

Pinnacles High School

School Accountability Report Card

Reported Using Data from the 2014-15 School Year

Published During 2015-16

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 Accountability Plan (LCAP), which describes how they intend to meet annual school-specific goals for all pupils, with specific activities to address state and local priorities. Additionally, data reported in an LCAP is to be consistent with data reported in the SARC.

- For more information about SARC requirements, see the California Department of Education (CDE) SARC Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa/>.
- For more information about the LCFF or LCAP, see the CDE LCFF Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/aa/lc/>.
- For additional information about the school, parents/guardians and community members should contact the school principal or the district office.

DataQuest

DataQuest is an online data tool located on the CDE DataQuest Web page at <http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/> that contains additional information about this school and comparisons of the school to the district, the county, and the state. 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).

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About This School

Contact Information (Most Recent Year)

School Contact Information	
School Name	Pinnacles High School
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Grades Served	9-12
CDS Code	27754400106112

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School Description and Mission Statement (Most Recent Year)

Our vision is to inspire students to become life-long learners who will contribute positively to the community and thrive as individuals in a global society.

Our Mission: Pinnacles High School challenges students through meaningful, relevant, and standards-based curriculum that prepares them for career and college. The Pinnacles High School is an alternative education school within the Community Education center (CEC) that also offers Adult Education (GED) and a transition program for adult students of special needs.

Student Enrollment by Grade Level (School Year 2014-15)

Grade Level	Number of Students
Grade 9	2
Grade 10	4
Grade 11	8
Grade 12	24
Total Enrollment	38

Student Enrollment by Group (School Year 2014-15)

Student Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Hispanic or Latino	97.4
White	2.6
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	97.4
English Learners	63.2

A. Conditions of Learning

State Priority: Basic

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the Basic State Priority (Priority 1):

- Degree to which teachers are appropriately assigned and fully credentialed in the subject area and for the pupils they are teaching;
- Pupils have access to standards-aligned instructional materials; and
- School facilities are maintained in good repair.

Teacher Credentials

Teachers	School			District
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2015-16
With Full Credential	3	3	8	181
Without Full Credential	0	0	0	34
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence (with full credential)	0	0	0	0

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions

Indicator	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners	0	0	0
Total Teacher Misassignments *	0	0	0
Vacant Teacher Positions	0	0	2

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.

Core Academic Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers (School Year 2014-15)

Location of Classes	Percent of Classes In Core Academic Subjects	
	Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers	Not Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers
This School	100.0	0.0
All Schools in District	92.4	7.6
High-Poverty Schools in District	92.4	7.6
Low-Poverty Schools in District	0.0	0.0

Note: High-poverty schools are defined as those schools with student eligibility of approximately 40 percent or more in the free and reduced price meals program. Low-poverty schools are those with student eligibility of approximately 39 percent or less in the free and reduced price meals program.

Quality, Currency, Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials (School Year 2015-16)

Year and month in which data were collected: August 2015

Every student has a textbook that is in good condition and consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum frameworks adopted by the State Board of Education.

Core Curriculum Area	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/ Year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption?	Percent of Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
Reading/Language Arts	All students are provided an individual textbook or instructional material as determined by verification from Aeries Database/Office - 2015. All textbooks are state-adopted and aligned with Soledad High School.	Yes	0
Mathematics	All students are provided an individual textbook or instructional material as determined by verification from Aeries Database/Office - 2015. All textbooks are state-adopted and aligned with Soledad High School.	Yes	0
Science	All students are provided an individual textbook or instructional material as determined by verification from Aeries Database/Office - 2015. All textbooks are state-adopted and aligned with Soledad High School.	Yes	0
History-Social Science	All students are provided an individual textbook or instructional material as determined by verification from Aeries Database/Office 2015. All textbooks are state-adopted and aligned with Soledad High School.	Yes	0
Foreign Language	Students who need foreign language credits are enrolled concurrently in the local Hartnell College classes.	Yes	0
Health	All students are provided an individual textbook or instructional material as determined by verification from Aeries Database/Office - 2015 All textbooks are state-adopted and aligned with Soledad High School.	Yes	0
Visual and Performing Arts	Teachers assign art credits for specific art projects and students can create their own projects through their choice of mediums such as painting, poetry, songs, arts and crafts and silk painting.	Yes	0
Science Laboratory Equipment (grades 9-12)	All students are provided an individual textbook or instructional material as determined by verification from Aeries Database/Office - 2015 All textbooks are state-adopted and aligned with Soledad High School.	Yes	0

