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Principal's Message

Welcome to Gerald Ford Elementary School, home of the Ford Falcons, and named by US News & World Report as one of the top 1,000 elementary schools in the nation! We are committed to serving our school's diverse population from transitional kindergarten through fifth grade.

Gerald Ford Elementary School boasts a comprehensive academic program for its 605 plus students. This academic rigor, paired with cultural enrichments and a family atmosphere, makes Ford stand out above the rest. In addition to providing a strong core academic curriculum, teachers and staff at Ford seek to enrich student learning through a balanced educational program that incorporates music, art, physical education, counseling, garden education, outdoor learning, technology, and a schoolwide social-emotional learning curriculum. At Ford, we work together to create a safe emotional, social, and academic environment based on respecting one another.

This year Gerald Ford was selected as a 2020 Model School by the International Center for Leadership in Education (ICLE). ICLE selects 25 schools worldwide who showcase rapid improvement to present at the Model School Conference (MSC) every year. Gerald Ford was selected to present several sessions on how to rapidly transform your school from a culture of isolation to one of collaboration. Through a targeted focus of creating a school culture of collaboration, trust, and collective efficacy - Gerald Ford educators saw a transformation among their school community and a major impact on academic growth. We are proud that Gerald Ford is the first Model School to be recognized in Riverside County and Desert Sands. Everyone involved in the Ford Falcon Community is honored to revive this prestigious recognition.

Here at Gerald Ford, we believe in fostering strong home-school connections. We strive to have our parents, teachers, and community members actively involved in student learning. We offer a variety of school events such as Meet the Teacher, Back-to-School Night, Winter Carnival, Parent/Teacher conferences, Family Science Fair Night, Ford Night Out, ArtsFest, STEM Engagement Day, school barbeques, parent engagement nights, school dances, and other community events enriching the school experience for our students, parents, teachers, and our surrounding community. Kerry Sperber joined Gerald Ford as the new Assistant Principal beginning with the 2023-24 school year and will be instrumental in assisting to foster these home-school connections.

Our Theory of Action Statement is: If we work collaboratively to create a collective, positive school culture, then we will continue to innovate and evolve to meet both the social emotional learning and academic needs of our students. This will result in all students and stakeholders discovering and maintaining their joy of learning.

I invite you to visit Gerald Ford Elementary to experience for yourself a community committed to creating opportunities for greater academic achievement, meaningful interactions, and a safe, caring environment for our students!

District Mission

To inspire and nurture every student ... one opportunity at a time.

District Vision

We will be the district of choice to successfully prepare every student for college, career, and life.

School Description

Gerald Ford Elementary School is located in the southern region of Indian Wells and serves students in grades transitional kindergarten through five following a traditional calendar. At the beginning of the 2022-23 school year, 603 students were enrolled, including 13.9% in special education, 9.5% qualifying for English Language Learner support, and 59.5% qualifying for free or reduced price lunch.

Student Enrollment by Student Group / Grade Level 2022-23			
Student Group	% of Total Enrollment	Grade Level	# of Students
Female	48.80%	Transitional Kindergarten	11
Male	51.20%	Kindergarten	91
Non-Binary	0.00%	Grade 1	94
Amer. Indian or Alaska Native	0.50%	Grade 2	83
Asian	7.60%	Grade 3	118
Black or African-Amer.	1.20%	Grade 4	93
Filipino	0.20%	Grade 5	113
Hisp. or Latino	51.40%	Ungraded	0
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.00%		
Two or More Races	3.80%		
White	32.50%		
English Learners	9.50%		
Foster Youth	0.30%		
Homeless	1.50%		
Students Receiving Migrant Ed. Services	0.20%		
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	59.50%		
Students with Disabilities	13.90%		
Total Enrollment			603

Student Achievement

Physical Fitness

In the spring of each year, Gerald Ford Elementary School is required by the state to administer a physical fitness test to all students in grade five. The physical fitness test (PFT) for students in California schools is the FITNESSGRAM. The main goal of the test is to help students in starting life-long habits of regular physical activity.

The FITNESSGRAM has six parts, though California currently requires five parts be completed annually, that show a level of fitness that offer a degree of defense against diseases that come from inactivity. The test results can be used by students, teachers, and parents. Comparative District and state results can be found at the CDE's web site www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/pf.

