

El Tejon Middle School

School Accountability Report Card

Reported Using Data from the 2017-18 School Year

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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.

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- 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

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About This School

Contact Information (School Year 2018-19)

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School Description and Mission Statement (School Year 2018-19)

School Vision Statement

The mission of El Tejon School is to provide a program that meets the individual educational needs of each student in a safe and positive environment with the goal of preparing each student to be a confident and productive citizen.

Description

Historically El Tejon School has experienced decreasing enrollment and it appears most recently it has stabilized. El Tejon School serves approximately 228 students in grades 5th –8th. It is one of three schools in the El Tejon Unified School District. The other two schools are Frazier Park School, which serves students in Transitional kindergarten through fourth grades and Frazier Mountain High School, which serves ninth through twelfth grades.

El Tejon School is located along Interstate 5 in the town of Lebec. Its attendance area encompasses a group of rural mountain communities in Kern, Los Angeles, and Ventura counties. These communities include Frazier Park, Lake of the Woods, Pinon Pines, Pine Mountain Club, and Lockwood Valley. Frazier Park is located approximately forty miles south of Bakersfield and forty miles north of Valencia.

Many of the parents in the community commute to Bakersfield or the Los Angeles area for employment. Employers within the community are oriented toward the construction, fast food, recreation and service industries. El Tejon Unified School District is one of the largest employers in the community. The socioeconomic make-up of the community ranges from low to middle income.

Mission Statement

El Tejon School's mission is to fully implement the following:

Curriculum and Instruction:

- To continue to align the site curriculum, instruction, and assessments with district and state standards.
- To meet the needs of all students in 5th-8th grades so that they achieve proficiency in grade level standards.
- To maintain an ongoing process of evaluation, planning, implementation, and assessment of the academic program.
- To continue to improve the quality of instruction by providing all staff with effective staff development.
- To increase the number of students performing at Meeting Standards or Exceeding Standards levels on (Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments) in Mathematics and Language Arts.
- To exit Program Improvement Status.

Climate:

- To foster ownership and stewardship among all staff members, students, and parents.
- To foster an open, friendly, supportive, and professional environment for all.
- To build a stimulating and productive environment for learning and teamwork.
- To maintain a safe and secure campus.
- Partnerships:
 - To create and maintain productive partnerships between El Tejon School and the community.
 - To maintain a positive relationship with the media.
 - To provide meaningful and regular opportunities for parents and community members to become partners in education.

Principal's Message

As parents and community members read this report, what will emerge is a picture of a school community that is committed to providing a student-centered educational environment with the expectation that all students focus on reaching their learning potential. We are an effective school with a strong academic focus and a commitment to continuous improvement; a positive and safe learning environment, with a staff that is professionally skilled and personally committed to meeting the learning and emotional needs of students; and a student body that works to meet expectations and perform at its highest level of academic competence.

The El Tejon staff strives to instill in ALL students the desire to become lifelong learners, while demonstrating that education is essential to their lives. It is our goal that all students reach a level of skill and knowledge that will enable them to participate productively in an ever changing world.

Sincerely,
Leonard Lopez

Student Enrollment by Grade Level (School Year 2017-18)

Grade Level	Number of Students
Grade 5	55
Grade 6	57
Grade 7	51
Grade 8	51
Total Enrollment	214

Student Enrollment by Group (School Year 2017-18)

Student Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	0.5
American Indian or Alaska Native	1.4
Asian	0.5
Filipino	0.9
Hispanic or Latino	37.9
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0
White	56.5
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	68.2
English Learners	8.9
Students with Disabilities	17.3
Foster Youth	0.9

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			District
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2018-19
With Full Credential	9	9	9	
Without Full Credential	0	0	1	
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence (with full credential)	0	0	0	

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions

Indicator	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
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 Instructional Materials (School Year 2018-19)

Year and month in which data were collected: January 2017

Subject	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/ Year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption?	Percent of Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
Reading/Language Arts	Piloting; McGraw-Hill, Wonders Program (5) Piloting; Houghton Mifflin, Collections Program (6-8)	Yes	0%
Mathematics	Math Expressions (5th)/2015 & Big Ideas Learning/2015	Yes	0%
Science	Scott Foresman (4-5) Adopted 2007 Glencoe (6-8) Adopted 2008	Yes	0%
History-Social Science	Harcourt (4-5) Adopted 2006 McDougal-Littell (6-8) Adopted 2006	Yes	0%

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements (Most Recent Year)

El Tejon School was built in 1939. A clean, safe, and orderly environment for all students and staff is a priority at El Tejon School. Fifteen classrooms are utilized by students on the campus, including a computer lab, cafeteria, and a gymnasium.

