

# Vista Grande Elementary School

## School Accountability Report Card

### Reported Using Data from the 2018-19 School Year

#### Published During 2019-20

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.

#### **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).

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## **About This School**

### **School Contact Information (School Year 2019-20)**

Entity	Contact Information
<b>School Name</b>	Vista Grande Elementary School
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<b>City, State, Zip</b>	Ontario
<b>Phone Number</b>	909-988-2234
<b>Principal</b>	Gina Castillo
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<b>County-District-School (CDS) Code</b>	36678190100107

Entity	Contact Information
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<b>Website</b>	https://www.omsd.net

### School Description and Mission Statement (School Year 2019-20)

Vista Grande Elementary School's Mission Statement: We, the progressive educational community of Vista Grande Elementary School guarantee every student an exemplary and comprehensive education through a personal and collaborative commitment to high standards and achievement.

Vista Grande is a TK-6 elementary school that serves approximately 500 students in the Ontario-Montclair School District. We are an AVID Elementary school that promotes a culture of High School, career, and college readiness. AVID stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination and is the cornerstone of our vision to ensure that all of our students receive an excellent, comprehensive education that will help our students reach their highest academic potential and prepare them for the demands of higher education and the workplace.

Vista Grande is a proud TK-6 AVID Elementary School and fully implements AVID'S mission is to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society.

AVID Elementary Students:

- Develop academic habits they will need to be successful in middle school, high school, and college.
- Learn about organization, study skills, communication, and self-advocacy.
- Take structured notes and answer and ask high-level questions that beyond routine answers.
- Are part of a school culture that promotes college and career plans.

Vista Grande is also recognized has been recognized as a Gold PBIS implementation site in 2018 and 2019.

### Student Enrollment by Grade Level (School Year 2018-19)

Grade Level	Number of Students
<b>Kindergarten</b>	72
<b>Grade 1</b>	65
<b>Grade 2</b>	65
<b>Grade 3</b>	50
<b>Grade 4</b>	60
<b>Grade 5</b>	63
<b>Grade 6</b>	66
<b>Total Enrollment</b>	441

## Student Enrollment by Group (School Year 2018-19)

Student Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	5.7
American Indian or Alaska Native	1.4
Asian	4.1
Filipino	0.7
Hispanic or Latino	78.5
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.5
White	7
Two or More Races	2.3
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	70.3
English Learners	12.5
Students with Disabilities	8.2
Foster Youth	0.9
Homeless	0.7

## 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

Teachers	School 2017-18	School 2018-19	School 2019-20	District 2019-20
With Full Credential	19	19	20	963
Without Full Credential	0	0	0	4
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence (with full credential)	0	0	0	9

### Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions

Indicator	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
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.

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

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

Year and month in which data were collected: August 2019

Subject	Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials/year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption?	Percent Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
<b>Reading/Language Arts</b>	TK Big Day (Houghton-Mifflin-Harcourt) - Adopted 2016 K-6 Wonders (McGraw-Hill) - Adopted 2016	Yes	0%
<b>Mathematics</b>	TK-8 - Eureka Math (Great Minds)- Adopted 2015* and then in 2018* for Dual Immersion program  K-8 mathematics materials were selected by OMSD stakeholders to adopt due to the level of rigor of the program and a strong alignment with the California State Standards.  *TK mathematics materials are from the most recent state adoption.	No	0%
<b>Science</b>	TK- Big Day Houghton-Mifflin- Adopted 2016 K-5 California Inspire Science (McGraw Hill) - Adopted 2019 6-8 California Inspire Science-Preferred Integrated (McGraw Hill) - Adopted 2019	Yes	0%
<b>History-Social Science</b>	TK Big Day (Houghton-Mifflin-Harcourt) - Adopted 2016 K-5 California Vistas (Macmillan/McGraw-Hill) - Adopted 2006* 6-8 My World Interactive (Pearson) - Adopted 2018  *K-6 History/Social Science materials are not from the most recent state adoption; however, the district is in the selection phase to adopt new materials. The district has determined through local review that the materials are still aligned to current state standards.	Yes	0%
<b>Health</b>	K-8 Focus on You (Charles Merrill Publishing) - Adopted 1984	No	0%

