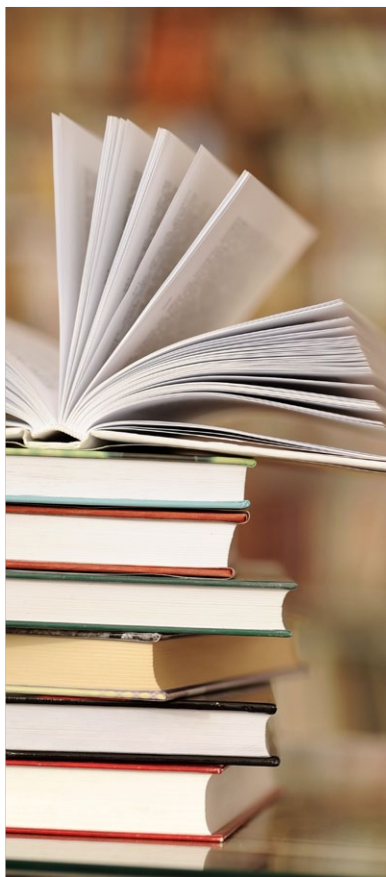


# SARC

2017-18 School Accountability  
Report Card

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## Core Values for Teaching and Learning

### PREAMBLE

The Governing Board of the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) embraces as our mission that each student will graduate with the skills needed to contribute and thrive in a changing world and pledges:

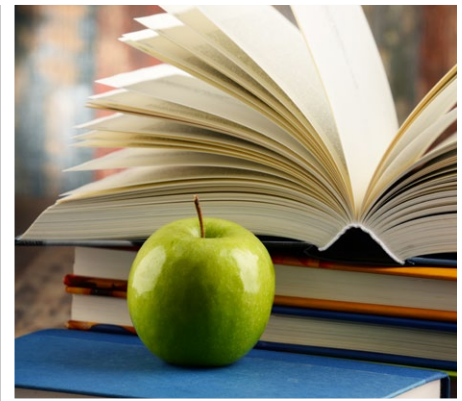
- To continually develop and support a high-quality staff that is committed to innovative teaching
- To insist on continuous improvement to ensure successful learning outcomes for all LVJUSD students

### CORE VALUES

In support of our District's mission, our Superintendent and staff will adhere to the following core values for teaching and learning:

- LVJUSD schools will be safe, inclusive and welcoming for all students and their families.
- LVJUSD will provide current, relevant and engaging instructional materials and strategies that allow students to personalize their educational experience.
- LVJUSD will deliver innovative teaching and professional development that ensures the highest quality instruction that is responsive to each student's needs.
- All LVJUSD students will have equitable access to a wide range of challenging and inspiring courses and specialized programs that prepare students for college and career.

Board Approved 6-26-18



## School Accountability Report Card

In accordance with state and federal requirements, the School Accountability Report Card (SARC) is put forth annually by all public schools as a tool for parents and interested parties to stay informed of the school's progress, test scores and achievements.

## Principal's Message

Christensen Middle School is committed to building students' integrity and self-esteem through promoting positive interactions between students and staff and stimulating a joy for learning. Our teachers work diligently to continue our students' academic, time-management and interpersonal skills, preparing them for high school and beyond. The staff collaborates regularly to keep instruction centered on the California State Standards and what is in the best interest of our students. We continue to use data to guide our instruction and adjust instruction accordingly.

We—the Christensen administration, staff and parents—work together to provide a positive middle school experience for approximately 716 students. We encourage all members of the learning community to be active participants working together to support our students. We regularly reach out to our families through newsletters, autodial messages, letters home, the school website, email, the Parent Teacher Association (PTA), and our School Site Council (SSC). We strongly believe in working together to do what is in the best interest of our students.

We look forward to further expanding opportunities to ensure all students are connected to their education and our school.

## School Mission Statement

Christensen Cougars will be creative, collaborative, critical thinkers and citizens of character in an ever-changing community.

## School Vision Statement

Christensen Middle School will provide a safe environment of acceptance, tolerance, and respect for others and oneself. We recognize the importance of connecting students to a solid academic program where excitement for learning is universal. Positive efforts that foster learning and growing are recognized and encouraged. Christensen Middle School is a Character Counts school.

## District Mission and Vision Statements

Each student will graduate with the skills needed to contribute and thrive in a changing world.

## District Goals

**Goal 1:** Increase the percentage of students who have the skills and knowledge to graduate from high school to be college and/or career ready.

**Goal 2:** Provide an engaging, clean, healthy, and physically and emotionally safe environment to support learning at the highest levels.

