

2021 - 2022 School Accountability Report Card - Executive Summary



Joseph Kerr Middle School

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Hours of Operation

The Joseph Kerr Middle School office is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and open from 7:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Wednesday, with the exception of minimum days in which it closes at 1:00 p.m.

School Highlights and Awards

Associated Student Body/Leadership program, multiple clubs, an award winning music program, Tier 2 PBIS Program, counseling and career programs, homework support, School website, honors classes, 2-year Agriculture Science Program, athletic programs, intramurals, and English Learners support.

Student Demographics

	School	District
Enrollment	884	63,130
English Learners	60	9,477
Languages Spoken	13	96
Students of Poverty	301	30,945
GATE	124	5,743

SOURCE: 2020 - 2021, California Dept. of Education

Population by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Percentage
African American	5%
American Indian	1%
Asian	11%
Filipino	4%
Hispanic	30%
Pacific Islander	2%
Two or More Races	10%
White	38%

SOURCE: 2020 - 2021, 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 Kerr Middle School provides a unique and wonderful educational experience for students, from the safety of the campus, to the warmth of the learning environment, to the rigor and breadth of the instructional programs. All aspects of the school contribute to providing students with the skills they need to be successful learners.

Our district's mission is to provide a learning community that challenges ALL students to realize their greatest potential. Our success in implementing our district's mission can be evidenced through our school's special strengths, including attention to all students for academic placement, knowing students by name and need and intervention support for students in need of extra time to master standards.

Parent support and involvement continue to be important aspects at Joseph Kerr Middle School. This support is given, recognized, and appreciated in many different ways. Many parents volunteer on our campus, support student activities, and participate in library programs and School Site Council. Parents also enhance student success by providing space, time, and encouragement for daily homework, and by emphasizing regular school attendance.

We implemented StudentVue and ParentVue, a communication tool for students and parents. This vital tool links students, parents and teachers together to enhance communication.

The safety of our students is the school's first priority and the discipline policy is strictly enforced. We are a Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports school (PBIS) and we emphasize cooperation and responsible, respectful, and kind behavior. All adults visiting campus are required to check in through the Front Office. The atmosphere of the school makes our students feel comfortable and secure.

Zachary Cheney, Principal
Joseph Kerr Middle School

Parental Involvement

Parent support and involvement continue to be important aspects of the success of Joseph Kerr Middle School. We have Back to School Night in the fall, a time when parents can visit classes. Parents are always welcome to volunteer in their child's classroom, assist the Activities Director with special events, chaperone field trips, join the School Site Council, or come have lunch with students during bring your parent to lunch days. For more parent involvement opportunities, contact Monique Hansen, School Secretary, at 686-7728.

Teacher Credentials and Misassignments

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.

Teacher Credentials (School Year 2019 - 2020)

Total Number of Teachers	43
Total Full Credentials	43

SOURCE: 2021 - 2022, EGUSD

Credentialed Teachers Assigned Out-of-Field (considered "out-of-field" under ESSA) (School Year 2019 - 2020)

Indicator	Number
Credentialed Teachers Authorized on a Permit or Waiver	0.0
Local Assignment Options	0.7
Total Out-of-Field Teachers	0.7

SOURCE: 2020 - 2021, California Dept. of Education

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvement

Joseph Kerr Middle School has 51 classrooms, a Multipurpose Room, a Gymnasium, a Library, a Band Room, Woodshop, Computer Labs, and an Administration Building. The main campus was built in 1964 and is recognized as the first middle school in Elk Grove Unified School District.

The district utilizes the latest electronic work order system enabling site administration and custodians to communicate maintenance needs and projects. Emergency repair needs are immediately resolved by either the school custodian or district maintenance staff. 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, safe, and sanitary. A summary of The Board of Education adopted cleaning standards is available at the school office, or at the district office.

In 2020 we had new energy efficient lighting installed school-wide, new HVAC on designated buildings, and new roofs. Hospital grade air filters were added to all buildings to enhance COVID-19 Safety protocols. Construction was recently completed for a new state of the art Gymnasium and Science Building. Plans are also in place for extensive renovation and modernization work to be done school wide.

Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments (considered "ineffective" under ESSA) (School Year 2019 - 2020)

Authorization/Assignment	Number
Permits and Waivers	0.0
Misassignments	0.0
Vacant Positions	0.0
Total Teachers Without Credentials and Misassignments	0.0

SOURCE: 2020 - 2021, California Dept. of Education

Class Assignments (School Year 2019 - 2020)

Indicator	Percent
Misassignments for English Learners (a percentage of all the classes with English learners taught by teachers that are misassigned)	0.0%
No credential, permit or authorization to teach (a percentage of all the classes taught by teachers with no record of an authorization to teach)	0.0%

SOURCE: 2020 - 2021, California Dept. of Education

Note: For more information refer to the Updated Teacher Equity Definitions web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/pd/ee/teacherequitydefinitions.asp>.