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements (Most Recent Year)

Currently the facilities are in good working condition. The restrooms are in good working order.

Pinnacles High School was moved to a new facility on October 26, 1992. It consists of two classrooms and an office. A basketball/volleyball court is adjacent to the classrooms for use in physical education classes. On the same site is an adult education classroom, and a learning center, Two student restrooms and one staff restroom are in good working condition.

The facility is clean. The students take pride in the building as is evidenced by the lack of graffiti in and around the facility. There have been only two cases of graffiti in the bathrooms during the past year. This is also partly due to reward and ownership procedures that have been established by the teachers and the administration of the school. The students are rewarded for keeping their bathrooms clean, by being given special bathroom decorations and non-toxic products such as hand lotions.

The district has been researching the purchase of land and other options to expand the school site, as an increase in classroom and office space is needed. In 2007 Pinnacles installed 3 benches by the student restrooms and 2 new basketball backboards. In 2007 Pinnacles' side wall by the boy's restroom was replaced due to rot.

The school was completely landscaped in 1993-94 by students in the Community as School Program in partnership with the landscape architect and Director of Maintenance and Operations for the district. In 2009 the students obtained 50 plants from a local nursery and planted those plants throughout the campus. The students are also growing several bushes and trees in wood boxes along the fence. Over the summer, several student volunteers helped to repaint the railings, lines on the basketball court and in the parking lot. They also painted the doors and painted over chipped paint areas along the outside walls. Another group of students helped to redecorate classrooms and to organize the books on the bookshelves.

Pinnacles High School is a safe school. The school has maintained a strong working relationship with the Police department in Soledad and their response to any emergency is immediate.

District maintenance staff ensures that the repairs necessary to keep the school in good repair and working order are completed in a timely manner. A work order process is used to ensure sufficient service and that emergency repairs are given the highest priority. Custodial staff is assigned to clean the school daily and any concerns are addressed in a timely manner.

The district participates in the State School Deferred Maintenance Program, which provides state matching funds on a dollar-for-dollar basis, to assist school districts with expenditures for major repair or replacement of existing school building components. Typically, this includes roofing, plumbing, heating, air conditioning, electrical systems, interior or exterior painting and floor systems.

The school buildings, grounds and restrooms are well maintained and fully functional. In Summer, 2005 the entire school was painted and installations were new linoleum in the staff bathroom, new carpets in Rooms 5 and 6 and a new phone system. In Summer, 2006 three new benches were added to the student outside eating area. In Fall, 2007 an outside wall was repaired by the girl's bathroom. In Winter, 2007 the school's roof was re-tarred to protect classrooms from leaks during the rains. In Fall, 2008 a shade structure was installed to protect students from the elements in the outside eating area. In Summer, 2009 Promethean interactive white boards were installed in all Pinnacles' classrooms.

The administration conducts monthly school walk-throughs to look for and to mitigate safety hazards and to resolve repair issues. Students help to keep the campus clean by raking leaves and picking up garbage on a daily basis. On most days, our campus is very clean and beautiful.