Physical Fitness Test Percentage of Students Meeting California Fitness Standards 2022-23					
Grade	Component 1: Aerobic Capacity	Component 2: Abdominal Strength and Endurance	Component 3: Trunk Extensor and Flexibility	Component 4: Upper Body Strength and Endurance	Component 5: Flexibility
5	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Note: Double dashes (--) appear in the table when the number of students is ten or fewer, either because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or to protect student privacy.

In the administration of the PFT during 2021-22 and 2022-23 school years, only participation results are required for these five fitness areas.

California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress

The California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) System includes the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments (SBAC) for students in the general education population, and the California Alternate Assessments (CAAs) for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities. Only eligible students may participate in the administration of the CAAs. CAAs items are aligned with alternative achievement standards, which are linked with the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). CAASPP results are a measure of how well students are mastering California's standards in English language arts/literacy (ELA) and mathematics, and are given to grades three through eight and grade eleven. SBAC tests assess student performance in ELA/Literacy and mathematics utilizing computer-adaptive tests and performance tasks, and CAAs test items are aligned with alternative achievement standards which are linked with the Common Core State Standards (CCSS).

The CAASPP results shown in this report include overall results comparing the school, district and state scores as well as the school's overall score in each applicable subgroup. Results are shown only for subgroups with ten students or more taking the exam. For those categories that are blank in the tables, no students met subgroup criteria. More information on CAASPP can be found on the California Department of Education's website www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/.

CAASPP Test Results in ELA and Mathematics - All Students						
	Percent of Students Meeting or Exceeding State Standards					
	School		District		State	
	21-22	22-23	21-22	22-23	21-22	22-23
English-Language Arts/Literacy (grades 3-8 and 11)	57.0	54.0	40.0	40.0	47.0	46.0
Mathematics (grades 3-8 and 11)	48.0	51.0	25.0	26.0	33.0	34.0

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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 (2022-23)					
Student Groups	Total Enrollment	# Tested	% Tested	% Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	324	321	99.07	0.93	53.89
Female	148	147	99.32	0.68	59.18
Male	176	174	98.86	1.14	49.43
Amer. Indian or Alaska Native	--	--	--	--	--
Asian	20	20	100.00	0.00	55.00
Black or African-Amer.	--	--	--	--	--
Filipino	--	--	--	--	--
Hisp. or Latino	161	161	100.00	0.00	50.31
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0
Two or More Races	23	23	100.00	0.00	65.22
White	111	109	98.20	1.80	57.80
English Learners	23	22	95.65	4.35	13.64
Foster Youth	0	0	0	0	0
Homeless	--	--	--	--	--
Military	--	--	--	--	--
Students Receiving Migrant Ed. Services	--	--	--	--	--
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	196	193	98.47	1.53	46.63
Students with Disabilities	51	49	96.08	3.92	8.16

CAASPP Test Results in Mathematics by Student Group (2022-23)					
Student Groups	Total Enrollment	# Tested	% Tested	% Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	324	322	99.38	0.62	50.62
Female	148	147	99.32	0.68	50.34
Male	176	175	99.43	0.57	50.86
Amer. Indian or Alaska Native	--	--	--	--	--
Asian	20	20	100.00	0.00	80.00
Black or African-Amer.	--	--	--	--	--
Filipino	--	--	--	--	--
Hisp. or Latino	161	161	100.00	0.00	45.96
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0
Two or More Races	23	23	100.00	0.00	60.87
White	111	110	99.10	0.90	51.82
English Learners	23	23	100.00	0.00	17.39
Foster Youth	0	0	0	0	0
Homeless	--	--	--	--	--
Military	--	--	--	--	--
Students Receiving Migrant Ed. Services	--	--	--	--	--
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	196	194	98.98	1.02	43.81
Students with Disabilities	51	49	96.08	3.92	10.20

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.

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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						
	Percent of Students Meeting or Exceeding State Standards					
	School		District		State	
	21-22	22-23	21-22	22-23	21-22	22-23
Science (grades 5, 8, and 10)	40.4	52.7	22.3	23.3	29.5	30.3

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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 in a science assessment.

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 receive scores.

