



Birney Tech Academy

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School Description

Principal's Message

We welcome you to Birney Tech Academy. 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 450 students this year, 20 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. Besides 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 Tech Academy is to create a challenging learning environment that promotes excellence, encourages high expectations for success through a 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 Tech Academy 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 their ability.

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.

2017-18 Student Enrollment by Grade Level

Grade Level	Number of Students
Kindergarten	74
Grade 1	69
Grade 2	70
Grade 3	69
Grade 4	90
Grade 5	78
Total Enrollment	450

2017-18 Student Enrollment by Group

Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	0.4
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.0
Asian	0.4
Filipino	0.7
Hispanic or Latino	98.0
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0
White	0.4
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	74.4
English Learners	23.1
Students with Disabilities	13.1
Foster Youth	2.0

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

Birney Tech Academy	16-17	17-18	18-19
With Full Credential	20	18	18
Without Full Credential	1	1	0
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	0	0	0
El Rancho Unified School District	16-17	17-18	18-19
With Full Credential	◆	◆	355
Without Full Credential	◆	◆	13
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	◆	◆	3

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions at this School

Birney Tech Academy	16-17	17-18	18-19
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.

Quality, Currency, Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials (School Year 2018-19)

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: December, 2018	
Core Curriculum Area	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/Year of Adoption
Reading/Language Arts	Ready to Advance CA Edition, Benchmark Education (TK) Adopted 2018 Benchmark Advance CA Edition, Benchmark Education (K-6) Adopted 2018 The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0%
Mathematics	Frog Street Pre-K (formerly Splash; 2013), Frog Street Press Go Math! 2015, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (K-5) Adopted 2017 The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0%
Science	California Science, MacMillan/McGraw-Hill (K-5) Adopted 2009 The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0%
History-Social Science	History-Social Science for California, Scott Foresman (K-5) Adopted 2009 The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0%
Foreign Language	English Language Development Component, Benchmark Advance (K-6) Adopted 2018 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)

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 Chromebooks in every classroom, and all classes have Internet access. We also have three iPad carts that are 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. Students have access to an Innovation Lab that functions in several different ways. The outside of the school was painted and roofing work was done over the 2017 summer break. We have two full-time custodians and a groundsman that attends our school two days a week. Custodial hours are from morning to afternoon and afternoon to late night.

Birney PTO purchased and installed a new playground apparatus 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: 11/21/18		
System Inspected	Repair Status	Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	Good	
Interior: Interior Surfaces	Poor	
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/ Vermin Infestation	Good	
Electrical: Electrical	Good	
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	Good	
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	Fair	
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	Good	
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	Good	
Overall Rating	Good Fair	

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

2017-18 CAASPP Results for All Students						
Subject	Percent of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standards (grades 3-8 and 11)					
	School		District		State	
	16-17	17-18	16-17	17-18	16-17	17-18
ELA	40.0	35.0	40.0	42.0	48.0	50.0
Math	27.0	26.0	26.0	26.0	37.0	38.0

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						
Subject	Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced (meeting or exceeding the state standards)					
	School		District		State	
	16-17	17-18	16-17	17-18	16-17	17-18
Science	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

Note: The 2016–17 and 2017–18 data are not available. The CDE is developing a new science assessment based on the Next Generation Science Standards for California Public Schools (CA NGSS). The CAST was pilot-tested in spring 2017 and field-tested in spring 2018. The CAST will be administered operationally during the 2018–19

school year. The CAA for Science was pilot-tested for two years (i.e., 2016–17 and 2017–18) and the CAA for Science will be field-tested in 2018–19.

Note: Science test results include the CAST and the CAA for Science. The “Percent Met or Exceeded” is calculated by taking the total number of students who met or exceeded the standard on the CAST plus the total number of students who met the standard (i.e., achieved Level 3–Alternate) on the CAA for Science divided by the total number of students who participated on both assessments.

