

Desert Sands Unified School District Amistad High School

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Principal's Message

Welcome to Amistad High School, home of the Eagles!

Amistad is an alternative education program that provides students a non-traditional path to a high school diploma and beyond. As a continuation high school, our program utilizes an innovative 9-week quarter system that allows students to earn credits towards their high school diploma quicker than at a traditional high school. This structure allows students that have fallen behind the opportunity to catch up and, in some cases, even accelerate. All courses offered at Amistad High School are taught by highly-qualified teachers, are standards-based, and meet the graduation requirements at all DSUSD high schools.

In addition to the core academic courses required for graduation, Amistad offers a wide variety of academic supports, elective courses, and co-curricular activities. Amistad proudly offers Career Technical Education courses and co-enrollment courses through College of the Desert. Amistad continues to offer Virtual Advanced Placement courses. It is our goal for all Amistad students to be college, career and life ready.

Amistad has been housed at its current location since June 2013. The 80,000 square foot facility sits on 20 acres and consists of full-size classrooms, a state-of-the-art automotive shop, an expanded library, and a full-size gymnasium. In addition, a multi-purpose room, larger lunch area with additional lunch tables and shade structures provide more comfortable setting for students.

In 2020, Amistad High School was as a Department of Education Model Continuation High School. Amistad High School is fully accredited by the Western Association for Schools and Colleges (WASC) through 2024.

As the proud principal of Amistad High School, I am truly honored to work with our students, families and dedicated staff. The variety of high-quality programming options we offer Amistad students continues to expand to meet the diverse needs of our students. It is our sincere hope that students seize the opportunity that is presented to them at Amistad.

At Amistad, we care more about where you're going than where you've been. We are extremely proud of how far we have come as a school and excited to begin what promises to be an eventful and memorable school year.

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.

Vision

Mission

The mission of Amistad High School is to provide a non-traditional learning environment for students of diverse backgrounds in a safe and supporting setting which fosters positive relationships within a unique delivery system that enables students to identify and achieve their goals.

Vision

Amistad graduates will be informed citizens who are critical thinkers, possessing 21st century skills and empowered to achieve their goals in college and career.

School Description

Amistad High School is located in the central region of Indio and serves students in grades nine through twelve following a traditional calendar. At the beginning of the 2022-23 school year, 209 students were enrolled, including 5.7% in special education, 33.5% qualifying for English Language Learner support, and 95.2% 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	41.10%	Grade 9	0
Male	58.90%	Grade 10	0
Non-Binary	0.00%	Grade 11	73
Amer. Indian or Alaska Native	0.00%	Grade 12	136
Asian	0.00%	Ungraded	0
Black or African-Amer.	0.00%		
Filipino	0.00%		
Hisp. or Latino	92.30%		
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.00%		
Two or More Races	1.90%		
White	1.40%		
English Learners	33.50%		
Foster Youth	1.90%		
Homeless	7.70%		
Students Receiving Migrant Ed. Services	0.50%		
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	95.20%		
Students with Disabilities	5.70%		
Total Enrollment			209

Student Achievement

Physical Fitness

In the spring of each year, Amistad High School is required by the state to administer a physical fitness test to all students in grade nine. 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. There were no ninth grade students enrolled in the 2022-23 school year so, therefore, no test was given.

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 Strength and Flexibility	Component 4: Upper Body Strength and Endurance	Component 5: Flexibility
9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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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)	12.0	8.0	40.0	40.0	47.0	46.0
Mathematics (grades 3-8 and 11)	1.0	0.0	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	111	102	91.89	8.11	7.84
Female	48	43	89.58	10.42	13.95
Male	63	59	93.65	6.35	3.39
Amer. Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0	0	0
Asian	--	--	--	--	--
Black or African-Amer.	0	0	0	0	0
Filipino	0	0	0	0	0
Hisp. or Latino	100	92	92.00	8.00	7.61
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0
Two or More Races	--	--	--	--	--
White	--	--	--	--	--
English Learners	40	36	90.00	10.00	0.00
Foster Youth	--	--	--	--	--
Homeless	--	--	--	--	--
Military	--	--	--	--	--
Students Receiving Migrant Ed. Services	--	--	--	--	--
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	105	96	91.43	8.57	7.29
Students with Disabilities	--	--	--	--	--

