Magnolia Science Academy San Diego

California Department of Education School Accountability Report Card

Reported Using Data from the 2016-17 School Year

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.

DataQuest

DataQuest is an online data tool located on the <u>CDE DataQuest Web page</u> 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.

About This School

Contact Information (School Year 2017-18)

District Contact Inforn	District Contact Information (School Year 2017-18)			
District Name	San Diego Unified			
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School Contact Information (School Year 2017-18)			
School Name	Magnolia Science Academy San Diego		
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City, State, Zip	San Diego, Ca, 92120-2707		
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County-District-School (CDS) Code	37683380109157		

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School Description and Mission Statement (School Year 2017-18)

Magnolia Science Academy San Diego (MSA-San Diego) is an independent public charter school located in the Allied Gardens community. MSA-San Diego serves around 425 students in grades 6–8, with classes that average 30 or fewer students. The school was founded in the fall of 2005 by a group of scientists and engineers devoted to math, science, and technology education. As of the 2017-18 School year, MSA-San Diego is serving the San Diego community at its brand new campus in Allied Gardens.

Magnolia's mission is to provide a high-quality college preparatory educational program emphasizing science, technology, engineering, arts, and math (STEAM) in a safe environment that cultivates respect for self and others. MSA-San Diego provides a challenging academic curriculum, a highly qualified staff, and a variety of learning opportunities such as enrichment classes, athletics programs, free tutoring, after-school clubs, character education classes, field trips, community meetings, and much more.

Computer integration is a unique component of MSA-San Diego's curriculum. Until the 2013–14 school year, students have had daily computer classes in which they learned computer skills and applied these skills to their academic studies under the direction of their core class teachers. Starting the 2013–14 school year, MSA-San Diego transitioned to a 1:1 program with computers in every classroom.

Since the 2013-14 School year MSA-San Diego Robotics, Future City (Engineering) and Archery teams and School Band won first place at multiple state and local competitions.

MSA-San Diego is a member of the Magnolia Public Schools family and collaborates with sister schools and other educational organizations to offer the best quality education to the students through Innovation, Connection, and Excellence.

INNOVATION

Students have the freedom to choose how and what they learn.

Individualized scheduling, early identification of learning styles, personalities, interest and career plans support students' college and career readiness. Students experience hands-on learning through robotics, computer science and arts to promote imagination, creativity, and invention.

CONNECTION

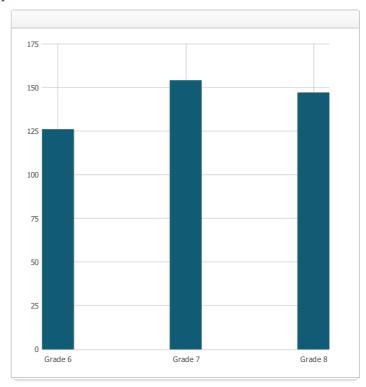
School communities are integrated partnerships among the school site staff, families, students and all other stakeholders. Connection creates a safe place for all learners and stakeholders to affirm individual strengths, celebrate character, provide academic support through mentorship and internships, promote unity and better decision making through the implementation of restorative justice practices.

EXCELLENCE

2016-17 SARC - Magnolia Science Academy San Diego Academic Excellence is the desire to pursue knowledge and excellence and to contribute original and provocative ideas in a learning environment, in diverse settings, and as a catalyst to future academic knowledge. We foster academic excellence through project-based learning using a constructivist approach, student portfolios, assessments of and for learning and academic discourse and argumentative writing.