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

Grade Level	2017-18 Percent of Students Meeting Fitness Standards		
	4 of 6	5 of 6	6 of 6
5	22.5	22.5	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.

School Year 2017-18 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	240	239	99.58	35.15
Male	129	128	99.22	31.25
Female	111	111	100.00	39.64
Black or African American	--	--	--	--
Filipino	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	235	234	99.57	34.62
White	--	--	--	--
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	193	192	99.48	30.73
English Learners	78	78	100.00	26.92
Students with Disabilities	43	42	97.67	4.76
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.

School Year 2017-18 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	240	239	99.58	25.94
Male	129	128	99.22	30.47
Female	111	111	100	20.72
Black or African American	--	--	--	--
Filipino	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	235	234	99.57	26.5
White	--	--	--	--
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	193	192	99.48	20.83
English Learners	78	78	100	16.67
Students with Disabilities	43	42	97.67	4.76
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.

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 2018-19)

Birney is committed to providing students with every opportunity to reach their educational goals. To achieve these goals, it is necessary that a strong partnership is 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:

- School Site Council (SSC)
- Dads Club
- Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO)
- English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC)
- Parent Education workshops and informative meetings such as Title I Parent Meeting
- Parent Volunteer Program
- Attendance at 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, Sandra Gallegos at (562) 801-7600.

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

Our School Safety Plan is reviewed and updated each year. The School Safety Plan was last reviewed and updated in September 2019. 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 7:00 a.m. to 2:45 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 at least two teachers and/or staff on yard duty per playground. At lunch and lunch recess, noon aides supervise the cafeteria and playground.

Suspensions and Expulsions

School	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Suspensions Rate	0.0	0.4	0.4
Expulsions Rate	0.0	0.0	0.0
District	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Suspensions Rate	2.3	2.4	2.6
Expulsions Rate	0.1	0.0	0.1
State	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Suspensions Rate	3.7	3.7	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.

Academic Counselors and Other Support Staff at this School

Number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)

Academic Counselor	
Counselor (Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	0.20
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	0.00
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	1.00
Psychologist	1.00
Social Worker	0.00
Nurse	0.00
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	1.00
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)	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 (Elementary)

Grade	Average Class Size			Number of Classrooms*								
				1-20			21-32			33+		
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
K	24	25	25				4	4	3			
1	27	28	23				2	2	3			
2	28	26	32				3	3	2			
3	32	22	25		1	1	2	3	2			
4	23	27	29	1			2	2	3			
5	26	25	27	1	1	1	3	3				2

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

Professional Development provided for Teachers

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
- Buck Institute for Education - Project-Based Learning (PBL)
- Digital Learning Coaches
- Go Math!
- Benchmark Advance
- Illuminate

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 school wide 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.

FY 2016-17 Teacher and Administrative Salaries		
Category	District Amount	State Average for Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$47,977	\$47,547
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$72,725	\$74,775
Highest Teacher Salary	\$92,507	\$93,651
Average Principal Salary (ES)	\$118,711	\$116,377
Average Principal Salary (MS)	\$120,344	\$122,978
Average Principal Salary (HS)	\$129,840	\$135,565
Superintendent Salary	\$233,000	\$222,853
Percent of District Budget		
Teacher Salaries	34.0	35.0
Administrative Salaries	5.0	6.0

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

Types of Services Funded

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
- Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID)
- Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Visual and Performing Arts Curriculum Councils
- Technology
- Advanced Placement Classes
- Project Lead the Way (PLTW)
- Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)

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.

FY 2016-17 Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries				
Level	Expenditures Per Pupil			Average Teacher Salary
	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	
School Site	\$4,710.16	\$231.74	\$4,478.42	\$76,002.60
District	◆	◆	\$8,905.40	\$78,301
State	◆	◆	\$7,125	\$76,522
Percent Difference: School Site/District			-66.2	-3.0
Percent Difference: School Site/ State			-45.6	-0.7

* Cells with ◆ 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.