The District maintenance staff and site custodians maintain the campus, buildings, and grounds. To maintain a safe and healthy environment, all custodians and maintenance staff receive training in general maintenance procedures, handling hazardous materials, safety procedures, playground equipment safety checks, and work safety issues.

The custodial/maintenance staff consists of 3 part-time custodians, one part-time groundskeeper, and one part-time maintenance worker, whose hours are staggered throughout the school day as well as before and after school hours. All of the custodians are also part-time bus drivers for the school district.

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 efficient service and that emergency repairs are given the highest priority. The principal also works regularly with the custodial staff to develop cleaning schedules that ensure a clean and safe school.

Most recently, a softball diamond was built onto the campus with the support of the community in conjunction with the district. Our MOT department continues to make improvements on our grounds, such as maintaining the black top and trimming potentially hazardous trees.

Student safety on campus is vitally important. There is always staff supervision on the playground 20 minutes before school begins in the morning, during all recesses, and in the cafeteria at lunchtime. Staff supervision of bus loading and unloading before and after school is always provided.

In 2005, local voters approved Bond Measure E, which will replace portable buildings with fully equipped permanent classrooms. Architectural planning and site preparation studies are currently in progress. Both bond and State-matching funds will be used to accomplish these projects. New classroom project is still under consideration.

School Facility Good Repair Status (Most Recent Year)

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 overall rating

School Facility Good Repair Status (Most Recent Year)		
Year and month of the most recent FIT report: October 2018		
System Inspected	Repair Status	Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	Good	
Interior: Interior Surfaces	Fair	CR 1 - Sink counter top water damage. CR 3 - Stained sealing tile. Jr. High Boys and Girls bathroom - Peeling ceiling paint. CR 13 - Worn rug.
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/Vermin Infestation	Good	
Electrical: Electrical	Good	
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/Fountains	Good	
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	Good	
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	Good	

School Facility Good Repair Status (Most Recent Year) Year and month of the most recent FIT report: October 2018		
System Inspected	Repair Status	Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	Good	

Overall Facility Rating (Most Recent Year)

Year and month of the most recent FIT report: October 2018	
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 English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA) and Mathematics for All Students Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven

Subject	Percent of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standards (grades 3-8 and 11)					
	School		District		State	
	2016-17	2017-18	2016-17	2017-18	2016-17	2017-18
English Language Arts/Literacy (grades 3-8 and 11)	43.0	43.0	45.0	43.0	48.0	50.0
Mathematics (grades 3-8 and 11)	26.0	27.0	29.0	28.0	37.0	38.0

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.

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 2017-18)

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	220	212	96.36	43.40
Male	110	105	95.45	33.33
Female	110	107	97.27	53.27
Black or African American	--	--	--	--
American Indian or Alaska Native	--	--	--	--
Asian	--	--	--	--

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
Filipino	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	83	83	100.00	34.94
White	121	113	93.39	48.67
Two or More Races	--	--	--	--
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	145	140	96.55	40.00
English Learners	46	46	100.00	23.91
Students with Disabilities	41	40	97.56	10.00
Foster Youth	--	--	--	--

Note: ELA 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.

Note: Double dashes (--) appear in the table when the number of students 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: The number of students tested includes all students who participated in the test whether they received a score or not; however, the number of students tested is not the number that was used to calculate the achievement level percentages. The achievement level percentages are calculated using only students who received scores.

**CAASPP Test Results in Mathematics by Student Group
Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven (School Year 2017-18)**

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	220	211	95.91	27.01
Male	110	104	94.55	27.88
Female	110	107	97.27	26.17
Black or African American	--	--	--	--
American Indian or Alaska Native	--	--	--	--
Asian	--	--	--	--
Filipino	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	83	83	100	21.69
White	121	113	93.39	30.09
Two or More Races	--	--	--	--
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	145	139	95.86	25.18
English Learners	46	46	100	17.39
Students with Disabilities	41	39	95.12	5.13
Foster Youth	--	--	--	--

Note: 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.

