

Alice M. Birney Elementary School

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Principal's Message

We welcome you to Alice M. Birney Elementary School. Our school is located in Pico Rivera, a small community where many teachers and classified staff grew up and/or currently reside. We are committed to high academic standards. Our supportive learning environment allows every student to develop a positive self-concept and passion for lifelong learning. Every member of our learning community contributes to the development of each student. Our goal is to prepare students to succeed in a complex, global society by focusing on communication, technology, cultural diversity, and critical-thinking skills.

We have approximately 480 students this year, 21 teachers, and support staff and parent volunteers that help students achieve academically and socially.

Family partnerships are highly valued. Parents are encouraged to participate in their child's education in a variety of ways. Beside supporting learning at home, parents participate at school as volunteers, decision-makers, and leaders. Our uncompromising vision affirms that in working together, all students at Birney will achieve their highest potential.

School Mission Statement

The mission of Birney Elementary is to create a challenging learning environment that promotes excellence, encourages high expectations for success through rigorous curriculum, and promotes a safe, caring and supportive school environment that will prepare students to become lifelong learners to succeed academically, intellectually, socially, emotionally, and culturally through the support of our parents, teachers, and community members.

School Vision Statement

Birney Elementary will serve as the foundation for the academic future of our students where we will use our resources, including innovations in technology, to provide the fundamentals of education for a diverse population. We will maintain a safe and disciplined environment for all students so that all students can achieve to their ability.

About the SARC

Every school in California is required by state law to publish a School Accountability Report Card (SARC), by February 1 of each year. 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 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/>.
- View this SARC online at the school and/or LEA Web sites.
- 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 and community members should contact the school at (562) 801-5153.

2013-14 Student Enrollment by Grade Level

Grade Level	Number of Students
Kinder.	97
Gr. 1	63
Gr. 2	68
Gr. 3	90
Gr. 4	82
Gr. 5	99
Total	499

2013-14 Student Enrollment by Group

Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	1.6
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.0
Asian	0.0
Filipino	0.4
Hispanic or Latino	96.8
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.2
White	1.0
Two or More Races	0.0
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	82.6
English Learners	26.9
Students with Disabilities	13.4

A. Conditions of Learning

State Priority: Basic

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the Basic State Priority (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

Alice M. Birney Elementary School	12-13	13-14	14-15
Fully Credentialed	20	19	20
Without Full Credential	0	1	0
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	0	0	0
El Rancho Unified School District	12-13	13-14	14-15
Fully Credentialed	◆	◆	365
Without Full Credential	◆	◆	4
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	◆	◆	

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions at this School

Alice M. Birney Elementary	12-13	13-14	14-15
Teachers of English Learners	0	0	0
Total Teacher Misassignments	0	0	0
Vacant Teacher Positions	0	0	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.

Core Academic Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers

2013-14 Percent of Classes In Core Academic Subjects Core Academic Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers		
Location of Classes	Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers	Not Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers
This School	100.00	0.00
Districtwide		
All Schools	94.94	5.06
High-Poverty Schools	94.94	5.06
Low-Poverty Schools	0.00	0.00

* High-poverty schools are defined as those schools with student eligibility of approximately 40 percent or more in the free and reduced price meals program. Low-poverty schools are those with student eligibility of approximately 39 percent or less in the free and reduced price meals program.

Quality, Currency, Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials (School Year 2014-15)

The El Rancho Unified School District follows the State adoption guidelines and adoption cycles for textbooks in reading, math, social studies, science, and English language development (ELD) used in the elementary schools. Recommendation for adoption of textbooks is made through a District committee of teachers, administrators, and parents. Input from all school staff members and parents are vital to making the recommendation. The District Committee discusses the school’s recommendations and votes for a textbook to be adopted. The recommendation is then taken to the school board, who makes the final decision on the adoption of all textbooks.

Textbooks are adopted from the most recent state-approved list and are consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum frameworks adopted by the State Board of Education. Every student is assigned one textbook and workbook in the core subjects for use in class and to take home.

Textbooks and Instructional Materials	
Year and month in which data were collected: October 2014	
Core Curriculum Area	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/Year of Adoption
Reading/Language Arts The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0%	Reading, Houghton Mifflin (K-6) Adopted 2009
Mathematics The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0%	California Mathematics, MacMillan/McGraw-Hill Adopted 2010
Science The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0%	California Science, MacMillan/McGraw-Hill (K-5) Adopted 2009
History-Social Science The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0%	History-Social Science for California, Scott Foresman (K-5) Adopted 2009
ELD The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0%	Avenues, Hampton-Brown (K-5) Adopted 2009

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements (Most Recent Year)

Our campus was constructed in 1951. It is an attractive site that meets the needs of students and staff. We have a multipurpose room that serves as the cafeteria and auditorium. We have three playground yards: preschool/kindergarten, primary, and upper grades. We also have a very large field area that includes two baseball diamonds and a soccer field. Our library houses more than 4,500 books.

