

# James Foster Elementary School

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## 2016-17 School Accountability Report Card Published During the 2017-18 School Year



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### School Description

James Foster School overlooks the Santa Clarita Valley providing a beautiful academic setting for our students, staff, and community. The campus is clean, with green spaces surrounding the classrooms and a large grass field on which children play. Our custodial staff takes great pride in keeping the campus safe, clean and attractive.

Academic excellence and social growth are promoted through a rich and challenging learning environment. Foster School has been the worthy recipient of several grants and awards. Foster School has been recognized three times as a "California Distinguished School" and recently received the Gold Ribbon Award. We truly believe that children come first.

Foster School strives to be at the forefront of improvement in instruction. Teachers participate in scheduled collegial planning where they develop lessons, and plan units of study. These sessions also provide opportunities for teachers to share teaching strategies and exchange ideas and materials.

Teachers promote a learning environment where all students are encouraged to actively participate in classroom activities and discussions and show respect for one another. Classrooms reflect student engagement and authentic student work.

Foster School embraces the six pillars of "Character Counts." Students are selected from each class to receive special recognition at our Character Counts Assemblies.

Parents and community members overwhelmingly support the programs at James Foster with their gifts of time, talent, and generous donations. A visitor will quickly notice this parental presence in the classrooms as volunteers help lead small groups of students in reading, math and writing.

We are very proud of our school and community! At Foster, we take the business of loving and teaching children seriously. Educating our children requires that we all work together. Teachers, students, parents, and community members all contribute to the reputation and rich culture that James Foster School exemplifies.

### Mission Statement

It is the mission of James Foster Elementary School, in partnership with the community, to develop socially responsible students who have the skills, attitudes, and knowledge to function successfully in a rapidly changing and culturally diverse world. Our students benefit from a student-centered institution guided by a skilled staff in a stimulating and safe environment.

## About the SARC

By February 1 of each year, every school in California is required by state law to publish a School Accountability Report Card (SARC). The SARC contains information about the condition and performance of each California public school. Under the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) all local educational agencies (LEAs) are required to prepare a Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), which describes how they intend to meet annual school-specific goals for all pupils, with specific activities to address state and local priorities. Additionally, data reported in an LCAP is to be consistent with data reported in the SARC.

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

2016-17 Student Enrollment by Grade Level	
Grade Level	Number of Students
Kindergarten	96
Grade 1	91
Grade 2	71
Grade 3	70
Grade 4	81
Grade 5	94
Grade 6	95
<b>Total Enrollment</b>	<b>598</b>

2016-17 Student Enrollment by Group	
Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	3
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.2
Asian	3.3
Filipino	3.2
Hispanic or Latino	29.3
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.2
White	59
Two or More Races	0.7
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	13.9
English Learners	5.9
Students with Disabilities	8.9
Foster Youth	0.2

## A. Conditions of Learning

### State Priority: Basic

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

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

Teacher Credentials			
James Foster Elementary School	15-16	16-17	17-18
With Full Credential	26	26	22
Without Full Credential	0	0	0
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	0	0	0
Saugus Union Elementary School District	15-16	16-17	17-18
With Full Credential	♦	♦	398
Without Full Credential	♦	♦	0
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	♦	♦	0

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions at this School			
James Foster Elementary School	15-16	16-17	17-18
Teachers of English Learners	0	0	0
Total Teacher Misassignments	0	0	0
Vacant Teacher Positions	0	0	0

\* "Misassignments" refers to the number of positions filled by teachers who lack legal authorization to teach that grade level, subject area, student group, etc. Total Teacher Misassignments includes the number of Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners.

