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# 2012-13 School Accountability REPORT CATA Published January 2014

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The purpose of this School Accountability Report Card is to provide parents with information about the school's instructional programs, academic achievement, materials and resources, facilities, and the school staff. Information about Ventura Unified School District is also provided.

Parents and community play a very important role in the school. Understanding the school's educational program, student achievement, and curriculum development can assist both school and community in ongoing program improvement.

We have made a commitment to provide the best educational program possible for our students. The excellent quality of our program is a reflection of our highly committed staff. We are dedicated to ensuring that Sheridan Way Elementary School is a welcoming, stimulating environment where students are actively engaged in learning academics as well as developing positive values. Through our hard work, our students will be challenged to reach their maximum potential.

### **District Mission Statement**

The Ventura Unified School District will educate all students in safe, healthy and high performing schools.

### We will:

Inspire all students to excel academically,
Honor the unique qualities and diverse
backgrounds of all students,
Build supportive relationships,
Guide all students to reach
their full potential,

**Motivate** all students to successfully pursue their chosen life paths, and

**Engage** all students to become responsible and contributing members of society.

## **District Vision Statement**

In the Ventura Unified School District all students will receive an exemplary and balanced education fostering a life-long passion for learning and engagement. We demand excellence of ourselves because our supportive community has entrusted us with their children.

## DISTRICT & SCHOOL PROFILE

## **Ventura Unified School District**

Ventura Unified School District is the third largest district in the county and located on the California coastline, 63 miles northwest of Los Angeles. More than 17,000 students in grades kindergarten through twelve receive a rigorous, standards-based curriculum from dedicated and highly qualified professionals. The district is comprised of 17 elementary schools, 4 middle schools, 3 comprehensive high schools, 1 continuation high school, and 3 alternative high schools.

## Sheridan Way Elementary School

Sheridan Way Elementary School is located in the northern region of Ventura and serves students in grades kindergarten through five following a traditional calendar. At the beginning of the 2012-13 school year, 541 students were enrolled, including 5% in special education, 82.8% qualifying for English Language Learner support, and 81.7% qualifying for free or reduced price lunch. Sheridan Way Elementary School achieved a 2013 Academic Performance Index (API) score of 628.

| Percentage of Students by<br>Ethnicity/Grade Level<br>2012-13 |       |              |     |  |  |  |  |
|---|-------|--------------|-----|--|--|--|--|
| Ethnic Group  | %     | Grade Level  | #   |  |  |  |  |
| African American  | 0.2%  | Kindergarten | 109 |  |  |  |  |
| American Indian or  |       | Grade 1      | 94  |  |  |  |  |
| Alaskan Native  | 0.4%  | Grade 2      | 93  |  |  |  |  |
| Asian   | 0.4%  | Grade 3      | 92  |  |  |  |  |
| Filipino  | 0.0%  | Grade 4      | 85  |  |  |  |  |
| Hawaiian or Pacific   |       | Grade 5      | 68  |  |  |  |  |
| Islander  | 0.0%  | Grade 6      | -   |  |  |  |  |
| Hispanic or Latino  | 96.1% | Grade 7      | -   |  |  |  |  |
| White (not Hispanic)  | 2.6%  | Grade 8      | -   |  |  |  |  |
| Two or More Races   | 0.4%  | Total        |     |  |  |  |  |
|   |       | Enrollment   | 541 |  |  |  |  |

Students and their families are invited to participate in Sheridan Way Elementary's free "Si Se Puede Family Wellness Program". Activities are offered once a week over an eight-week period; two eight-week sessions are offered throughout the school year. The program empowers students and their families with the essentials of healthy eating and increased physical activity associated with maintaining a healthy weight. Forty-five minutes of each clinic is devoted to physical activity and an additional forty-five minutes is dedicated to nutritional education. For more information, visit http://healthyventuracounty.org.

