

# **Innovations Academy**

## **School Accountability Report Card**

### **Reported Using Data from the 2019-2020 School Year**

#### **Published During 2020-2021**

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 and access to prior year reports, 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 the LCAP, see the CDE LCFF webpage 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).

#### **California School Dashboard**

The California School Dashboard (Dashboard) <https://www.caschooldashboard.org/> reflects California's new accountability and continuous improvement system and provides information about how LEAs and schools are meeting the needs of California's diverse student population. The Dashboard contains reports that display the performance of LEAs, schools, and student groups on a set of state and local measures to assist in identifying strengths, challenges, and areas in need of improvement.

## About This School

### School Contact Information (School Year 2020-2021)

Entity	Contact Information
School Name	Innovations Academy
Street	5454 Ruffin Rd.
City, State, Zip	San Diego, CA 92123
Phone Number	858-271-1414
Principal	Christine Kuglen
Email Address	info@innovationsacademy.org
Website	<a href="http://innovationsacademy.org">http://innovationsacademy.org</a>
County-District-School (CDS) Code	37683380118083

### District Contact Information (School Year 2020-2021)

Entity	Contact Information
District Name	Innovations Academy
Phone Number	858-271-1414
Superintendent	Christine Kuglen
Email Address	info@innovationsacademy.org
Website	www.innovationsacademy.org

### School Description and Mission Statement (School Year 2020-2021)

At Innovations Academy (IA) charter school, we powerfully create our lives through self-expression, compassionate connection, and purposeful learning. Our constructivist-based K-8 school teaches through student-centered activities and inquiry focused learning which includes projects, performance and other interactive learning. We utilize a relationship based discipline program for classroom and campus behavior management and skill building.

At Innovations Academy, children learn in an environment that respects the intellectual, emotional, and social intelligence of all children. We use a multidimensional curriculum to support the innate human desire to learn.

At least 80% of our population attends school in a progressive five day structure. Additionally, for home schooling families, Innovations Academy offers a 3-day program for grades K-2, and a 2-day program, known as the Home Learner Community, for grades K-8. Please visit our website for additional information about these programs.

**Student Enrollment by Grade Level (School Year 2019-2020)**

Grade Level	Number of Students
Kindergarten	45
Grade 1	45
Grade 2	46
Grade 3	42
Grade 4	55
Grade 5	54
Grade 6	45
Grade 7	27
Grade 8	26
Total Enrollment	385

**Student Enrollment by Student Group (School Year 2019-2020)**

Student Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	3.6
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.5
Asian	3.9
Filipino	2.3
Hispanic or Latino	20.3
White	55.6
Two or More Races	13.2
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	30.1
English Learners	3.4
Students with Disabilities	14.5
Homeless	5.7

**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 2018-19	School 2019-20	School 2020-21	District 2020-21
With Full Credential	19	20	24	
Without Full Credential	0	2	3	
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence (with full credential)	0	0	0	

## Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions

Indicator	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
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 Other Instructional Materials (School Year 2020-2021)

Year and month in which data were collected: August 2020

Subject	Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials/year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption?	Percent Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
Reading/Language Arts	Innovations Academy uses an ample variety of resources that enable teachers to create a hands-on, interactive, inquiry centered approach to learning and to differentiate instruction for individual students. Included among the standards aligned and research-based resources/tools are novels, primary resources, software, nonfiction and fiction literature and chromebooks. Programs we utilize include RazKids, Newsela, Lucy Calkins, Jennifer Serravallo, Activated Reader, ThinkCERCA, and Reading Eggs.	Yes	0
Mathematics	Innovations Academy uses an ample variety of resources that enable teachers to create a hands-on, interactive, inquiry centered approach to learning and to differentiate instruction for individual students. Included among the standards aligned and research-based resources are primary resources, software, adaptive textbooks, manipulatives, calculators and chromebooks. Programs we utilize include CGI math, STMATH, Saxon, Marcy Cook, Youcubed, Math Solutions.	Yes	0

Subject	Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials/year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption?	Percent Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
<b>Science</b>	Innovations Academy uses an ample variety of resources that enable teachers to create a hands-on, interactive, inquiry centered approach to learning and to differentiate instruction for individual students. Included among the standards aligned and research-based resources/tools are primary resources, software, microscopes, field study and guest experts, calculators and chromebooks. Programs we utilize include Mystery Science, FOSS kits, Zingy Science, Rozzy and Newsela.	Yes	0
<b>History-Social Science</b>	Innovations Academy uses an ample variety of resources that enable teachers to create a hands-on, interactive, inquiry centered approach to learning and to differentiate instruction for individual students. Included among the standards aligned and research-based resources/tools are primary resources, software, art materials, maps, globes and chromebooks. Programs we utilize include Newsela, Rozzy, History Alive!, and Brainpop.	Yes	0
<b>Foreign Language</b>	Innovations Academy uses an ample variety of resources that enable teachers to create a hands-on, interactive, inquiry centered approach to learning and to differentiate instruction for individual students under the instruction of a full-time credentialed Spanish teacher for our middle school students. Included among the standards aligned and research-based resources/tools are primary resources, software, art materials, Chromebooks. We also utilize DuoLingo to supplement as needed.	Yes	0
<b>Health</b>	<p>Our human sexuality curriculum draws from a variety of resources for 7th and 8th graders. Other health is taught by teachers via projects and lessons from a variety of resources that enable classes to experience a hands-on, interactive, inquiry centered approach.</p> <p>Physical education is taught by our coach who utilizes a skills based approach teaching a variety of sports (the skills, rules and sportsmanship).</p>	Yes	0

