

Venetia Valley K-8 School

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School Description

Venetia Valley School is a K-8 school located in northeast San Rafael near the Marin Civic Center. The campus is located in a beautiful setting, nestled in a valley, surrounded by coastal foothills. It serves the communities of Santa Venetia as well as students from other parts of San Rafael. Parents are active participants in the school's programs and the education of their children.

The instructional focus at Venetia Valley School evolves from a firm belief that every student can learn and a strong commitment to providing an educational program for each student. Venetia Valley offers many special programs including a dual language program that gives students an option to learn both English and Spanish.

In addition to academic achievement, Venetia Valley encourages students to develop self-discipline and maturity based on an understanding that they are individually responsible for their own attitudes and behavior.

Venetia Valley School's Pre K-8 I CAN University mission is to: build a professional student culture; strengthen student and community engagement; and offer a rigorous college, career, and community readiness academic program, celebrating bilingualism, the arts, and 21st century skills (communication, collaboration, creativity and critical thinking).

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 <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa/>.
- For more information about the LCFF or LCAP, see the CDE LCFF Web page at <http://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.

2016-17 Student Enrollment by Grade Level	
Grade Level	Number of Students
Kindergarten	99
Grade 1	74
Grade 2	74
Grade 3	65
Grade 4	85
Grade 5	86
Grade 6	77
Grade 7	71
Grade 8	81
Total Enrollment	712

2016-17 Student Enrollment by Group	
Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	1.4
American Indian or Alaska Native	0
Asian	4.1
Filipino	0.6
Hispanic or Latino	85.1
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0
White	8.7
Two or More Races	0.1
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	81.2
English Learners	60.7
Students with Disabilities	9.8
Foster Youth	0

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			
Venetia Valley K-8 School	15-16	16-17	17-18
With Full Credential	36	44	37
Without Full Credential	0	0	3
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	0	0	0
San Rafael City Schools	15-16	16-17	17-18
With Full Credential	♦	♦	194
Without Full Credential	♦	♦	10
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	♦	♦	1

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions at this School			
Venetia Valley K-8 School	15-16	16-17	17-18
Teachers of English Learners	0	0	0
Total Teacher Misassignments	0	0	0
Vacant Teacher Positions	0	2	0

* "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.

Quality, Currency, Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials (School Year 2017-18)

Curriculum development is a district-wide effort. Teachers and administrators from all subject areas form working committees to draft recommendations on courses of study, appropriate textbooks, and other instructional materials.

The California Department of Education has determined textbook selection and adoption schedules. The district follows the state schedule for these adoptions and has purchased textbooks from the most recent state-approved lists. All approved instructional materials are aligned with California content standards for core academic areas.

The Elementary School District Curriculum Advisory Council, composed of administrators, teachers, and parents representing each school in the district, reviews curriculum recommendations and revisions for all courses of study, appropriate textbooks, and other materials utilized in the support of the instructional program. The Curriculum Council recommendations are forwarded to the Board of Education for final approval. This is an ongoing process, assuring that all textbooks and instructional materials are systematically reviewed, updated, and supplemented.

This table shows some of the textbooks used with grade K-8 students. A comprehensive list of all textbooks is available at the district office.

Textbooks and Instructional Materials Year and month in which data were collected: 2017, August	
Core Curriculum Area	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/Year of Adoption
Reading/Language Arts	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt– California Journeys Hampton Brow- Into English Pearson- Language Central Hampton Brown– High Point Scholastic– Read 180 The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0
Mathematics	Wright Group/McGraw Hill- Everyday Mathematics Mind Institute– Algebra Readiness Houghton Mifflin– Larson Big Ideas California The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0
Science	Harcourt School Publishers- California Science Holt, Rinehardt and Winston-California Science– Earth, Life and Physical Science The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0
History-Social Science	Scott Foresman- History-Social Science Program for California Prentice Hall– Social Studies The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0
Science Laboratory Equipment	N/A The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: N/A

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

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements (Most Recent Year)

At Venetia Valley School, the campus is orderly, and students feel safe at school. The school ensures that on-site supervision is provided for programs that take place before and after school. Before school, two supervisors watch students out on the yard. Middle school teachers are assigned to watch the locker area every morning and also in the afternoon. Staff members are also assigned to help supervise and organize after-school dismissal.