Note: Double dashes (--) appear in the table when the number of students 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: The number of students tested includes all students who participated in the test whether they received a score or not; however, the number of students tested is not the number that was used to calculate the achievement level percentages. The achievement level percentages are calculated using only students who received scores.

**CAASPP Test Results in Science for All Students
Grades Five, Eight, and Ten**

Subject	Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standard					
	School		District		State	
	2016-17	2017-18	2016-17	2017-18	2016-17	2017-18
Science (grades 5, 8, and 10)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

Note: The 2016–17 and 2017–18 data are not available. The CDE is developing a new science assessment based on the Next Generation Science Standards for California Public Schools (CA NGSS). The CAST was pilot-tested in spring 2017 and field-tested in spring 2018. The CAST will be administered operationally during the 2018–19 school year. The CAA for Science was pilot-tested for two years (i.e., 2016–17 and 2017–18) and the CAA for Science will be field-tested in 2018–19.

Note: Science test results include the CAST and the CAA for Science. The “Percent Met or Exceeded” is calculated by taking the total number of students who met or exceeded the standard on the CAST plus the total number of students who met the standard (i.e., achieved Level 3–Alternate) on the CAA for Science divided by the total number of students who participated on both assessments.

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 2017-18)

Grade Level	Percent of Students Meeting Fitness Standards		
	Four of Six Standards	Five of Six Standards	Six of Six Standards
5	19.6	23.5	23.5
7	12.7	20.0	38.2

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 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 2018-19)

Parent Involvement is essential to overall student success at El Tejon School. Efforts to increase parent involvement are taking place through multiple opportunities for parents to connect with the school. In addition to school sponsored events, El Tejon is increasing school based sports events and academic challenges. Currently we have an active PTSO (parent organization) that provides assistance with fundraising efforts and encouraging parents to assist teachers in school. Parents are encouraged to support El Tejon School in the following ways; Graduation Committee, School Site Council, English Language Advisory Committee, Yearbook Staff, Associated Student Body, and Safe School Ambassadors. Various school events are offered throughout the year, for example; Back to School Night, Open House, Quarterly Awards Assemblies, Father/Daughter Banquet, Science Fairs, Spring Carnival and Parent/Teacher Conferences. The Illuminate student data system allows access for parents to check grades and monitor student progress. Quarterly newsletters are sent home with valuable information on events and tips on how to assist students. Our Upcoming Events Calendar reports activities for parents and is made available in English and Spanish. El Tejon's athletic program is extremely successful which encourages parents to participate in extra-curricular events as coaches and helpers. Mrs. Jimenez implemented a monthly Coffee and Donuts with the Principal program. This informal monthly gathering encourages parents to come to school to learn more about what's taking place and also to voice concerns. For more information on any of these programs, please contact Mrs. Jimenez, Principal, at 661-248-6680.

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

Rate	School			District			State		
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Suspensions	11.2	17.6	10.0	8.0	10.4	5.0	3.7	3.7	3.5
Expulsions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1

School Safety Plan (School Year 2018-19)

Students and staff participate in regularly scheduled fire, disaster training, and lockdown drills. The Kern County Fire Department assesses the adequacy of emergency procedures and conducts yearly school safety inspections, all in accordance with a comprehensive School Safety Plan developed by a committee of staff and community members, which is updated annually. Additionally, El Tejon School and all schools in the El Tejon Unified School District now participate in a statewide emergency drill known as the “Great Shake Out.”

Included in the School Safety Plan is a specific Emergency Plan that addresses emergency preparedness, and is in compliance with California Standardized Emergency Management Systems (SEMS). This plan was developed in cooperation with local officials, and includes specific courses of action to be taken in case of an emergency. Emergency supplies are kept in each classroom, and school-wide emergency supplies are also maintained in a shipping container on campus. These plans can be found in the school office at El Tejon School, online at www.eltejon.org, and also at the school district office. All plans were last reviewed and updated in October 2017.

On a daily basis, yard and cafeteria supervision is provided by both classified and certificated personnel. Doors are locked at all time for increased security measures. All visitors must report to the school office to obtain visitor passes. Last year we implemented a Hall Pass System, which requires students to have hall passes when leaving or entering a classroom. This and other safety procedure have been very successful. This is one of several safety measures to ensure that students are accounted for at all times. Additional measures are considered during a debriefing each time a lock down drill is conducted. We are fortunate to have the assistance of our local sheriff’s department that assists us in our efforts to be prepared in any type of emergency.

