. Sufficient textbooks or instructional materials were provided to each pupil enrolled in foreign language or health classes.
4. Sufficient laboratory science equipment was provided for science laboratory classes offered in grades 9-12, inclusive. The California Department of Education requires the most recent information to be provided regarding instructional materials; data collected and disclosed in this report regarding instructional materials was acquired October 6, 2020.

Subject	Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials/year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption?	Percent Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
Reading/Language Arts	Wonders (K-5); StudySync/McGraw-Hill (6-8)	Yes	0
Mathematics	EnVision, Pearson (K-5); Go Math!, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (6-8)	Yes	0
Science	California Science, Pearson (K-5) Focus on Earth Science, CPO Science (6) Focus on Life Science, CPO Science (7) Focus on Physical Science, CPO Science (8)	Yes	0
History-Social Science	Houghton Mifflin (K-5) Discovering Our Past: Ancient Civilization, Glencoe/McGraw-Hill (6) Medieval and Early Modern Times, Glencoe/McGraw-Hill (7) The American Journey to World War I, Glencoe/McGraw-Hill (8)	Yes	0

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

## School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements

Ruth Brown Elementary provides a safe, clean environment for learning through proper facilities maintenance and campus supervision. School facilities are all up-to-date and provide adequate space for students and staff. Ruth Brown Elementary School was built in 1956. Since that time, new buildings have been constructed, portables have been added to accommodate enrollment growth, and existing buildings have been updated. Several years ago, the campus was completely renovated and modernized to accommodate existing and future needs. During the 2005-06 school year, Ruth Brown Elementary School's campus improvement projects included modernization of restrooms in the cafeteria to meet current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements and the installation of a shade structure on the north side of campus in the dismissal area. The campus is cleaned by a daytime and an evening janitorial staff.

### 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:** 11/10/2020

System Inspected	Rating	Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
<b>Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer</b>	Good	
<b>Interior: Interior Surfaces</b>	Good	Cracked wallplate in room 29
<b>Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/ Vermin Infestation</b>	Good	

System Inspected	Rating	Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
Electrical: Electrical	Good	1 light bulb out (low impact) in the boys restroom
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	Good	Faucet is off in the boys restroom
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	Good	Expired extinguisher in the library
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	Good	
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	Good	Wall damaged around exit at MPR
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)	28	N/A	34	N/A	50	N/A
Mathematics (grades 3-8 and 11)	17	N/A	20	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
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

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
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)	12	N/A	17	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)

Parents and community members are caring and committed individuals who support the education program at Ruth Brown Elementary School. Along with the School Site Council (SSC) and English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC), board members, community service organizations, and parent volunteers dedicate time to volunteer in the classrooms. Community organizations and area businesses contribute incentive rewards for academic excellence and good citizenship. Monthly assemblies and school activities are also offered on campus to help guide parents in their effort to improve their child's education and social development. Parents are also encouraged to join our Parent Teacher Organization. This group fund raises to provide extra items for the school. They also work to provide activities for student involvement, such as dances, fall festivals, multicultural events, and movie nights. The partnerships developed between the school and community volunteers and organizations enhance the experience of all the students at Ruth Brown Elementary.

Parents and students are able to keep updated and informed by viewing our school website at <https://rbes.pvUSD.us/>. On the site, one may access school information such as our parent handbook. Ruth Brown also uses Aeries Parent Connection, which allows parents to view grades and attendance online. Ruth Brown Elementary also keeps communication open with families through Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. We also use a school wide recorded telephone message system to inform parents of emergency situations and general school information.

### 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	3.2	7.8	6.2	5.7	3.5	3.5
Expulsions	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.4	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	.062	.077	
Expulsions	0	.001	

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)

A comprehensive school safety plan was initially developed for Ruth Brown Elementary in collaboration with local law enforcement and fire protection agencies and district administration to fulfill Senate Bill 187 requirements. Components of this plan include child abuse reporting procedures, teacher notification of dangerous pupil procedures, disaster response procedures, procedures for safe arrival and departure from school, sexual harassment policy, and dress code policy. Ruth Brown Elementary School's most current safety plan was reviewed by the Safety Committee in February 2020. The principal subsequently met with staff members who are assigned to key responsibilities to share updates and action plans in the event of an emergency. A school wide staff meeting was held in the fall covering the updated school site plan and emergency procedures. An updated copy of the school safety plan is available to the public at the Palo Verde Unified School District office and at the school's office.

## 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	1	3		19	2	2		24		3	
1	22		4		25		3		26		2	
2	23		3		22		4		23		3	
3	19	3			22		3		24		3	
4	31		2		29		2		32		2	
5	34			2	32		2		31		2	
6	34			2	24		3		33		1	
Other**	10	1			11	1			13	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*	2033.3

\*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)	0.3
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	
Psychologist	
Social Worker	
Nurse	

Title	Number of FTE* Assigned to School
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	5,736	\$152	\$5,584	\$79,286
District	N/A	N/A	\$9,087	\$78,008
Percent Difference - School Site and District	N/A	N/A	-47.8	1.6
State	N/A	N/A	\$7,750	\$75,706
Percent Difference - School Site and State	N/A	N/A	-32.5	4.6

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

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

For the 2019-20 school year, Ruth Brown Elementary received state and federal funding for the following categorical, special education and support programs:

- Title I
- Title III Limited English Proficient Student Program

Using various tools including state assessment results, teachers and administrators can identify students who are struggling or at risk of falling behind. For those students who need extra help in any subject area, Student Study Teams pull together school and family resources to identify and develop strategies to help students improve academic and/or behavioral performance.

Small group and one-on-one instruction is provided by teachers to support students in academic areas of need. In K through eighth grade, aides are provided to intervene in reading.

Supplementary instructional materials are purchased as needed to support intervention programs. Classroom teachers monitor student performance on chapter and end-of-unit tests as well as STAR reading, STAR math, and Early Literacy assessments to determine progress toward achieving proficiency levels, ongoing progress and instructional needs.

English learners (EL) are identified through the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC) and home language survey.

Ruth Brown Elementary uses the McGraw-Hill series for ELD and reading intervention instruction for grades K-5th and StudySync series for ELD and reading intervention instruction for grades 6th-8th. English learners are assessed annually to measure English-language acquisition and adjust reading level and ELD needs accordingly.

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

Category	District Amount	State Average For Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$52,538	\$47,145
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$82,268	\$74,952
Highest Teacher Salary	\$106,104	\$96,092
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)	\$114,716	\$116,716
Average Principal Salary (Middle)		\$120,813
Average Principal Salary (High)	\$138,930	\$131,905
Superintendent Salary	\$195,000	\$192,565
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	31.0	31.0
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	5.0	6.0

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	8	12	15

Palo Verde Unified School District combines efforts with school site administration to provide training and curriculum development which revolves around the California State Curriculum Frameworks as well as Common Core State Standards. Teachers align classroom curriculum to ensure all students either meet or exceed state proficiency levels.

During the last 3 school years, teacher-training activities focused on the following:

- Professional Learning Communities
- Checking for understanding
- Sexual harassment
- Response to Instruction and Intervention
- School wide positive behavior support
- Math intervention
- Common Core State Standards
- Step Up to Writing
- Google Classroom
- Direct Interactive Instruction
- Aeries training
- Acadience and 95% group
- MyOn
- Data Analysis
- Teaching Works