CAASPP Test Results in Science by Student Group (2022-23)					
Student Groups	Total Enrollment	# Tested	% Tested	% Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	113	112	99.12	0.88	52.68
Female	50	50	100.00	0.00	42.00
Male	63	62	98.41	1.59	61.29
Amer. Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0	0	0
Asian	--	--	--	--	--
Black or African-Amer.	--	--	--	--	--
Filipino	0	0	0	0	0
Hisp. or Latino	59	59	100.00	0.00	47.46
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0
Two or More Races	--	--	--	--	--
White	35	34	97.14	2.86	61.76
English Learners	--	--	--	--	--
Foster Youth	0	0	0	0	0
Homeless	--	--	--	--	--
Military	--	--	--	--	--
Students Receiving Migrant Ed. Services	0	0	0	0	0
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	71	70	98.59	1.41	41.43
Students with Disabilities	15	14	93.33	6.67	14.29

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Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)

As part of the new Local Control Funding Formula, school districts are required to develop, adopt, and annually update a three-year Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP). The following components of this SARC address some of the priorities identified in the District's LCAP:

Conditions of Learning (Basic Services) – State Priority 1: Degree to which teachers are appropriately assigned and fully credentialed in the subject areas and for the pupils they are teaching; pupils have access to standards-aligned instructional materials and school facilities are maintained in good repair. Covered in *Teacher Preparation and Placement*, including the Teacher Credentials & Misassignments chart; *Instructional Materials*, including the Textbooks chart; and *School Facilities & Maintenance*, including the Campus Description and School Facility Good Repair Status charts.

Conditions of Learning (Implementation of State Standards) – State Priority 2: Implementation of academic content and performance standards adopted by the state board for all pupils. Not covered in the School Accountability Report Card.

Parental Involvement – State Priority 3: Efforts to seek parent input in decision making, promotion of parent participation in programs for unduplicated pupils and special need subgroups. Covered in *Parent Involvement*.

Pupil Achievement – State Priority 4: Performance on standardized tests, score on Academic Performance Index, share of pupils that are college and career ready, share of English learners that become English proficient, English learner reclassification rate, share of pupils that pass Advanced Placement exams with a 3 or higher, and share of pupils determined prepared for college by the Early Assessment Program. Covered in *California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress*, including the CAASPP charts.

Engagement (Pupil Engagement) – State Priority 5: School attendance rates, chronic absenteeism rates, middle school dropout rates, high school dropout rates, and high school graduation rates. Covered in *Dropout & Graduation Rates*, including the Dropout chart; and *Graduation Requirements*, including the Graduation Rate chart for high schools only.

School Climate – State Priority 6: Pupil suspension rates, pupil expulsion rates, other local measures including surveys of pupils, and parents and teachers on the sense of safety and school connectedness. Covered in *Discipline & Climate for Learning*, including Suspension & Expulsion chart; and *School Site Safety Plan*.

Conditions of Learning (Course Access) – State Priority 7: Pupil enrollment in a broad course of study that includes all of the subject areas. Not covered in the School Accountability Report Card.

Other Pupil Outcomes – State Priority 8: Pupil outcomes in the subject areas. Covered in *Physical Fitness*, including the Physical Fitness Test chart.

Parent Involvement

Parents are encouraged to get involved in their child's learning environment either by volunteering in the classroom, participating in a decision-making group, or simply attending school events.

Parents stay informed on upcoming events and school activities through the school marquee, school newsletters, the school website, teacher newsletters, the Parent Teacher Organization website, email blasts, and School Messenger (automated telephone message delivery system). Contact John Preston, Principal, at (760) 772-4120 for more information on how to become involved in your child's learning environment.

Opportunities to Volunteer

Classroom Helper
Club Volunteers
Field Trip Chaperones

Committees

LCFF Council
MTSS Committee
Parent Teacher Organization
School Site Council

School Activities

After School Intramural Sports
Arts Fest
Back to School Night
BBQ's
Donuts with Dads
Goodies with Grandparents
Muffins with Moms
Science Fair Night
STEM Engagement Day
Student Performances
Talent Show
Teacher Meet & Greet
Title I Meeting
Walk-A-Thon
Winter Carnival

School Facilities & Maintenance

The district takes great efforts to ensure that all schools are clean, safe, and functional through proper facilities maintenance and campus supervision. Gerald Ford Elementary School's original facilities were built in 1992; ongoing maintenance and campus improvements ensure facilities remain up to date and provide adequate space for students and staff. Modernization of the campus was completed as of 2021. District maintenance and site custodial staff ensure that the repairs necessary to keep the school in good condition are completed in a timely manner. At the beginning of the 2023-24 school year, a misting system was installed in the dismissal area.

