



Top of the World Elementary School

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School Description

Top of the World Elementary School is part of the Laguna Beach community. Sloping down the Laguna hills to the edge of the Pacific Ocean, Laguna Beach is known for its dramatic contrast of mountains and beaches. As a center for fine arts, Laguna Beach's culture is as unique as its landscape. During the 2007/2008 and 2013/2014 school years, Top of the World Elementary received recognition as a California Distinguished School. In 2016, it was also recognized as a California Gold Ribbon School.

The Laguna Beach Unified School District serves students in grades kindergarten through 12 by providing comprehensive educational programs through its two elementary schools, a middle school, and a high school. The District is proud of the high level of community support it receives and the commitment the community demonstrates towards its students. The Laguna Beach Education Foundation (School Power) was created by the community to provide additional funds to the school district to support school programs and activities. Top of the World Elementary School serves students in grades kindergarten through five on a traditional school calendar. Top of the World Elementary School focuses on differentiated instruction through its comprehensive Response to Instruction approach to meeting the needs of all students. During the 2017-2018, 593 students were enrolled in grades kindergarten through five at Top of the World Elementary School. The student population included 7.85% socioeconomically disadvantaged, 2.5% English learners, and 15.36% students with disabilities.

Top of the World Elementary School's mission is to provide our students with a rigorous 21st Century learning environment which focuses on the uniqueness of each child, promoting a growth mindset, a community perspective, and developing the skills needed to become lifelong learners. Our teachers and support staff work together with our parents to ensure all of our students reach their potential and are prepared to make positive contributions to the world.

About the SARC

By February 1 of each year, every school in California is required by state law to publish a School Accountability Report Card (SARC). The SARC contains information about the condition and performance of each California public school. Under the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) all local educational agencies (LEAs) are required to prepare a Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), which describes how they intend to meet annual school-specific goals for all pupils, with specific activities to address state and local priorities. Additionally, data reported in an LCAP is to be consistent with data reported in the SARC.

- For more information about SARC requirements, see the California Department of Education (CDE) SARC Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa/>.
- For more information about the LCFF or LCAP, see the CDE LCFF Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/aa/lc/>.
- For additional information about the school, parents/guardians and community members should contact the school principal or the district office.

2016-17 Student Enrollment by Grade Level	
Grade Level	Number of Students
Kindergarten	71
Grade 1	85
Grade 2	109
Grade 3	103
Grade 4	118
Grade 5	121
Total Enrollment	607

2016-17 Student Enrollment by Group	
Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	0.3
American Indian or Alaska Native	0
Asian	4.3
Filipino	0.7
Hispanic or Latino	8.6
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0
White	75.8
Two or More Races	9.9
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	5.4
English Learners	2.3
Students with Disabilities	12
Foster Youth	0

A. Conditions of Learning

State Priority: Basic

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the State priority: Basic (Priority 1):

- Degree to which teachers are appropriately assigned and fully credentialed in the subject area and for the pupils they are teaching;
- Pupils have access to standards-aligned instructional materials; and
- School facilities are maintained in good repair.

Teacher Credentials			
Top of the World Elementary School	15-16	16-17	17-18
With Full Credential	31	33	34
Without Full Credential	0	0	0
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	0	0	0
Laguna Beach Unified School District	15-16	16-17	17-18
With Full Credential	♦	♦	151
Without Full Credential	♦	♦	0
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	♦	♦	0

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions at this School			
Top of the World Elementary	15-16	16-17	17-18
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.

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

All curriculum development at Laguna Beach Unified School District adheres to the California State Content Standards and Frameworks. Teachers align classroom curriculum to ensure that all students either meet or exceed state proficiency levels. Using student data from multiple assessments, administrators and teachers look at how well students are performing according to state grade level standards, identifying areas of strength and weakness. Teachers modify instruction to ensure students succeed in meeting grade level expectations. The District's Curriculum Committee provides guidance and input to ensure the educational program meets the needs of all students. The Curriculum Committee, comprised of representatives from schools, the District, and parents, oversees curriculum policy and maintains a continuum of instructional programs across all grade levels.

Laguna Beach Unified School District sets a high priority upon ensuring that sufficient and current textbooks and materials are available to support our school's instructional program. Laguna Beach Unified School District held a Public Hearing on September 12, 2017, and determined that each school within the District has sufficient and good quality textbooks, instructional materials, or science lab equipment, pursuant to the settlement of Williams vs. the State of California.