Subject	Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials/year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption?	Percent Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
<b>Visual and Performing Arts</b>	TK-6 Theatre Arts Connection (SRA/McGraw-Hill) - Adopted 2008 TK-6 Art Connection (SRA/McGraw-Hill) - Adopted 2008 TK-8 CA Spotlight on Music (McGraw-Hill) - Adopted 2008 6-8 Middle School Art Series (McGraw-Hill) - Adopted 2008	Yes	0%

### School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements (Most Recent Year)

Vista Grande Elementary School has adequate classroom, staff, and ancillary spaces. The portable campus was built in 2004. The multipurpose room was built in 2014. Vista Grande Elementary School has 21 classrooms, a computer lab, a multipurpose room, a library, and an administration building. Vista Grande Elementary also has a Staff Lounge, four staff bathrooms and a separate workroom for teachers with a bathroom, and a covered patio area for approximately 200 hundred students, 5 bathrooms for students around campus and a large playground with basketball and handball courts, and additional playground equipment including tetherball, swings, slides and play apparatus.

The teacher work room was renovated in the July 2019 and new carpet and walls were installed. Additionally, 6 classrooms received new student desks and chairs in July 2019.

To promote safety, Ontario Elementary School is a closed campus; gates are closed during the school day and visitors must enter through the main office to sign in at front desk prior to entering school premises. Visitors must present their California ID badges and staff must present their district badge through our RAPTOR system. Signage has been placed at all gates directing visitors to check in at the office. All staff members have been provided with district ID badges. Ontario Elementary School offers student supervision before school, during school and after school. Supervision in the mornings is done by administrative team, support team, and noon aides. Recess duty supervision is offered by teachers, and noon aides. Adult noon aides supervise lunch and lunch recess. After school supervision is offered by administration team, support staff as well as teachers.

Ontario-Montclair School District maintenance staff ensures that the repairs necessary to keep the school in good repair and working order are completed in a timely manner. A work order process is used to ensure efficient service and that emergency repairs are given the highest priority. The Ontario-Montclair School District takes great efforts to ensure that all schools are clean, safe, and functional. To assist in this effort, the Ontario-Montclair School District uses a facility survey instrument developed by the State of California OPSC. The results of this survey are available at the school office or Ontario-Montclair School District office. The LEA governing board has adopted cleaning standards for all schools in the Ontario-Montclair School District. A summary of these standards is available at the school office or at the Ontario-Montclair School District office. The principal works daily with the custodial staff to develop cleaning schedules to ensure a clean and safe school. OMSD participates in the state's School Deferred Maintenance Program, which provides state matching funds in order to assist schools with the expenditures for major repairs and upgrades. Typically, this includes the following: roofing, plumbing, heating, air conditioning, electrical systems, interior or exterior painting, floor, and carpeting. Each year the district matches the required allotment set by the state in order to participate in the deferred maintenance program.

### School Facility Good Repair Status (Most Recent Year)

Using the **most recently collected** FIT data (or equivalent), provide the following:

- Determination of repair status for systems listed
- Description of any needed maintenance to ensure good repair
- The year and month in which the data were collected
- The overall rating

**Year and month of the most recent FIT report:** January 2020

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

## B. Pupil Outcomes

### State Priority: Pupil Achievement

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

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

### CAASPP Test Results in ELA and Mathematics for All Students

#### Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven

#### Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standard

Subject	School 2017-18	School 2018-19	District 2017-18	District 2018-19	State 2017-18	State 2018-19
English Language Arts/Literacy (grades 3-8 and 11)	51	55	43	44	50	50
Mathematics (grades 3-8 and 11)	38	49	31	36	38	39

Note: Percentages are not calculated when the number of students tested is ten or less, either because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or to protect student privacy.

Note: ELA and mathematics test results include the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment and the CAA. The "Percent Met or Exceeded" is calculated by taking the total number of students who met or exceeded the standard on the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment plus the total number of students who met the standard (i.e., achieved Level 3-Alternate) on the CAAs divided by the total number of students who participated in both assessments.