Every morning before school begins, the custodian inspects facilities for safety hazards or other conditions that need attention prior to students and staff entering school grounds. One day custodian and two evening custodians (one full-time and one part-time) are assigned to Gerald Ford Elementary School. The day custodian is responsible for:

- Classroom cleaning
- Cafeteria setup/cleanup
- Restroom cleaning

Restrooms are checked throughout the day for cleanliness and subsequently cleaned as needed. The evening custodian is responsible for:

- Classroom cleaning
- Office area cleaning
- Restroom cleaning

The principal communicates with custodial staff daily concerning maintenance and school safety issues.

Campus Description	
Year Built	1992
Acreage	10
Square Footage	51997
Quantity	
Permanent Classrooms	31
Portable Classrooms	3
Restrooms (sets)	5
Multipurpose Room(s)	1
Staff Lounge/Work Room(s)	2
Library	1
Counselor's Office	1
Gardens	3
Intervention Office	1
Kitchen	1
Playgrounds	3
Psychology Office	1
Speech Office	1

Facilities Inspection

The district's maintenance department inspects Gerald Ford Elementary School on an annual basis in accordance with Education Code §17592.72(c)(1). Gerald Ford Elementary School uses a school site inspection survey to identify unsafe or hazardous conditions and facility improvement needs. The most recent school inspection took place on Tuesday, October 17, 2023. No emergency repairs were needed and no unsafe conditions were found. During fiscal year 2023-24, all restrooms were fully functional and available for student use at the time of the inspection.

School Facility Good Repair Status Most Recent Inspection: Tuesday, October 17, 2023			
Item Inspected	Repair Status		
	Good	Fair	Poor
A. Systems	✓		
B. Interior	✓		
C. Cleanliness	✓		
D. Electrical	✓		
E. Restrooms / Fountains	✓		
F. Safety	✓		
G. Structural	✓		
H. External	✓		

Overall Summary of School Facility Good Repair Status			
Exemplary	Good	Fair	Poor
✓			

Rating Description

Exemplary: The school meets most or all standards of good repair. Deficiencies noted, if any, are not significant and/or impact a very small area of the school.

Campus Supervision

School administration and teaching staff place a high priority on providing adequate adult supervision on campus before, during, and after school. As students arrive on campus each morning, the gate opens up at 8:30 am where school site monitors and parent volunteers are strategically assigned to designated entrance areas and the playground. During recess, teachers supervise playground activity. School site monitors supervise lunch time activity in the cafeteria and on the playground. At the end of the day when students are dismissed, school site monitors and parent volunteers supervise student behavior to ensure a safe and orderly departure and pick-up ends at 4:00 pm.

Gerald Ford Elementary School is a closed campus. During school hours, all visitors must sign in at the school's office with a valid state issued identification to be scanned through the Raptor Security System and wear

an identification sticker while on school grounds. They must then check out at the school office upon exit from the school site.

School Site Safety Plan

The Comprehensive School Site Safety Plan was developed for Gerald Ford Elementary School in collaboration with local agencies and the district office 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. The school's most recent school safety plan will be reviewed, updated, and discussed with school staff by March 1, 2024.

Classroom Environment

Discipline & Climate for Learning

Gerald Ford Elementary School's discipline practices and behavior management strategies comply with approved board policies and are designed to create effective learning environments and minimize classroom disruptions. Progressive discipline and proactive measures are employed in the classroom for those students experiencing difficulty following school rules and demonstrating positive behavior. Disciplinary intervention is managed by school administrators in a fair, firm, and consistent manner based upon the nature of each situation.

Suspensions & Expulsions			
	20-21	21-22	22-23
	School		
% Students Suspended	0.0	0.6	0.5
% Students Expelled	0.0	0.0	0.0
	District		
% Students Suspended	0.1	3.5	4.5
% Students Expelled	0.0	0.1	0.0
	State		
% Students Suspended	2.5	3.2	3.6
% Students Expelled	0.1	0.1	0.1

Suspensions and Expulsions by Student Group (2022-23)		
Student Group	Suspensions Rate	Expulsions Rate
All Students	0.5	0.0
Female	0.0	0.0
Male	0.9	0.0
Non-Binary	0.0	0.0
Amer. Indian or Alaska Native	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0
Black or African-Amer.	0.0	0.0
Filipino	0.0	0.0
Hisp. or Latino	0.3	0.0
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0
Two or More Races	0.0	0.0
White	0.0	0.0
English Learners	0.0	0.0
Foster Youth	0.0	0.0
Homeless	0.0	0.0
Students Receiving Migrant Ed. Services	0.0	0.0
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	0.5	0.0
Students with Disabilities	0.0	0.0

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Class Size

The Class Size Distribution table in this report illustrates the distribution of class sizes by grade level, the average class size, and the number of classes that contain 1-20 students, 21-32 students, and 33 or more students. Calculations exclude classrooms of 50 or more students.