Subject	Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials/year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption?	Percent Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
Visual and Performing Arts	Visual and Performing Arts are incorporated into instruction. Our students have a fine arts and a performing arts instructor who work with all grade levels utilizing primary materials.	Yes	0

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

## School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements

We just moved into a brand new building that was built according to DSA specifications. Everything is in new condition and under warranty for two years. Our facility is kept in good repair by a team of maintenance and repair workers.

### School Facility Good Repair Status

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 rate for each system inspected
- The overall rating

**Year and month of the most recent FIT report:** December 2016

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

## 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 2018-19	School 2019-20	District 2018-19	District 2019-20	State 2018-19	State 2019-20
English Language Arts/Literacy (grades 3-8 and 11)	43	N/A	55	N/A	50	N/A
Mathematics (grades 3-8 and 11)	36	N/A	46	N/A	39	N/A

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

Note: The 2019-2020 data are not available. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Executive Order N-30-20 was issued which waived the requirement for statewide testing for the 2019-2020 school year.

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 2019-2020)

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Male	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Female	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Black or African American	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
American Indian or Alaska Native	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Asian	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Filipino	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic or Latino	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
Two or More Races	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
English Learners	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Students with Disabilities	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Foster Youth	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Homeless	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

Note: The 2019-2020 data are not available. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Executive Order N-30-20 was issued which waived the requirement for statewide testing for the 2019-2020 school year.

### CAASPP Test Results in Mathematics by Student Group Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven (School Year 2019-2020)

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Male	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Female	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Black or African American	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
American Indian or Alaska Native	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Asian	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Filipino	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic or Latino	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Two or More Races	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
English Learners	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Students with Disabilities	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Foster Youth	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Homeless	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

Note: The 2019-2020 data are not available. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Executive Order N-30-20 was issued which waived the requirement for statewide testing for the 2019-2020 school year.



**CAASPP Test Results in Science for All Students**  
**Grades Five, Eight, and High School**  
**Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standard**

Subject	School 2018-19	School 2019-20	District 2018-19	District 2019-20	State 2018-19	State 2019-20
Science (grades 5, 8 and high school)	30	N/A	34	N/A	30	N/A

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

Note: The 2019-2020 data are not available. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Executive Order N-30-20 was issued which waived the requirement for statewide testing for the 2019-2020 school year.

Note: The new California Science Test (CAST) was first administered operationally in the 2018-2019 school year.

**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 2019-2020)**

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	N/A	N/A	N/A
7	N/A	N/A	N/A
9	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

Note: The 2019–2020 data are not available. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Executive Order N-56-20 was issued which waived the requirement to administer the physical fitness performance test for the 2019–2020 school year.

## 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 2020-2021)**

At Innovations Academy, parents traditionally have many opportunities to be involved. We invite parents to attend student-led conferences, presentations of learning, portfolio days, and exhibitions of student work. We welcome classroom volunteers, parent drivers and field trip chaperones. However, this year has been different due to COVID-19 and the safety measures put in place. We have continued to involve parents even though they are not able to come on campus by having off-campus volunteer opportunities & various committees (social justice, COVID, etc) meet on Zoom. We have a very active parent group, called the Parent Connection, that sponsors several social activities each year and supports internal school activities as well. They have continued to meet on Zoom. There are also opportunities to participate in school site meetings and LCAP development. For information about volunteering at school, parents can come to the front office or contact [info@innovationsacademy.org](mailto:info@innovationsacademy.org) or the Parent Connection.

To keep our parents informed, IA sends weekly school announcements through an automated contact system (via email, text and voice) and teachers communicate via ParentSquare. Parents have ongoing access to teachers. Parents are always welcome to speak with the director, Christine Kuglen.

## 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

(data collected between July through June, each full school year respectively)

Rate	School 2017-18	School 2018-19	District 2017-18	District 2018-19	State 2017-18	State 2018-19
Suspensions	0.2	0.2	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.5
Expulsions	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1

### Suspensions and Expulsions for School Year 2019-2020 Only

(data collected between July through February, partial school year due to the COVID-19 pandemic)

Rate	School 2019-20	District 2019-20	State 2019-20
Suspensions	0	3.8	3.4
Expulsions	0	.03	.05

Note: The 2019-2020 suspensions and expulsions rate data are not comparable to prior year data because the 2019-2020 school year is a partial school year due to the COVID-19 crisis. As such, it would be inappropriate to make any comparisons in rates of suspensions and expulsions in the 2019-2020 school year compared to prior years.