**Goal 3:** Enhance parent and community engagement and communication.



## Governing Board

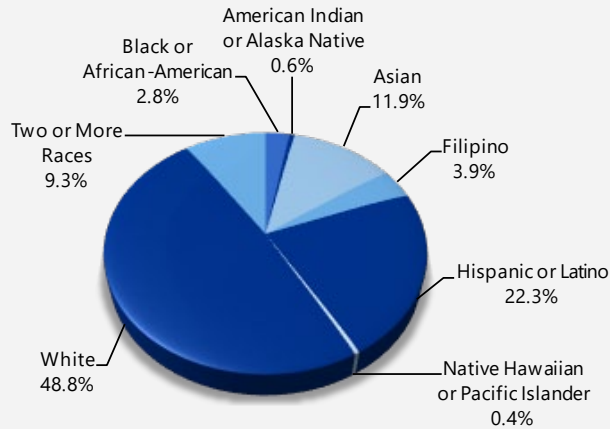
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## Enrollment by Student Group

The total enrollment at the school was 717 students for the 2017-18 school year. The pie chart displays the percentage of students enrolled in each group.

### Demographics

2017-18 School Year



Socioeconomically disadvantaged	20.90%	English learners	6.60%	Students with disabilities	16.70%	Foster youth	0.40%
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## Types of Services Funded

Categorical funds support a wide range of districtwide and site services to assist all students, including underperforming students, in meeting and exceeding standards. At the district level, categorical funds are used to provide program specialists and staff to monitor, implement and oversee Migrant Education, Native American Education, Special Education, Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) program services; intervention; summer school; TriValley Teacher Induction Project (TV/TIP) and new teacher support; professional development; Peer Assistance and Review and staff development; and the English learner (EL) program.

District-level advisory committees, such as the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) District English Learner Advisory Council (DELAC), GATE Advisory Committee, Career Technical Education (CTE) Advisory Committee, Technology Committee, Math Leadership Committee, K-12 Writing Committees and Special Education Advisory Committee provide input and guidance to ensure compliance and ensure funds are used so that student needs are met. In addition, our district is implementing the LVJUSD Framework for Success. The framework includes multi-tiered systems of support for students' academic, behavioral and social emotional needs.

The following categorical programs provide the following services.

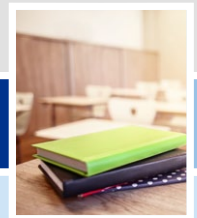
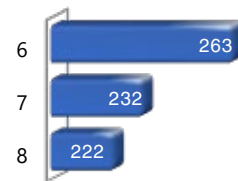
### Categorical Program Funding Sources and Services:

- After School Education and Safety (ASES) funds support the Livermore BELIEVES program at Marilyn Elementary and Junction K-8 Schools and the PAL program at all middle schools, by providing enrichment opportunities, homework support and academic intervention to students.
- Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education funds provide professional development, services, materials and resources for career technical education in our high schools.
- Migrant Education program funds provide a community liaison, community outreach, instructional aides, tutors, technology-based PASS program and preschool services.
- Tri-Valley Teacher Induction Program funds provide training and coaching for our new teaching staff and funds professional development.
- Special education funds provide staffing including program specialists, psychologists, therapists; professional development; transportation; and supplementary materials for special needs students.
- State Assessment Apportionments are used to administer state-mandated assessments.
- Title I: Funds provide resource teachers, supplemental instructional materials and assessments, instructional aides, staff development and parent involvement.
- Title II: Improving Teacher Quality funds provide high-quality professional development, training and coaching to certificated staff.
- Title III: English learner funds provide EL programs, services, parent education and professional development, supplemental instructional materials and support staff to ensure quality programs for English learner students.
- Title VI: American Indian funds are used for parent education, guest speakers, tutoring, cultural activities and incentives for Native American students.

## Enrollment by Grade

The bar graph displays the total number of students enrolled in each grade for the 2017-18 school year.

### 2017-18 Enrollment by Grade



## Suspensions and Expulsions

This table shows the school, district, and state suspension and expulsion rates for the most recent three-year period. Note: Students are only counted one time, regardless of the number of suspensions.

### Suspension and Expulsion Rates

#### Christensen MS

	15-16	16-17	17-18
<b>Suspension rates</b>	3.1%	3.1%	3.4%
<b>Expulsion rates</b>	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

#### Livermore Valley JUSD

	15-16	16-17	17-18
<b>Suspension rates</b>	2.6%	3.4%	2.9%
<b>Expulsion rates</b>	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

#### California

	15-16	16-17	17-18
<b>Suspension rates</b>	3.7%	3.6%	3.5%
<b>Expulsion rates</b>	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%

