



Elitha Donner Elementary

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Hours of Operation

Our office is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Minimum Day Hours are from 7:30a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Parents are always welcome to visit our school's office for assistance. Current and pertinent information can also be found on our school's website at <http://blogs.egusd.net/donner/>.

School Highlights and Awards

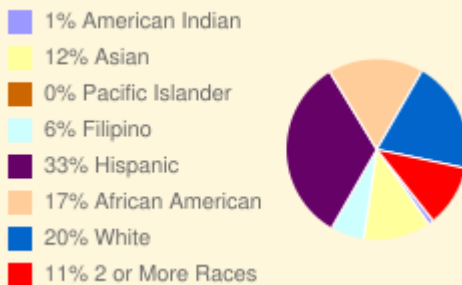
- California Gold Ribbon School
- School Wide Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (SWPBIS)
- After School Academics/Academic Enrichment
- National Elementary Honor Society School
- Accelerated Learning/GATE Programs
- Award of Excellence in Food Safety
- Active Community Partnerships

Student Demographics

	School	District
Enrollment *	741	62,767
English Learners *	111	10,827
Languages Spoken *	18	94
Students of Poverty *	475	34,388
GATE **	30	4,464

* SOURCE: 2015-2016, California Dept. of Education
** SOURCE: 2016-2017, EGUSD

Population by Ethnicity



SOURCE: 2015-2016, California Dept. of Education

Introduction from the Board

Thank you for your interest and commitment to your child's education, and your continuing partnership in teaching and learning. In order to best serve our community, we have created this condensed version of the full School Accountability Report Card (SARC) with the mission of presenting information about each of our schools in a clear, parent friendly format. If you are interested in viewing the full SARC report for your child's school, you will find it at the district website: <http://www.egusd.net/academics/assessments/school-accountability-report-cards/>

A Message From the Principal

Parents, Students, and Community Members:

Elitha Donner Elementary School has been recognized as a California Gold Ribbon School in 2016. This award reflects our school's success in creating a positive and rigorous learning environment for our students. Donner's educational program features a wide range of student services to accommodate various learning levels and styles. The school offers general education and special education programs designed to meet student's individual needs. The school's educational services include an integrated preschool Autism class and 3 preschool special day classes, a Pre-K Special Education Assessment Center, a Learning Resource Center, and a full inclusion program.

Student achievement is measured on an ongoing basis using state and district assessments. In addition, Donner Elementary is utilizing a School-Wide Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports framework (SWPBIS). This is a systems approach for establishing the social culture and behavioral supports needed to provide all students equal opportunities to learn in a culturally responsive, physically and emotionally safe environment.

Motivated by a school-wide commitment to equity and accountability, Donner staff participates in Professional Learning Communities. Within these groups, academic, social, emotional, and behavioral data are analyzed to inform planning, instruction, and interventions that are aligned with California's Common Core State Standards.

Parents, family, and neighbors, embody the core of Donner's community-wide network of support. The staff designs opportunities for all to be fully engaged in goal setting, planning, and execution of efforts to promote the success of all students.

School wide communication folders go home each Monday. Additional information can be found on the marquees on the corner of the school campus and above the Multipurpose Room. For more specific information, please continue to view our Elitha Donner Elementary School web site at: <http://blogs.egusd.net/donner> as it is updated regularly. Elitha Donner teachers and staff can also be reached by calling the school office at 683-3073.

Sincerely,
Michelle Jenkins
Principal

Parental Involvement

Elitha Donner ES values our parents and families involvement in the schools' academic and extracurricular programs. We offer many opportunities for parents to participate in classrooms and support school activities and events. To volunteer please contact your child's teacher or the school office. See our school's website to learn how you can participate in our 5 STAR Parent Recognition Program and learn more about our PTA at <http://blogs.egusd.net/donner/pta> or call our school office at 683-3073 to reach our parent liaison Eva Johnson.