School Facility Good Repair Status

Date of facilities inspection : 3/1/2021

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: 2021 - 2022, EGUSD

Class Size

	School Average
English	24
Mathematics	26
Science	23
Social Science	27

SOURCE: 2020 - 2021, California Dept. of Education

California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress Results for All Students (School Year 2020 - 2021)

Subject	Percent of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standards					
	School		District		State	
	2019 - 2020	2020 - 2021	2019 - 2020	2020 - 2021	2019 - 2020	2020 - 2021
English Language Arts/Literacy (grades 3-8 and 11)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mathematics (grades 3-8 and 11)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Note: The 2019-2020 data cells with N/A values indicate that the 2019-2020 data are not available due to the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting summative test suspension. The Executive Order N-30-20 was issued which waived the assessment, accountability, and reporting requirements for the 2019-2020 school year.

Note: The 2020-2021 data cells have N/A values because these data are not comparable to other year data due to the COVID-19 pandemic during the 2020-2021 school year. Where the CAASPP assessments in ELA and/or mathematics is not the most viable option, the LEAs were allowed to administer local assessments. Therefore, the 2020-2021 data between school years for the school, district, state are not an accurate comparison. As such, it is inappropriate to compare results of the 2020-2021 school year to other school years.

Professional Development

Our school and district offer a variety of professional learning opportunities for teachers, paraeducators, and non-instructional support staff. Our school has a weekly early dismissal schedule so departments and grade level teams can meet and coordinate curriculum and instruction. Teachers meet to review student work, make determinations about students' strengths and weaknesses, develop and implement appropriate assessments and plan subsequent instruction to meet students' needs. Teachers take part in Math and Science professional development programs intended to increase students' conceptual understanding of mathematics and science. Our school community fully participates as a Professional Learning Community to increase student learning. Special education teachers have numerous opportunities to learn how to best meet the needs of students with learning disabilities. Paraeducators, school secretaries, office technicians and custodians 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

Your child's safety is important to us. Supervision is provided by campus security, teachers and administrators before and after school. Controlled access to our campus is through the Main Office and visitors are required to present ID, check-in, and wear appropriate identification. Our staff reviewed and updated our School Safety Plan in February of 2021. 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 Police Services Department works closely with our school site to provide a safe, secure environment for all students. Joseph Kerr Middle School conducts a monthly fire, earthquake and/or lockdown drill in order to prepare students and staff for emergency procedures.

Specialized Programs

At Joseph Kerr Middle School, we have highly qualified staff to assist students with special learning needs. We provide a range of support for students with disabilities as well as general education students who need additional support to meet the common core standards.

We offer EL English classes to support students in improving their English language acquisition.

Gifted and Talented students participate in accelerated instruction in honors classes in addition to Lego Robotics.

Tutoring is available before, during and after school. Students have access to computers in the Library throughout the school day for additional support.

Elective courses include Jazz Band, Band 1, Band 2, Woodshop, Art Appreciation/Art I/Art II, Design Thinking, Pre-engineering, Computer Applications, Spanish, World Language, Digital Media, Music Appreciation, AVID, Technology, Leadership, and Yearbook.

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	\$50,897
Midrange	\$67,621	\$78,461
Highest	\$98,138	\$104,322
Principals		
Elementary	\$125,579	\$131,863
Middle	\$122,900	\$137,086
High	\$133,715	\$151,143
District Superintendent	\$363,331	\$297,037
Share of budget used for		
Teachers' Salaries	35.0%	32.0%
Administrative Salaries	4.0%	5.0%

SOURCE: 2019 - 2020, California Dept. of Education

District Administration

Christopher R. Hoffman
Superintendent

Mark Cerutti
Deputy Superintendent,
Education Services and Schools

Bindy Grewal
Assistant Superintendent,
Elementary Education

Shannon Hayes
Chief Financial Officer

Steve Mate
Chief Technology Officer

Craig Murray
Assistant Superintendent,
Secondary Education

Robert Pierce
Deputy Superintendent,
Business Services and Facilities
Administration

Xanthi Soriano
Director of Communications and PIO

David E. Reilly
Associate Superintendent

Amreek Singh
Chief Human Resources Officer

Discipline

	School	District
Suspensions	0.4%	0.1%
Expulsions	0.0%	0.0%

SOURCE: 2020 - 2021, 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 2020)	63,130
Elementary Schools	42
Middle Schools	9
High Schools	9
Alternative Schools	4
Charter Schools	1
Adult Education Schools	1
Special Education Schools	1