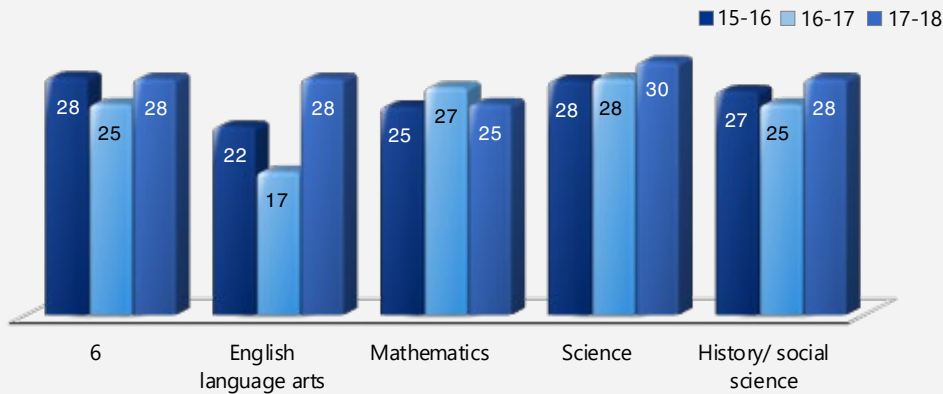


## Class Size Distribution

The bar graph displays the three-year data for average class size, and the table displays the three-year data for the number of classrooms by size. The number of classes indicates how many classrooms fall into each size category (a range of total students per classroom). At the secondary school level, this information is reported by subject area rather than grade level.

### Average Class Size

#### Three-Year Data



### Number of Classrooms by Size

#### Three-Year Data

	2015-16			2016-17			2017-18		
Grade	Number of Students								
	1-20	21-32	33+	1-20	21-32	33+	1-20	21-32	33+
6		6			9		2	10	
Subject	Number of Students								
	1-22	23-32	33+	1-22	23-32	33+	1-22	23-32	33+
English language arts	6	8	1		15	1	1	7	2
Mathematics	3	8	2	4	11			10	
Science	3	9	1	2	12	1		10	
History/social science	5	8	1		15	1	1	7	2

## School Safety

Our school safety plan is reviewed every fall and updated to meet state and district standards. All staff members have the safety plan and Emergency Procedures in their classrooms and in the office. A copy of the safety plan is available in the office upon request. The safety plan addresses preparedness for and response to earthquake, fire and intruders. Practice drills are held monthly, and any changes needed are reviewed at staff meetings.

A Safety Committee walks the campus monthly to check on safety concerns. Work requests to correct safety problems are emailed immediately to the maintenance department by office staff, the custodian or the administrators. Accident reports are followed up by an administrator to determine if further action for student safety is required.

Visitors to Christensen Middle School are required to sign in at the office. Staff members closely monitor student behavior before school, during lunch and after school. Staff members are given first-aid and CPR training on a voluntary basis. Office staff, physical education teachers, and approximately one-third of the teaching staff are trained in first aid and CPR.

The school safety plan was last reviewed, updated and discussed with the school faculty in January 2019.

## Professional Development

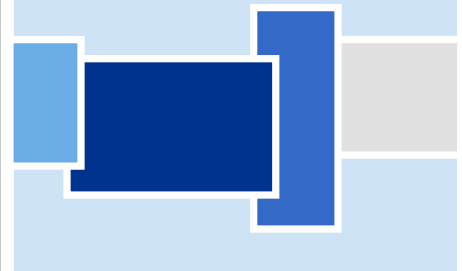
Our district recognizes that each employee—classified, certificated and management—influences the opportunities for students to achieve at the highest levels. In line with our District Professional Development Plan, we offer and support ongoing growth opportunities that allow every teacher, administrator and staff member to further develop the appropriate knowledge, skills and practices required to create learning environments that allow all students to demonstrate high levels of achievement. Our Board of Education and our district administration recognize that all staff members of the LVJUSD must be provided time and support to acquire, improve and enhance professional knowledge, practices and skills.

During the 2018-19 school year, relevant and timely professional development will be available and delivered to employees. In addition, the two designated professional development days and the flexible professional development day for certificated staff provide the option of individualized professional growth for teachers. Professional development will primarily focus on effective tier one instruction; student and staff safety; customer service; meeting the needs of students with Individual Education Plans (IEP); effective usage of technology as an instructional tool; effective instructional practices for English learners; and implementation of specialized programs such as Dual Immersion, Project Lead the Way, International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement programs.

### Professional Development Days

#### Three-Year Data

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Christensen MS	3 days	3 days	3 days



## CAASPP Test Results for All Students: Science (grades 5, 8 and 10)

The 2016–17 and 2017–18 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 California Science Test (CAST) was pilot-tested in spring 2017 and field-tested in spring 2018. The CAST will be administered operationally during the 2018–19 school year. The CAA for Science was pilot-tested for two years (i.e., 2016–17 and 2017–18) and the CAA for Science will be field-tested in 2018–19.

Percentage of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced					Two-Year Data	
	Christensen MS		Livermore Valley JUSD		California	
Subject	16-17	17-18	16-17	17-18	16-17	17-18
Science	◇	◇	◇	◇	◇	◇

## CAASPP Test Results for All Students: English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics (grades 3-8 and 11)

The table below shows the percentage of students meeting or exceeding the state standards in English language arts (ELA)/literacy and mathematics.

Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding State Standards					Two-Year Data	
	Christensen MS		Livermore Valley JUSD		California	
Subject	16-17	17-18	16-17	17-18	16-17	17-18
English language arts/literacy	64%	66%	61%	62%	48%	50%
Mathematics	39%	46%	49%	51%	37%	38%

## California Physical Fitness Test

Each spring, all students in grades 5, 7 and 9 are required to participate in the California Physical Fitness Test (PFT). The Fitnessgram is the designated PFT for students in California public schools put forth by the State Board of Education. The PFT measures six key fitness areas:

1. Aerobic Capacity
2. Body Composition
3. Flexibility
4. Abdominal Strength and Endurance
5. Upper Body Strength and Endurance
6. Trunk Extensor Strength and Flexibility

Encouraging and assisting students in establishing lifelong habits of regular physical activity is the primary goal of the Fitnessgram. The table shows the percentage of students meeting the fitness standards of being in the "healthy fitness zone" for the most recent testing period. For more detailed information on the California PFT, please visit [www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/pf](http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/pf).

California Physical Fitness Test		2017-18 School Year
Percentage of Students Meeting Fitness Standards		Christensen MS
		Grade 7
Four of six standards		8.4%
Five of six standards		26.5%
Six of six standards		55.8%

◇ Not applicable.

## California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP)

For the 2017-18 school year, the CAASPP consists of several key components, including:

**California Alternate Assessments (CAA)** test includes both ELA/literacy and mathematics in grades 3-8 and 11. The CAA is given to those students with the most significant cognitive disabilities whose current individualized education plan (IEP) designates an alternate assessment.

**Smarter Balanced Assessments** include ELA/literacy and mathematics in grades 3-8 and 11. Smarter Balanced Assessments are designed to measure student progress toward college and career readiness.

The assessments under CAASPP show how well students are doing in relation to the state-adopted content standards. On each of these assessments, student aggregate scores are reported as achievement standards. For more information on the CAASPP assessments, please visit [www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca](http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca).



## CAASPP by Student Group: English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics

The table on the following page displays the percentage of students that met or exceeded state standards in English language arts/literacy and mathematics for the school by student groups for grades 6-8.

The "percentage 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 on the CAA divided by the total number of students who participated in both assessments.

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 Results by Student Group: English Language Arts and Mathematics (grades 6-8)

Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding State Standards				2017-18 School Year
<b>English Language Arts</b>				
Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percentage Tested	Percentage Met or Exceeded
All students	707	700	99.01%	65.76%
Male	380	377	99.21%	58.24%
Female	327	323	98.78%	74.53%
Black or African-American	18	17	94.44%	70.59%
American Indian or Alaska Native	❖	❖	❖	❖
Asian	85	85	100.00%	80.00%
Filipino	26	26	100.00%	69.23%
Hispanic or Latino	157	156	99.36%	50.00%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	❖	❖	❖	❖
White	342	337	98.54%	68.06%
Two or more races	71	71	100.00%	70.42%
Socioeconomically disadvantaged	157	156	99.36%	49.03%
English learners	99	99	100.00%	42.42%
Students with disabilities	106	104	98.11%	15.38%
Students receiving Migrant Education services	❖	❖	❖	❖
Foster youth	❖	❖	❖	❖
<b>Mathematics</b>				
Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percentage Tested	Percentage Met or Exceeded
All students	707	700	99.01%	46.14%
Male	380	377	99.21%	43.50%
Female	327	323	98.78%	49.23%
Black or African-American	18	17	94.44%	47.06%
American Indian or Alaska Native	❖	❖	❖	❖
Asian	85	85	100.00%	75.29%
Filipino	26	26	100.00%	50.00%
Hispanic or Latino	157	156	99.36%	22.44%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	❖	❖	❖	❖
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Socioeconomically disadvantaged	157	156	99.36%	26.28%
English learners	99	99	100.00%	29.29%
Students with disabilities	106	104	98.11%	8.65%
Students receiving Migrant Education services	❖	❖	❖	❖
Foster youth	❖	❖	❖	❖

❖ Scores are not shown when the number of students tested is 10 or fewer, either because the number of students tested in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or to protect student privacy.

## Textbooks and Instructional Materials

The LVJUSD has adopted the Next Generation Science Standards and the California State Standards in the following content areas: English/language arts and literacy in history/social science, science and technical subjects, and mathematics. Our district has also adopted the state content standards for history/social science, English language development (ELD), physical education, visual and performing arts, and career technical education. Our district adheres to state curricular guidelines for health and foreign language. The LVJUSD Board of Education has approved and adopted instructional materials in all content areas, aligned to state and district-adopted standards.

Our district reviews and adopts textbooks based on state and district standards. Our district instructional materials are selected and adopted in accordance with board policy and Board Regulation 6161.1 for Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials. Supplementary materials, including core literature and state-approved intervention materials are selected and used to increase access to standards-based instruction.

Our district's selection process includes a committee of teachers and administrators, along with parent input. The committee develops evaluation criteria, pilots materials, makes recommendations appropriate to each adoption cycle.