CAASPP Test Results in Mathematics by Student Group (2022-23)					
Student Groups	Total Enrollment	# Tested	% Tested	% Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	110	98	89.09	10.91	0.00
Female	48	41	85.42	14.58	0.00
Male	62	57	91.94	8.06	0.00
Amer. Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0	0	0
Asian	--	--	--	--	--
Black or African-Amer.	0	0	0	0	0
Filipino	0	0	0	0	0
Hisp. or Latino	99	88	88.89	11.11	0.00
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0
Two or More Races	--	--	--	--	--
White	--	--	--	--	--
English Learners	40	34	85.00	15.00	0.00
Foster Youth	--	--	--	--	--
Homeless	--	--	--	--	--
Military	--	--	--	--	--
Students Receiving Migrant Ed. Services	--	--	--	--	--
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	104	92	88.46	11.54	0.00
Students with Disabilities	--	--	--	--	--

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						
Science (grades 5, 8, and 10)	Percent of Students Meeting or Exceeding State Standards					
	School		District		State	
	21-22	22-23	21-22	22-23	21-22	22-23
	3.3	3.5	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	236	227	96.19	3.81	3.52
Female	99	93	93.94	6.06	4.30
Male	137	134	97.81	2.19	2.99
Amer. Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0	0	0
Asian	--	--	--	--	--
Black or African-Amer.	0	0	0	0	0
Filipino	0	0	0	0	0
Hisp. or Latino	218	210	96.33	3.67	3.81
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0
Two or More Races	13	12	92.31	7.69	0.00
White	--	--	--	--	--
English Learners	73	69	94.52	5.48	1.45
Foster Youth	--	--	--	--	--
Homeless	18	16	88.89	11.11	6.25
Military	--	--	--	--	--
Students Receiving Migrant Ed. Services	--	--	--	--	--
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	221	212	95.93	4.07	3.30
Students with Disabilities	11	10	90.91	9.09	--

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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 school newsletters and the school website. Contact the principal at (760) 775-3570 for more information on how to become involved in your child's learning environment.

Opportunities to Volunteer

Chaperone
Registration Activities

Committees

English Learner Advisory Council
Parent Advisory Committee
School Site Council

School Activities

Back to School Night/Open House
Eagle Express Breakfast
Eagle Info Night
FAFSA Night
Parent Meetings
Senior Trip
Sports Events
Student Performances
Student Recognition Assemblies

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. Amistad High School's original facilities were built in 2013; ongoing maintenance and campus improvements ensure facilities remain up to date and provide adequate space for students and staff. District maintenance and site custodial staff ensure that the repairs necessary to keep the school in good condition are completed in a timely manner.

Every morning before school begins, the custodians inspect facilities for safety hazards or other conditions that need attention prior to students and staff entering school grounds. Two day custodians and no evening custodians are assigned to Amistad High School. The day custodians are responsible for:

- Classroom cleaning
- Cafeteria setup/cleanup
- Office area cleaning
- Restroom cleaning
- Trash removal
- Light groundwork

Restrooms are checked throughout the day for cleanliness and subsequently cleaned as needed. The principal communicates with custodial staff daily concerning maintenance and school safety issues.

Campus Description	
Year Built	2013
Acreage	20
Square Footage	80,070
Quantity	
Permanent Classrooms	22
Portable Classrooms	0
Restrooms (sets)	3
Library	1
Autoshop	1
Computer Lab	1
Gymnasium	1
Science Lab	1
Staff Resource Room	1

Facilities Inspection

The district's maintenance department inspects Amistad High School on an annual basis in accordance with Education Code §17592.72(c)(1). Amistad High 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 Thursday, October 05, 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: Thursday, October 05, 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, administration and school security patrol the campus, entrance areas, and designated common areas. The principal and staff monitor lunch time and passing period activities in the common student activity areas. At the end of the day when students are dismissed, designated staff monitor student behavior and ensure students either leave campus or travel to after-school activities in a safe and orderly manner.

Amistad High School employs a student identification policy. All students must wear a school-issued ID and lanyard during school hours.