Instructional programs are tailored to meet the needs of every child. Curricular objectives demonstrate the emphasis in offering a comprehensive English Language Development program. Sheridan Way Elementary has the highest number of credentialed bilingual teachers of any of the VUSD schools who are highly qualified to teach English Learners

Sheridan Way Elementary's Family Center is a valuable resource to students and their families. Family Center staff offer parenting classes and connect families to medical, educational, and social resources to help families remain safe and healthy. Services include:

- · Baby and Me classes
- Dental Services
- Developmental Screenings
- Family Wellness
- · Food Share
- Mental Health Services
- Operation School Bell
- Play and Learn
- · School-based Social Worker
- School on Wheels
- Triple P Parenting Class
- · Walking Club
- Women's Clinics
- Women's Support Group

Before- and after-school day care is offered on campus by Child Development Centers (a private company) from 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for Sheridan Way Elementary's students (grades K-5). Breakfast is available in the morning and structured sports and computer programs are offered in the afternoon.

Sheridan Way Elementary hosts the ASES (After School Education and Safety) program managed by the Boys and Girls Club. ASES offers structured and supervised activities supporting academic intervention, homework support, physical fitness, and access to computer-based educational applications.

Four Jumpstart preschool classes are available on campus; two morning classes and two afternoon classes. The program is open to income-qualifying families seeking creative playtime and educational activities for their children ages 3-5.

## PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Parents are encouraged to get involved in their child's learning environment either by volunteering in the classroom, participating in a decision-making group, or simply attending school events. Parents stay informed on upcoming events and school activities through Parent Connect, the school web site, school marquee, newsletters, monthly calendar, and teacher-prepared e-mail, memos, and phone calls. School-to-home communication is provided in English and Spanish. Contact the school office at (805) 641-5491 or the Family Center at (805) 641-5081 for more information on how to become involved in your child's learning environment.

Opportunities to Volunteer

- Classroom Helper
- Garden Maintenance
- · Office Helper
- Chaperone Field Trips
- Fundraisers

## Committees

- · School Site Council
- English Learner Advisory Council
- Parent Teacher Association
- Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council

### School Activities

- · Back to School Night
- · Garden Day
- · Parent Recognition Activities
- Plaza Comunitaria
- Reading Nights (one for each grade level)
- Reading and Math Night (one for each grade level)
- · Si Se Puede Family Wellness
- Student Recognition Assemblies
- Winter Program

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

## Standardized State Assessments

The Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program consists of several key components, including the California Standards Tests (CSTs), the California Modified Assessment (CMA), and the California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA). The CSTs show how well students are doing in relation to the state content standards. The CSTs include Englishlanguage arts (ELA) and mathematics in grades two through eleven; science in grades five, eight, and nine through eleven; and historysocial science in grades eight, and ten through eleven.

Student scores are reported as performance levels. Detailed information regarding the STAR Program results for each grade and performance level, including the percent of students not tested, can be found on the CDE Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Results web site at http://star.cde.ca.gov.

## **Physical Fitness**

In the spring of each year, Sheridan Way Elementary School is required by the state to administer a physical fitness test to all students in fifth grade. The physical fitness test measures each student's ability to complete six fitness tasks in six major areas. Students that either meet or exceed the standards in all six fitness areas are considered to be physically fit or in the "healthy fitness zone." Comparative District and state results can be found at the CDE's web site www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/pf/.

## Physical Fitness Test Percentage of Students Meeting California Fitness Standards 2012-13 Number of Standards Met: 4 of 6 5 of 6 6 of 6 Grade(s) Tested Fifth 16.4% 22.4% 28.4%

## **Academic Performance Index**

California uses the results of STAR testing to calculate the Academic Performance Index (API) which is used to measure school performance, set academic growth targets, and monitor progress over time. The API is a numeric index between 200-1000 that measures student performance in grades two through eleven. An API score of 800 is the state's designated performance target for all schools. Test results are weighted and a formula is applied to determine API.

Growth Targets: For schools with an API under 800, the state requires a gain of 5% of the difference between the school's actual API

and 800. Growth Targets apply not only schoolwide, but to each numerically significant subgroup as well.

Schools/subgroups that have achieved an API of 800 or above must maintain their scores. Statewide Rank: All schools in California are categorized according to type (elementary, middle, high) and are placed on a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being the highest.