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution				
2020-21				
Grade	Avg. Class Size	Number of Classes		
		1-20	21-32	33+
K	17.0	3	3	
1	18.0	2	5	
2	14.0	7		
3	20.0	1	5	
4	18.0	1	4	
5	22.0	1	4	
Other**	4.0	1		
2021-22				
Grade	Avg. Class Size	Number of Classes		
		1-20	21-32	33+
K	15.0	4	3	
1	16.0	3	3	
2	17.0	2	5	
3	16.0	2	4	
4	16.0	3	3	
5	20.0	2	3	
2022-23				
Grade	Avg. Class Size	Number of Classes		
		1-20	21-32	33+
K	13.0	5	3	
1	16.0	4	2	
2	14.0	5	1	
3	20.0	2	4	1
4	16.0	3	3	
5	19.0	3	3	
6			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.

Pupil Engagement

Chronic Absenteeism

The following chart identifies the chronic absenteeism rates by student group for Gerald Ford Elementary School for the 2022-23 school year. A "chronic absentee" has been defined in EC Section 60901(c)(1) as "a pupil who is absent on 10 percent or more of the school days in the school year when the total number of days a pupil is absent is divided by the total number of days the pupil is enrolled and school was actually taught in the regular day schools of the district, exclusive of Saturdays and Sundays."

Chronic Absenteeism By Student Group (2022-23)				
Student Group	Cumulative Enrollment	Chronic Absenteeism Eligible Enrollment	Chronic Absenteeism Count	Chronic Absenteeism Rate
All Students	622	615	169	27.5
Female	302	299	79	26.4
Male	320	316	90	28.5
Amer. Indian or Alaska Native	3	3	0	0.0
Asian	47	47	6	12.8
Black or African-Amer.	7	7	2	28.6
Filipino	1	1	0	0.0
Hisp. or Latino	326	321	107	33.3
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0.0
Two or More Races	23	23	8	34.8
White	197	196	40	20.4
English Learners	60	59	18	30.5
Foster Youth	3	3	1	33.3
Homeless	12	12	3	25.0
Students Receiving Migrant Ed. Services	1	1	0	0.0
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	387	382	123	32.2
Students with Disabilities	94	94	38	40.4

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Curriculum & Instruction

Staff Development

All training and curriculum development activities at Gerald Ford Elementary School revolve around the California State Content Standards and Frameworks. During the 2022-23 school year, Gerald Ford Elementary School held staff development training devoted to:

- Data Analysis
- Common Core State Standards
- Intervention Strategies
- Benchmark Assessments
- Instructional Strategies
- Common Core Curriculum Implementation on Scheduled Professional Learning Community Meeting Times
- Kagan Cooperative Learning
- Model Schools
- Professional Learning Communities (PLCs)
- Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS)
- WIN Time (What I Need) Tier 2 Intervention Program
- i-Ready Training
- Mindset Training

Decisions concerning selection of staff development activities are performed by all staff using tools such as teacher input and data analysis to determine the areas in which additional teacher training may enhance classroom instruction and increase student achievement levels. Gerald Ford Elementary School supports ongoing professional growth throughout the year on after school meetings. Teachers meet in grade level teams to conduct data analysis to identify areas of need. Teaching staff are provided the opportunity to participate in district-sponsored staff development workshops or training sessions as 1) a supplement to site-based staff development, 2) for reinforcement of or follow-up on previous training, or 3) follow-up training for newly implemented programs/curricula.