Student Enrollment by Grade Level (School Year 2016-17)

Grade Level	Number of Students
Grade 6	126
Grade 7	154
Grade 8	147
Total Enrollment	427



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Student Enrollment by Student Group (School Year 2016-17)

Student Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	4.2 %
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.5 %
Asian	1.6 %
Filipino	3.3 %
Hispanic or Latino	28.8 %
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.5 %
White	51.1 %
Two or More Races	9.8 %
Other	0.2 %
Student Group (Other)	Percent of Total Enrollment
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	23.9 %
English Learners	2.6 %
Students with Disabilities	10.8 %
Foster Youth	0.2 %

A. Conditions of Learning

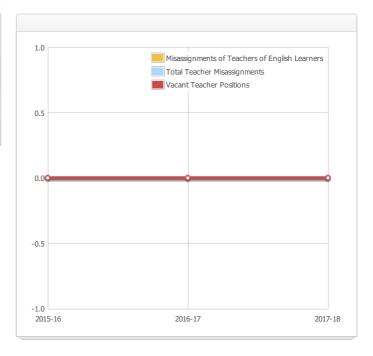
State Priority: Basic

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 Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions

Indicator	2015- 16	2016- 17	2017- 18
Misassignments of 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.

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

Year and month in which the data were collected: July 2017

Subject	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption?	Percent Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
Reading/Language Arts	StudySync, McGraw-Hill School Education	Yes	0.0 %
Mathematics	California Math, Courses 1, McGraw-Hill California Math, Courses 2, McGraw-Hill California Math, Courses 3, McGraw-Hill California Math, Courses 1–3, McGraw-Hill Glencoe Math Accelerated, McGraw-Hill Integrated Math I, McGraw-Hi	Yes	0.0 %
Science	Science 6th - Integrated iScience, McGraw-Hill Science 7th - Integrated iScience, McGraw-Hill Science 8th - Integrated iScience, McGraw-Hill	Yes	0.0 %
History-Social Science	Glencoe Discovering Our Past, Glencoe/McGraw-Hill	Yes	0.0 %
Foreign Language		Yes	0.0 %
Health	N/A		0.0 %

 $^{{\}color{blue}*} \ \mathsf{Total} \ \mathsf{Teacher} \ \mathsf{Misassignments} \ \mathsf{includes} \ \mathsf{the} \ \mathsf{number} \ \mathsf{of} \ \mathsf{Misassignments} \ \mathsf{of} \ \mathsf{Teachers} \ \mathsf{of} \ \mathsf{English} \ \mathsf{Learners}.$

Visual and Performing Arts	N/A		0.0 %
Science Lab Eqpmt (Grades 9-12)	N/A	N/A	0.0 %

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

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements

MSASD is located on a 26,000-square-foot private facility with office space, staff lounges, an auditorium, after-school areas, 15 classrooms, Library and a physical education field. The campus is maintained by school maintenance staff. Classrooms are spacious and include 1-1 Chromebooks, projectors, document cameras and sound system. We also have a dedicated computer lab and an art classroom. The physical education field includes basketball courts and an artificial turf field.

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School Facility Good Repair Status

Year and month of the most recent FIT report: January 2018

System Inspected	Rating	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 Facility Rate

Year and month of the most recent FIT report: January 2018

Overall Rating	Exemplary	Last updated: 1/5/2018
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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 (School Year 2016-17)

	Per	Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standards						
	School		District		State			
Subject	2015-16	2016-17	2015-16	2016-17	2015-16	2016-17		
English Language Arts / Literacy (grades 3-8 and 11)	71%	69%	54%	53%	48%	48%		
Mathematics (grades 3-8 and 11)	60%	59%	42%	43%	36%	37%		

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.

CAASPP Test Results in ELA by Student Group

Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven (School Year 2016-17)

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	419	412	98.33%	68.61%
Male	259	257	99.23%	66.80%
Female	160	155	96.88%	71.61%
Black or African American	18	18	100.00%	61.11%
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian				
Filipino	13	13	100.00%	92.31%
Hispanic or Latino	119	117	98.32%	60.68%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander				
White	216	211	97.69%	70.95%
Two or More Races	41	41	100.00%	73.17%
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	98	98	100.00%	52.58%
English Learners	36	36	100.00%	33.33%
Students with Disabilities	43	43	100.00%	23.26%
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services				
Foster Youth				

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.