The final book selection is based on input from a district committee and the community. Staff development is provided for all new textbook adoptions. Districtwide adoptions include elementary English language arts and English language development in 2018-19 and secondary in 2019-20, history/social science in 2005-06, science in 2006-07, grades 9-12 math in 2007-08, grade 6-8 math in 2014, and grade K-5 math and algebra 1 in 2016. Textbooks are available, without charge, for all students. Each student receives a book for his or her own use. Students are responsible for keeping textbooks in good condition and for returning them promptly at the end of the school year.

By the eighth week of school each year, the LVJUSD Board of Education passes a resolution certifying, "Sufficient Standards-aligned textbooks and instructional materials were provided to each student, including English learners (EL), in mathematics, science, history/social science, and English/language arts, including the ELD component of an adopted program." Foreign language and health textbooks are adopted and ordered in sufficient quantities. In addition, science laboratory equipment is available for science laboratory courses offered in grades 9-12, inclusive.

In accordance with the terms of the Williams case settlement and Education Code 35186, a uniform complaint process has been developed, and guidelines are posted in every classroom. "Each student, including English learners, must have a textbook or instructional material, or both, to use in class and to take home. This requirement includes pupils enrolled in foreign language and health classes, and is applicable to science laboratory equipment for science laboratory courses offered in grades 9-12 inclusive." No complaints have been filed relative to "sufficiency" of instructional materials in our district.

Textbooks and Instructional Materials List		2018-19 School Year
Subject	Textbook	Adopted
Reading/language arts	<i>Timeless Voices, Timeless Themes</i> ; Prentice Hall	2003
Mathematics	<i>Big Ideas Math: Course 1</i> , Big Ideas Learning	2014
Mathematics	<i>Big Ideas Math: Course 2</i> , Big Ideas Learning	2014
Mathematics	<i>Big Ideas Math: Course 3</i> , Big Ideas Learning	2014
Mathematics	<i>Big Ideas Math: Math Advanced 1</i> , Big Ideas Learning	2014
Mathematics	<i>Big Ideas Math: Math Advanced 2</i> , Big Ideas Learning	2014
Mathematics	<i>Big Ideas Algebra 1</i> , Big Ideas Learning	2016
Mathematics	<i>Geometry</i> , Holt	2008
Science	<i>Focus on Earth Science</i> , Pearson/Prentice Hall	2007
Science	<i>Focus on Life Science</i> , Pearson/Prentice Hall	2007
Science	<i>Focus on Physical Science</i> , Pearson/Prentice Hall	2007
History/social science	<i>World History: Ancient Civilizations</i> , McDougal Littell	2006
History/social science	<i>World History: Medieval and Early Modern Times</i> , McDougal Littell	2006
History/social science	<i>Creating America: A History of the United States; Creating America: Beginnings Through World War I</i> ; McDougal Littell	2006
History/social science	<i>History Alive!</i> , TCI	2006

## Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials

The following lists the percentage of pupils who lack their own assigned textbooks and instructional materials.

Percentage of Students Lacking Materials by Subject	
2018-19 School Year	
Reading/language arts	0%
Mathematics	0%
Science	0%
History/social science	0%
Visual and performing arts	0%
Foreign language	0%
Health	0%

## Currency of Textbooks

This table displays the date when the most recent hearing was held to adopt a resolution on the sufficiency of instructional materials.

Currency of Textbooks	
2018-19 School Year	
Data collection date	10/2/2018

## Quality of Textbooks

The following table outlines the criteria required for choosing textbooks and instructional materials.

Quality of Textbooks	
2018-19 School Year	
Criteria	Yes/No
Are the textbooks adopted from the most recent state-approved or local governing-board-approved list?	Yes
Are the textbooks consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum frameworks adopted by the State Board of Education?	Yes
Do all students, including English learners, have access to their own textbooks and instructional materials to use in class and to take home?	Yes

## School Facility Good Repair Status

The table shows the results of the school's most recent inspection using the Facility Inspection Tool (FIT) or equivalent school form. This inspection determines the school facility's good repair status using ratings of good condition, fair condition or poor condition. The overall summary of facility conditions uses ratings of exemplary, good, fair or poor.

School Facility Good Repair Status		2018-19 School Year
Items Inspected		Repair Status
<b>Systems:</b> Gas leaks, sewer, mechanical systems (heating, ventilation and HVAC)		Good
<b>Interior:</b> Interior surfaces (floors, ceilings, walls and window casings)		Fair
<b>Cleanliness:</b> Pest/vermin control, overall cleanliness		Good
<b>Electrical:</b> Electrical systems		Good
<b>Restrooms/fountains:</b> Restrooms, sinks and drinking fountains		Good
<b>Safety:</b> Fire safety, emergency systems, hazardous materials		Good
<b>Structural:</b> Structural condition, roofs		Good
<b>External:</b> Windows/doors/gates/fences, playgrounds/school grounds		Good
<b>Overall summary of facility conditions</b>		Good
<b>Date of the most recent school site inspection</b>		9/24/2018
<b>Date of the most recent completion of the inspection form</b>		10/1/2018

## Deficiencies and Repairs

The table lists the repairs required for all deficiencies found during the site inspection. Regardless of each item's repair status, all deficiencies are listed.

