



Elitha Donner Elementary

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Hours of Operation

Our office is open 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Friday. Minimum Day Office hours are 7:30 AM to 2:00 PM. Occasionally, our office may close an hour early for a staff meeting. Please 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

2020 PBIS Community Cares Recipient
Platinum Recognition from the California PBIS Coalition
After School Academies/Academic Enrichment
National Elementary Honor Society School
Enrichment Learning/GATE Programs
EGUSD Digital Citizenship
Common Sense in Education
Award of Excellence in Food Safety

Student Demographics

	School	District
Enrollment	756	65,446
English Learners	143	9,812
Languages Spoken	17	92
Students of Poverty	406	35,207
GATE	24	5,788

SOURCE: 2019 - 2020, California Dept. of Education

Population by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Percentage
African American	12%
American Indian	0%
Asian	21%
Filipino	7%
Hispanic	28%
Pacific Islander	1%
Two or More Races	12%
White	19%

SOURCE: 2019 - 2020, 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

In 2020, Elitha Donner Elementary School was recognized as a Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports (PBIS) Community Cares school by the California PBIS Coalition. This recognition reflects our school's success in creating a positive and rigorous learning environment amidst a global pandemic. PBIS 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. STOP, WALK, TALK is our school-wide bullying prevention program, which is taught and reinforced.

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, which include an integrated preschool PALSS class and three preschool special day classes, four PALSS classes a Pre-K Special Education Assessment Center, a Learning Resource Center, and a full inclusion program.

Motivated by a school-wide commitment to educational equity and accountability, Donner staff participates in Professional Learning Communities where 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. Parents are an important part of the Elitha Donner Elementary School family.

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 website at <http://blogs.egusd.net/donner> or visit us on Facebook at <https://m.facebook.com/elithadonnerprimaryschool/>. Elitha Donner teachers and staff can also be reached by calling the school office at 916-683-3073.

Sincerely,
Michelle Jenkins
Principal

Parental Involvement

Elitha Donner values our parents and family's involvement and offers many opportunities for parents to participate in classrooms and support school activities and events. Please contact your child's teacher, the school office or visit our website to learn how you can participate in our 5 STAR Parent Program. Learn more about our PTA at <http://blogs.egusd.net/donner/pta>, elithadonnerpta@gmail.com or <https://www.facebook.com/ElithaDonnerElementaryPTA> or contact Courtney Aroezna or Shandon Hoffmeier our PTA Co-Presidents at 916-683-3073.

Teacher Credentials and Misassignments

Teacher Credentials	
2019 - 2020	
Total Number of Teachers	42
Total Full Credentials	41

SOURCE: 2020 - 2021, EGUSD

Teacher Misassignments and Vacancies	
2020 - 2021	
Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners	0
Misassignments Due to Subject Matter Competency	0
Teacher Vacancies	0

SOURCE: 2020 - 2021, EGUSD

In the 2019-2020 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.

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 Elitha, daughter of George Donner. Little Elitha was one of the fortunate survivors of the Donner Party tragedy of the Sierra in the winter of 1846-47. Elitha 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 Elitha 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 33 classrooms, a multipurpose room, a library, a computer lab, a wellness room, a reading room, 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 Elitha 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 Beautification and Garden Academy are in full effect with our students and teachers monitoring the cleanliness of our school grounds. Each morning the custodian inspects the school prior to students and staff arrival. Restrooms are inspected throughout the day to ensure that they are adequately stocked and sanitary. Logs are kept in all bathrooms.

Monthly facilities checklists are completed and approved. 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 or district offices.

Priorities identified at Donner:

- Major building systems upgrades including heating and air conditioning, alarms and intercom system.
- Security measures including camera systems
- Technology improvements
- 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 : 12/15/2020

Items Inspected	Repair Status			Repair Needed
	Good	Fair	Poor	
Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	X			No
Interior: Interior Surfaces	X			No
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/Vermin Infestation	X			No
Electrical: Electrical	X			No
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/Fountains	X			No
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	X			No
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	X			No
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	X			No

	Exemplary	Good	Fair	Poor
Overall Summary	X			

SOURCE: 2020 - 2021, 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 2020 - 2021 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	27
Grade 1	24
Grade 2	23
Grade 3	25
Grade 4	24
Grade 5	28
Grade 6	27

SOURCE: 2019 - 2020, California Dept. of Education

California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress Results for All Students (School Year 2019 - 2020)

Subject	Percent of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standards					
	School		District		State	
	2018 - 2019	2019 - 2020	2018 - 2019	2019 - 2020	2018 - 2019	2019 - 2020
English Language Arts/Literacy (grades 3-8 and 11)	49%	N/A	56%	N/A	50%	N/A
Mathematics (grades 3-8 and 11)	35%	N/A	45%	N/A	39%	N/A

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

Note: The 2019-2020 data are not available. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Executive Order N-30-20 was issued which waived the requirement for statewide testing for the 2019-2020 school year.

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

Professional Development

Elementary students in all EGUSD schools are being taught curriculum in all content areas that are designed to prepare 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 ELA, EL, and math instruction, Special Education, and intervention strategies.

School Safety Plan

In July of 2020, our school's Comprehensive Safe School Plan (CSSP) and Crisis Response box were updated and reviewed with staff. The plan includes monitoring practices to address student safety during school hours, and before and after school. All campus gates are secured at the beginning of the school day, and students are supervised before and after school. Visitors entering campus must sign in and wear a visitor's badge.

'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. Our district's Safety and Security department also works 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 (PBIS) is a critical framework for a positive school climate.

Our school's 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. Visit our website for information.

"After School Academies" offer enrichment and student support. Academic Enrichment opportunities include: Accelerated Reader (AR) and Kinder reading program, National Elementary Honor Society, Student Leadership, Spelling Bee, and an Introduction to Spanish. Visual and performing arts opportunities include: Art, Choir, Band, Drama and Media Production academies. Students are encouraged to be active by taking part in the Garden Academy, Running Academy, Basketball, and Volleyball. *Academies are subject to change yearly.*

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	\$47,193	\$50,029
Midrange	\$67,621	\$77,680
Highest	\$98,138	\$102,143
Principals		
Elementary	\$124,714	\$128,526
Middle	\$121,146	\$133,574
High	\$136,759	\$147,006
District Superintendent	\$351,385	\$284,736
Share of budget used for		
Teachers' Salaries	36.0%	33.0%
Administrative Salaries	4.0%	5.0%

SOURCE: 2018 - 2019, California Dept. of Education

District Administration

Christopher R. Hoffman
Superintendent

Mark Cerutti
Deputy Superintendent,
Education Services and Schools

Bindy Grewal
Assistant Superintendent,
Elementary Education

Craig Murray
Assistant Superintendent,
Secondary Education

Shannon Hayes
Chief Financial Officer

David E. Reilly
Associate Superintendent,
Human Resources

Robert Pierce
Deputy Superintendent,
Business Services and Facilities
Administration

Discipline

	School	District
Suspensions	1.3%	4.1%
Expulsions	0.0%	0.0%

SOURCE: 2019 - 2020, California Dept. of Education

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 2019)	65,446
Elementary Schools	42
Middle Schools	9
High Schools	9
Alternative Schools	4
Charter Schools	1
Adult Education Schools	1
Special Education Schools	1