Similar Schools Rank: School performance is also compared to other similar schools in the state, based on demographic characteristics, and ranked 1 to 10 within a grouping of 100 schools.

## **Adequate Yearly Progress**

The Federal No Child Left Benind Act (NCLB) requires that all students perform at or above the proficient level on the state's standards-based assessment by the year 2014. Meeting Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) milestones helps determine whether students are reaching proficiency level targets set by NCLB. AYP requires annual evaluation and reporting of the academic progress of all students and defined student subgroups.

For the 2012-13 AYP cycle, elementary and middle schools must achieve a 89.2% or higher proficiency rate in English/Language Arts and 89.5% or higher proficiency rate in math on the California Standards Test (CST). Additional criteria contributing to whether or not a school demonstrates AYP include achieving a 95% or above participation rate on the CST and obtaining an API growth score of 740 or increasing the API growth by 1 point.

| STAR Results All Students Percentage of Students Scoring at Proficient and Advanced Levels |       |              |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |  |
|--|-------|--------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|
|  | She   | Sheridan Way |       |       | VUSD  |       |       | CA    |       |  |
|  | 10-11 | 11-12        | 12-13 | 10-11 | 11-12 | 12-13 | 10-11 | 11-12 | 12-13 |  |
| English-Language Arts  | 23    | 21           | 21    | 59    | 61    | 59    | 54    | 56    | 55    |  |
| Math   | 31    | 31           | 33    | 51    | 52    | 50    | 50    | 51    | 50    |  |
| Science  | 31    | 33           | 38    | 64    | 67    | 65    | 57    | 60    | 59    |  |
| History  |       |              |       | 58    | 58    | 58    | 48    | 49    | 49    |  |

Only grades 5, 8, 9, 10, and 11 take the Science portion of this exam and only grades 8, 9, 10, and 11 take the History portion.

| STAR Results Ethnic Subgroups Percentage of Students Scoring at Proficient and Advanced Levels 2012-13 |                     |  |       |          |                    |                                    |                            |                         |
|--|---------------------|--|-------|----------|--------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
|  |                     |  |       | Sherida  | an Way             |                                    |                            |                         |
|  | African<br>American | American<br>Indian or<br>Alaskan<br>Native | Asian | Filipino | Hispanic or Latino | Hawaiian<br>or Pacific<br>Islander | White<br>(not<br>Hispanic) | Two or<br>More<br>Races |
| English-Language Arts  |                     |  |       |          | 21                 |                                    |                            |                         |
| Math   |                     |  |       |          | 33                 |                                    |                            |                         |
| Science<br>History   |                     | ,,   |       | 1.5      | 37                 | 10. 5                              |                            |                         |

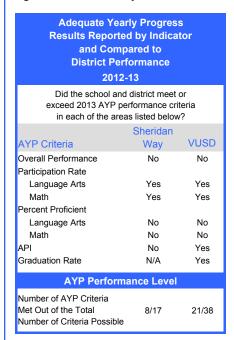
In order to protect student confidentiality, no results are reported for any group of 10 or fewer students. In cases where a % is not provided, no students were tested in the respective subgroup or subject area.

### **STAR Results** Other Subgroups Percentage of Students Scoring at Proficient and Advanced Levels 2012-13 Sheridan Way English Economically Students with Migrant Disadvantaged Disabilities Education Male Female Learners English-Language Arts 18 26 17 21 13 22 Math 34 31 30 33 39 9 Science 41 33 29 38 History

In order to protect student confidentiality, no results are reported for any group of 10 or fewer students. In cases where a % is not provided, no students were tested in the respective subgroup or subject area.