For all items inspected that were found to not be in "good repair," a work order has been created and maintenance will be completed before the end of the 2018-19 school year. Maintenance items will be prioritized so that student safety is not compromised.

Deficiencies and Repairs		2018-19 School Year
Items Inspected	Deficiencies and Action Taken or Planned	
<b>Interior</b>	200 building design has poor ventilation-needs vent in roof added through to rooms where problem exists. Spoke to Bruce (MOF Director) and we will be getting bids to get this done.	
<b>Cleanliness</b>	Stove found with papers, box, plastic cutting board on top of burners. Immediately removed.	
<b>Restrooms/fountains</b>	Bubbler with low pressure, loose faucet, bubbler slow to shut off. Placed work orders: 93873, 93874, 93875.	

## School Facilities

Christensen Middle School was established as a K-5 elementary school in 1977. The current facility is relatively new and modern, having been rebuilt in 1991. The first sixth grade was added in 1990, and over the next several years, Christensen made a transition to its present configuration as a grade 6-8 middle school. We are able to house more than 900 students, a capacity we have not reached. We are proud to have 42 spacious classrooms arranged in grade-level or subject-matter "clusters." At the center of each cluster is a mini-courtyard, complete with benches and greenery, where students study, snack and socialize when class is not in session. Our campus includes four science labs, two home-economic teaching kitchens, a library, administrative wing, gymnasium with locker rooms, two music rooms, three computer labs, a multipurpose room, kitchen, and outdoor eating area and courtyard.

Before and after school, the staff provides supervision of students. The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District provides a PAL program for Christensen students on the campus before and after school.

Our custodians work diligently to ensure the learning environment is exceptionally clean and safe. We have a head custodian and two night custodians.

Education is a top priority in the community of Livermore, and maintaining a safe and orderly environment maximizes student learning. The citizens of Livermore have passed three major funding measures targeting school facility needs: Measure B in 1975, Measure L in 1999 and, most recently in June 2016, the generous and supportive Livermore community passed the Measure J Facilities Bond.

Measure J funds will be used to:

- Modernize classrooms, science labs and educational technology for 21st century instruction
- Repair aging infrastructure: roofs, plumbing, HVAC and electrical systems
- Renovate facilities for advanced science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) and Career Technical Education (CTE) courses
- Improve safety, including security lighting, fencing, fire safety, and other emergency systems
- Upgrade deteriorated hardscapes, physical education facilities, and pick-up/drop-off zones
- Increase access to school facilities to better accommodate individuals with disabilities

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*"Our teachers work diligently to continue our students' academic, time-management and interpersonal skills, preparing them for high school and beyond."*



## School Facilities

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Through these bond measures and developer fees, the LVJUSD has been able to renovate, modernize and construct new schools following the Facilities Master Plan.

Facilities are maintained through the diligent efforts of the site custodial crews and the district maintenance staff. The LVJUSD Board of Education has adopted cleaning standards for all schools in the LVJUSD. The principal works with the custodial staff to develop cleaning schedules to maintain clean and safe schools. District maintenance staff performs the repairs necessary to keep the schools in good working order in a timely manner. A work-order process is used to ensure efficient service and that emergency repairs are given the highest priority.

## Parental Involvement

Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) values active parent engagement and believes that parent involvement is essential to the success of all students. LVJUSD Board Policy 6020(a) states:

"The Board of Education recognizes that parents/guardians are their children's first and most influential teachers and that sustained parent involvement in the education of their children contributes greatly to student achievement and a positive school environment. The Superintendent or designee shall work with staff and parents/guardians to develop meaningful opportunities at all grade levels for parents/guardians to be involved in district and school activities; advisory, decision-making, and advocacy roles; and activities to support learning at home."

Educational research suggests that highly effective schools have a number of features in common, including high levels of parent and community involvement. When parents take an active role in their children's education, students perform at high levels and have more well-rounded educational experiences. LVJUSD parents are welcome partners in our school community. There are a range of opportunities for parents to engage with schools, including Parent Teacher Associations (PTAs), Parent Faculty Associations (PFAs), sports and activity booster clubs, and other supporter groups. On a monthly basis, the superintendent of schools meets with a representative of each school's parent organization at the Parent Communication and Information Council (PCIC). This gathering provides an opportunity for parent groups to collaborate with each other and representatives of the district regarding events, opportunities, and activities for students and families. This is also a time district representatives share new initiatives and current information with parent leaders. In addition, parents have the opportunity to share general concerns and ask questions directly to the superintendent. Each school also has formal advisory groups including School Site Councils (SSCs) and English Learner Advisory Committees (ELACs) who represent other parents at the site and are critical in the development and monitoring of the Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA). A representative from each SSC serves on the district Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Advisory Committee, and a member of each ELAC serves on the District English Learner Advisory Council (DELAC), which also serves as the LCAP English Learner Advisory Committee. Through these two-way systems of parent support and engagement, parents, district, and school staff have open lines of communication and opportunities to engage in meaningful ways with the school community.

