



Joseph Sims 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. Parents are always welcome to visit the office to address any questions or concerns they may have about the school or their children. The office staff can assist parents with registering and enrolling their children and can give information about programs at the school.

School Highlights and Awards

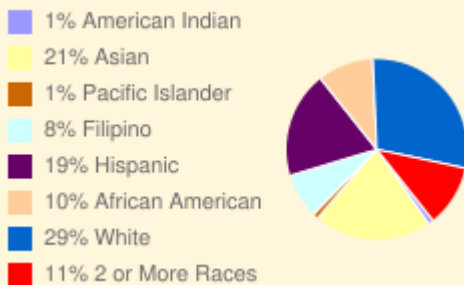
California Distinguished School Honorable Mention, 2006
California Distinguished School, 2008
Visual and Performing Arts Program for K-6
Sponsored by PTO
Students in grades 4-6 are highly encouraged to participate in Student Leadership.

Student Demographics

	School	District
Enrollment *	812	62,767
English Learners *	85	10,827
Languages Spoken *	15	94
Students of Poverty *	265	34,388
GATE **	55	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

Joseph Sims Elementary
A Community Dedicated to Helping Students Achieve Their Best

From the inception of Joseph Sims Elementary School, teachers, support staff, parents, and community members have been committed to helping students achieve their personal best. This is accomplished by creating a place where ALL students are provided with the best possible instruction on a daily basis in a school climate that is safe, challenging, and nurturing. In recognition of our work in school wide achievement, we were proud to be honored twice with the California Distinguished School Award.

The community we serve is a richly diverse blend of ethnic and cultural backgrounds. During the school day, our Learning Center offers programs that address the educational plans of students with special needs. To promote rigor for high achieving and identified GATE students we provide differentiated instruction in Reading, Language Arts, Mathematics, and enrichment activities through daily instruction and during WIN (What I Need) time. Our school proudly sponsors (thanks to our PTO) a full-time Visual and Performing Arts teacher who works with all students to provide grade level standards based Art experiences.

Achieving our school's vision involves a true partnership between home, school, and community. Sims collaborates with our Parent Teacher Organization to provide many opportunities throughout the year for our diverse community to gather in support of our students as a means to build community and relationships. Such events are: Back to School Nights, Ice Cream Social, Harvest Moon Festival, Family Science Night, and Open House. In addition to our highly active Parent Teacher Organization, Sims has a School Site Council, English Language Advisory Committee (ELAC), and a Student Leadership program that are all dedicated to the success of our school.

We are proud to be part of a community who fosters our goals by supporting our school and collaborating with us to provide opportunities for students to grow in all aspects of their development: social, emotional, and academic. This will be our continued commitment and focus at Joseph Sims Elementary School.

Carrie A. Pearson, Ed.D.
Principal
Joseph Sims Elementary

Parental Involvement

Parent support and involvement is a very important aspect of the success at Joseph Sims Elementary. There are a variety of ways to become involved. Many parents and community members volunteer in the classrooms, participate on one of many of our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) committees, or WATCH DOGS. Our active PTO raises thousands of dollars annually through events like our Ice Cream Social and sales to support a variety of enrichment programs. For more information on parent involvement, please contact Susan Clark at 683-7445.

Teacher Credentials and Misassignments

Teacher Credentials		2015-2016
Total Number of Teachers		39
Total Full Credentials		39

SOURCE: 2015-2016, EGUSD

Teacher Misassignments and Vacancies		2016-2017
Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners		2
Misassignments Due to Subject Matter Competency		0
Teacher Vacancies		0

SOURCE: 2016-2017, 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.

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 district takes great efforts to ensure that all schools are clean, safe, and functional. To assist in this effort, the district uses a facility survey instrument developed by the State of California Office of Public School Construction. Each month, the lead custodian, in collaboration with the site administrator, conducts a thorough inspection of the school grounds utilizing this survey instrument. On a daily basis the custodial team provides supervision and maintenance from 6:00 am - 10:00 pm. During these hours the school facilities are thoroughly cleaned, the classrooms are inspected, the playground is maintained and the restrooms are checked hourly.

Joseph Sims Elementary has 37 classrooms, a multipurpose room, a library, a computer lab, and an administration building. The main campus was built in 1998. Many smaller classes were expanded in June of 2011 to accommodate up to 30 plus students in a classroom if the need arises.

District maintenance staff ensures that the repairs necessary to keep the school in good repair and working order are completed in a timely manner. A work order process is used to ensure efficient service and that emergency repairs are given the highest priority.

The district governing board has adopted cleaning standards for all schools in the district. A summary of these standards is available at the school office or the district Facilities Department. The principal works with the custodial staff to develop cleaning schedules to ensure a clean and safe school.

There are no corrective actions necessary at this time.

School Facility Good Repair Status

Date of facilities inspection : 11/8/2016

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	21
Grade 1	22
Grade 2	22
Grade 3	23
Grade 4	26
Grade 5	25
Grade 6	25

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)	55%	63%	49%	52%	44%	48%
Mathematics (grades 3-8 and 11)	53%	55%	41%	42%	34%	36%

Professional Development

Our school and district offer a variety of professional learning opportunities for teachers, instructional aides, and non-instructional support staff. Currently, our school is focusing on the newly adopted English Language Arts Curriculum called California Wonders. New teachers who have been teaching fewer than two years are supported by the district's Beginning Teacher Program. They meet weekly with an experienced mentor to discuss their successes, challenges, and work on specific strategies to meet the needs of all students in their classrooms.

Finally, the district offers a variety of classes for support staff. Paraprofessionals, administrative assistants, office clerks, and custodians may take classes that relate to their work such as learning new computer skills and learning to work more efficiently and in ergonomically correct ways.

School Safety Plan

We believe that nothing should get in the way of the academic achievement of our students. Our district is committed to providing a safe, secure environment for learning. An "Emergency Handbook", outlining a plan of action for emergencies such as earthquakes, fires, floods, and chemical spills, is kept in the school office. The district's Security and Safety Department works closely with our school site to provide a safe, secure environment for all students. A review of our school safety plan was conducted by all staff in July of 2016.

Day to day safety at Sims includes a mandatory visitor sign-in for all visitors. Following the opening of the school day, all gates are kept locked to limit accessibility. At dismissal, numerous staff help supervise students to ensure safety on campus and at all crosswalks.

Specialized Programs

At our school, we have highly qualified staff to assist students with special learning needs. Our Learning Center provides services for special education students.

There are six (6) Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) classes at Joseph Sims. Two highly intensive pre-K classes, two highly intensive K/1 classes, one intensive K/1 class, and one highly intensive 2/3 class. Placements into these specialized classrooms are determined by Individualized Education Plans (IEP). Questions regarding these classes can be directed to Student Support Services at (916)686-7780

All English Language Learners participate in direct English instruction through our WIN time, Monday through Thursday. The needs of Gifted and Talented students are met within the classroom by providing enrichment experiences and/or during WIN time and with participation in the after school program called "Genius Hour".

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	96.26%
District	96.03%

SOURCE: 2015-2016, EGUSD

Discipline

	School	District
Suspensions	0.33%	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