|                                   |         |             |          | formance In<br>mance Com |             |          |        |           |        |
|-----------------------------------|---------|-------------|----------|--------------------------|-------------|----------|--------|-----------|--------|
|                                   |         |             |          |                          | Sheridan W  | ay       |        |           |        |
|                                   |         |             |          | Е                        | Base API Ra | ınk:     |        |           |        |
|                                   |         | 2010        |          |                          | 2011        |          |        | 2012      |        |
| Statewide Rank                    |         | 1           |          |                          | 1           |          |        | 1         |        |
| Similar Schools Rank              |         | 1           |          |                          | 1           |          |        | 1         |        |
|                                   | 5       | Sheridan Wa | ay       | Sherida                  | an Way      | VU:      | SD     | Sta       | te     |
|                                   |         |             |          | # of                     |             | # of     |        | # of      |        |
|                                   | Increas | se/Decrease | e in API | Students                 | Growth      | Students | Growth | Students  | Growth |
|                                   | 2010-11 | 2011-12     | 2012-13  | 2012                     | 2-13        | 2012     | 2-13   | 2012      | -13    |
| All Students                      | -21     | 12          | -20      | 327                      | 628         | 12,892   | 809    | 4,655,989 | 790    |
| Ethnic Subgroups                  |         |             |          |                          |             |          |        |           |        |
| American Indian or Alaskan Native |         |             |          | 1                        |             | 79       | 794    | 30,394    | 743    |
| Asian                             |         |             |          | 1                        |             | 351      | 918    | 406,527   | 906    |
| Hispanic or Latino                | -27     | 13          | -15      | 315                      | 627         | 6,141    | 746    | 2,438,951 | 744    |
| White (not Hispanic)              |         |             |          | 9                        |             | 5,605    | 866    | 1,200,127 | 853    |
| Two or More Races                 |         |             |          | 1                        |             | 431      | 865    | -         |        |
| Other Subgroups                   |         |             |          |                          |             |          |        |           |        |
| Economically Disadvantaged        | -21     | 12          | -46      | 269                      | 602         | 6,543    | 741    | 2,774,640 | 743    |
| English Learners                  | -22     | 19          | -23      | 278                      | 616         | 2,638    | 682    | 1,482,316 | 721    |
| Students with Disabilities        |         |             |          | 31                       | 500         | 1,251    | 543    | 527,476   | 615    |

More information on AYP can be found on the California Department of Education's (CDE) web site www.cde.ca.gov/nclb/ and the U.S. Department of Education's web site www.ed.gov/nclb/accountability/.



## No Child Left Behind (NCLB)

The No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act is part of the Federal Title I funding program designed to support additional staffing and programs to meet the needs of low-income, low achieving students, and other designated students with special needs. Schools may apply, based upon their student demographics, for one of two types of Title I funding: Title I Schoolwide or Title I Targeted Assistance. Title I Schoolwide schools use federal funds for schoolwide improvement of student achievement. Title I Targeted Assistance schools use federal funds to help those students who meet specific program criteria. In 2012-13, Sheridan Way Elementary qualified for Schoolwide Title I funding and is subject to comply with Title I program mandates.

| Title I PI Status<br>2013-14 |                                     |  |  |  |  |  |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Sheridan<br>Way              | VUSD                                |  |  |  |  |  |
| In PI<br>2009-10             | In PI<br>2006-07                    |  |  |  |  |  |
| Year 5                       | Year 3<br>9<br>33.3%                |  |  |  |  |  |
|                              | Sheridan<br>Way<br>In PI<br>2009-10 |  |  |  |  |  |

The statistical information in this table reflects the PI status during the 2013-14 school year.

Any school receiving Title I funds is required to comply with respective program testing and reporting activities, achieve specific levels of student proficiency, and monitor school progress towards meeting established goals. California Adequate Yearly Progress calculations determine

whether a Title I school has met performance goals. Schools not meeting specific AYP criteria enter Program Improvement, a monitoring system and curriculum enhancement program designed to help schools to increase student proficiency levels. More information about Title I and Program Improvement can be located on the CDE's web site www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ti/.

## School Facilities & Maintenance

The district takes great efforts to ensure that all schools are clean, safe, and functional through proper facilities maintenance and campus supervision. Sheridan Way Elementary School's original facilities were built in 1950; ongoing maintenance and campus improvements ensure facilities remain up to date and provide adequate space for students and staff.

| Campus Descriptio              | n        |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Year Built                     | 1950     |
| Acreage                        | 6.3      |
| Bldg. Square Footage           | 43659    |
|                                | Quantity |
| # of Permanent Classrooms      | 16       |
| # of Portable Classrooms       | 10       |
| # of Restrooms (student use)   | 3 sets   |
| Computer Lab                   | 1        |
| Cafeteria/Multipurpose Room    | 1        |
| Library                        | 1        |
| Family Center                  | 1        |
| Staff Lounge/Teacher Work Room | 1        |

District maintenance and site custodial staff ensure that the repairs necessary to keep the school in good condition are completed in a timely manner. A work order process is used by school and district staff to communicate non-routine maintenance requests. Emergency repairs are given the highest priority.