Christensen provides multiple opportunities for students to follow special interests through the support of parents, staff, community volunteers and the Livermore Valley Education Foundation.

Parents support us by fundraising; chaperoning dances and field trips; volunteering at book fairs; providing honor roll students with the Renaissance program; coordinating eighth-grade-promotion activities; helping with orientation in August; and participating as members of the School Site Council (SSC), English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC) and Parent Teacher Association (PTA).

The PTA raises funds to support instructional technician hours, recognition rewards, classroom materials and various other items. Our school choir, orchestra, band and sport teams are supported by parent donations, which are used for instruments and uniforms.

Parent volunteers are at the heart of our programs. We greatly appreciate their help and involvement in our school. For more information on how to become involved at the school, contact the PTA president, Kristin Kohn, at (925) 606-4702 or cmscougarspta@gmail.com.

## Public 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 first-come, first-served basis. Other use restrictions include the hours of operation, the length of time that a workstation may be used (depending on availability), the types of software programs available at a workstation, and the ability to print documents.



## Positive Learning Environment

Christensen maintains high expectations for student behavior. Through our Character Counts! program, students are recognized and rewarded for exhibiting the qualities of a good citizen: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship. Students meet daily in a homeroom period to discuss Character Counts! and to listen to the daily announcements.

Parents receive LVJUSD secondary discipline policies and a packet of district policies at the beginning of the school year. Teachers include classroom expectations in their Back-to-School Night packets, which parents sign and return. Every child has a student organizer in which the school rules and expectations are clearly stated. Student-expectation assemblies are presented the first week of school where school rules and expectations are discussed with all students. Student behavior expectations are presented at evening parent meetings, such as Back-to-School Night, and through the school newsletter. Administration works with staff to discipline students who break school rules.

An after-school sports program provides Christensen students with the opportunity to participate in a sport. A yearbook group, facilitated by a staff member, invites students to contribute as photographers, writers and editors. An after-school Math Counts group meets weekly with volunteers from the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and Sandia National Laboratories. An after-school homework program is accessible to all students for an hour after school three days a week.

A faculty adviser supervises our Leadership students. Student Council officers are part of the Leadership class. They plan special school activities, schoolwide celebrations, student recognition, and community outreach (toy drives, hat and glove drives, canned-food drives, etc.); visit the elderly; and raise funds to help support after-school sports, assemblies, promotion night and dances.

Lastly, we work diligently with our PTA, SSC, ELAC and community to provide students opportunities to learn more about careers and skills for success after high school. We are continuously expanding these opportunities and were excited to host many speakers during student lunch periods during the 2017-18 school year.

## Teacher Qualifications

This table shows information about teacher credentials and teacher qualifications. Teachers without a full credential include teachers with district and university internships, pre-internships, emergency or other permits, and waivers. For more information on teacher credentials, visit [www.ctc.ca.gov](http://www.ctc.ca.gov).

Teacher Credential Information		Three-Year Data		
	Livermore Valley JUSD	Christensen MS		
Teachers	18-19	16-17	17-18	18-19
<b>With a full credential</b>	648	26	29	29
<b>Without a full credential</b>	28	1	3	2
<b>Teaching outside subject area of competence (with full credential)</b>	11	2	2	2

## Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions

This table displays the number of teacher misassignments (positions filled by teachers who lack legal authorization to teach that grade level, subject area, student group, etc.) and the number of vacant teacher positions (not filled by a single designated teacher assigned to teach the entire course at the beginning of the school year or semester). Please note that total teacher misassignments includes the number of teacher misassignments of English learners.

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions		Three-Year Data		
		Christensen MS		
Teachers		16-17	17-18	18-19
<b>Teacher misassignments of English learners</b>		0	0	0
<b>Total teacher misassignments</b>		0	0	0
<b>Vacant teacher positions</b>		0	0	0

## Substitute Teachers

LVJUSD maintains the continuity and quality of education by making every effort to hire credentialed substitutes or the highest caliber professional who has passed the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST). In addition, substitute teachers hold college degrees and proper documentation to ensure they meet the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing requirements. The district human resources department monitors the substitute pool to ensure adequate availability of substitutes to cover staff absences. LVJUSD is fortunate to have both a committed group of retired educators and aspiring teachers ready to serve our students.

## Teacher Evaluations

Permanent teachers are evaluated every other year unless under a five-year evaluation cycle. Teachers who have not reached permanent status are evaluated every year. The evaluation is specified in the collective bargaining agreement between our district and the Livermore Education Association. The evaluation is aligned to the California Standards for the Teaching Profession (CSTP). The teacher and the evaluator meet to formulate professional goals based on the six CSTPs. The teacher is observed by his or her evaluator, and at least two goal-setting conferences are held. Teachers who need to improve are assigned a mentor teacher as stipulated in the contract.