**Quality, Currency, Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials (School Year 2017-18)**

Textbooks and Instructional Materials Year and month in which data were collected: 9/29/2017	
Core Curriculum Area	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/Year of Adoption
Reading/Language Arts	Scott Foresman K-6  Certified 2010  The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0
Mathematics	McGraw-Hill K-6  Certified 2015  The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0
Science	MacMillan McGraw-Hill K-5, Hartcourt 6  Certified 2008  The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0
History-Social Science	Scott Foresman K-5, Hartcourt 6  Certified 2007  The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0
Science Laboratory Equipment	N/A The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: N/A

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

**School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements (Most Recent Year)**

Students, staff, and parents take pride in our school. Our custodians ensure a clean, safe environment where learning takes place. Students participate in character-building programs that help instill a sense of pride in our campus while reinforcing environmental responsibility. Campus supervisors work closely with staff to see that children enjoy safe activities.

A district/school safety committee inspects the campus on a regular basis. Students take part in monthly fire drills and periodic lock down and disaster drills to ensure preparedness in the event of an emergency.

The district-operated, parent-supported childcare program on campus provides reasonably priced, safe, supervised before and after school care.

School Facility Good Repair Status (Most Recent Year) Year and month in which data were collected: 7/24/2017				
System Inspected	Repair Status			Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
	Good	Fair	Poor	
<b>Systems:</b> Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	X			
<b>Interior:</b> Interior Surfaces		X		
<b>Cleanliness:</b> Overall Cleanliness, Pest/ Vermin Infestation	X			
<b>Electrical:</b> Electrical		X		
<b>Restrooms/Fountains:</b> Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	X			

**School Facility Good Repair Status (Most Recent Year)**  
Year and month in which data were collected: 7/24/2017

System Inspected	Repair Status				Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
	Good	Fair	Poor		
<b>Safety:</b> Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	X				
<b>Structural:</b> Structural Damage, Roofs	X				
<b>External:</b> Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences		X			
<b>Overall Rating</b>	<b>Exemplary</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Fair</b>	<b>Poor</b>	
		X			

**B. Pupil Outcomes**

**State Priority: Pupil Achievement**

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the State priority: Pupil Achievement (Priority 4):

- Statewide assessments (i.e., California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress [CAASPP] System, which includes the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments for students in the general education population and the California Alternate Assessments [CAAs] for English language arts/literacy [ELA] and mathematics given in grades three through eight and grade eleven. The CAAs have replaced the California Alternate Performance Assessment [CAPA] for ELA and mathematics, which were eliminated in 2015. Only eligible students may participate in the administration of the CAAs. CAA items are aligned with alternate achievement standards, which are linked with the Common Core State Standards [CCSS] for students with significant cognitive disabilities); and
- The percentage of students who have successfully completed courses that satisfy the requirements for entrance to the University of California and the California State University, or career technical education sequences or programs of study

CAASPP Test Results in Science for All Students						
Subject	Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced (meeting or exceeding the state standards)					
	School		District		State	
	14-15	15-16	14-15	15-16	14-15	15-16
<b>Science</b>	83	82	82	79	60	56

Note: Science test results include California Standards Tests (CSTs), California Modified Assessment (CMA), and California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA) in grades five, eight, and ten.

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

Note: The 2016-17 data are not available. The California Department of Education is developing a new science assessment based on the Next Generation Science Standards for California Public Schools (CA NGSS). The new California Science Test (CAST) was piloted in spring 2017. The CST and CMA for Science will no longer be administered.

2016-17 CAASPP Results for All Students						
Subject	Percent of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standards (grades 3-8 and 11)					
	School		District		State	
	15-16	16-17	15-16	16-17	15-16	16-17
<b>ELA</b>	67	65	64	62	48	48
<b>Math</b>	56	46	52	51	36	37

\* Percentages are not calculated when the number of students tested is ten or less, either because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or to protect student privacy.

Grade Level	2016-17 Percent of Students Meeting Fitness Standards		
	4 of 6	5 of 6	6 of 6
<b>5</b>	13	26.1	53.3

\* Percentages are not calculated when the number of students tested is ten or less, either because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or to protect student privacy.