All textbooks are in adequate supply and in excellent to good condition. The school and district place great emphasis on providing students with the most up-to-date, state-adopted textbooks, and instructional materials; 100% of students in each core subject area possess the necessary textbooks and instructional materials.

All students, including English learners, are given their own individual standards-aligned textbooks or instructional materials in core subjects for use in the classroom and to check out and take home or to access via their personal device at home and at school. All textbooks and instructional materials used within the District are aligned with the California State Content Standards and Frameworks. Laguna Beach Unified School District follows the State Board of Education's six-year adoption cycle for core content materials. A committee consisting of administrators, parents, and teachers from each school establishes selection criteria based on state standards, reviews instructional materials on the state list, and makes recommendations to the Board of Education for final approval.

Textbooks and Instructional Materials Year and month in which data were collected: January 2018	
Core Curriculum Area	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/Year of Adoption
Reading/Language Arts	Wonders, McGraw-Hill, 2017 The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0%
Mathematics	Math Expressions Common Core, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2015 The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0%
Science	Scott Foresman California Science, Pearson/Scott Foresman, 2008; Beckman Science Program The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0%
History-Social Science	California Reflections, Harcourt Brace, 2007 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)

Top of the World Elementary School provides a safe, clean environment for students, staff, and volunteers. The K-5 school is located on a sloping lot that is approximate 15.2 acres. School facilities were built in the 1960's with additions built in 1975, 2003, and 2017 and consist of 53,682 square feet of building space. The facility includes classrooms, a multipurpose room, administrative offices, restrooms, a Library / Media Center, and storage rooms. The facility strongly supports teaching and learning through its ample classroom, playground space, and a staff resource room.

The chart below displays the results of the most recent school facilities inspection. While reviewing this report, please note that even minor discrepancies are reported in the inspection process. The items noted in the table have been corrected or are in the process of remediation.

School Facility Good Repair Status (Most Recent Year)
Year and month in which data were collected: January 2, 2018

System Inspected	Repair Status				Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
	Good	Fair	Poor		
Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	X				Ongoing sewer system work is required to keep lift stations functional.
Interior: Interior Surfaces	X				Carpet seams identified in inspection are scheduled to be repaired.
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/ Vermin Infestation	X				
Electrical: Electrical	X				
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	X				
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	X				
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	X				No roof system issues.
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences			X		Exterior siding replacement needed.
Overall Rating	Exemplary	Good	Fair	Poor	
		X			

B. Pupil Outcomes

State Priority: Pupil Achievement

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

- Statewide assessments (i.e., California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress [CAASPP] System, which includes the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments for students in the general education population and the California Alternate Assessments [CAAs] for English language arts/literacy [ELA] and mathematics given in grades three through eight and grade eleven. The CAAs have replaced the California Alternate Performance Assessment [CAPA] for ELA and mathematics, which were eliminated in 2015. Only eligible students may participate in the administration of the CAAs. CAA items are aligned with alternate achievement standards, which are linked with the Common Core State Standards [CCSS] for students with significant cognitive disabilities); and
- The percentage of students who have successfully completed courses that satisfy the requirements for entrance to the University of California and the California State University, or career technical education sequences or programs of study

2016-17 CAASPP Results for All Students						
Subject	Percent of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standards (grades 3-8 and 11)					
	School		District		State	
	15-16	16-17	15-16	16-17	15-16	16-17
ELA	88	86	81	82	48	48
Math	83	82	71	72	36	37

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

CAASPP Test Results in Science for All Students						
Subject	Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced (meeting or exceeding the state standards)					
	School		District		State	
	14-15	15-16	14-15	15-16	14-15	15-16
Science	87	94	86	89	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.

Grade Level	2016-17 Percent of Students Meeting Fitness Standards		
	4 of 6	5 of 6	6 of 6
5	5	20	70

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**2015-16 CAASPP Results by Student Group
Science (grades 5, 8, and 10)**

Group	Number of Students		Percent of Students	
	Enrolled	with Valid Scores	w/ Valid Scores	Proficient or Advanced
All Students	141	137	97.2	94.2
Male	68	68	100.0	94.1
Female	73	69	94.5	94.2
Hispanic or Latino	11	10	90.9	70.0
White	109	106	97.3	95.3
Two or More Races	15	15	100.0	100.0

* Science test results include CSTs, CMA, and CAPA in grades five, eight, and ten. The "Proficient or Advanced" is calculated by taking the total number of students who scored at Proficient or Advanced on the science assessment divided by the total number of students with valid scores. 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.