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Secondary)

Subject	2015-16			2016-17			2017-18					
	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	20.0	2	4		16.0	3	4		14.0	3	4	
Mathematics	22.0	1	4		19.0	2	4		17.0	2	4	
Science	28.0		4		23.0	1	4		20.0	1	4	
Social Science	28.0		4		23.0	1	4		25.0		4	

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 2017-18)

Title	Number of FTE Assigned to School	Average Number of Students per Academic Counselor
Academic Counselor	0	0
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	.333	N/A
Social Worker	0	N/A
Nurse	.10	N/A
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	.333	N/A
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)	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 2016-17)

Level	Expenditures Per Pupil			Average Teacher Salary
	Total	Supplemental/ Restricted	Basic/ Unrestricted	
School Site	6542.13	734.98	5807.15	64359.30
District	N/A	N/A	7454.10	\$64,140
Percent Difference: School Site and District	N/A	N/A	-23.0	7.5
State	N/A	N/A	\$7,125	\$63,590
Percent Difference: School Site and State	N/A	N/A	-2.4	12.7

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

The California Department of Education issued guidance to LEAs on August 1, 2018, regarding how to calculate school-level per-pupil expenditures that will be reported on 2018-19 report cards.

Types of Services Funded (Fiscal Year 2017-18)

El Tejon School provides the following programs

- Title I (Basic Grant)
- Title II (Teacher & Principal Training & Recruiting)
- Title III (EL Program)
- Title IV (Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities)
- Formative Assessment for California Teachers (FACT)
- School Improvement Program (SIP)
- Special Education
- TUPE (Tobacco Use Prevention Education)
- AB 1113 School Safety & Violence Prevention
- After School Tutoring
- After School Sports Program
- Bridges Program for 8th graders
- Spanish Instruction

Teacher and Administrative Salaries (Fiscal Year 2016-17)

Category	District Amount	State Average for Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$41,335	\$42,990
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$75,168	\$61,614
Highest Teacher Salary	\$79,556	\$85,083
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)	\$80,010	\$100,802
Average Principal Salary (Middle)	\$84,592	\$105,404
Average Principal Salary (High)	\$106,047	\$106,243
Superintendent Salary	\$136,668	\$132,653
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	29.0	30.0
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	7.0	6.0

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

Professional Development (Most Recent Three Years)

Professional development throughout the El Tejon Unified School District is structured around the goals and objectives outlined in the Local Education Academic Plan (LEAP) and the school site's School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA). Training and curriculum development revolves around the California Common Core Standards and frameworks, and is focused on student and teacher needs. For the previous three school years staff development days were held, covering various topics including:

- Common Core State Standards
- Collaboration time focusing on Differentiated Instruction & Common Formative Assessments
- Universal Instructional Strategies for All Students
- ELA/ELD Framework

Last year, the district's professional development focus was on Data Analysis, Student Engagement, Analyzing and Increasing Rigor in Curriculum, and Formative Assessment to guide instruction. Including training on the newly adopted Math Curriculum.

Administrators have trained in Professional Learning Communities, and will guide teachers in working collaboratively on data analysis, improving student achievement, pacing calendars and common core grade level standards alignment. We have successfully implemented the English Language Art program in 5th through 8th grade; McGraw-Hill Wonders in 5th grade and Houghton Mifflin, Collections in 6th-8th grade This is our 2nd year of using Illuminate, student data system, that has helped us in multiple ways; not just specific demographic data, it also provides us an opportunity to gather group and individual assessment data.

The El Tejon Unified School District supports the efforts of all teachers—new and veteran—to gain the experience, knowledge and skills to be effective leaders in the classroom through a range of programs. Formative Assessment for California Teachers (FACT), a State-sponsored program, is designed for first and second year credentialed teachers and provides skills assistance and reflective practices that are implemented over a two-year period. All staff members— both certificated and classified—are encouraged to attend professional workshops and conferences.

Opportunities for observations of best practices is promoted within the District, and at school sites outside of the District that are demonstrating success in closing the achievement gap for all students. New teachers, experienced teachers, teacher leaders, administrators, and support staff are encouraged to participate in workshops sponsored by the Kern County Superintendent of Schools Office, as well as continuing education opportunities offered through local colleges and universities.

New teachers and interns are provided a Mentor Teacher to assist them throughout the school year. The site Mentor provides much needed support and coaching with instructional strategies, planning, and classroom management.