**2015-16 CAASPP Results by Student Group  
Science (grades 5, 8, and 10)**

Group	Number of Students		Percent of Students	
	Enrolled	with Valid Scores	w/ Valid Scores	Proficient or Advanced
All Students	90	89	98.9	82.0
Male	48	48	100.0	85.4
Female	42	41	97.6	78.1
Hispanic or Latino	30	30	100.0	80.0
White	53	53	100.0	83.0
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	12	12	100.0	83.3
Students with Disabilities	17	17	100.0	82.4

\* Science test results include CSTs, CMA, and CAPA in grades five, eight, and ten. The "Proficient or Advanced" is calculated by taking the total number of students who scored at Proficient or Advanced on the science assessment divided by the total number of students with valid scores. Scores are not shown when the number of students tested is ten or less, either because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or to protect student privacy.

**School Year 2016-17 CAASPP Assessment Results - English Language Arts (ELA)  
Disaggregated by Student Groups, Grades Three through Eight and Eleven**

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	338	336	99.41	64.88
Male	180	180	100	61.67
Female	158	156	98.73	68.59
Black or African American	--	--	--	--
American Indian or Alaska Native	--	--	--	--
Asian	--	--	--	--
Filipino	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	108	108	100	61.11
White	199	197	98.99	64.97
Two or More Races	--	--	--	--
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	44	44	100	47.73
English Learners	24	24	100	58.33
Students with Disabilities	35	34	97.14	20.59

Note: ELA test results include the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment and the CAA. The "Percent Met or Exceeded" is calculated by taking the total number of students who met or exceeded the standard on the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment plus the total number of students who met the standard (i.e., achieved Level 3–Alternate) on the CAAs divided by the total number of students who participated in both assessments.

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

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

**School Year 2016-17 CAASPP Assessment Results - Mathematics**  
**Disaggregated by Student Groups, Grades Three through Eight and Eleven**

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	338	336	99.41	45.83
Male	180	179	99.44	47.49
Female	158	157	99.37	43.95
Black or African American	--	--	--	--
American Indian or Alaska Native	--	--	--	--
Asian	--	--	--	--
Filipino	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	108	108	100	37.04
White	199	197	98.99	51.27
Two or More Races	--	--	--	--
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	44	44	100	22.73
English Learners	24	24	100	37.5
Students with Disabilities	35	33	94.29	15.15

Note: Mathematics test results include the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment and the CAA. The "Percent Met or Exceeded" is calculated by taking the total number of students who met or exceeded the standard on the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment plus the total number of students who met the standard (i.e., achieved Level 3–Alternate) on the CAAs divided by the total number of students who participated in both assessments.

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### C. Engagement

#### State Priority: Parental Involvement

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

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

#### Opportunities for Parental Involvement (School Year 2017-18)

There are many opportunities for parent involvement at Foster School. Our PTA is very active and always looking for more help with the numerous activities that they sponsor. Our school is privileged to have a high level of parental support and involvement. Volunteers work at the school daily to assist in the classroom, library, valet line, and office. Parents also serve on school and district committees. Anyone interested in volunteering at our school should contact the school office for information.

#### State Priority: School Climate

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

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

#### School Safety Plan

James Foster Elementary School provides a safe, clean environment for learning through proper facilities maintenance and campus supervision. Foster's Parent/Student Handbook outlines district and school policies and procedures concerning emergency situations, playground behavior, and special services. Fire Drills are conducted monthly. Disaster preparedness drills are conducted quarterly and include earthquake and lock down.

James Foster Elementary School is a closed campus. During school hours, the entrance is secured to ensure visitors check in with the front office. All visitors are required to sign in and wear a visitor's badge during their stay, and check out at the front office upon departure.

A comprehensive School Safety Plan developed under SB18 guidelines addresses each of the following four goals:

- All students and staff members are provided a safe teaching and learning environment.
- All students are safe and secure while at school and when traveling to and from school.
- District programs and approved community resources are made available to students and parents.
- Schools provide the educational environment where students, parents, staff, and community members shall effectively communicate in a manner that is respectful to all cultural, racial, and religious backgrounds.