There are computers in classrooms, and all classes have Internet access. We also have two iPad carts, one Chromebook cart, and two Macbook carts that available for student use. All facilities have handicap access, including the stage in our multipurpose room. In 2003, the community passed a bond measure to provide additional funds for modernization. All classrooms have been upgraded and are air-conditioned. All bathrooms, including staff, are upgraded and meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) code. Our stage had new curtains installed in February of 2008. We have two full-time custodians and a grounds man that attends our school three days a week. Custodial hours are from morning to afternoon and afternoon to late night.

Birney PTO purchased and installed a new playground apparatus for the 2010-11 school year which students have enjoyed playing on during their recesses.

Student safety is one of our top priorities. We have a closed-campus policy and all guests/visitors are required to sign-in and wear a visitor’s badge while on campus. All teachers, staff, and personnel have also been trained regarding our school safety plan SOP that, in case of an emergency, can be implemented properly.

School Facility Good Repair Status (Most Recent Year)				
Year and month in which data were collected: 11/25/2014				
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]	[]	[]	

School Facility Good Repair Status (Most Recent Year)
Year and month in which data were collected: 11/25/2014

System Inspected	Repair Status			Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
	Good	Fair	Poor	
Electrical: Electrical	[X]	[]	[]	
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	[X]	[]	[]	
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	[]	[X]	[]	Site will remove extension cords, secure cabinets/bookcases, and replace broken window by 12/31/14
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	[X]	[]	[]	
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	[X]	[]	[]	
Overall Rating	Exemplary	Good	Fair	Poor
	[]	[X]	[]	[]

B. Pupil Outcomes

State Priority: Pupil Achievement

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

- Statewide assessments (i.e., California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress and its successor the Standardized Testing and Reporting Program);
- The Academic Performance Index; and
- The percentage of pupils 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 Results for All Students - Three-Year Comparison

Subject	Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced (meeting or exceeding the state standards)								
	School			District			State		
	11-12	12-13	13-14	11-12	12-13	13-14	11-12	12-13	13-14
Science	35	37	48	51	53	51	60	59	60

* Science (grades 5, 8, and 10) assessments include California Standards Tests (CSTs), California Modified Assessment (CMA), and California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA). 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.

STAR Results for All Students - Three-Year Comparison

Subject	Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced (meeting or exceeding the state standards)								
	School			District			State		
	10-11	11-12	12-13	10-11	11-12	12-13	10-11	11-12	12-13
ELA	51	60	54	45	50	50	54	56	55
Math	54	57	58	40	44	46	49	50	50
HSS				45	49	46	48	49	49

* STAR Program was last administered in 2012-13. 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.

Academic Performance Index Ranks - Three-Year Comparison

API Rank	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Statewide	4	5	4
Similar Schools	2	3	3

* For 2014 and subsequent years, the statewide and similar schools ranks will no longer be produced.

Grade Level	2013-14 Percent of Students Meeting Fitness Standards		
	4 of 6	5 of 6	6 of 6
5	23.0	25.0	20.0

* 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.

2013-14 CAASPP Results by Student Group	
Group	Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced
	Science (grades 5, 8, and 10)
All Students in the LEA	51
All Student at the School	48
Male	43
Female	53
Black or African American	
American Indian or Alaska Native	
Asian	
Filipino	
Hispanic or Latino	47
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	
White	
Two or More Races	
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	45
English Learners	
Students with Disabilities	
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	

* CAASPP includes science assessments (CSTs, CMA, and CAPA) in grades 5, 8, and 10. 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.

API Growth by Student Group – Three-Year Comparison			
Group	Actual API Change		
	10-11	11-12	12-13
All Students at the School	-5	25	-16
Black or African American			
American Indian or Alaska Native			
Asian			
Filipino			
Hispanic or Latino	-2	20	-16
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander			
White			
Two or More Races			
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	-5	22	-16
English Learners	13	11	-20
Students with Disabilities			

* "N/D" means that no data were available to the CDE or LEA to report. "B" means the school did not have a valid API Base and there is no Growth or target information. "C" means the school had significant demographic changes and there is no Growth or target information

C. Engagement

State Priority: Parental Involvement

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the Parental Involvement State Priority (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

Birney is committed to providing students with every opportunity to reach their educational goals. To achieve these goals, it is necessary a strong partnership be established with parents and guardians so they become an integral part of their child's learning experience.

The following are some of the opportunities for parents to become involved:

- Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO)
- Dads Club
- School Site Council (SSC)
- English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC)
- Parent Education workshops and informative meetings such as Title I Parent Meeting
- Parent Volunteer Program
- Attendance to Back-to-School night, Parent Conferences, Award Assemblies, Family Nights, and Lunch with Someone Special

For more information on how to become involved at the school, please contact Principal Kendall Goyenaga at (562) 801-5153.