2012-13 Campus Improvements

- Installation of a new roof on main campus
- Installation of a new slurry coat on playground blacktop
- · Asphalt maintenance projects

2013-14 Planned Campus Improvements

· Upgrades to school garden

Every morning before school begins, the day custodian inspects facilities for safety hazards or other conditions that need attention prior to students and staff entering school grounds. One day custodian and two full-time evening custodians are assigned to Sheridan Way Elementary School. The day custodian is responsible for:

- · Cafeteria Setup/Cleanup
- Routine Maintenance
- Restrooms

Restrooms are checked frequently throughout the day for cleanliness and subsequently cleaned as needed. The evening custodians are responsible for:

- Classrooms
- Computer Lab
- Library
- Restrooms
- Office Areas

The principal communicates with custodial staff daily concerning maintenance and school safety issues.

| Itam Inguaciad  |      |      | Sc   | chool Facility Good Repair Status  |  |  |  |  |
|---|------|------|------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Item Inspected Inspection Date:                       |      |      |      | Repair Status  |  |  |  |  |
| July 25, 2013   | bo   | _    | 5    | Repair Needed and  |  |  |  |  |
| , , , , ,   | Good | Fair | Po   | Action Taken or Planned  |  |  |  |  |
| Systems   | ✓    |      |      |  |  |  |  |  |
| Interior Surfaces                                     |      | ✓    |      | Boy's Restroom & Room 31, 32, 33, & 35 - Ceiling stains; Room 8 & 9 - Chipped paint on walls; Room 22 - Paint peeling in restroom on wall  |  |  |  |  |
| Cleanliness   | ✓    |      |      | Room 1 & 17 - Exterior paint peeling; Room 22 - Ants near the back door  |  |  |  |  |
| Electrical  | ✓    |      |      |  |  |  |  |  |
| Restrooms/Fountains                                   | ✓    |      |      |  |  |  |  |  |
| Safety  | ✓    |      |      |  |  |  |  |  |
| Structural  | ✓    |      |      | Room 35 - Damage to siding in front  |  |  |  |  |
| External  |      |      | ✓    | Boy's Restroom & Room 10 - Cracked window; Exterior Courtyards -<br>Chipped paint on wood bench; Room 21 - Back of bathroom door the paint<br>is peeling; Upper Grade Playground - Holes in the pour in place fall<br>protection surface |  |  |  |  |
| Overall Summary of School Facility Good Repair Status |      |      |      |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | Exe  | emp  | lary | Good Fair Poor   |  |  |  |  |
| Overall Summary                                       |      |      |      | ✓  |  |  |  |  |

Percentage Description Rating:

Good: The school is maintained in good repair with a number of non-critical deficiencies noted. These deficiencies are isolated, and/or resulting from minor wear and tear, and/or in the process of being mitigated.

## **Facilities Inspections**

The district's maintenance department inspects Sheridan Way Elementary School on an annual basis in accordance with Education Code §17592.72(c)(1). Sheridan Way Elementary School uses a school site inspection survey to identify unsafe or hazardous conditions and facility improvement needs. The most recent school inspection took place on July 25, 2013. During fiscal year 2012-13, all restrooms were fully functional and available for student use.

## **School Site Safety Plan**

The Comprehensive School Site Safety Plan was developed for Sheridan Way Elementary School in collaboration with local agencies and the district office to fulfill Senate Bill 187 requirements. Components of this plan include child abuse reporting procedures, teacher notification of dangerous pupil procedures, disaster response procedures, procedures for safe arrival and departure from school, sexual harassment policy, dress code policy, and bully prevention policy. The school's most recent school safety plan was reviewed and updated in November 2013, and shared with school staff at faculty meetings held throughout the school year.

