



Olita Elementary School

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School Description



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SCHOOL PROFILE

Olita Elementary School is located on 950 S. Briercliff Drive in La Habra, California and is one of five elementary schools and one junior high school in the Lowell Joint School District. Our school serves students in grades Transitional Kindergarten through Sixth Grade with an enrollment of approximately 450 students. There are three special education classes on campus; one mild/moderate class for grades K-3, a mild/moderate for grades 4-6, and one moderate/severe class for medically fragile students grades K-6. Grades one through three have an average of 24 students, while grades four through six average 33 students per class. There are 18 teachers, 13 instructional aides, and 14 support staff.

Sixteen percent of the parent community have graduate degrees, while 67% percent have some college background or college degree. Twelve percent of parents only hold a high school diploma.

The ethnic distribution of enrollment finds 66% of students Hispanic, 21% of students in the not Hispanic or Latino group, with 13% of our students in other ethnic groups. Six percent of students are English Language Learners.

The flavor of Olita Elementary School can best be captured in the yearly school-wide themes that we have had over the years: Olita Ranch - Roping in Knowledge, Olita Ranch - The Brand of Excellence, Camp Olita - The Adventure Begins, Camp Olita -The Adventure Continues, Olita Has Star Power - Watch Us Shine, We Celebrate Learning, We Are Olita's All-Star Team, We Cultivate Minds and Values - Watch Us Grow, Olita – a Sea of Knowledge, Olita - We Are Dino-Might! and Following Camp Olita's Academic Trail to Excellence. Each theme sets the tone for high expectations, attainment of excellence, and a lifetime adventure for learning.

The school's vision is for students to have enthusiasm for learning coupled with strong character traits that will carry them through the years as lifelong learners. This vision is the shared responsibility of students, staff, parents, and community. Staff stresses personal integrity, social responsibility, and our national heritage.

Character building is a strong component of everyday instruction. We have a sequential, spiraled character education program that starts in Kindergarten and follows through to sixth grade. Monthly qualities are taught, rewarded, communicated to parents, and displayed on our marquee and monthly office bulletin board.

Teaming and collaborative planning have provided the backbone for a strong academic program that sets a school-wide vision where every part of the school skeleton is joined. Certificated and classified staff members work in harmony to provide a learning environment that is safe, creative, challenging, and appropriate for the various levels of learners. There is a common vision for behavior, student and staff recognition, excellence, and time on task.

Olita parents are actively involved in the education of their children. Parents work in classrooms and participate in fundraising and expanded curricular events. Parents serve on Olita's School Site Council and PTA Executive Board as well as PTA committees. Attendance at Back-to- School Night and Open House are extraordinary with classrooms averaging 85-100 percent.

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to encourage each child to develop individual excellence and a desire for lifelong learning so that they can be contributing members of society. To accomplish this, we provide a positive, engaging, and challenging learning environment where all students are given equal access to the core curriculum.

We believe that each child is a unique learner and that children thrive with personal recognition for academic progress and effort. With parents as partners, we have established a nurturing and supportive learning community, where staff work collaboratively and cohesively and share in the responsibility of assisting Olita students in demonstrating positive character traits, tolerance, social skills, effective communication, critical and creative thinking, problem solving, and decision making.

Olita's learning environment supports and empowers each child to become a responsible and productive citizen.

About the SARC

By February 1 of each year, every school in California is required by state law to publish a School Accountability Report Card (SARC). The SARC contains information about the condition and performance of each California public school. Under the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) all local educational agencies (LEAs) are required to prepare a Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), which describes how they intend to meet annual school-specific goals for all pupils, with specific activities to address state and local priorities. Additionally, data reported in an LCAP is to be consistent with data reported in the SARC.

- For more information about SARC requirements, see the California Department of Education (CDE) SARC web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa/>.
- For more information about the LCFF or LCAP, see the CDE LCFF web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/aa/lc/>.
- For additional information about the school, parents/guardians and community members should contact the school principal or the district office.