During the 2021-22, 2022-23, and 2023-24 school years, Gerald Ford Elementary School's teachers had the opportunity to attend the following events hosted by the Desert Sands Unified School District:

2021-22 Training:

- i-Ready
- AVID Strategies
- Synergy Assessment

- Digital Citizenship
- Mystery Science
- Coding
- Elementary Math - Cognitively Guided Instruction

2022-23 Training:

- TK Training (Phonological Awareness, Science, Math Numeracy and Play)
- i-Ready Math Curriculum Support
- ICLE - Rigor, Relevance, Relationships and Engagement
- TK Training (Differentiation and Learning Environments)
- Cognitively Guided Instruction (CGI) - Elementary Math
- Process Writing
- Neurodiversity Training
- Digital Citizenship
- Integrated ELD
- Universal Design for Learning (UDL)
- Measuring Student Outcomes
- Elementary Science & Math Curriculums
- Educational Technology
- Early Literacy
- Dual Language Immersion
- Phonics for Reading

2023-24 Training:

- TK Training (including phonological awareness, science, math numeracy and play)
- Digital Citizenship, Student Data & Privacy, DSUSD Digital Resources
- Integrated ELD (including data, ELPAC levels, ELlevation, academic supports)
- Universal Design for Learning
- Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports (PBIS)
- SPSA and Strategic Planning
- Tier I Site Leadership
- Elementary Science Curriculum and Planning Support
- Elementary Math Curriculum Training
- Educational Technology (Google Apps, LFDs, Synergy Assessments, Grade Book, Engagement Tools, Classified Google Training)
- Tier II Site Team Training and Coaching
- Early Literacy - Foundational Skills and Planners
- Dual Language Immersion
- Reclassification for Dually Identified Students
- MTSS Training
- Phonics for Reading
- Social Science - DBQ, Newsela

Gerald Ford Elementary School offers support to new and veteran teachers through peer coaching and mentoring. Instructional aides are provided targeted training focused on teaching strategies and curriculum content. Substitute teachers are invited to participate in designated staff development activities. All staff are encouraged to attend professional workshops and conferences. Classified support staff receive job-related training from department supervisors and district representatives.

Number of School Days Dedicated to Staff Development and Continuous Improvement		
2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
2	2	2

Instructional Materials

All textbooks used in the core curriculum at Gerald Ford Elementary School are aligned to the California Content Standards and Frameworks. Instructional materials are selected from the state's most recent list of standards-based materials and adopted by the State Board of Education. The district follows the State Board of Education's eight-year adoption cycle for core content materials (English/language arts, math, science, and social science).

On Tuesday, October 03, 2023, the Desert Sands Unified School District's Board of Education held a public hearing to certify the extent to which textbooks and instructional materials have been provided to students. The Board of Education adopted Resolution No. 08/2023-2024 which certifies as required by Education Code §60119 (1) that textbooks and instructional materials were provided to all students, including English learners, in the district to the extent that each pupil has a textbook or instructional materials, or both, to use in class and to take home, and (2) sufficient textbooks and instructional materials were provided to each student, including English learners, that are aligned to the academic content standards and consistent with the cycles and content of the curriculum frameworks in math, science, history-social science, and English/language arts.

In addition to core subject areas, districts are required to disclose in their SARCs the sufficiency of instructional materials used for their visual/performing arts curricula. During the 2023-24 school year, Desert Sands Unified School District provided each student, including English learners, enrolled in a visual/performing arts class with a textbook or instructional materials to use in class and to take home. These materials complied with the state's content standards and curriculum frameworks.

Textbooks		
Adoption Year	Publisher & Series	Pupils Lacking Textbooks
English Language Arts		
2017	Benchmark Education, <i>Benchmark Advance</i>	0 %
Health		
2006	McGraw, <i>Health & Wellness</i>	0 %
History-Social Science		
2020	Studies Weekly, <i>Studies Weekly History</i>	0 %
Mathematics		
2015	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, <i>Go Math!</i>	0 %
2015	Pearson, <i>EnVision Math</i>	0 %
Science		
2020	Saavas Learning Company, LLC, <i>Elevate Science</i>	0 %

Professional Staff

Counseling & Support Staff

Gerald Ford Elementary School provides professional, highly qualified staff that provide additional services and support centered on the whole student academically, physically, and mentally. The Counseling and Support Services table in this report illustrates the availability of non-instructional support staff to Gerald Ford Elementary School's students. Full-time equivalent (FTE) is a standard measurement used to identify an employee's regular work load on a weekly basis. For example, an FTE of 1.0 designates a full-time position and the employee is on campus and available all day every day of the week; an FTE of 0.5 indicates that the staff member is available and on campus a portion (50%) of the week.