District and school policy require that during the school day all guests to the campus check in at the school office and obtain a “visitor pass” to identify them for security personnel and all staff and students.

The physical quality of the school campus influences teaching and learning. All students and faculty have a reasonable amount of classroom and open space.

Venetia Valley School was established in 1959. The school has a total of 39 classrooms, a library, computer lab, music room, gymnasium, stage, locker rooms and two playgrounds. The school underwent modernization in 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 using voter-approved school bond funds and state modernization funds. The modernization project included the addition of a new middle school campus at the back of the property with three new classroom buildings for new middle school students, a new modular student restroom building, modernization of the K-5 campus including library/computer lab and gymnasium, extensive repaving and site work, and conversion and expansion of the old kindergarten building into a new student services area. Two classroom portables were added in the summer of 2013 to address growth.

The district strives to ensure that all schools are clean, safe, and functional. All bathrooms, classrooms, and offices are cleaned daily. Students are encouraged to help keep the campus clean by recycling. District maintenance staff ensures that the repairs necessary to keep the school in good repair and working order are completed in a timely manner. An on-line maintenance order request process is used to ensure efficient service and that emergency repairs are given the highest priority.

The state's School Deferred Maintenance Program, which provided state matching funds on a dollar-for-dollar basis, to assist school districts with expenditures for major repair or replacement of existing school building components, became inoperative effective July 1, 2013. However, the district continues to make an annual contribution to support capital improvement projects, including deferred maintenance projects.

San Rafael voters approved Measure A in November 2015 to fund capital facilities projects to improve our school facilities. Measure A provides \$108 million to update the district's elementary and middle school facilities.

Over the next several years, SRCS' bond program will provide much needed capital improvements to our facilities to create safe, innovative learning environments and to provide instructional technology to support 21st century learning. Additional classrooms, labs and equipment will reduce overcrowding in our schools and will meet the growing demand for hands-on science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM) classes. Site Design Teams and architects, led by the District's Capital Facilities Team, are making significant progress on the plans for these improvements, and work is taking shape throughout the district.

School Facility Good Repair Status (Most Recent Year)				
Year and month in which data were collected: 10/23/2017				
System Inspected	Repair Status			Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
	Good	Fair	Poor	
Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	X			
Interior: Interior Surfaces	X			
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/ Vermin Infestation	X			
Electrical: Electrical	X			Library: lights out W.O#9872 Portable Room 56: ballast starting to go out one light W.O#9869
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	X			20 Wing Drinking Fountains Exterior: leaking badly W.O#9865 40 Wing Boys Restroom: sink leaking W.O#9866 Kindergarten Room 2: stem on sink is going bad W.O#9852 Kindergarten Room 37: sink leaking W.O#9853 Room 67: sinks need work various problems W.O#9870
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	X			
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	X			

School Facility Good Repair Status (Most Recent Year)
Year and month in which data were collected: 10/23/2017

System Inspected	Repair Status			Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
	Good	Fair	Poor	
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	X			30 wing Boys Restroom: door closer going out leaking oil W.O#9864 Portable Girls Restroom: lock is loose on stall door W.O#9871 Portable Room 73: door lock need work done to it W.O#9873 Room 25: door hing needs repair W.O#9859
Overall Rating	Exemplary	Good	Fair	Poor
		X		

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. The CAAs have replaced the California Alternate Performance Assessment [CAPA] for ELA and mathematics, which were eliminated in 2015. Only eligible students may participate in the administration of the CAAs. CAA items are aligned with alternate achievement standards, which are linked with the Common Core State Standards [CCSS] for students with 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 Science for All Students						
Subject	Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced (meeting or exceeding the state standards)					
	School		District		State	
	14-15	15-16	14-15	15-16	14-15	15-16
Science	53	45	59	49	60	56

Note: Science test results include California Standards Tests (CSTs), California Modified Assessment (CMA), and California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA) in grades five, eight, and ten.