2018-19 Student Enrollment by Grade Level

Grade Level	Number of Students
Kindergarten	61
Grade 1	39
Grade 2	66
Grade 3	67
Grade 4	54
Grade 5	77
Grade 6	72
Grade 8	1
Total Enrollment	437

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions at Olita Elementary School

Indicator	17-18	18-19	19-20
Teachers of English Learners	0	0	0
Total Teacher Misassignments*	0	0	0
Vacant Teacher Positions	0	0	0

* Note: "Misassignments" refers to the number of positions filled by teachers who lack legal authorization to teach that grade level, subject area, student group, etc.

*Total Teacher Misassignments includes the number of Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners.

2018-19 Student Enrollment by Group

Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	2.1
Asian	2.5
Filipino	1.1
Hispanic or Latino	66.6
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	1.1
White	23.6
Two or More Races	1.1
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	40.7
English Learners	9.8
Students with Disabilities	17.2
Foster Youth	0.5
Homeless	4.1

A. Conditions of Learning

State Priority: Basic

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the State priority: Basic (Priority 1):

- Degree to which teachers are appropriately assigned and fully credentialed in the subject area and for the pupils they are teaching;
- Pupils have access to standards-aligned instructional materials; and
- School facilities are maintained in good repair

Teacher Credentials for Olita Elementary	17-18	18-19	19-20
With Full Credential	19	17	19
Without Full Credential	0	2	0
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	0	0	0

Teacher Credentials for Lowell Joint School	17-18	18-19	19-20
With Full Credential	◆	◆	131.6
Without Full Credential	◆	◆	5
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	◆	◆	0

Quality, Currency, Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials (School Year 2019-20)

Textbooks and Instructional Materials

Year and month in which data were collected: November 2017

Core Curriculum Area	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/Year of Adoption
Reading/Language Arts	2016-17 Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, Journeys K-5; Big Day TK 2016-17 McGraw-Hill, Study Sync 6-8 The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0
Mathematics	2014-15 Houghton Mifflin K-5 Go Math 2014-15 Houghton Mifflin 6-8 Big Ideas The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0
Science	2008-09 Macmillan/McGraw-Hill K-3 2008-09 Pearson Scott Forsman 4-6 2008-09 Pearson Prentice Hall 7-8 The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0
History-Social Science	2019-20 Studies Weekly K-5 2019-20 Discovery Education, Gr. 6: Ancient World History, Gr. 7: Modern History, Gr. 8: World History The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0
Foreign Language	2009-10 Language Central The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0
Health	2008-09 Princeton Health Press- LifeSkills 3-8 2007-08 Human Kinetics- Fitness For Life The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0
Visual and Performing Arts	Theatre- scripts, costumes, props Instrumental Music- band, string, and percussion instruments, musical scores Choral Music- musical scores Visual Arts- various art materials covering a variety of media, art history prints The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0
Science Laboratory Equipment	Grades 9-12 only

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

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements (Most Recent Year)

Olita School consists of seven major buildings with five bungalows. There are two wings for the primary classrooms and an additional two wings for the upper-grade classrooms. Kindergarten is separated from the rest of the campus by an enclosed play yard. In addition to the classrooms there is a library, computer lab, speech room, and a school psychologist's room. The central office houses the office manager's station, attendance clerk's office, nurse's office, principal's office, school psychologist's office, lounge, workroom, ELD instructor, with another building for the multi-use and kitchen.