Amistad High 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 Amistad High 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

Amistad High 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	1.7	10.3
% Students Expelled	0.0	0.0	0.3
	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	10.3	0.3
Female	4.6	0.0
Male	14.1	0.5
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	9.9	0.3
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0
Two or More Races	0.0	0.0
White	0.0	0.0
English Learners	11.7	0.0
Foster Youth	0.0	0.0
Homeless	17.4	0.0
Students Receiving Migrant Ed. Services	0.0	0.0
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	10.3	0.3
Students with Disabilities	9.7	3.2

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Class Size

The Class Size Distribution table in this report illustrates the distribution of class sizes by subject area, the average class size, and the number of classes that contain 1-22 students, 23-32 students, and 33 or more students. Calculations exclude classrooms of 50 or more students.

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution				
Subject	2020-21			
	Avg. Class Size	Number of Classes		
		1-22	23-32	33+
English	5.0	35		
Mathematics	9.0	15		
Science	4.0	14		
Social Science	4.0	36		
Subject	2021-22			
	Avg. Class Size	Number of Classes		
		1-22	23-32	33+
English	6.0	47		
Mathematics	9.0	20		
Science	5.0	20		
Social Science	6.0	42		
Subject	2022-23			
	Avg. Class Size	Number of Classes		
		1-22	23-32	33+
English	7.0	46		
Mathematics	11.0	19		
Science	10.0	9		
Social Science	7.0	34		

*Number of classes indicates how many classrooms fall into each size category (a range of total students per classroom). At the secondary level, this information is reported by subject area rather than grade level.

Pupil Engagement

Dropout & Graduation Rates

Amistad High School's teachers and administrative staff practice the early identification of and intervention on behalf of students who exhibit warning signs and/or behavioral traits that may lead to dropping out of school. Intervention strategies used to promote attendance and reduce dropout rates include parent conferences, counseling, and independent study. Amistad High School recently added an alternative learning center to support students who are struggling academically and/or enroll late. Understanding that the needs of each student are different, administrators, counselors, and teaching staff continue their efforts to discover successful solutions to help students complete their high school program.

Detailed information about dropout rates and graduation rates can be found on the DataQuest Web page at <http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/>.

Dropout & Graduation Rates (Four-Year Cohort Rate)				
	School			
	19-20	20-21	21-22	
Dropout Rate	8.5%	8.5%	4.2%	
Graduation Rate	83.1%	91.5%	88.0%	
	District			
	19-20	20-21	21-22	
Dropout Rate	3.4%	3.1%	2.3%	
Graduation Rate	92.6%	94.4%	93.8%	
	State			
	19-20	20-21	21-22	
Dropout Rate	9.4%	7.8%	8.2%	
Graduation Rate	83.6%	87.0%	86.2%	

Graduation Rate by Student Group (Four-year Cohort Rate) (2022-23)			
Student Group	Number of Students in Cohort	Number of Cohort Graduates	Cohort Graduation Rate
All Students	142	125	88.0
Female	58	55	94.8
Male	84	70	83.3
Non-Binary	0	0	0.0
Amer. Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0.0
Asian	--	--	--
Black or African-Amer.	0	0	0.0
Filipino	0	0	0.0
Hisp. or Latino	131	115	87.8
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0	0.0
Two or More Races	--	--	--
White	--	--	--
English Learners	49	43	87.8
Foster Youth	--	--	--
Homeless	22	18	81.8
Students Receiving Migrant Ed. Services	--	--	--
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	141	124	87.9
Students with Disabilities	14	13	92.9

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For more information of the Four-Year Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR), visit the CDE Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/ad/acgrinfo.asp>.

Chronic Absenteeism

The following chart identifies the chronic absenteeism rates by student group for Amistad High 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	322	315	242	76.8
Female	130	128	103	80.5
Male	192	187	139	74.3
Amer. Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0	0.0
Asian	2	2	1	50.0
Black or African-Amer.	1	0	0	0.0
Filipino	0	0	0	0.0
Hisp. or Latino	293	288	225	78.1
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0.0
Two or More Races	4	4	2	50.0
White	5	5	1	20.0
English Learners	111	109	89	81.7
Foster Youth	5	5	3	60.0
Homeless	23	22	21	95.5
Students Receiving Migrant Ed. Services	5	4	4	100.0
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	302	295	229	77.6
Students with Disabilities	31	30	26	86.7

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Curriculum & Instruction

Staff Development

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

- Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) - an integrated, comprehensive framework that focuses on Common Core State Standards (CCSS), core instruction, differentiated learning, student-centered learning, individualized student needs, and the alignment of systems necessary for all students' academic, behavioral and social success. Teachers receive training to facilitate and integrate MTSS on campus.
- ELD Contents & Strategies