CAASPP Test Results in Mathematics by Student Group

Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven (School Year 2016-17)

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	419	412	98.33%	59.47%
Male	259	257	99.23%	62.26%
Female	160	155	96.88%	54.84%
Black or African American	18	18	100.00%	38.89%
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian				
Filipino	13	13	100.00%	53.85%
Hispanic or Latino	119	117	98.32%	47.01%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander				
White	216	211	97.69%	65.40%
Two or More Races	41	41	100.00%	65.85%
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	98	98	100.00%	41.84%
English Learners	36	36	100.00%	33.33%
Students with Disabilities	43	43	100.00%	25.58%
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services				
Foster Youth				

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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CAASPP Test Results in Science for All Students

Grades Five, Eight and Ten

		Percentage of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced								
	Sch	School		trict	State					
Subject	2014-15	2015-16	2014-15	2015-16	2014-15	2015-16				
Science (grades 5, 8, and 10)	83.0%	83.0%	65.0%	59.0%	56%	54%				

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.

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

California Physical Fitness Test Results (School Year 2016-17)

	Perc	entage of Students Meeting Fitness Standa	rds
Grade Level	Four of Six Fitness Standards	Five of Six Fitness Standards	Six of Six Fitness Standards
7	5.5%	21.4%	71.0%

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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)

Parents and other relatives are encouraged to become involved in the formal education of their children. Educational research validates that support at home is critical to a child's academic success. There are many opportunities to be involved at their children's school site, including governance committees, special events, fundraising events, parent organizations, and in classrooms. Parents are encouraged to support their children at home by making their expectations about school clear and creating a positive learning environment at home.

Parent participation is an integral part of Magnolia Science Academy's program. MSA-San Diego has a Parent Task Force, various committees, and fundraiser opportunities for parents to share their support and ideas. Parents are also invited to help teachers directly. The Parent Task Force posts its activities and updates on the school's website. In addition, MSA-San Diego's School Site Council represents all stakeholders, including parent and community members, who provide input on school events and actions such as graduation, LCAP, Wellness Policy, Safety Plan.

MSA-San Diego publishes a weekly newsletter (Magnolia Times) and maintains the school's website to communicate school-wide announcements, events, and important updates. Families are included in community events such as University Showcase, Multicultural Food Fair, Olympic Field Day, San Diego STEAM Expo, talent show, and others.

The school also has an online student information system that allows parents and students to access assignments, grades, and behavior updates 24 hours a day. In addition, teachers conference individually with their homeroom students and parents before the start of the school year to establish a personal connection.

State Priority: Pupil Engagement

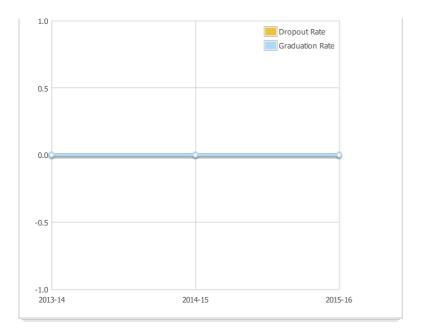
The SARC provides the following information relevant to the State priority: Pupil Engagement (Priority 5):

- High school dropout rates; and
- High school graduation rates

Dropout Rate and Graduation Rate (Four-Year Cohort Rate)

	School				District		State		
Indicator	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Dropout Rate	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	11.5%	10.7%	9.7%
Graduation Rate	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	89.7%	89.4%	91.3%	81.0%	82.3%	83.8%

Dropout/Graduation Rate (Four-Year Cohort Rate) Chart



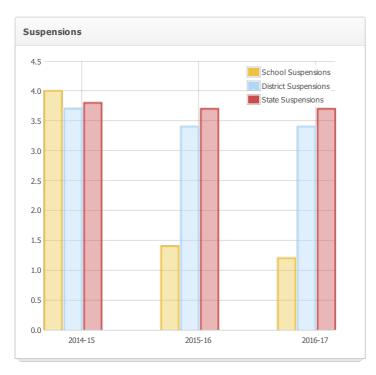
State Priority: School Climate

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

Suspensions and Expulsions

	School				District		State			
Rate	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	
Suspensions	4.0%	1.4%	1.2%	3.7%	3.4%	3.4%	3.8%	3.7%	3.7%	
Expulsions	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	