Note: Scores 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: The 2016-17 data are not available. The California Department of Education is developing a new science assessment based on the Next Generation Science Standards for California Public Schools (CA NGSS). The new California Science Test (CAST) was piloted in spring 2017. The CST and CMA for Science will no longer be administered.

2016-17 CAASPP Results for All Students						
Subject	Percent of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standards (grades 3-8 and 11)					
	School		District		State	
	15-16	16-17	15-16	16-17	15-16	16-17
ELA	38	44	45	43	48	48
Math	32	39	40	39	36	37

* 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.

Grade Level	2016-17 Percent of Students Meeting Fitness Standards		
	4 of 6	5 of 6	6 of 6
5	25	16.7	7.1
7	15.4	26.2	23.1

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School Year 2016-17 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	470	461	98.09	44.47
Male	236	231	97.88	40.26
Female	234	230	98.29	48.7
Black or African American	--	--	--	--
Asian	23	23	100	78.26
Hispanic or Latino	393	389	98.98	39.85
White	40	40	100	65
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	374	368	98.4	38.59
English Learners	335	331	98.81	38.37
Students with Disabilities	54	53	98.15	7.55

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 2016-17 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	469	464	98.93	39.44
Male	235	231	98.3	44.59
Female	234	233	99.57	34.33
Black or African American	--	--	--	--
Asian	23	23	100	78.26
Hispanic or Latino	393	390	99.24	34.87
White	39	39	100	64.1
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	374	370	98.93	34.32
English Learners	335	332	99.1	36.14
Students with Disabilities	53	51	96.23	7.84

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.

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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 schoolsite.

Opportunities for Parental Involvement (School Year 2017-18)

Contact Person Name: Jessica Marker (Family Center Coordinator: jmarker@srcs.org)

Parent involvement is a vital component of the educational program at Venetia Valley School. The San Rafael City Schools would not be what it is today without the contributions of countless parents and guardians who give their time and expertise as volunteers and who share their financial resources to support the goals and aspirations of San Rafael schools.

Parents and guardians have the opportunity to play an active role in their child’s school experience through a number of activities, including Community Task Force, district and school English language advisory committees, parent teacher associations, district and school site committees, fundraising campaigns and special events.

At Venetia Valley School, specific opportunities for parent participation include the site leadership team, parent teacher association, school English language advisory council, and many subcommittees that address specific program needs. Recent activities that involve parents include an Ice Cream Social, a Fall Carnival, International Pot Luck, Family Game Nights and an International Story Night.

Parents are also connected to the school through various informational and community-building events, including back-to-school nights, teacher conferences, concerts, plays, musicals, and other artistic and athletic events.

Venetia Valley School houses a Family Center run by a Family Advocate and Mentor. The Center provides weekly opportunities for parents to come and work together in support of creating instructional materials for the classrooms. In addition, the Advocate and Mentor are bilingual and bi-literate and support our parents with accessing services that help meet their basic, and support them with gaining access to education opportunities that include English classes and parenting workshops. The Advocate and Mentor also participate in family enrichment opportunities including guided hikes with community partners at the National Park Service at the Presidio in San Francisco and at Muir Woods.

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

Date Reviewed and Updated: August 22, 2017 Date Discussed with School Faculty: September 6th, 2017

Venetia Valley School has a comprehensive school safety plan covering all aspects of planning for emergency response and student safety. This plan is based on and coordinated with the district and county emergency preparedness plans. The plan is reviewed with school staff at the start of the school year. The plan is updated annually to increase preparedness for any emergency, including storms, fire, earthquake, or intruders on campus. Fire drills are held once a month throughout the year. The school also participates in an annual county-wide disaster preparedness drill.