**School Year 2016-17 CAASPP Assessment Results - English Language Arts (ELA)
Disaggregated by Student Groups, Grades Three through Eight and Eleven**

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	344	331	96.22	86.1
Male	183	176	96.17	84.66
Female	161	155	96.27	87.74
Black or African American	--	--	--	--
Asian	16	16	100	100
Filipino	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	27	26	96.3	80.77
White	262	251	95.8	84.46
Two or More Races	37	36	97.3	94.44
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	16	16	100	81.25
English Learners	--	--	--	--
Students with Disabilities	53	49	92.45	65.31
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 2016-17 CAASPP Assessment Results - Mathematics
Disaggregated by Student Groups, Grades Three through Eight and Eleven

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	344	334	97.09	81.74
Male	183	179	97.81	83.8
Female	161	155	96.27	79.35
Black or African American	--	--	--	--
Asian	16	16	100	93.75
Filipino	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	27	26	96.3	76.92
White	262	254	96.95	79.92
Two or More Races	37	36	97.3	91.67
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	16	16	100	75
English Learners	--	--	--	--
Students with Disabilities	53	50	94.34	56
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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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 the community are very supportive of the educational program at Top of the World Elementary School. Our parents serve on the School Site Council (SSC), Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and the GATE Advisory Council. Numerous programs and activities are enriched by the generous contributions made by the School Power Education Foundation and the PTA. Parents who are interested in Top of the World Elementary School's school committees, school activities, or volunteer programs may contact the principal at (949) 497-7790.

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

Safety of our students and staff is our primary concern. The school has a closed campus; all visitors must sign in at the front office and wear identification tags while on school grounds. School staff and administrators are on duty during recess, lunch, before and after school to ensure the safety of all our students. The school's disaster preparedness plan includes steps for ensuring student and staff safety during a disaster. Fire and disaster drills are conducted on a regular basis throughout the school year.

A Comprehensive School Safety Plan was developed by the district in order to comply with Senate Bill 187 of 1997. The plan provides students and staff a means to ensure a safe and orderly learning environment. Key elements of the Comprehensive School Safety Plan include child abuse reporting procedures; teacher notification of dangerous pupils procedures; disaster response procedures; procedures for safe entering to, and exiting from, school; sexual harassment policy; suspension and expulsion policies; dress code; and discipline policies. The school evaluates the plan annually and updates the plan as needed. The plan was last updated in November 2017 and is reviewed with our school staff at the beginning of each school year. Top of the World incorporates the Positive Behavior and Intervention Support Model in creating an atmosphere of kindness and caring among staff and students.

Suspensions and Expulsions			
School	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Suspensions Rate	0.4	0.8	0.0
Expulsions Rate	0.0	0.0	0.0
District	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Suspensions Rate	1.4	1.9	1.3
Expulsions Rate	0.0	0.1	0.0
State	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Suspensions Rate	3.8	3.7	3.6
Expulsions Rate	0.1	0.1	0.1

D. Other SARC Information

The information in this section is required to be in the SARC but is not included in the state priorities for LCFF.

2017-18 Federal Intervention Program		
Indicator	School	District
Program Improvement Status		Not In PI
First Year of Program Improvement		
Year in Program Improvement		
Number of Schools Currently in Program Improvement		0
Percent of Schools Currently in Program Improvement		0

Academic Counselors and Other Support Staff at this School	
Number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)	
Academic Counselor	1
Counselor (Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	0
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	0
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	1
Psychologist	1
Social Worker	0
Nurse	.25
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	1.40
Resource Specialist	0
Other	0
Average Number of Students per Staff Member	
Academic Counselor	599

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

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Elementary)												
Grade	Average Class Size			Number of Classrooms*								
				1-20			21-32			33+		
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
K	14	22	24	6				3	3			
1	21	17	15	1	5	5	3					
2	19	19	20	5	6	5	1		1			
3	23	20	19		2	5	5	3				
4	29	27	26	1	1	1	4	4	4			
5	31	28	30				4	5	4			