School Facility Good Repair Status (Most Recent Year)
Year and month in which data were collected: December 2019

System Inspected	Repair Status	Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	Good	
Interior: Interior Surfaces	Good	
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/ Vermin Infestation	Good	
Electrical: Electrical	Good	
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	Good	
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	Good	
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	Good	
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	Good	
Overall Rating	Good	

B. Pupil Outcomes

State Priority: Pupil Achievement

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the State priority: Pupil Achievement (Priority 4):

- **Statewide assessments** (i.e., California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress [CAASPP] System, which includes the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments for students in the general education population and the California Alternate Assessments [CAAs] for English language arts/literacy [ELA] and mathematics given in grades three through eight and grade eleven. Only eligible students may participate in the administration of the CAAs. CAAs items are aligned with alternate achievement standards, which are linked with the Common Core State Standards [CCSS] for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities); and
- The percentage of students who have successfully completed courses that satisfy the requirements for entrance to the University of California and the California State University, or career technical education sequences or programs of study

CAASPP Test Results in ELA and Mathematics for All Students

Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven

Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standard

Subject	School 17-18	School 18-19	District 17-18	District 18-19	State 17-18	State 18-19
ELA	54	57	62	62	50	50
Math	52	52	53	54	38	39

Note: Percentages are not calculated 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.

CAASPP Test Results in Science for All Students

Grades Five, Eight, and Ten

Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standard

Subject	School 17-18	School 18-19	District 17-18	District 18-19	State 17-18	State 18-19
Science	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

Note: This is a placeholder for the California Science Test (CAST) which was administered operationally during the 2018-19 school year. However, these data are not available for inclusion in the 2018-19 SARC posting due February 1, 2020. These data will be included in the 2019-20 SARC posting due February 1, 2021.

State Priority: Other Pupil Outcomes

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the State priority: Other Pupil Outcomes (Priority 8):

- Pupil outcomes in the subject area of physical education

2018-19 Percent of Students Meeting Fitness Standards

Grade Level	4 of 6	5 of 6	6 of 6
5	17.1	26.3	7.9

Note: Percentages are not calculated and double dashes (--) appear in the table 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.

**School Year 2018-19 CAASPP Assessment Results - English Language Arts (ELA)
Disaggregated by Student Groups, Grades Three through Eight and Eleven**

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	267	260	97.38	56.92
Male	133	128	96.24	53.91
Female	134	132	98.51	59.85
Black or African American	--	--	--	--
Asian	--	--	--	--
Filipino	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	178	174	97.75	51.15
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	--	--	--	--
White	64	63	98.44	73.02
Two or More Races	--	--	--	--
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	117	115	98.29	43.48
English Learners	38	37	97.37	40.54
Students with Disabilities	41	37	90.24	32.43
Foster Youth	--	--	--	--
Homeless	12	12	100.00	0.00

Note: ELA 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.

Note: Double dashes (--) appear in the table when the number of students 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: 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.

School Year 2018-19 CAASPP Assessment Results - Mathematics
Disaggregated by Student Groups, Grades Three through Eight and Eleven

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	267	259	97.00	52.12
Male	133	128	96.24	50.78
Female	134	131	97.76	53.44
Black or African American	--	--	--	--
Asian	--	--	--	--
Filipino	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	178	174	97.75	46.55
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	--	--	--	--
White	64	62	96.88	66.13
Two or More Races	--	--	--	--
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	117	114	97.44	42.11
English Learners	38	37	97.37	37.84
Students with Disabilities	41	36	87.80	22.22
Foster Youth	--	--	--	--
Homeless	12	11	91.67	8.33

Note: 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.

Note: Double dashes (--) appear in the table when the number of students is ten or less, either because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or to protect student privacy.

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C. Engagement

State Priority: Parental Involvement

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the State priority: Parental Involvement (Priority 3):

- Efforts the school district makes to seek parent input in making decisions for the school district and each school site

Opportunities for Parental Involvement (School Year 2019-20)

Each year, the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) fills a 10-seat executive board with an accompanying support group that runs the committees. Parents work closely with the school to promote school spirit. The PTA conducts fundraisers, plans social events and assemblies, runs the Reflections Program, puts together a yearbook, organizes reading incentives, supports Red Ribbon Day, and conducts outreach programs. PTA has overwhelmingly supported the reading and math program at Olita. Accelerated Reading was also purchased by the PTA to support the reading achievement of all students.