School Facility Good Repair Status (Most Recent Year)

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Year and month in which data were collected: September 17, 2015				
System Inspected	Repair Status			Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
	Good	Fair	Poor	
Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	X			None
Interior: Interior Surfaces		X		Administration Building - Carpet flooring needs to be replaced. Carpet was replaced later in September, 2015.
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/Vermin Infestation	X			none
Electrical: Electrical	X			None
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/Fountains	X			None
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	X			None
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	X			Administration - Sections of exterior siding needs to be replaced. Siding was replaced in late September 2015. Exterior student restroom doors need to be replaced. Replaced doors in late September.
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	X			None

Overall Facility Rating (Most Recent Year)

Year and month in which data were collected: September 17, 2015				
Overall Rating	Exemplary	Good	Fair	Poor
			X	

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], Science California Standards Tests); and
- The percentage of pupils 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

California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress Results for All Students (School Year 2014-15)

Subject	Percent of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standards (grades 3-8 and 11)		
	School	District	State
English Language Arts/Literacy	--	28	44
Mathematics	--	19	33

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.

CAASPP Assessment Results - English Language Arts (ELA)

Disaggregated by Student Groups, Grades Three through Eight and Eleven (School Year 2014-15)

Student Group	Grade	Number of Students		Percent of Students				
		Enrolled	Tested	Tested	Standard Not Met	Standard Nearly Met	Standard Met	Standard Exceeded
All Students	11	9	8	88.9	--	--	--	--
Male	11		7	77.8	--	--	--	--
Female	11		1	11.1	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	11		7	77.8	--	--	--	--
White	11		1	11.1	--	--	--	--
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	11		7	77.8	--	--	--	--
English Learners	11		3	33.3	--	--	--	--
Foster Youth	11		--	--	--	--	--	--

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CAASPP Assessment Results - Mathematics

Disaggregated by Student Groups, Grades Three through Eight and Eleven (School Year 2014-15)

Student Group	Grade	Number of Students		Percent of Students				
		Enrolled	Tested	Tested	Standard Not Met	Standard Nearly Met	Standard Met	Standard Exceeded
All Students	11	9	8	88.9	--	--	--	--
Male	11		7	77.8	--	--	--	--
Female	11		1	11.1	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	11		7	77.8	--	--	--	--
White	11		1	11.1	--	--	--	--
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	11		7	77.8	--	--	--	--
English Learners	11		3	33.3	--	--	--	--
Foster Youth	11		--	--	--	--	--	--

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California Standards Tests for All Students in Science (Three-Year Comparison)

Subject	Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced (meeting or exceeding the state standards)								
	School			District			State		
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Science (grades 5, 8, and 10)	--	--	--	51	48	41	59	60	56

Note: Scores are not shown when the number of students tested is ten or less, either because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or to protect student privacy.

California Standards Tests Results by Student Group in Science (School Year 2014-15)

Student Group	Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced
All Students in the LEA	41
All Students at the School	--
Male	--
Female	--
Hispanic or Latino	--
English Learners	--
Students with Disabilities	--
Foster Youth	--

Note: Scores are not shown when the number of students tested is ten or less, either because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or to protect student privacy.

Career Technical Education Programs (School Year 2014-15)

CTE courses offered through the school include: ROP Office Careers, ROP Certified Nursing Assistant, ROP Vocational Nursing, ROP Medical Assisting, ROP Pharmacy Technician, ROP Dental Assistant. Additionally students are routed to CTE classes offered at Soledad High School (next door) which include: ROP Floristry, ROP Veterinary Science, ROP Restaurant Management I and II and ROP Small Business Ownership (Virtual Ent.). Classes are part of a comprehensive effort to sequence students through to a capstone effort.

Career Technical Education Participation (School Year 2014-15)

Measure	CTE Program Participation
Number of pupils participating in CTE	9
% of pupils completing a CTE program and earning a high school diploma	100%
% of CTE courses sequenced or articulated between the school and institutions of postsecondary education	100%

Courses for University of California and/or California State University Admission

UC/CSU Course Measure	Percent
2014-15 Students Enrolled in Courses Required for UC/CSU Admission	97.37
2013-14 Graduates Who Completed All Courses Required for UC/CSU Admission	0

State Priority: Other Pupil Outcomes

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

- Pupil outcomes in the subject areas of English, mathematics, and physical education.