Teacher Credentials		2015-2016
Total Number of Teachers		43
Total Full Credentials		43

SOURCE: 2015-2016, EGUSD

In the 2015-2016 school year, over 99 percent of the district's teachers held full teaching credentials. In addition to being fully credentialed, if a class is 20 percent or more English Learners (EL), the teacher should hold a supplementary authorization to instruct students in learning English or they are considered misassigned. Our district is working to remedy these misassignments by providing training opportunities for teachers to earn these authorizations and providing ongoing professional development in strategies to help EL students.

Teacher Misassignments and Vacancies		2016-2017
Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners		0
Misassignments Due to Subject Matter Competency		0
Teacher Vacancies		0

SOURCE: 2016-2017, EGUSD

In subjects with a shortage, a fully credentialed teacher is sometimes asked to teach outside of their subject matter competency area until an appropriately credentialed teacher can be hired. In these cases, teachers are counted as misassigned.

Vacancies are defined as a position to which a permanent teacher has not been assigned by the beginning of the course. Most vacancies in our district are in subject areas where qualified teachers are in shortage.

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvement

The school is named in honor of twelve-year-old Eliitha, daughter of George Donner. Little Eliitha was one of the fortunate survivors of the Donner Party tragedy of the Sierra in the winter of 1846-47. Eliitha Cumi Donner Wilder lived the rest of her life in the Elk Grove area and is buried in the Elk Grove Cemetery. She is Elk Grove's golden link to the early settlement of California and a symbol of hope for children everywhere. A new permanent set of buildings was constructed at the Eliitha Donner site in 1996 to supplement the portable buildings that were used when the school first opened in 1994 as a "hopscotch" school. The school now has 35 classrooms, a multipurpose room, a library, a computer lab and an administration building.

Our school houses the EGUSD's Pre-K Special Education Assessment Center which provides assessments for preschool students' academic and social capacities. In addition, The Elk Grove Adult and Community Education department offers adult ESL classes on The Eliitha Donner campus on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Our custodial crew takes pride in the cleanliness and maintenance of our school. To help with their efforts our "Campus Pride" program is in full effect with our students and teacher taking turns weekly to monitor the cleanliness of our school grounds. Each morning the custodian inspects the school prior to students and staff entering school grounds. Restrooms are inspected throughout the day to ensure that they are adequately stocked and sanitary.

Monthly facilities check lists are completed. Areas of need are immediately addressed to ensure that our students and staff are provided with a clean, safe, and functional learning environment. The Board of Education has adopted cleaning standards for all schools in the district. A summary of these standards is available at the school office, or at the district office.

Priorities identified at Donner:

- Major building systems upgrades including heating and air conditioning, roofing and alarms or intercom
- Security measures including camera systems and fencing
- Technology improvements
- New shade structure(s)
- Restroom renovations
- Play field and playground improvements
- Drinking fountains
- Interior and exterior paint
- Carpeting and flooring improvements

Project priorities will be determined by the Board of Education. Not all priorities are guaranteed.

School Facility Good Repair Status

Date of facilities inspection : 11/30/2016

Items Inspected	Repair Status			Repair Needed
	Good	Fair	Poor	
Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	x			NA
Interior: Interior Surfaces	x			NA
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/ Vermin Infestation	x			NA
Electrical: Electrical	x			NA
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	x			NA
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	x			NA
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	x			NA
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	x			NA

	Exemplary	Good	Fair	Poor
Overall Summary	x			

SOURCE: 2016-2017, EGUSD

Class Size

In Elk Grove schools, our research shows that small class sizes lead to higher student engagement and academic achievement. It has been a top priority in our district to reduce class sizes. For the 2016-2017 school year, class sizes are 24 to 1 in Transitional Kindergarten through 3rd grade, and 28 to 1 in 4th through 6th grades.