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

Professional Development provided for Teachers

Laguna Beach Unified School District offers three professional development days at the beginning of each school year, as well as a variety of additional days throughout the year and after-school professional development opportunities. Laguna Beach Unified School District offers staff development and training opportunities to teachers, administrators, and instructional aides. The District offers two full staff development days annually where teachers are offered a broad-based variety of professional growth opportunities in curriculum and instructional strategies. To acquire specialized knowledge and skills, teachers at Top of the World Elementary School participated in additional training through workshops, conferences, and demonstration lessons, on Common Core ELA and Math, NGSS, Inquiry, Literacy, Writing, Instructional Strategies, Assessment, School Climate, and technology. Staff development topics are determined based on needs assessment, input and feedback, local and state assessment results, and classroom observation. Common Core implementation is continuous through district and staff trainings as well as weekly PLC grade level department meetings.

Laguna Beach Unified School District offers two programs to support new and veteran teachers in their classroom skills and to ensure continued professional development. Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment (BTSA), a state-sponsored program, is designed for first and second-year credentialed teachers and provides skills assistance over a two-year period. The District's Peer Assistance and Review (PAR) program is designed to improve the education of students and enhance the classroom performance of teachers, targeting both new and veteran teachers. Top of the World Elementary School teachers utilize these programs with the goal of accomplishing the highest level of success for our students.

FY 2015-16 Teacher and Administrative Salaries		
Category	District Amount	State Average for Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$54,422	\$44,144
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$91,588	\$69,119
Highest Teacher Salary	\$127,686	\$86,005
Average Principal Salary (ES)	\$163,405	\$106,785
Average Principal Salary (MS)	\$183,544	\$111,569
Average Principal Salary (HS)	\$170,316	\$121,395
Superintendent Salary	\$264,644	\$178,104
Percent of District Budget		
Teacher Salaries	29%	34%
Administrative Salaries	6%	6%

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

Types of Services Funded

In addition to general fund state funding, Top of the World received state and federal categorical funding for the following categorical, special education, and support programs:

- Title II, Teacher Training
- Title III, Limited English Proficient
- Instructional Materials
- Special Education

Laguna Beach Unified School District allocates its funding to improve student achievement. The District provides additional funding in direct services for English Learners, low-income, and foster youth. Some of the direct services to provide support and foster academic success for English Learners and reclassified English Learners at each school site are MTSS supports, including academic support classes, assessment, intervention, counseling, etc. at each site, the Juntos after school program, an EL TOSA to provide support for teachers, professional development to teachers regarding CA-CCSS ELA/ELD frameworks, and oversight of the site EL programs and target students for additional support, a community liaison to provide support for students and parents, an after school bus for tutoring, English Learner instructional assistants at all sites to directly support ELs, implementation integrated and designated ELD program for all ELs, English Language Development classes/support at all school sites, a summer ELD program, translation services for school/district events and meetings/conferences and parent education and involvement opportunities including DELAC. These direct services are designated specifically for English Learners and re-designated students. These services are meant to increase student achievement across all content areas and provide equal access to 21st-century learning and teaching. The expected annual outcomes are increased CELDT/ELPAC scores, state testing (CAASPP, CAST, CAA) proficiency, engagement (attendance), and reclassification rates.

DataQuest

DataQuest is an online data tool located on the CDE DataQuest Web page at <http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/> that contains additional information about this school and comparisons of the school to the district and the county. Specifically, DataQuest is a dynamic system that provides reports for accountability (e.g., test data, enrollment, high school graduates, dropouts, course enrollments, staffing, and data regarding English learners).

Internet Access

Internet access is available at public libraries and other locations that are publicly accessible (e.g., the California State Library). Access to the Internet at libraries and public locations is generally provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Other use restrictions may include the hours of operation, the length of time that a workstation may be used (depending on availability), the types of software programs available on a workstation, and the ability to print documents.

FY 2015-16 Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries				
Level	Expenditures Per Pupil			Average Teacher Salary
	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	
School Site	\$9,681	\$560	\$9,121	\$94,956
District	♦	♦	\$12,563	\$99,978
State	♦	♦	\$6,574	\$69,649
Percent Difference: School Site/District			-27.4	-5.0
Percent Difference: School Site/ State			38.7	36.3

* Cells with ♦ do not require data.