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. Amistad High School supports ongoing professional growth throughout the year on early release days. Teachers meet in both grade level and department 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, Amistad High 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

2022-23 Training:

- i-Ready Math Curriculum Support
- ICLE - Rigor, Relevance, Relationships and Engagement
- Process Writing
- Neurodiversity Training
- Digital Citizenship
- Integrated ELD
- Universal Design for Learning (UDL)
- Measuring Student Outcomes
- Educational Technology
- Dual Language Immersion
- Tier II Site Team Training & Coaching
- World Language Framework & New Curriculum Training (Spanish & French)
- Secondary Science - Gizmos and Curriculum Support
- Ethnic Studies
- Social Science - DBQ
- AVID Pathways Training
- ELA Training on UDL & Engaging Learning Environments that are Inclusive
- Math Training on New Framework & Review of New Publisher Materials
- SEIS Support Sessions

2023-24 Training:

- Digital Citizenship, Student Data & Privacy, DSUSD Digital Resources
- Integrated ELD, including data, ELPAC levels, ELlevation, Academic Supports
- Universal Design for Learning (UDL)
- Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)
- Tier I Site Leadership - Site Reflection on Tier I Components of MTSS Framework
- Educational Technology - Google Apps, LFDs, Synergy Assessments, Grade Book, Engagement Tools
- Tier II Site Team Training and Coaching
- Dual Language Immersion - Coaching, Training and Collaboration
- Reclassification for Dually Identified Students
- MTSS Site Lead - Training and Support
- World Language Framework and New Curriculum Training for Spanish & French
- Secondary Science - Gizmos and Curriculum Support
- Science Implementation Teams
- Ethnic Studies
- Social Science - DBQ
- AVID Pathways Training
- Secondary ELA Training on UDL and Engaging Learning Environments
- MindSet Training
- SEIS Support Sessions

Amistad High 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 Amistad High School are aligned to the California Content Standards and Frameworks. Standards-based instructional materials are approved by the district's Board of Education. The district follows the State Board of Education's six-year adoption cycle for core content materials and the eight-year cycle for textbook adoptions in foreign language, visual and performing arts, and health.

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, (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, (3) sufficient textbooks or instructional materials were provided to each pupil enrolled in foreign language or health classes, and (4) sufficient laboratory science equipment was available for science laboratory classes offered in grades 9-12 inclusive.

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		
2018	Bedford, <i>Bedford Researcher</i>	0 %
2017	Bedford, <i>Current Issues & Enduring Questions</i>	0 %
2018	Chicago, <i>Craft of Research, 4th Edition</i>	0 %
2018	Chicago, <i>Students Guide to Writing College</i>	0 %
2004	CSU, <i>Expository Reading and Writing Course</i>	0 %
2018	Freeman, <i>Compact Bedford Intro to Literature</i>	0 %
2018	Freeman, <i>Rules for Writing</i>	0 %
2017	McGraw Hill Education, <i>Study Sync</i>	0 %
2021	Pearson, <i>The Norton Introduction to Literature</i>	0 %
2014	Pearson, <i>Writing America</i>	0 %
2017	W. W. Norton, <i>Little Seagull Handbook, 3rd Edition</i>	0 %
2016	W.W. Norton, <i>Norton Reader</i>	0 %
Foreign Languages		
2013	Houghton, <i>Abriendo Puertas</i>	0 %
2016	McGraw Hill, <i>Asi se dice 4</i>	0 %
2018	Saavas Learning Company, LLC, <i>Autentico</i>	0 %
2023	Vista Higher Learning, <i>Chemins</i>	0 %
2020	Vista Higher Learning, <i>Galeria De Lengua Level 1</i>	0 %
2020	Vista Higher Learning, <i>Galeria De Lengua Level 2</i>	0 %
2020	Vista Higher Learning, <i>Temas</i>	0 %
2016	Vista Higher Learning, <i>Themes (French)</i>	0 %
2017	Wiley, <i>Conversaciones Escritas</i>	0 %
2007	Wiley, <i>Manana</i>	0 %
Health		
2005	Glencoe, <i>Glencoe Health</i>	0 %
2018	Positive Prevention Plus, <i>Sexual Health HIV Education</i>	0 %
History-Social Science		
2020	Bedford, Freeman, Worth, <i>Ways of the World, 1200 Update</i>	0 %
2019	BFW, <i>Thinking about Psychology</i>	0 %
2021	Cengage Learning, <i>Human Geography: Spatial Perspective</i>	0 %
2003	Holt, <i>Sociology: The Study of Human Relationships</i>	0 %
2019	Houghton, <i>American History</i>	0 %
2019	Houghton, <i>Modern World History</i>	0 %
2019	McGraw Hill, <i>American Democracy Now</i>	0 %
2019	McGraw Hill, <i>Principles of American Democracy</i>	0 %
2019	McGraw Hill, <i>Principles of Economics</i>	0 %
2018	Norton, <i>Give Me Liberty, Volume 1 & 2</i>	0 %
2018	Openstax, <i>American Government</i>	0 %
2018	Openstax, <i>California Politics</i>	0 %
2011	Oxford University Press, <i>An International History</i>	0 %
2005	Pearson, <i>Anthropology, 11th Edition</i>	0 %