Key elements included in the school safety plan include: disaster parent contact plan, provisions for emergency supplies, staff member assignments in case of disaster, chain of command, and description of various drills.

Suspensions and Expulsions			
School	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Suspensions Rate	4.4	2.7	0.0
Expulsions Rate	0.0	0.0	0.0
District	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Suspensions Rate	2.1	0.8	0.4
Expulsions Rate	0.0	0.0	0.0
State	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Suspensions Rate	3.8	3.7	3.6
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.

2017-18 Federal Intervention Program		
Indicator	School	District
Program Improvement Status	In PI	In PI
First Year of Program Improvement	2008-2009	2009-2010
Year in Program Improvement	Year 5	Year 3
Number of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	6	
Percent of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	85.7	

Academic Counselors and Other Support Staff at this School	
Number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)	
Academic Counselor	0
Counselor (Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	1.0
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	0
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	1.0
Psychologist	1.0
Social Worker	0
Nurse	.1
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	2.0
Resource Specialist	2.0
Other	
Average Number of Students per Staff Member	
Academic Counselor	

* 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	Average Class Size			Number of Classrooms*								
				1-20			21-32			33+		
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
K			18			2			4			
1			21			1			2			
2			24						3			
3			21			2			2			
4			25						3			
5			19			1			4			
6			22			6			12			
Other			7			1						

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

Professional Development provided for Teachers

Elementary School District number of dedicated negotiated staff development days:

2015-2016 – 3

2016-2017 – 3

2017-2018 – 3

District professional development during the 2017-2018 school year will focus on using assessments to inform differentiated reading instruction through small groups and conferencing, building on the previous years' professional learning. Teachers are also able to choose from a wide range of differentiated professional development opportunities such as "Math Talks" and "Next Generation Science Standards: Key Instructional Shifts," among others. These topics were chosen based on teacher surveys, student learning data and district foci. Teachers also participate in site based professional development and other offerings through the county and other organizations as appropriate. District wide, we are also in our fourth year of professional development for all PK-3 teachers in SEAL to support our English Learners. Teachers also participate in site based professional development and other offerings through the county and other organizations as appropriate.

In 2016-2017, training topics included: infusing the Common Core into systemic instructional practices with regard to language arts, science, and social studies. Venetia Valley staff members were also trained in implementing Sobrato Early Academic Language Model (SEAL). This is an ongoing effort and we will continue training all teachers. Staff members were also trained in components of balanced literacy model.

Teachers and other key school staff members have additional opportunities for participation in professional development activities through district, school, categorical, grant, foundation, and parent-teacher organization funds. Professional development is focused to support the mission and goals of the district and each school site plan and may include site and district training, county offerings, state and national conferences, and workshops as appropriate.

FY 2015-16 Teacher and Administrative Salaries		
Category	District Amount	State Average for Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary		\$47,034
Mid-Range Teacher Salary		\$73,126
Highest Teacher Salary		\$91,838
Average Principal Salary (ES)		\$116,119
Average Principal Salary (MS)		\$119,610
Average Principal Salary (HS)		\$115,194
Superintendent Salary		\$178,388
Percent of District Budget		
Teacher Salaries	35%	37%
Administrative Salaries	7%	6%

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

Types of Services Funded

Venetia Valley School offers programs and supplemental services that are available at the school and funded through categorical funds or other sources. For the 2016-2017 school year, these programs and services included the following:

- Content coach
- Staff development
- Parent education
- Instructional assistants
- Supplemental after-school program teachers
- Instructional materials

DataQuest

DataQuest is an online data tool located on the CDE DataQuest Web page at <http://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.

FY 2015-16 Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries				
Level	Expenditures Per Pupil			Average Teacher Salary
	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	
School Site	7609	2478	5131	88167
District	♦	♦	6147	
State	♦	♦	\$6,574	\$74,194
Percent Difference: School Site/District			-16.5	
Percent Difference: School Site/ State			-22.0	18.8

* Cells with ♦ do not require data.