### School Safety Plan (School Year 2020-2021)

The safety plan at Innovations Academy is drafted annually by school administration in accordance with district and county education recommendations and contains an evacuation plan, lock down, fire and earthquake drills. The drills take place monthly and are reviewed regularly with staff. A comprehensive school safety plan is located in the front office for parent review. The safety plan was last reviewed and approved on December 8, 2020.

Adult supervision is provided in the classrooms and outside areas before and after school, and during lunch and recess. Under the supervision of the director, school staff members implement specific school-building security procedures. All students are supervised by staff members or volunteers with background checks.

## 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	2017-18 Average Class Size	2017-18 # of Classes* Size 1-20	2017-18 # of Classes* Size 21-32	2017-18 # of Classes* Size 33+	2018-19 Average Class Size	2018-19 # of Classes* Size 1-20	2018-19 # of Classes* Size 21-32	2018-19 # of Classes* Size 33+	2019-20 Average Class Size	2019-20 # of Classes* Size 1-20	2019-20 # of Classes* Size 21-32	2019-20 # of Classes* Size 33+
K	8	5			12	5			11	5		
1	9	2			10	4			9	3		
2	9	4			11	4			8	6		
3	21		2		23		2		14	3		
4	20	2	1		21	1	2		18	1	2	
5	27		1		21	1	1		18	1	2	
6	24		1		25		1		21	1	2	1
Other**	20	1							12	2		

\*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 Pupils to Academic Counselor (School Year 2019-2020)

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 2019-2020)

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	
Nurse	
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	1
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)	
Other	

\*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 2018-2019)

Level	Total Expenditures Per Pupil	Expenditures Per Pupil (Restricted)	Expenditures Per Pupil (Unrestricted)	Average Teacher Salary
School Site	9,194.27	1,684.75	7,509.52	\$51,448
District	N/A	N/A	\$5671.0	\$83,542
Percent Difference - School Site and District	N/A	N/A	27.9	-47.6
State	N/A	N/A	\$7,750	\$83,052
Percent Difference - School Site and State	N/A	N/A	-3.2	-47.0

## Types of Services Funded (Fiscal Year 2019-2020)

Innovations Academy provides a variety of resources to our students. Much of the learning software used at school is also made available to students at home. Innovations Academy has a strong social emotional program with tools integrated from Positive Discipline, Responsive Classroom, Nonviolent Communication, and Restorative practices. All students learn conflict resolution and communication tools through this solution focused curriculum and discipline plan. Our staff includes a full time Marriage & Family Therapist to assist students and families. Our classrooms have teacher assistants (in addition to the regular credentialed teacher).

We intentionally do not assign homework. The purpose of this is to assist students in experiencing more meaningful time with their families, provide needed free play for children to grow and be outdoors and allow children to participate in activities and classes outside of school without the stress of returning to more work when they should be sleeping, laughing and learning with their families.

IA supports students by providing access to learning that takes into account a variety of student interests. Our students participate in projects and inquiries that integrate subjects in meaningful explorations. They speak regularly with guest experts who utilize the subjects they are studying. They engage in service learning, often working with non-profit organizations as part of their studies. They participate in field trips each month to places integral to their area of studies. We also currently offer the following enrichment classes: Nature Studies, Robotics, Performing Arts and Foreign Language.

Special Education students are served by a strong team of experts that includes: a Speech Language Pathologist, an Assistive Technology Specialist, an Occupational Therapist, a School Psychologist, a Marriage & Family Therapist and Education Specialists.

## Teacher and Administrative Salaries (Fiscal Year 2018-2019)

Category	District Amount	State Average For Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$47,051	\$50,029
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$71,495	\$77,680
Highest Teacher Salary	\$97,176	\$102,143
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)	\$128,899	\$128,526
Average Principal Salary (Middle)	\$131,842	\$133,574
Average Principal Salary (High)	\$140,843	\$147,006
Superintendent Salary	\$264,819	\$284,736
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	34.0	33.0
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	4.0	5.0

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	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Number of school days dedicated to Staff Development and Continuous Improvement	27	28.5	26

At Innovations Academy, we consider professional development as ongoing throughout the year via weekly staff meetings, grade level team collaborations, professional development work days, and educational workshops. These sessions focus on constructivism, inquiry, project development, academic content, assessment, differentiation of instruction to meet the needs of all students, classroom management and our social emotional curriculum. Additionally this year, much of our professional development centered around best practices to meet the needs of our distance learners during the pandemic.

Training happens both on campus and off site throughout the year as well. Teachers attend conferences and trainings of their choice as well as those provided for schoolwide pedagogical alignment. Additionally, an administrator observes teachers throughout the week, providing the necessary feedback teachers need to both feel supported and to experience growth and reflection in their craft. Teachers are provided time to observe each other and collaborate regularly during the school day as well as visit other schools during the school year. Our professional development focus areas include math, ELA and interactive learning.