2015	Pearson, <i>By the People</i>	0 %
2011	Pearson, <i>Cold War</i>	0 %
2014	Pearson, <i>Development Through the Lifespan</i>	0 %
2011	Pearson, <i>Foundations of Economics</i>	0 %
2015	Pearson, <i>Psychology</i>	0 %
2004	Pearson, <i>Russia, America and the Cold War 1949-1991</i>	0 %
2016	Worth Publishers, <i>Discovery Psychology</i>	0 %
Mathematics		
2014	Cengage Learning, <i>Financial Algebra</i>	0 %
2013	Freeman, <i>Statistical Reasoning in Sports</i>	0 %
2017	Freeman, <i>Statistics & Probability w/Applications</i>	0 %
2015	Freeman, <i>The Practice of Statistics</i>	0 %
2018	McDougal, <i>Calculus of a Single Variable, 11th Edition</i>	0 %
2016	McGraw Hill, <i>Mathematics for Business & Personal Finance</i>	0 %
2016	Pearson Prentice Hall, <i>Calculus, Graphical, Numerical Algebraic</i>	0 %
2008	Prentice Hall, <i>Precalculus</i>	0 %
2023	Walch, <i>CCSS Math 1, 2, 3 Integrated Pathways</i>	0 %
Science		
2015	Brookes, <i>Introductory to Chemistry</i>	0 %
2014	Cengage Learning, <i>Chemistry (Zumdahl)</i>	0 %
2016	Cengage Learning, <i>Meteorology Today</i>	0 %
2020	Discovery Education, <i>DE Physics Techbook</i>	0 %
2015	Freeman, <i>Environmental Science</i>	0 %
2020	McGraw Hill, <i>Inspire Physics</i>	0 %
2007	Pearson, <i>Anatomy and Physiology</i>	0 %
2014	Pearson, <i>Biology (Campbell)</i>	0 %
2015	Pearson, <i>Earth Science</i>	0 %
2011	Prentice Hall, <i>Environmental Science: Your World, Your Turn</i>	0 %
2021	Savvas, <i>Experiencing Biology</i>	0 %
2020	Savvas, <i>Experiencing Chemistry</i>	0 %
2005	Thomson, <i>Chemistry, 8th Edition (Whitten)</i>	0 %
2006	Thomson, <i>Foundations of Astronomy</i>	0 %
2014	Thomson, <i>Physics for Scientists and Engineers</i>	0 %
2002	Wiley, <i>Ale for Geology Today & Geoscience Lab Manual</i>	0 %
2015	Wiley, <i>Physics (Cutnell)</i>	0 %
2007	Wiley, <i>Principles of Anatomy & Physiology, 11th Edition</i>	0 %
	Science Laboratory Equipment	0 %

College Preparation & Work Readiness

College Preparation Courses

Students are encouraged to take required courses if they plan on attending a four-year college or university. The adjacent table illustrates the proportion of courses taken and successfully completed in relation to the number of course enrollments (sum of total enrollment in all classes).

Admission Requirements for California Public Universities

University of California

Admission requirements for the University of California (UC) follow guidelines set forth in the Master Plan, which requires that the top one-eighth of the state's high school graduates, as well as those transfer students who have successfully completed specified college work, be eligible for admission to the UC. These requirements are designed to ensure that all eligible students are adequately prepared for University-level work. For general admission requirements please visit the UC Website at <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/general.html>.