California High School Exit Examination Results for Grade Ten Students (Three-Year Comparison)

Subject	Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced								
	School			District			State		
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
English-Language Arts				46	45	39	57	56	58
Mathematics				48	51	43	60	62	59

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.

California High School Exit Examination Grade Ten Results by Student Group (School Year 2014-15)

Group	English-Language Arts			Mathematics		
	Percent Not Proficient	Percent Proficient	Percent Advanced	Percent Not Proficient	Percent Proficient	Percent Advanced
All Students in the LEA	61	23	16	57	30	13
All Students at the School	0	0		0		

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.

California Physical Fitness Test Results (School Year 2014-15)

Grade Level	Percent of Students Meeting Fitness Standards		
	Four of Six Standards	Five of Six Standards	Six of Six Standards

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.

C. Engagement

State Priority: Parental Involvement

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

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

Opportunities for Parental Involvement (Most Recent Year)

A parent/guardian must attend the initial enrollment conference at the school with their student. School Site Council meetings are held quarterly. An English Language Advisory Council (ELAC) is also held quarterly. Parents/guardians are encouraged to request appointments with the principal or counselor whenever they have a concern about their student. Progress reports are distributed quarterly by mail. Student Study Team meetings are held by request of staff or parents/guardians. All parents are invited and encouraged to attend by formal written invitation and personal phone calls. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to visit the school and to become involved in all activities. Teachers send out mid-quarter progress reports and when students are falling behind Parents/Guardians are asked to participate in a meeting. . All Parents/Guardians are encouraged to either call or email her or her child's teacher whenever they would like a progress. Our Principal and counselor make home visits to check up on students and to assist families with information and referral to social service agencies.

State Priority: Pupil Engagement

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the Pupil Engagement State Priority (Priority 5):

- High school dropout rates; and
- High school graduation rates.

Dropout Rate and Graduation Rate (Four-Year Cohort Rate)

Indicator	School			District			State		
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Dropout Rate	9.70	6.50	11.90	9.70	6.50	11.90	13.10	11.40	11.50
Graduation Rate	79.22	83.99	79.60	79.22	83.99	79.60	78.87	80.44	80.95

Completion of High School Graduation Requirements (Graduating Class of 2014)

Group	Graduating Class of 2014		
	School	District	State
All Students	40	81.3	84.6
Black or African American		50	76
American Indian or Alaska Native		100	78.07
Asian		66.67	92.62
Filipino	100	100	96.49
Hispanic or Latino	36.84	80.65	81.28
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander		100	83.58
White		92.86	89.93
Two or More Races			82.8
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged		71.43	61.28
English Learners	23.08	51.56	50.76
Students with Disabilities	31.25	78.57	81.36
Foster Youth	--	--	--

State Priority: School Climate

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

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

Suspensions and Expulsions

Rate	School			District			State		
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Suspensions	42.68	16.42	25.00	7.45	3.81	3.18	5.07	4.36	3.80
Expulsions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.16	0.02	0.00	0.13	0.10	0.09

School Safety Plan (Most Recent Year)

Schools have developed comprehensive safety plans that meet state requirements. The plans include procedures for handling disasters, safe entry and exit of students, serious disciplinary problems, sexual harassment, child abuse reporting and school dress codes. Schools have revised, as an on-going process, their comprehensive safety plans, to meet state requirements. Staff is provided on-going training and information about current health or safety threats and revised emergency procedures as necessary. Parents/guardians are sent updated information on how to plan and prepare for an emergency and are invited to trainings and workshops related to disaster preparedness and safety. The administration conducts monthly school walk-throughs to look for and to mitigate safety hazards and to resolve repair issues.

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.