### CAASPP Test Results in ELA by Student Group

#### Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven (School Year 2018-19)

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	239	239	100.00	0.00	54.81
Male	124	124	100.00	0.00	50.81
Female	115	115	100.00	0.00	59.13
Black or African American	24	24	100.00	0.00	41.67
American Indian or Alaska Native	--	--	--	--	--
Asian	12	12	100.00	0.00	83.33
Filipino					
Hispanic or Latino	181	181	100.00	0.00	54.14
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	--	--	--	--	--
White	11	11	100.00	0.00	72.73

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
Two or More Races	--	--	--	--	--
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	167	167	100.00	0.00	49.70
English Learners	58	58	100.00	0.00	48.28
Students with Disabilities	29	29	100.00	0.00	31.03
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services					
Foster Youth	--	--	--	--	--
Homeless	13	13	100.00	0.00	61.54

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 2018-19)

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	239	238	99.58	0.42	48.74
Male	124	124	100.00	0.00	50.81
Female	115	114	99.13	0.87	46.49
Black or African American	24	24	100.00	0.00	33.33
American Indian or Alaska Native	--	--	--	--	--
Asian	12	12	100.00	0.00	91.67
Filipino					
Hispanic or Latino	181	181	100.00	0.00	47.51
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	--	--	--	--	--
White	11	10	90.91	9.09	60.00
Two or More Races	--	--	--	--	--
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	167	166	99.40	0.60	43.98
English Learners	58	58	100.00	0.00	51.72
Students with Disabilities	29	29	100.00	0.00	24.14
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services					



Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
Foster Youth	--	--	--	--	--
Homeless	13	13	100.00	0.00	46.15

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.

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 Science for All Students

#### Grades Five, Eight, and Ten

#### Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standard

Subject	School 2017-18	School 2018-19	District 2017-18	District 2018-19	State 2017-18	State 2018-19
Science (grades 5, 8 and high school)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

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

### State Priority: Other Pupil Outcomes

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

- Pupil outcomes in the subject areas of physical education.

### California Physical Fitness Test Results (School Year 2018-19)

Grade Level	Percentage of Students Meeting Four of Six Fitness Standards	Percentage of Students Meeting Five of Six Fitness Standards	Percentage of Students Meeting Six of Six Fitness Standards
5	19.7	32.8	32.8

Note: Percentages are not calculated and double dashes (--) appear in the table when the number of students tested is ten or less, either because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or to protect student privacy.

## C. Engagement

### State Priority: Parental Involvement

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

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

### Opportunities for Parental Involvement (School Year 2019-20)

Parents are encouraged to volunteer in the classroom, attend and help with school events, (such as Open House, Back-to-School Night, parent conferences) and field trips, and get involved in the decision-making process through School Site Council and Parent Advisory School Committees. The School Site Council, English Learner Parent Advisory Committee, GATE Parent Advisory Committee, Special Education Parent Advisory Committee and Coffee with the Principal provide opportunities for parents to get involved with their child's educational experience.

Regular school-to-home communication is provided in both English and Spanish in a variety of methods. Information about current events and school activities can be found on the Vista Grande Elementary School website, flyers, Class DoJo and Twitter account. The school mails important news and announcements to parents at home, uses the school's automated telephone system to contact parents verbally, sends text messages to parents via Blackboard Connect and social media such as Twitter.

Parents who want more information or wish to participate may contact the school Principal, Gina Castillo at (909) 988-2234. There is a job for everyone who wants to get involved!

### 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

Rate	School 2016-17	School 2017-18	School 2018-19	District 2016-17	District 2017-18	District 2018-19	State 2016-17	State 2017-18	State 2018-19
Suspensions	0.6	2.7	0.8	2.5	2.4	3.0	3.6	3.5	3.5
Expulsions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1

### School Safety Plan (School Year 2019-20)

The Comprehensive School Site Safety Plan was developed for Vista Grande Elementary School in collaboration with local agencies and the district office. Components of the plan include: maintenance, security and safety of the physical environment, school climate which addresses disaster procedures and routines, an action plan that ensures a safe physical environment and safe school climate, as well as our school safety compliance that ensures required child abuse reporting procedures, suspension and expulsion policies, due process, notification to teachers about dangerous pupils, sexual harassment policy, school-wide dress code, procedure for safe ingress and egress from school, procedures to ensure a safe and orderly environment and rules and procedures on school discipline. Monthly disaster drills are scheduled and practiced school-wide to ensure student safety procedures. The plan was recently reviewed and discussed with the staff in August 2019. School Site Council last approved the Ontario Elementary School Safety Plan on February 27, 2019. An approved copy of the school site safety plan may be obtained at Ontario Elementary School's main office or the Ontario-Montclair School District office.

