

School Accountability Report Card

Reported Using Data from the

2019–2020 School Year

California Department of Education

The Heights Charter

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Grade Span: TK-8

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/fq/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

District Contact Information (School Year 2020–2021)

Entity	Contact Information
District Name	Dehesa Elementary
Phone Number	619-444-2161
Superintendent	Bradley Johnson
Email Address	bradley.johnson@dehesasd.net
Website	dehesasd.net

School Contact Information (School Year 2020–2021)

Entity	Contact Information
School Name	The Heights Charter
Street	2710 Alpine Blvd, Suite E
City, State, Zip	Alpine, CA 91901
Phone Number	619-792-9000
Executive Director	Diana Whyte
Email Address	dwhyte@heightscharter.com
Website	heightscharter.org
County-District-School (CDS) Code	37-68049-0127118

School Description and Mission Statement (School Year 2020–2021)

School Description

The Heights Charter opened in the 2012-2013 school year. It is a K-8 independent study charter school designed to draw out the excellence in each individual student by developing his or her interests, gifts, talents, and passions. The Heights Charter operates one resource center where each student has an individualized study program with the benefits of optional onsite academic and learning labs. Onsite learning activities provide opportunities for socialization, academic enrichment, and teacher support not usually available in a standard independent study program. The program customizes the learning experience to each student's needs and interests so they learn right at the edge of challenge, minimizing frustration and boredom, and optimizing student engagement time. Consequently, students typically excel as well as develop a love of learning. The Heights Charter embraces the opportunity to provide a dynamic, individualized learning experience to a student population that has increasingly fallen through the educational 'cracks' in previous learning environments.

School Mission

The Heights Charter is founded on the belief that all children are born with the capacity for excellence. Our goal is to enable students to become self-motivated, competent, and lifelong learners. We provide students with a rigorous, standards-based program within a small school nurturing environment that incorporates strong family and community ties. To this end, we offer a non-traditional K-8 independent study program that offers optional onsite opportunities to enhance and enrich the individually designed curriculum and direction.

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

Grade Level	Number of Students
Kindergarten	39
Grade 1	28
Grade 2	28
Grade 3	28
Grade 4	28
Grade 5	29
Grade 6	29
Grade 7	25
Grade 8	19
Ungraded Elementary	n/a
Grade 9	n/a
Grade 10	n/a
Grade 11	n/a
Grade 12	n/a
Ungraded Secondary	n/a
Total Enrollment	253

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

Student Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	0.79%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0
Asian	0.40%
Filipino	0
Hispanic or Latino	11.46%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0
White	81.82%
Two or More Races	5.53%
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	13%
English Learners	0.8%
Students with Disabilities	14.6%
Foster Youth	0
Homeless	0

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– 2019	School 2019– 2020	School 2020– 2021	District 2020– 2021
With Full Credential	18	17	17	-
Without Full Credential	0	0	0	-
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence (with full credential)	0	0	0	-

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions

Indicator	2018–2019	2019–2020	2020–2021
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)

Subject	Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials		Percent Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
Reading/Language Arts	The Heights Charter provides high quality instructional materials and core curricula for all students at all grade levels, including standards-aligned textbooks. Materials are updated and replaced as needed.		0
Mathematics			0
Science			0
History-Social Science			0
Foreign Language			0
Health			0
Visual and Performing Arts			0
Science Laboratory Equipment (grades 9-12)	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements

The Heights Charter resource center is in excellent condition. The Heights Charter's square footage of the resource center is based on enrollment ensuring that there is adequate space to accommodate all students that choose to make use of the resources offered at the learning center. Such resources include reference books and materials, computers and learning labs, and interaction with credentialed teachers to allow each child to attain the goals outlined in his/her individual study program. In addition, in response to parents voicing a concern regarding the level of physical activity offered, expansion of the physical education area was obtained to allow the resource center to offer supervised sports.