Adequate Yearly Progress Overall and by Criteria (School Year 2014-15)

AYP Criteria	School	District	State
Made AYP Overall	Yes	Yes	Yes
Met Participation Rate: English-Language Arts	Yes	Yes	Yes
Met Participation Rate: Mathematics	Yes	Yes	Yes
Met Percent Proficient: English-Language Arts	N/A	N/A	N/A
Met Percent Proficient: Mathematics	N/A	N/A	N/A
Met Attendance Rate	N/A	Yes	Yes
Met Graduation Rate	N/A	Yes	Yes

Federal Intervention Program (School Year 2015-16)

Indicator	School	District
Program Improvement Status	Not in PI	In PI
First Year of Program Improvement		2007-2008
Year in Program Improvement*		Year 3
Number of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	N/A	5
Percent of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	N/A	62.5

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

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Secondary)

Subject	2012-13			Avg. Class Size	2013-14			Avg. Class Size	2014-15					
	Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms			Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms			Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms				
		1-22	23-32			33+	1-22			23-32	33+	1-22	23-32	33+
English	14	3		4	7			4	7					
Mathematics	18	1	1	3	7			10	4					
Science	23		1	2	3			11	2					
Social Science	13	3		6	5			9	3					

Note: 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.

Academic Counselors and Other Support Staff (School Year 2014-15)

Title	Number of FTE Assigned to School	Average Number of Students per Academic Counselor
Academic Counselor	1	60
Counselor (Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	0	N/A
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	0	N/A
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	0	N/A
Psychologist	0.33	N/A
Social Worker	0	N/A
Nurse	0.125	N/A
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	0.125	N/A
Resource Specialist	0	N/A
Other	0	N/A

Note: Cells with N/A values do not require data. 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 2013-14)

Level	Expenditures Per Pupil			Average Teacher Salary
	Total	Supplemental/Restricted	Basic/Unrestricted	
School Site	5,447.32	2,462.53	2,984.79	\$61,796
District	N/A	N/A	\$4,882.54	\$65,288
Percent Difference: School Site and District	N/A	N/A	-38.9	-5.3
State	N/A	N/A	\$5,348	\$65,267
Percent Difference: School Site and State	N/A	N/A	-44.2	-5.3

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

Types of Services Funded (Fiscal Year 2014-15)

The district's general fund includes monies for:

1. General operations—services, materials and support for general education
2. Special Education—programs offering appropriate, individualized education to students with special needs
3. Gifted and talented education—specialized learning assistance for students with high ability, achievement or potential
4. Special projects—monies from federal, state and local agencies for specific services
5. Transportation
6. Maintenance and operation
7. District administration

Teacher and Administrative Salaries (Fiscal Year 2013-14)

Category	District Amount	State Average for Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$43,729	\$40,379
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$64,861	\$62,323
Highest Teacher Salary	\$94,191	\$81,127
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)	\$94,648	\$99,192
Average Principal Salary (Middle)	\$103,963	\$91,287
Average Principal Salary (High)	\$105,642	\$112,088
Superintendent Salary	\$150,000	\$159,821
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	35%	36%
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	5%	6%

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

Advanced Placement (AP) Courses (School Year 2014-15)

Subject	Number of AP Courses Offered*	Percent of Students In AP Courses
Computer Science		N/A
English		N/A
Fine and Performing Arts		N/A
Foreign Language		N/A
Mathematics		N/A
Science		N/A
Social Science		N/A
All courses		

* Cells with N/A values do not require data. Where there are student course enrollments.

Professional Development (Most Recent Three Years)

Staff development is provided on four district wide professional development days, as well as site based training days. Content is consistent with the district intervention plan. Teachers are setting higher expectations and outcomes. Professional development focuses upon the transition to the Common Core State Standards. Teachers participate in writing performance assessment focused upon student writing in response to literature. Friendly collaboration with all staff is a definite advantage at our school site to ensure the success of all our pupils. On-going staff development is furthered through monthly staff meetings and occasional release days which address the ongoing training in the Data Works model of Explicit Direct Instruction.

All teachers possess the Cross-cultural Language and Academic Development certificate or the SB 1969 Specially Designed Academic Instruction in English certificate. The Pinnacles High School schedule allows and one hour daily for teacher preparation, curriculum development, parent contact and collaborative planning.