Academic Counselors & Other Support Staff (Nonteaching Professional Staff) 2022-23		
	No. of Staff	FTE
Academic Counselor	0	0
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	3	2.1
Resource Specialist Program (RSP) Teachers	2	2.0
Severely Handicapped Specialists	2	2.0
Assistant Principal	1	1.0
Counselor	1	1.0
ELD Coach	1	0.5
Instructional Coach	1	1.0
Intervention Specialists	1	1.0
Library Media Technician	1	1.0
Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN)	1	0.5
Nurse	1	1.0
Psychologist	1	0.2
Student Assistance Program (SAP) Counselor	1	0.2

Note: One Full Time Equivalent (FTE) equals one staff member working full time; one FTE could also represent two staff members who each work 50% of full time.

Teacher Preparation and Placement

The charts below identify the number of teachers at Gerald Ford Elementary School, Desert Sands Unified School District and the State who are 1) fully credentialed; 2) intern credential holders who are properly assigned; 3) teachers without credentials and misassignments; and 4) credentialed teachers who are assigned out-of-field under ESSA.

The charts also report Gerald Ford Elementary School information related to 1) the number of teachers on permits and waivers; 2) the number misassigned; 3) the number of vacant positions; 4) the number of

credentialed teachers authorized on a permit or waiver; 5) the number of local assignment options; 6) the percent of misassignments for English Learners; and 7) the percent with no credential, permit or authorization to teach.

Teacher Preparation and Placement Authorization / Assignment (2021-22)	School Number	School Percent	District Number	District Percent	State Number	State Percent
Fully (Preliminary or Clear) Credentialed for Subject and Student Placement (properly assigned)	26.4	93.9	1038.9	89.9	234405.2	84.0
Intern Credential Holders Properly Assigned	0.7	2.7	8.9	0.8	4853.0	1.7
Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments ("ineffective" under ESSA)	0.0	0.0	13.9	1.2	12001.5	4.3
Credentialed Teachers Assigned Out-of-Field ("out-of-field" under ESSA)	0.0	0.3	43.6	3.8	11953.1	4.3
Unknown	0.9	3.2	50.4	4.4	15831.9	5.7
Total Teaching Positions	28.2	100.0	1156.0	100.0	279044.8	100.0

Teacher Preparation and Placement Authorization / Assignment (2020-21)	School Number	School Percent	District Number	District Percent	State Number	State Percent
Fully (Preliminary or Clear) Credentialed for Subject and Student Placement (properly assigned)	29.7	92.7	1022.7	89.8	228366.1	83.1
Intern Credential Holders Properly Assigned	0.6	2.1	8.4	0.7	4205.9	1.5
Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments ("ineffective" under ESSA)	0.0	0.0	5.2	0.5	11216.7	4.1
Credentialed Teachers Assigned Out-of-Field ("out-of-field" under ESSA)	0.0	0.0	42.6	3.8	12115.8	4.4
Unknown	1.6	5.2	60.1	5.3	18854.3	6.9
Total Teaching Positions	32.0	100.0	1139.3	100.0	274759.1	100.0

Note: The data in this table is based on Full Time Equivalent (FTE) status. One FTE equals one staff member working full time; one FTE could also represent two staff members who each work 50 percent of full time. Additionally, an assignment is defined as a position that an educator is assigned to based on setting, subject, and grade level. An Authorization is defined as the services that an educator is authorized to provide to students.

Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments (Considered "ineffective" under ESSA) Authorization/Assignment (2021-22)	Number
Permits and Waivers	0.0
Misassignments	0.0
Vacant Positions	0.0
Total Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments	0.0

Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments (Considered "ineffective" under ESSA) Authorization/Assignment (2020-21)	Number
Permits and Waivers	0.0
Misassignments	0.0
Vacant Positions	0.0
Total Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments	0.0

Credentialed Teachers Assigned Out-of-Field (Considered "out-of-field" under ESSA) / Indicator (2021-22)	Number
Credentialed Teachers Authorized on a Permit or Waiver	0.0
Local Assignment Options	0.0
Total Out-of-Field Teachers	0.0

Credentialed Teachers Assigned Out-of-Field (Considered "out-of-field" under ESSA) / Indicator (2020-21)	Number
Credentialed Teachers Authorized on a Permit or Waiver	0.0
Local Assignment Options	0.0
Total Out-of-Field Teachers	0.0