## School Support Staff

The district provides the following support staff and programs to meet the needs of students, teachers, parents and administrators: school community liaison, child welfare and attendance specialists, school psychologists, behaviorists, speech therapists, specialist for the hearing impaired, Resource Specialist Program (RSP), Registered Behavior Technicians (RBT), Special Services Preschool, special day classes (SDC), special education instructional aides, special education program specialists, adaptive physical education instructors, occupational therapists, high school counselors, school nurses, health aides, English learner (EL) program, Spanish and English Dual Immersion program, Migrant Education program, International Baccalaureate, interpreters and translators, bilingual instructional aides, curriculum specialists, Title I resource teachers, Title I instructional aides, and summer school programs.

## Academic Counselors and School Support Staff

This table displays information about academic counselors and support staff at the school and their full-time equivalent (FTE).

Academic Counselors and School Support Staff Data	
2017-18 School Year	
Academic Counselors	
<b>FTE of academic counselors</b>	0.40
<b>Average number of students per academic counselor</b>	700
Support Staff	FTE
<b>Social/behavioral counselor</b>	0.00
<b>Career development counselor</b>	0.00
<b>Library media teacher (librarian)</b>	0.00
<b>Library media services staff (paraprofessional)</b>	0.85
<b>Psychologist</b>	1.20
<b>Social worker</b>	0.00
<b>Nurse</b>	0.20
<b>Speech/language/hearing specialist</b>	0.80
<b>Resource specialist (nonteaching)</b>	0.00

## Financial Data

The financial data displayed in this SARC is from the 2016-17 fiscal year. The most current fiscal information available provided by the state is always two years behind the current school year and one year behind most other data included in this report. For detailed information on school expenditures for all districts in California, see the California Department of Education (CDE) Current Expense of Education & Per-pupil Spending web page at [www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/ec](http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/ec). For information on teacher salaries for all districts in California, see the CDE Certificated Salaries & Benefits web page at [www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs](http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs). To look up expenditures and salaries for a specific school district, see the Ed-Data website at [www.ed-data.org](http://www.ed-data.org).

## District Financial Data

This table displays district teacher and administrative salary information and compares the figures to the state averages for districts of the same type and size based on the salary schedule. Note: The district salary data does not include benefits.

Salary Data		2016-17 Fiscal Year
	Livermore Valley JUSD	Similar Sized District
<b>Beginning teacher salary</b>	\$41,057	\$49,512
<b>Midrange teacher salary</b>	\$75,629	\$77,880
<b>Highest teacher salary</b>	\$92,297	\$96,387
<b>Average elementary school principal salary</b>	\$126,800	\$123,139
<b>Average middle school principal salary</b>	\$131,135	\$129,919
<b>Average high school principal salary</b>	\$131,175	\$140,111
<b>Superintendent salary</b>	\$314,959	\$238,324
<b>Teacher salaries: percentage of budget</b>	37%	36%
<b>Administrative salaries: percentage of budget</b>	6%	5%

## Financial Data Comparison

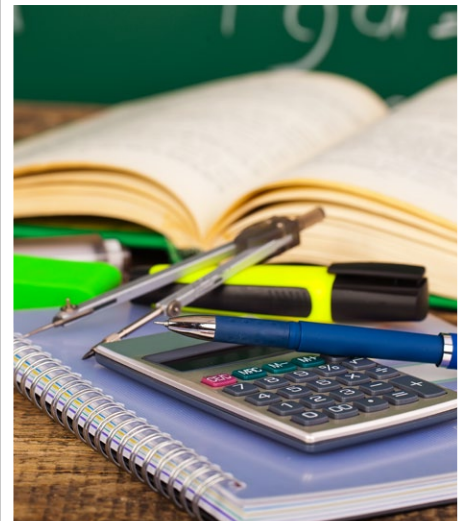
This table displays the school's per-pupil expenditures from unrestricted sources and the school's average teacher salary and compares it to the district and state data.

Financial Data Comparison		2016-17 Fiscal Year
	Expenditures Per Pupil From Unrestricted Sources	Annual Average Teacher Salary
<b>Christensen MS</b>	\$4,793	\$67,633
<b>Livermore Valley JUSD</b>	\$6,925	\$75,636
<b>California</b>	\$7,125	\$79,665
<b>School and district: percentage difference</b>	-30.8%	-10.6%
<b>School and California: percentage difference</b>	-32.7%	-15.1%

## School Financial Data

The following table displays the school's average teacher salary and a breakdown of the school's expenditures per pupil from unrestricted and restricted sources.

School Financial Data	
2016-17 Fiscal Year	
<b>Total expenditures per pupil</b>	\$6,575
<b>Expenditures per pupil from restricted sources</b>	\$1,782
<b>Expenditures per pupil from unrestricted sources</b>	\$4,793
<b>Annual average teacher salary</b>	\$67,633



## Expenditures Per Pupil

Supplemental/restricted expenditures come from money whose use is controlled by law or by a donor. Money that is designated for specific purposes by the district or governing board is not considered restricted. Basic/unrestricted expenditures are from money whose use, except for general guidelines, is not controlled by law or by a donor.

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All data accurate as of December 2018.