Parents attend Bingo Night, the Fall Fun Fair, various family nights, skate nights, picnics, and field trips. They are kept apprised of school events through the monthly voice mail, weekly mailings, School Messenger and a monthly newsletter posted on our school web site. Parents also wear their Olita spirit shirts on Fridays and on field trips.

Parent speakers come to the classrooms and talk to the classes about their heritage, what they do for a living, or an interest or hobby. Parents cook foods from their culture to celebrate international holidays. We also have a group of parents who decorate the outside office windows with seasonal themes.

Parents are further involved in Student Study Team (SST) meetings, School Site Council (SSC), two parent conferences each year, as tutors in the classroom, assistants to the teacher, signing of assignment books, working as noon duty aides, plus intramural and physical education helpers.

State Priority: School Climate

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the State priority: School Climate (Priority 6):

- Pupil suspension rates;
- Pupil expulsion rates; and
- Other local measures on the sense of safety.

School Safety Plan

The learning environment reflects an academic focus and Olita maintains high expectations and standards for student achievement and behavior. Pride in the physical environment is stressed, and a safe and orderly campus is maintained. Olita's school programs help to provide a safe and appropriate learning environment for all students.

There are multiple and diverse opportunities for students to be recognized for their achievements, good behavior, and citizenship. Monthly awards assemblies provide a time for the entire school to celebrate the accomplishments of the Olita children. Student of the Month, Citizen of the Month, Reading and Math Clubs are just a few of the awards presented at the assembly.

A school-wide discipline program is in place. Behavioral expectations are communicated to students, parents, and support staff. Guidelines for behavior are reviewed with all students, posted in each classroom, as well as sent home to parents. A student referral system is in place to ensure student behavior is monitored and is fair and consistent. Students follow the district adopted dress code.

A comprehensive School Safety Plan has been developed where in case of disaster, all stakeholders know procedures and safety protocol expectations as explained in our National Incident Management System protocols. Drills for fire and earthquake evacuation procedures are practiced regularly. Each classroom has a backpack filled with essential items needed in an emergency, such as attendance forms, accountability sheets, band-aids, and basic first aid items. A supply of water is on campus, and each student brings a bag of nonperishable food items to have in case of emergency. These are stored in each classroom. Staff has been assigned to teams of search and rescue, student release, first aid, and student supervision. We practice a full walk-through drill each year where the school simulates disaster procedures.

Visitors on campus are expected to check in at the office with their ID ran through the Raptor system. All visitors and staff wear an identification badge at all times while on campus. Our campus is secured throughout the school day. The staff helps to make the procedure for dismissal and pick-up of students safe.

Suspensions and Expulsions for the School	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Suspensions Rate	0.6	2.1	1.7
Expulsions Rate	0.0	0.0	0.0

Suspensions and Expulsions for the District	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Suspensions Rate	1.8	2.5	2.5
Expulsions Rate	0.0	0.0	0.0

Suspensions and Expulsions for the State	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Suspensions Rate	3.6	3.5	3.5
Expulsions Rate	0.1	0.1	0.1

D. Other SARC Information

The information in this section is required to be in the SARC but is not included in the state priorities for LCFF.

Ratio of Academic Counselors to Pupils (School Year 2018-19)

Title	Ratio
Academic Counselor*	.0

* One Full Time Equivalent (FTE) equals one staff member working full time; one FTE could also represent two staff members who each work 50 percent of full time.