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: May 2020

System Inspected	Rate Good	Rate Fair	Rate Poor	Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	X			
Interior: Interior Surfaces	X			
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/ Vermin Infestation	X			
Electrical: Electrical	X			
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	X			
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	X			
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	X			
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	X			

Overall Facility Rate

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] 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– 2019	School 2019– 2020	District 2018– 2019	District 2019– 2020	State 2018– 2019	State 2019– 2020
English Language Arts/Literacy (grades 3-8 and 11)	63%	N/A	44%	N/A	50%	N/A
Mathematics (grades 3-8 and 11)	50%	N/A	23%	N/A	38%	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

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**CAASPP Test Results in Mathematics by Student Group
 Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven (School Year 2019–2020)**

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Male	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Female	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Black or African American	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
American Indian or Alaska Native	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Asian	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Filipino	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic or Latino	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Two or More Races	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
English Learners	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Students with Disabilities	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Foster Youth	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Homeless	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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**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– 2019	School 2019– 2020	District 2018– 2019	District 2019– 2020	State 2018– 2019	State 2019– 2020
Science (grades 5, 8 and high school)	N/A	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.

Note: The new California Science Test (CAST) was first administered operationally in the 2018–2019 school year.

**CAASPP Test Results in Science by Student Group
Grades Five, Eight, and High School (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.

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 area 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)

In addition to encouraging parents to serve on the Board, a Parents Association was created to be responsible for parent involvement in school activities, fundraising, and advising the Board of Directors on any and all matters related to the strengthening of the charter school community. Parent participation plays a vital role in the effectiveness of our program. For more information, please contact the school office at 619-792-9000.

State Priority: Pupil Engagement

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

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

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– 2018	School 2018– 2019	District 2017– 2018	District 2018– 2019	State 2017– 2018	State 2018– 2019
Suspensions	0	0	0.10%	0.10%	3.50%	3.50%
Expulsions	0	0	0	0	0.10%	0.10%

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– 2020	District 2019– 2020	State 2019– 2020
Suspensions	0	2.4%	2.6%
Expulsions	0	0	0.06%

Note: The 2019–2020 suspensions and expulsions rate data are not comparable to prior year data because the 2019–2020 school year is a partial school year due to the COVID-19 crisis. As such, it would be inappropriate to make any comparisons in rates of suspensions and expulsions in the 2019–2020 school year compared to prior years.

School Safety Plan (School Year 2020–2021)

The Heights Charter’s school safety coordinator attends safety meetings at the county office of education and works to keep the school's comprehensive safety plan up to date. The safety coordinator and the director are responsible for organizing quarterly fire and earthquake drills. Each room at the resource center is equipped with emergency essentials such as first aid kits and flashlights. The Heights Charter also maintains an updated school safety plan and reviews with staff on a regular basis. The safety plan includes emergency procedures, emergency telephone numbers, and an immediate response plan. The Heights Charter puts forth great effort to ensure that our facilities are clean, safe, and functional for students and staff. The plan was last approved by the Board of Directors on 2/24/2020.

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.

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	0.60
Social Worker	
Nurse	
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)	
Other	

*One full time equivalent (FTE) equals one staff member working full time; one FTE could also represent two staff members who each work 50 percent of full time.

Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries (Fiscal Year 2018–2019)

Level	Total Expenditures Per Pupil	Expenditures Per Pupil (Restricted)	Expenditures Per Pupil (Unrestricted)	Average Teacher Salary
School Site	\$9,221	\$1,310	\$7,911	\$61,472
District	N/A	N/A	-	\$63,666
Percent Difference – School Site and District	N/A	N/A	-	-
State	N/A	N/A	-	\$71,448
Percent Difference – School Site and State	N/A	N/A	-	-

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

Types of Services Funded (Fiscal Year 2019–2020)

Special Education - Through the learning center model, students receive appropriate support and services in the least restrictive environment. Supports include small group pull-out and/or push-in services provided by education specialists and support staff.

English learning students are provided with targeted support based on need and language ability. Teachers provide integrated and designated English language development during the school day, and opportunities for additional support are provided beyond the instructional day by credentialed teachers.

Teacher and Administrative Salaries (Fiscal Year 2018–2019)

Category	District Amount	State Average For Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$45,150	\$50,574
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$54,600	\$76,649
Highest Teacher Salary	\$71,925	\$98,993
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)	\$86,920	\$125,150
Average Principal Salary (Middle)	-	-
Average Principal Salary (High)	-	-
Superintendent Salary	\$124,926	\$193,925
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	35%	31%
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	4%	7%

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

Professional Development

Measure	2018–2019	2019–2020	2020–2021
Number of school days dedicated to Staff Development and Continuous Improvement	13	13	13