California State University

Admission requirements for the California State University (CSU) use three factors to determine eligibility. They are specific high school courses; grades in specified courses, and test scores; and graduation from high school. Some campuses have higher standards for particular majors or students who live outside the local campus area. Because of the number of students who apply, a few campuses have higher standards (supplementary admission criteria) for all applicants. Most CSU campuses utilize local admission guarantee policies for students who graduate or transfer from high schools and colleges that are historically served by a CSU campus in that region. For general admissions requirements, please visit the California State University Website at <http://www.calstate.edu/admission/>.

Courses for UC/CSU Admission	
	%
2022-23 Pupils Enrolled in Courses Required for UC/CSU Admission	85.6
2021-22 Graduates who Completed all Courses Required for UC/CSU Admission	0.9

Workforce Preparation

Students in grades nine through twelve receive counseling from school personnel regarding career paths and courses of study. During their freshman year, students meet with the counselor to discuss their four-year academic plan and are introduced to Amistad High School's technical and career education programs; the counselor meets at least once a year with each student to follow-up on their progress in meeting graduation requirements and career objectives. All career and technical education (CTE) courses comply with state-adopted content standards and are integrated into the student's four-year academic plan as elective courses. Amistad High School offers the following programs that promote leadership, develop job-related skills, provide on-the-job experience, and increase interest in school:

- Work Experience
- Career Pathways

Individual student assessment of work readiness skills takes place through:

- End of course exams
- Completion of course-required projects

Work experience students are partnered with local employers that provide on-the-job training and mentoring for students 16 years of age or older. Work experience students receive guidance and supervision designed to ensure maximum educational benefit from part-time job placement. For more information, students should contact the counselor.

During the 2022-23 school year, Amistad High School offered the following career technical education programs as elective courses:

- Automotive I & II
- Maintenance and Light Repair (Capstone)
- AUTO 010-Introduction to Automotive Technology (Dual Enrollment)

In addition, Amistad High School added the following career technical education electives:

- Automotive Essentials
- ACR 090 Building Automation Fundamentals

Amistad High School receives funds from the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act (Perkins). This grant enables Amistad High School to provide its students with the academic and technical skills needed to succeed in a knowledge- and skills-based economy and helps provide programs that prepare students for both postsecondary education and the careers of their choice. CTE table in this report shows the total number of students participating in the district's CTE courses and regional occupational programs and program completion rates. For more information on career technical programs, ROP, workability, partnership academies, and work experience, contact the counselor or visit the state's career technical website at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/ct/>.

Career Technical Education (CTE) Program Participation 2022-23	
Total number of students participating in CTE programs	58
Percentage of students completing CTE program and earning a high school diploma	100.0 %
Percentage of CTE courses sequenced or articulated between the school and institutions of postsecondary education	0.0 %

Professional Staff

Counseling & Support Staff

Amistad High 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 Amistad High 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	2	2.0
Library Media Technician	1	1.0
Nurse	1	0.2
Student Assistance Program (SAP) Counselor	1	0.5
Counselor-to-Student Ratio: 1:105		

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 Amistad High 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 Amistad High 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)	12.8	67.3	1038.9	89.9	234405.2	84.0
Intern Credential Holders Properly Assigned	0.0	0.0	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)	2.0	10.9	43.6	3.8	11953.1	4.3
Unknown	4.1	21.8	50.4	4.4	15831.9	5.7
Total Teaching Positions	19.0	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)	12.4	65.7	1022.7	89.8	228366.1	83.1
Intern Credential Holders Properly Assigned	0.0	0.0	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)	2.4	13.1	42.6	3.8	12115.8	4.4
Unknown	4.0	21.2	60.1	5.3	18854.3	6.9
Total Teaching Positions	18.9	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	2.0
Total Out-of-Field Teachers	2.0

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	2.4
Total Out-of-Field Teachers	2.4

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)	0.3

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)	0.4

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				
	% Diff. School & Dist.				% Diff. School & State
	School	District	State		
Total**	\$18,502	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Restricted	\$2,595	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Unrestricted	\$15,907	\$7,522	211.47	\$7,607	209.12
Average Teacher Salary	\$97,075	\$94,276	102.97	\$87,885	110.46

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 Amistad High 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.