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School Safety Plan (School Year 2017-18)

Campus safety is our top priority. Principal, administrators, teachers, support staff, and community organizations work together to prevent, prepare, and respond to emergency situations. To ensure safety and security, our school has a state-mandated individual emergency response plan that is updated annually and posted on the school's website. School staff members participate in regular emergency-preparedness drills and response training. Substance abuse prevention programs are presented to students regularly. Policies and procedures are in place to address safe entry and exit of students, serious disciplinary problems discrimination, harassment, and bullying, mandated child abuse reporting procedures, and school dress codes.

Adult supervision is provided in the classrooms and outside areas before and after school, during recess and lunch, and during passing time between classes. Under the direction of the principal or site administrator, school staff members implement specific school-building security procedures. In addition, Magnolia Public Schools home office support schools by reviewing and disseminating safety requirements and information, coordinating safety-related services, and providing safety training and assistance.

At Magnolia, the safety of the students is crucial.

Magnolia provides continuous supervision supported by corrective discipline. The MSA-San Diego student handbook details disciplinary actions, the sexual harassment policy, the school dress codes, and discipline policies. MSA-San Diego has designated on-site staff members responsible for student safety.

The school performs fire, earthquake, and other mandated drills.

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.

Federal Intervention Program (School Year 2017-18)

Indicator	School	District
Program Improvement Status	In PI	In PI
First Year of Program Improvement	2011-2012	2009-2010
Year in Program Improvement	Year 2	Year 3
Number of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	N/A	144
Percent of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	N/A	74.2%

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Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Elementary)

2014-15					20:	2015-16				2016-17			
	Number of Classes *					Numb	er of Clas	sses *	Number of C			Classes *	
Grade Level	Average Class Size	1-20	21-32	33+	Average Class Size	1-20	21-32	33+	Average Class Size	1-20	21-32	33+	
К	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	
1	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	
2	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	
3	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	
4	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	
5	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	
6	30.0	3	29	4	26.0	5	33	8	21.0	12	26	2	
Other	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	

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

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Secondary)

	20:	2015-16				2016-17						
		Numb	er of Clas	sses *		Number of Classes *			Numb	er of Clas	sses *	
Subject	Average Class Size	1-22	23-32	33+	Average Class Size	1-22	23-32	33+	Average Class Size	1-22	23-32	33+
English	27.0	2	6	2	29.0	3	13	5	24.0	6	8	2
Mathematics	19.0	4	0	1	25.0	1	1	1	20.0	4	0	1
Science	31.0	0	8	2	29.0	1	7	2	30.0	0	8	2
Social Science	31.0	0	8	2	29.0	1	7	2	30.0	0	10	0

^{*} Number of classes indicates how many classrooms fall into each size category (a range of total students per classroom). At the secondary school level, this information is reported by subject area rather than grade level.

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Academic Counselors and Other Support Staff (School Year 2016-17)

Title	Number of FTE* Assigned to School	Average Number of Students per Academic Counselor
Academic Counselor	1.0	
Counselor (Social/Behavioral or Career Development)		N/A
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)		N/A
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)		N/A
Psychologist	0.4	N/A
Social Worker		N/A
Nurse		N/A
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	0.4	N/A
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)		N/A
Other		N/A

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

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Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries (Fiscal Year 2015-16)

Level	Total Expenditures Per Pupil	Expenditures Per Pupil (Restricted)	Expenditures Per Pupil (Unrestricted)	Average Teacher Salary
School Site	\$7728.6	\$924.1	\$6804.4	\$49905.0
District	N/A	N/A	\$0.0	\$76603.0
Percent Difference – School Site and District	N/A	N/A	200.0%	-42.2%
State	N/A	N/A	\$6574.0	\$79228.0
Percent Difference – School Site and State	N/A	N/A	3.4%	-45.4%

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

^{*}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.