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Elementary)

Grade Level	2016-17	2016-17	2016-17	2016-17	2017-18	2017-18	2017-18	2017-18	2018-19	2018-19	2018-19	2018-19
	Average Class Size	# of Classes* Size 1-20	# of Classes* Size 21-32	# of Classes* Size 33+	Average Class Size	# of Classes* Size 1-20	# of Classes* Size 21-32	# of Classes* Size 33+	Average Class Size	# of Classes* Size 1-20	# of Classes* Size 21-32	# of Classes* Size 33+
K	21	1	2		16	3			22		2	
1	22		3		24		2		18	2		
2	25		2		27		3		21	1	2	
3	30		2		24		2		33		1	1
4	29		2		32		1	1	25		2	
5	33		1	1	32		2		35			2
6	26	1	2		25	1		2	28	1		2
Other**	15	1			14	1			9	1		

*Number of classes indicates how many classes fall into each size category (a range of total students per class).

** "Other" category is for multi-grade level classes.

Professional Development provided for Teachers

Our teaching staff is continually seeking ways to improve their skills and the instructional program. Teacher training priorities are identified each year, and teachers and administrators participate in District and school-level inservice programs. All elementary schools are provided one shortened day per week for site-based inservices related to specific school goals. All schools participate in annual August inservices, after-school inservices, and various conferences throughout the year. All teachers have been GLAD trained and Thinking Map trained and are using strategies in their classrooms throughout the year. In 2017, our district adopted English Language Arts curriculum. For grades Kindergarten through fifth, we adopted Journeys from Houghton Mifflin. In sixth grade, we adopted Study Sync by McGraw Hill. In 2014 Houghton Mifflin Go Math! was adopted along with Big Ideas for 6th grade. Textbooks and supplements are being used, along with the pacing guides designed by the publisher and Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction. Presently, our teachers are being trained in Thinking Maps. All teachers have been trained in Explicit Direct Instruction (EDI) through DataWorks and Project Based Learning (PBL).

Olita is implementing the ST Math program for students in kindergarten through fifth grade. We have also adopted a web-based reading program called Lexia. Along with Lexia, we are using their Reading Plus program in grades three through six.

FY 2017-18 Teacher and Administrative Salaries

Category	District Amount	State Average for Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$44,074	\$49,378
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$85,000	\$77,190
Highest Teacher Salary	\$99,384	\$96,607
Average Principal Salary (ES)	\$110,612	\$122,074
Average Principal Salary (MS)	\$122,930	\$126,560
Average Principal Salary (HS)	\$0	\$126,920
Superintendent Salary	\$199,500	\$189,346

Percent of District Budget	District Amount	State Average for Districts In Same Category
Teacher Salaries	41%	36%
Administrative Salaries	6%	6%

* For detailed information on salaries, see the CDE Certificated Salaries & Benefits webpage at www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/.

FY 2017-18 Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries

Level	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	Average Teacher Salary
School Site	\$7,610	\$1,715	\$5,894	\$87,529
District	N/A	N/A	\$8,034	\$85,119.00
State	N/A	N/A	\$7,506.64	\$77,619.00

Percent Differences	Unrestricted	Average Teacher Salary
School Site/District	-30.7	2.8
School Site/ State	-24.1	12.0

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

The California Department of Education issued guidance to LEAs on August 1, 2018, regarding how to calculate school-level per-pupil expenditures that will be reported on 2018-19 report cards.

Types of Services Funded

Title I funds provide economic assistance to supplement the regular instructional program for educationally disadvantaged students. Expenditures can include: tutoring, instructional aides, substitutes, instructional supplies, supplemental supplies, conferences, consultants, postage, non-capital equipment, and student field trips.

Title II funds are designated to improve teacher quality and increase the number of highly qualified teachers. The program focuses on research based strategies to prepare and train highly qualified teachers.

Title III funds are designated to ensure that students attain English proficiency and meet the same challenging academic achievement standards required of all students. Funds are used for translation, support services, instructional aides, supplemental books, and conferences.

DataQuest

DataQuest is an online data tool located on the CDE DataQuest web page at <https://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/> that contains additional information about this school and comparisons of the school to the district and the county. Specifically, DataQuest is a dynamic system that provides reports for accountability (e.g., test data, enrollment, high school graduates, dropouts, course enrollments, staffing, and data regarding English learners).

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