State Priority: School Climate

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

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

School Safety Plan

Our School Safety Plan is reviewed and updated each year. The School Safety Plan was last reviewed and updated in September 2014. The Plan is located in the principal's office. The Plan includes procedures for disaster drills, crime reporting, medication administration, child abuse reporting, schoolwide dress codes, and rules and procedures for school discipline. To ensure safety, our campus is closed. All gates surrounding our campus are closed between the hours of 8:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Visitors are required to sign-in at the office, and to wear a visitors' badge if they have business at the school. Before school begins, there are teachers on duty and a breakfast supervisor in the cafeteria. During recess, there are also two teachers on yard duty per playground. At lunch and lunch recess, three noon aides supervise the cafeteria and playground.

Suspensions and Expulsions

School	11-12	12-13	13-14
Suspensions Rate	4.0	0.9	1.5
Expulsions Rate	0.0	0.0	0.0
District	11-12	12-13	13-14
Suspensions Rate	6.6	5.7	4.4
Expulsions Rate	0.2	0.0	0.2
State	11-12	12-13	13-14
Suspensions Rate	5.7	5.1	4.4
Expulsions Rate	0.1	0.1	0.1

* The rate of suspensions and expulsions is calculated by dividing the total number of incidents by the total enrollment x 100.

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.

2013-14 Adequate Yearly Progress Overall and by Criteria		
AYP Criteria	School	District
Made AYP Overall		
Met Participation Rate: English-Language Arts		
Met Participation Rate: Mathematics		
Met Percent Proficient: English-Language Arts		
Met Percent Proficient: Mathematics		
Met API Criteria		

2014-15 Federal Intervention Program		
Indicator	School	District
Program Improvement Status	In PI	In PI
First Year of Program Improvement	2011-2012	2008-2009
Year in Program Improvement	Year 3	Year 3
Number of Schools Currently in Program Improvement		8
Percent of Schools Currently in Program Improvement		66.7

* DW (determination waiver) indicates that the PI status of the school was carried over from the prior year in accordance with the flexibility granted through the federal waiver process.

Academic Counselors and Other Support Staff at this School	
Number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)	
Academic Counselor	
Counselor (Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	0.00
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	0.00
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	1.00
Psychologist	0.66
Social Worker	0.00
Nurse	0.00
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	1.00
Resource Specialist	0.00
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												
Average Class Size				Number of Classrooms*								
				1-20			21-32			33+		
Grade	12	13	14	12	13	14	12	13	14	12	13	14
Kinder.	16.5	26	24	4			0	3	4	0		
Gr. 1	22	31	32	4			0	2	2	0		
Gr. 2	21.5	24	23	1	1	1	3	3	1	0		1
Gr. 3	22.5	20	23	2	2	1	2	2	3	0		
Gr. 4	21.6	19	21	2	3	1	3	2	3	0		
Gr. 5	32	22	20	0	1	2	3	3	3	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.

FY 2012-13 Teacher and Administrative Salaries		
Category	District Amount	State Average for Districts in Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$41,431	\$41,243
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$62,802	\$64,893
Highest Teacher Salary	\$79,885	\$83,507
Average Principal Salary (ES)	\$96,384	\$103,404
Average Principal Salary (MS)	\$100,080	\$109,964
Average Principal Salary (HS)	\$129,684	\$120,078
Superintendent Salary	\$41,000	\$183,557
Percent of District Budget		
Teacher Salaries	38	40
Administrative Salaries	4	6

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

FY 2012-13 Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries				
Level	Expenditures Per Pupil			Average Teacher Salary
	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	
School Site	\$3,120	\$479	\$2,641	\$69,844
District	♦	♦	\$2,619	\$67,975
State	♦	♦	\$4,690	\$67,762
Percent Difference: School Site/District			0.8	2.7
Percent Difference: School Site/ State			-43.7	3.1

Types of Services Funded at Alice M. Birney Elementary School

The following programs and services are available in the district to support and assist students:

- After School Tutoring
- Saturday School
- English Learner Literacy Support Class (ELLSC)
- Extended Day Kindergarten
- Transitional Kindergarten
- Supplemental Educational Services (PI Years 2-5 only)
- Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID)
- Language Arts and Mathematics Curriculum Councils
- Technology
- Advanced Placement Classes

Professional Development provided for Teachers at Alice M. Birney Elementary School

The El Rancho Unified School District provides professional development programs that provide a wide range of professional growth and support opportunities to serve the needs of teachers/staff at all learning stages:

- Beginning Teachers Support and Assessment (BTSA) program as approved by the State of California which provides experienced mentor support for all new teachers earning their California Clear Credential
- Peer Assistance Review (PAR) program for veteran teachers which provides seminars and individual coaching for teachers refreshing their skills and learning new strategies
- Certificated and Staff Training
- Site Administrator Training
- Common Core Professional Development Teams

We dedicate three full days and approximately 18 half days toward professional development at our school sites per year. The topics addressed at our trainings are based on teachers' need assessment surveys, student assessment data analysis, and district and schoolwide action plans. Our intern teachers are supported by university supervisors. Professional development at individual school sites are determined by the instructional focus. English Learner and special population trainings are offered on site as needed. In addition, teachers also attend off-site workshops or conferences.