Types of Services Funded (Fiscal Year 2016-17)

The school's general fund includes monies for:

- General operations—salaries, benefits, services, materials, and support to the general education
- Special Education—programs offering appropriate, individualized instruction to students with special needs
- Special projects—monies from agencies (federal or state) earmarked for specific programs/projects or services
- Transportation
- Maintenance and operations

Each school in the district receives an instructional budget based on enrollment, programs, and formulas set by Board of Education policy, state law, and guidelines of outside funding sources.

Besides regular average daily attendance (ADA) funding, MSA-San Diego has an established fundraising tradition. MSA-San Diego supports students so that they can attend as many extracurricular opportunities as possible: sixth-grade camp, Washington D.C. trip, etc.

MSA-San Diego receives ASES grant that helps to keep students actively engaged on campus after school until 6 p.m.

The Magnolia Foundation oversees MSA-San Diego's finances and provides financial guidance and services to the school

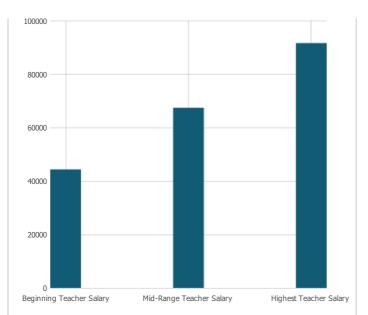
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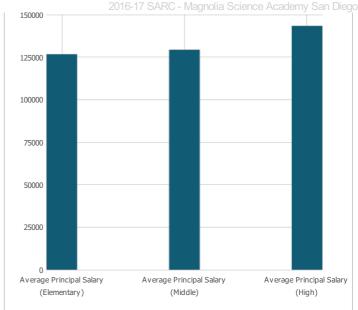
Teacher and Administrative Salaries (Fiscal Year 2015-16)

Category	District Amount	State Average For Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$44,337	\$47,808
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$67,371	\$73,555
Highest Teacher Salary	\$91,571	\$95,850
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)	\$126,695	\$120,448
Average Principal Salary (Middle)	\$129,317	\$125,592
Average Principal Salary (High)	\$143,347	\$138,175
Superintendent Salary	\$267,334	\$264,457
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	37.0%	35.0%
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	5.0%	5.0%

For detailed information on salaries, see the CDE Certificated Salaries & Benefits Web page at http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/.

Teacher Salary Chart	Principal Salary Chart	





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Professional Development

MPS and the Board of Education have set a high priority on professional development, with the goal of providing targeted professional development to build capacity and knowledge to support student learning success. Principal, Regional Director, and Chief Academic Officer collaborate to provide teachers and administrators with ongoing professional development, including improving teaching and learning related to the Common Core State Standards, educational technology, advanced studies, and leadership development. Sessions offered at various times throughout the year focus on a wide variety of professional development aimed at strengthening content knowledge to meet the needs of all learners, with an emphasis on targeting the needs of our English language learners, students with disabilities, and other struggling learners.

In addition to home office-provided professional development during summer and twice throughout the year, principal and admin team identify a school-wide focus each year for professional development and also determine areas of individual need. Throughout the year, teachers participate in weekly school-based professional learning communities (PLCs) to encourage best practices and shared problem-solving. Teachers are provided with useful data systems that allow them to improve the learning of each student.

Off-campus professional development opportunities are ongoing. This school year all staff attended a two-day Restorative Practices (RP) certification program and started implementing RP at MSA-SAn Diego. Teachers attend common core and NGSS trainings in addition to multiple onsite "SDAIE" and "Differentiated Instruction" trainings during the school year to deepen their understanding of the state standards and effective implementation on standards for all students. Also, Dave Burgess, the author of "Teach Like a Pirate" delivered a half day PD to all MSA-San Diego staff.