

# Charles Helmers 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

Charles Helmers Elementary School is the academic home of approximately 730 students and a staff of 80 adults who come together daily to implement our vision of academic excellence. We believe that a positive partnership among home, school, and community enables our students to become socially responsible citizens who contribute to a rapidly changing and culturally diverse society. Helmers' school culture is one where high expectations, academic excellence, school pride and a sense of family resonate throughout the campus. High academic and behavior standards are embedded in the care and support that encourages each child to achieve personal bests. As a result, Helmers has been named a California Distinguished School 5 times and a National Blue Ribbon School and most recently a California Gold Ribbon School. Our mission statement expresses our intent: Helmers Elementary School is committed to the development of a strong community of lifelong learners, decision makers, and persons of character.

## 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	110
Grade 1	109
Grade 2	86
Grade 3	105
Grade 4	90
Grade 5	106
Grade 6	125
<b>Total Enrollment</b>	<b>731</b>

2016-17 Student Enrollment by Group	
Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	3.6
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.1
Asian	9.4
Filipino	5.5
Hispanic or Latino	14.9
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.1
White	64.3
Two or More Races	0.5
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	9.6
English Learners	7.1
Students with Disabilities	12.2
Foster Youth	0.5

## 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			
Charles Helmers Elementary School	15-16	16-17	17-18
With Full Credential	32	33	28
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			
Charles Helmers Elementary	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, Harcourt 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, Harcourt 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 which 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. We hold monthly campus supervisor meetings to discuss issues on the playground. An office meeting is held weekly with administration, head custodian and office manager to discuss important topics.

A district/school safety committee inspects the campus on a regular basis. Students take part in monthly fire and earthquake drills to ensure preparedness in the event of an emergency. As part of our disaster preparedness plan, our PTA supplies us with food, water and other necessities in the event of a disaster.

The district-operated parent-supported child development 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: 7/7/2017				
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	

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

System Inspected	Repair Status				Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
	Good	Fair	Poor		
<b>Restrooms/Fountains:</b> Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	X				
<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

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>	72	70	64	62	48	48
<b>Math</b>	55	56	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.

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>	88	91	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.

Grade Level	2016-17 Percent of Students Meeting Fitness Standards		
	4 of 6	5 of 6	6 of 6
<b>5</b>	22.6	50	17

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**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	132	128	97.0	91.4
Male	70	67	95.7	89.6
Female	62	61	98.4	93.4
Asian	15	15	100.0	86.7
Hispanic or Latino	14	11	78.6	81.8
White	86	86	100.0	93.0
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	11	10	90.9	70.0
Students with Disabilities	19	16	84.2	62.5

\* 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	424	418	98.58	69.62
Male	218	213	97.71	63.85
Female	206	205	99.51	75.61
Black or African American	22	22	100	63.64
Asian	42	42	100	80.95
Filipino	27	27	100	70.37
Hispanic or Latino	56	54	96.43	44.44
White	272	268	98.53	72.76
Two or More Races	--	--	--	--
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	36	36	100	36.11
English Learners	48	48	100	68.75
Students with Disabilities	60	55	91.67	32.73
Foster Youth	--	--	--	--

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

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

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

**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
<b>All Students</b>	424	418	98.58	55.98
<b>Male</b>	218	213	97.71	55.87
<b>Female</b>	206	205	99.51	56.1
<b>Black or African American</b>	22	22	100	40.91
<b>Asian</b>	42	42	100	71.43
<b>Filipino</b>	27	27	100	48.15
<b>Hispanic or Latino</b>	56	54	96.43	37.04
<b>White</b>	272	268	98.53	58.96
<b>Two or More Races</b>	--	--	--	--
<b>Socioeconomically Disadvantaged</b>	36	36	100	16.67
<b>English Learners</b>	48	48	100	47.92
<b>Students with Disabilities</b>	60	55	91.67	21.82
<b>Foster Youth</b>	--	--	--	--

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)

Helmets Elementary School is privileged to have outstanding parental involvement. Our PTA is very active and supports us both in the individual classrooms as well as school wide. At any given time scores of volunteers are on campus assisting us in innumerable ways. We invite you to visit us and see excellence in action.

#### 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

Charles Helmets Elementary School provides a safe, clean environment for learning through proper facilities maintenance and campus supervision. Helmets 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.

Charles Helmets 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	0.4	0.1	0.3
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	0.8
Social Worker	0
Nurse	0.2
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	2
Resource Specialist	1.4
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	24	21	21		1	1	6	5	6			
1	24	22	24		1		3	3	3			
2	27	22	26		1		3	3	3			
3	25	21	22		2	1	4	2	3			
4	30	26	29		1		4	3	4			
5	33	32	32				1	2	2	2	2	2
6	31	34	34				4				3	3
Other		6	5		3	1						

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

**Professional Development provided for Teachers**

Professional growth activities are planned annually based on current needs and input received from staff. For the past two years the concentration has been on teacher training in the areas of Direct Instruction, California Standards (Common Core) and the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS).

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%

### 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.

\* 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/).

FY 2015-16 Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries				
Level	Expenditures Per Pupil			Average Teacher Salary
	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	
School Site	\$8,618	\$2,483	\$6,135	\$77,222
District	◆	◆	\$6,076	\$78,879
State	◆	◆	\$6,574	\$78,363
Percent Difference: School Site/District			1.0	-2.1
Percent Difference: School Site/ State			-6.7	-1.5

\* Cells with ◆ do not require data.