Class Assignments / Indicator (2021-22)	Percent
Misassignments for English Learners (a percentage of all the classes with English Learners taught by teachers that are misassigned)	0.0
No credential, permit or authorization to teach (a percentage of all the classes taught by teachers with no record of an authorization to teach)	0.0

Class Assignments / Indicator (2020-21)	Percent
Misassignments for English Learners (a percentage of all the classes with English Learners taught by teachers that are misassigned)	0.0
No credential, permit or authorization to teach (a percentage of all the classes taught by teachers with no record of an authorization to teach)	7.3

Note: For more information, refer to the Updated Teacher Equity Definitions web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/pd/ee/teacherequitydefinitions.asp>

District Expenditures

Salary & Budget Comparison

State law requires comparative salary and budget information to be reported to the general public. For comparison purposes, the State Department of Education has provided average salary data from school districts having similar average daily attendance throughout the state. (Note: 2021-22 salary comparison data was the most recent data available at the time this report was published.)

Teacher and Administrative Salaries 2021-22		
	District	State Average of Districts in Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$55,526	\$55,550
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$89,938	\$80,703
Highest Teacher Salary	\$111,847	\$109,418
Superintendent Salary	\$297,882	\$319,443
Average Principal Salaries:		
Elementary School	\$146,275	\$137,703
Middle School	\$154,132	\$143,760
High School	\$176,448	\$159,021
Percentage of Budget:		
Teacher Salaries	30.71%	30.35%
Administrative Salaries	4.04%	4.87%

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

Expenditures Per Student

For the 2021-22 school year, Desert Sands Unified School District spent an average of \$17,444 of total general funds to educate each student (based on 2021-22 audited financial statements and in accordance with calculations defined in Education Code §41372). The table in this report 1) compares the school's per pupil expenditures from unrestricted (basic) and restricted (supplemental) sources with other schools in the district and throughout the state, and 2) compares the average teacher salary at the school site with average teacher salaries at the district and state levels. Detailed information regarding salaries can be found at the CDE website at www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/ec/ and www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/. (The figures shown in the table below reflect the direct cost of educational services, per ADA, excluding food services, facilities acquisition and construction, and certain other expenditures.)

In addition to general fund state funding, Desert Sands Unified School District receives state and federal categorical funding for special programs. For the 2021-22 school year, the district received categorical, special education, and support programs funds for:

- A-G Completion Grant
- After School Education & Safety (ASES)
- After School Kids Code Grant Pilot Program
- Career and Technical Education Programs
- Career Technical Education Incentive Grant Program
- Child Nutrition: Food Service Staff Training Funds

- Child Nutrition: Kitchen Infrastructure Upgrade Funds
- COVID Relief Funding
- Education Protection Account
- Educator Effectiveness
- Expanded Learning Opportunities Program
- Governor's CTE Initiative: CA Partnership Academies
- Head Start Program
- Indian Education
- Lottery: Instructional Materials
- Mental Health-Related Services
- On-Behalf Pension Contributions
- Other Local: Locally Defined
- Other State: Locally Defined
- Partnership Academies Program
- Special Education
- Special Education Early Intervention Preschool Grant
- State COVID Relief Funding
- State Lottery
- Strong Workforce Program
- Title I
- Title II
- Title III
- Title IV
- Tobacco-Use Prevention Education

Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries 2021-22					
	Dollars Spent per Student				
	School	District	% Diff. School & Dist.	State	% Diff. School & State
Total**	\$10,248	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Restricted	\$2,273	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Unrestricted	\$7,975	\$7,522	106.02	\$7,607	104.84
Average Teacher Salary	\$95,094	\$94,276	100.87	\$87,885	108.20

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

SARC Data

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 Gerald Ford Elementary School and comparisons of the school to the district and the county. DataQuest is a dynamic system that provides reports for school 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.

Internet

Internet access is available at public libraries and other locations that are publicly accessible (e.g., the California State Library). Access to the Internet at libraries and public locations is generally provided on a first-come, first served basis. Other use restrictions may include the hours of operation, the length of time that a workstation may be used (depending on availability), the types of software programs available on a workstation and the ability to print documents.

Disclosure

The statistical information disclosed in this report is obtained from the California Department of Education and the Desert Sands Unified School District. At the time of publication, this report met all SARC-related state and federal requirements, using the most current data available. Data to prepare the instructional materials section were acquired in October 2023. Data to prepare the school facilities section were acquired in January 2024.