## 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.

### Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Elementary)

Grade Level	2016-17	2016-17	2016-17	2016-17	2017-18	2017-18	2017-18	2017-18	2018-19	2018-19	2018-19	2018-19
	Average Class Size	# of Classes* Size 1-20	# of Classes* Size 21-32	# of Classes* Size 33+	Average Class Size	# of Classes* Size 1-20	# of Classes* Size 21-32	# of Classes* Size 33+	Average Class Size	# of Classes* Size 1-20	# of Classes* Size 21-32	# of Classes* Size 33+
K	28		2		24		3		24		3	
1	26		2		27		2		22	1	2	
2	23		3		27		2		22		3	
3	25		3		23		3		25		2	
4	28		2		23		3		30		2	
5	29		3		28		2		32		2	
6	31		2		29		3		22	1	2	
Other**												

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

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

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

Title	Ratio
Academic Counselors*	.0

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

### Student Support Services Staff (School Year 2018-19)

Title	Number of FTE* Assigned to School
Counselor (Academic, Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	
Psychologist	
Social Worker	
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)	

\*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.

### Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries (Fiscal Year 2017-18)

Level	Total Expenditures Per Pupil	Expenditures Per Pupil (Restricted)	Expenditures Per Pupil (Unrestricted)	Average Teacher Salary
School Site	7274.0	654.0	6620.0	92226.0

Level	Total Expenditures Per Pupil	Expenditures Per Pupil (Restricted)	Expenditures Per Pupil (Unrestricted)	Average Teacher Salary
District	N/A	N/A	1608.0	\$87,821.00
Percent Difference - School Site and District	N/A	N/A	121.8	4.9
State	N/A	N/A	\$7,506.64	\$82,663.00
Percent Difference - School Site and State	N/A	N/A	-12.6	10.9

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

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

### Types of Services Funded (Fiscal Year 2018-19)

Vista Grande Elementary School's categorical funds are used to pay for a number of services that benefit student learning and welfare.

#### Title I

- Instructional Coach salary and benefits
- After school Intervention teacher salary and benefits
- Instructional materials, supplies, and other books

### Teacher and Administrative Salaries (Fiscal Year 2017-18)

Category	District Amount	State Average For Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$46,733	\$45,741
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$83,119	\$81,840
Highest Teacher Salary	\$100,254	\$102,065
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)	\$132,145	\$129,221
Average Principal Salary (Middle)	\$134,622	\$132,874
Average Principal Salary (High)	\$0	\$128,660
Superintendent Salary	\$289,542	\$224,581
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	37%	36%
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	6%	5%

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

## Professional Development (Most Recent Three Years)

Measure	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Number of school days dedicated to Staff Development and Continuous Improvement	15	25	25

The Ontario-Montclair School District offers research-based, on-going professional development for certificated, classified and management employees aligned with the district's long-term goals. Professional development is designed to help employees enhance their knowledge and develop needed skills to provide quality services in order to maximize student learning and achievement. Professional development courses and programs are developed and coordinated through the district's Robert Hardy Professional Development Center as well as at each school site. The focus of all professional development is based on the instructional and management priorities outlined in the goals and objectives of our SPSA. Professional development at the site and district levels addresses the new core curriculum state standards, instructional strategies, standards-based instruction, student engagement, English Language Learners, technology, and classroom management. In addition, the district level professional development includes workshop sessions and classroom support for beginning teachers (Induction), courses for teachers working towards their teaching credentials, technology training and classroom support, leadership development for administrators, compliance related workshops and a variety of job-specific and mandated training for classified employees. Each school site is assigned a Director I to provide ongoing support for the principal and teaching staff to ensure that appropriate standards-based teaching is provided for each student.

All Vista Grande teachers are fully credentialed and meet or exceed the NCLB requirements, with some even attaining Nationally Board Certified status. All Vista Grande teachers regularly attend site and district training.

Vista Grande developed site-specific staff development and professional growth objectives and goals. The focus of staff development will be in academic 2018-2019 will be achievement in English Language Arts and Math, with an emphasis in writing (Write From The Beginning) and AVID (Achievement Via Individual Determination) and data analysis in reading and math. Vista Grande teachers also participate in tri-annual structured teacher planning time (STPT) in which data based assessment goals are established and instructional strategies are shared. In addition, the STPT culminates with an instructional lesson being developed collaboratively by teachers using instructional strategies that were presented to them such as AVID, close reading, dialogic talk, vocabulary and constructed response protocols.