### Suspensions and Expulsions

School	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Suspensions Rate	0.8	0.4	0.5
Expulsions Rate	0.0	0.0	0.0
District	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Suspensions Rate	0.3	0.3	0.2
Expulsions Rate	0.0	0.0	0.0
State	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Suspensions Rate	3.8	3.7	3.6
Expulsions Rate	0.1	0.1	0.1

### D. Other SARC Information

The information in this section is required to be in the SARC but is not included in the state priorities for LCFF.

2017-18 Federal Intervention Program		
Indicator	School	District
Program Improvement Status		In PI
First Year of Program Improvement		2011-2012
Year in Program Improvement		Year 3
Number of Schools Currently in Program Improvement		1
Percent of Schools Currently in Program Improvement		33.3

### Academic Counselors and Other Support Staff at this School

Number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)	
Academic Counselor	0
Counselor (Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	0.4
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	0
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	0.5
Psychologist	0.4
Social Worker	0
Nurse	0.2
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	1
Resource Specialist	1.6
Other	0
Average Number of Students per Staff Member	
Academic Counselor	0

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

### Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Elementary)

Grade	Average Class Size			Number of Classrooms*								
				1-20			21-32			33+		
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
K	25	22	25		1		4	4	5			
1	23	19	25		2		3	2	2			
2	28	23	26		1		3	2	3			
3	28	28	28				3	3	3			
4	31	31	31				3	3	3			
5	27	31	31				3	3	3			
6	30	26	26				3	3	3			

\* Number of classes indicates how many classes fall into each size category (a range of total students per class).

### Professional Development provided for Teachers

Since 1988, California has sought to provide intensive learning experiences for beginning teachers. To provide an effective transition into the teaching career for the first-year and second-year teachers, several programs have been developed statewide and are in use in our district. The Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment (BTSA Induction Program) and Peer Assistance and Review (PAR) programs extend individual support and training and support success in the practice of teaching.

Professional growth activities are planned annually based on current needs and input received from staff. Professional development days allow for teachers to learn new strategies to ensure student success, collaborate with colleagues in areas such as lesson planning, data disaggregation, and

technology integration. Workshops on professional effectiveness and classroom skills focus on reading and math standards and alignment with classroom curriculum.

Committees comprised of teachers and administrators review curriculum and adoptions for mathematics, language arts, history-social science, and science and align them with state standards.

FY 2015-16 Teacher and Administrative Salaries		
Category	District Amount	State Average for Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$42,461	\$48,678
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$76,924	\$78,254
Highest Teacher Salary	\$90,931	\$96,372
Average Principal Salary (ES)	\$125,330	\$122,364
Average Principal Salary (MS)		\$125,958
Average Principal Salary (HS)		\$126,758
Superintendent Salary	\$184,497	\$212,818
Percent of District Budget		
Teacher Salaries	40%	38%
Administrative Salaries	5%	5%

FY 2015-16 Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries				
Level	Expenditures Per Pupil			Average Teacher Salary
	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	
School Site	\$8,734	\$2,572	\$6,162	\$76,012
District	♦	♦	\$6,076	\$78,879
State	♦	♦	\$6,574	\$78,363
Percent Difference: School Site/District			1.4	-3.6
Percent Difference: School Site/ State			-6.3	-3.0

\* Cells with ♦ do not require data.

\* For detailed information on salaries, see the CDE Certificated Salaries & Benefits webpage at [www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/](http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/).

### Types of Services Funded

State and federal specially-funded programs at our school include: Standards-based Textbooks and Materials purchases, Gifted and Talented student instruction, English Language Learner services, and School Improvement activities.

### DataQuest

DataQuest is an online data tool located on the CDE DataQuest Web page at <http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/> that contains additional information about this school and comparisons of the school to the district and the county. Specifically, DataQuest is a dynamic system that provides reports for accountability (e.g., test data, enrollment, high school graduates, dropouts, course enrollments, staffing, and data regarding English learners).

### Internet Access

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.