School Average	
Kindergarten	23
Grade 1	24
Grade 2	24
Grade 3	23
Grade 4	26
Grade 5	26
Grade 6	26

SOURCE: 2015-2016, California Dept. of Education

California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress Results for All Students (School Year 2015-16)

Subject	Percent of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standards					
	School		District		State	
	2014-2015	2015-2016	2014-2015	2015-2016	2014-2015	2015-2016
English Language Arts/Literacy (grades 3-8 and 11)	42%	43%	49%	52%	44%	48%
Mathematics (grades 3-8 and 11)	34%	33%	41%	42%	34%	36%

Professional Development

Elementary students in all EGUSD schools are being taught new curriculum in all content areas. This new curriculum prepares students to meet the expectations of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). Find more information about Common Core: at <http://blogs.egusd.net/ccss>

Our school participates in both district and school site professional learning opportunities for teachers, instructional aides, and non-instructional support staff. Motivated by a school-wide commitment to equity and accountability, Donner staff participates in Professional Learning Communities. Within these groups, academic, social, emotional, and behavioral data are analyzed to inform planning, instruction, and interventions that are aligned with California's Common Core State Standards.

As part of the Laguna Creek Regional format, our teachers participate in articulation, observation, and training from a Kindergarten through 12th grade perspective. Our District's Instructional Coaches support the professional learning which emphasizes math and reading instruction, Special Education, and intervention strategies.

School Safety Plan

In July of 2016, our school's Comprehensive Safe School Plan (CSSP) and Crisis Response box was updated and reviewed with staff. Included in the plan are monitoring practices that not only address student safety during school hours, but before and after school as well. All campus gates are secured at the beginning of the school day. Visitors entering campus must sign in and wear a visitors badge during their time on campus.

'Emergency Procedures' flip charts are located on the wall in every classroom for immediate access. Students and staff participate in monthly fire drills and quarterly lock down and earthquake drills. A number of staff are CPR, Epi-Pen, & AED trained. This training is certified every year. The district's Police Services Department also works closely with our school site to provide a safe, secure environment for all.

Specialized Programs

Our site has specialized programs designed to support student achievement and engagement. School Wide Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (SWPBIS) is a critical framework for a positive school climate.

Enrichment learning program is designed for pupils demonstrating a willingness to be challenged to learn at a faster pace, with greater depth in curriculum and above that of his/her grade level standards.

"After School Academies" offer enrichment, acceleration and student support. Academic Enrichment opportunities include: Accelerated Reader (AR) and Kinder reading program, National Elementary Honor Society, Student Leadership and Service Learning, Spelling Bee, Spanish, Writing and Science Fair competitions. Performing Arts opportunities include: Art, Drama, Choir, Band, and Media Production academies. Students are encouraged to be active by taking part in the Garden Academy, Running/Jogging Academy, Basketball, and Volleyball.

Average Salaries

Data reported are the district's average salaries for teachers, principals, and superintendents, compared to the state average salaries for districts of the same type and size, as defined by Education Code Section 41409.

Teachers	EGUSD 50,000+ ADA	State Average 20,000+ ADA
Beginning	\$42,073	\$45,092
Midrange	\$62,389	\$71,627
Highest	\$87,906	\$93,288
Principals		
Elementary	\$114,486	\$115,631
Middle	\$116,400	\$120,915
High	\$128,425	\$132,029
District Superintendent	\$270,000	\$249,537
Share of budget used for		
Teachers' salaries	41.0%	37.0%
Administrative salaries	4.0%	5.0%

SOURCE: 2014-2015, California Dept. of Education

District Administration

Christopher R. Hoffman
Superintendent
Mark Cerutti
Associate Superintendent,
Education Services
Donna Cherry
Associate Superintendent,
Elementary Education
Shannon Hayes
Chief Financial Officer
David E. Reilly
Associate Superintendent,
Human Resources
Christina Penna
Associate Superintendent,
Secondary Education
Robert Pierce
Deputy Superintendent

Average Daily Attendance

	Percent
School	96.13%
District	96.03%

SOURCE: 2015-2016, EGUSD

Discipline

	School	District
Suspensions	0.37%	4.28%
Expulsions	0%	0.04%

SOURCE: 2015-2016, EGUSD

Elk Grove Unified School

District

This school is administered by the Elk Grove Unified School District, which covers over 320 square miles in southern Sacramento County.

Total Students (Oct 2015)	62,767
Elementary Schools	40
Middle Schools	9
High Schools	9
Alternative Schools	4
Charter Schools	1
Adult Education Schools	1
Special Education Schools	1