Campus culture promotes a secure learning environment. All persons are to be treated with dignity and respect. The district, schools, students, parents/guardians and community have an obligation to promote mutual respect and safe, harmonious relations that support dignity and equality. Bullying and harassment are not tolerated. The school district has in place policies, procedures, and practices that are designed to reduce and eliminate bullying and harassment as well as processes and procedures to address incidents of bullying and harassment when they occur. Students and their parents receive information annually regarding district policies concerning antibullying and harassment.

## **Deferred Maintenance**

Sheridan Way Elementary School participates in the State School Deferred Maintenance Program, which provides dollar-for-dollar matching funds to assist school districts with major repairs or replacement of existing school building components. Deferred maintenance projects generally include roofing, plumbing, heating, air conditioning, electrical systems, interior/exterior painting, and floor systems. During the 2012-13 school year, Sheridan Way Elementary School did not receive any deferred maintenance funds for painting projects.

## **Campus Supervision**

School administration and teaching staff place a high priority on providing adequate adult supervision on campus before, during, and after school. As students arrive on campus each morning, the principal, and noon supervisors are strategically assigned to designated entrance areas, the breakfast area and playground. During recess, the principal and noon supervisors supervise playground activity. The principal and noon supervisors monitor lunch time activity in the cafeteria and on the playground. At the end of the day when students are dismissed, the principal and teachers monitor student behavior to ensure a safe and orderly departure. Sheridan Way Elementary School is a closed campus. During school hours, all visitors must sign in at the school's office and wear identification badges while on school grounds.

## CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT

## **Class Size**

The Class Size Distribution table in this report illustrates the distribution of class sizes by grade level, the average class size, and the number of classes that contain 1-20 students, 21-32 students, and 33 or more students.

| Class Size Distribution   |                  |      |            |       |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------------|------------------|------|------------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| Self-Contained Classrooms |                  |      |            |       |  |  |  |  |
|                           |                  | 2010 | )-11       |       |  |  |  |  |
|                           | Average<br>Class | Num  | ber of Cla | ısses |  |  |  |  |
| Grade                     | Size             | 1-20 | 21-32      | 33+   |  |  |  |  |
| K                         | 24.0             |      | 4          |       |  |  |  |  |
| 1                         | 22.3             | 1    | 3          |       |  |  |  |  |
| 2                         | 22.3             | 2    | 2          |       |  |  |  |  |
| 3                         | 18.3             | 1    | 3          |       |  |  |  |  |
| 4                         | 27.7             |      | 3          |       |  |  |  |  |
| 5                         | 31.7             |      | 3          |       |  |  |  |  |
|                           |                  | 2011 | -12        |       |  |  |  |  |
| K                         | 24.0             |      | 4          |       |  |  |  |  |
| 1                         | 24.3             |      | 4          |       |  |  |  |  |
| 2                         | 23.0             | 2    | 2          |       |  |  |  |  |
| 3                         | 27.3             |      | 3          |       |  |  |  |  |
| 4                         | 28.5             |      | 2          |       |  |  |  |  |
| 5                         | 30.7             |      | 3          |       |  |  |  |  |
|                           |                  | 2012 | 2-13       |       |  |  |  |  |
| K                         | 22.0             |      | 5          |       |  |  |  |  |
| 1                         | 19.0             | 1    | 4          |       |  |  |  |  |
| 2                         | 23.0             |      | 4          |       |  |  |  |  |
| 3                         | 23.0             |      | 4          |       |  |  |  |  |
| 4                         | 28.0             |      | 3          |       |  |  |  |  |
| 5                         | 23.0             | 1    |            | 2     |  |  |  |  |

## Discipline & Climate for Learning

Sheridan Way Elementary School's discipline policies are based upon a schoolwide discipline plan and Lesson One, which are used as guides to develop school rules, develop behavior management programs, promote responsibility, promote respect, and minimize classroom disruptions. Teachers clearly identify and explain behavior expectations to their students and discuss consequences for poor or disruptive behavior in the classroom. At the beginning of the school year and throughout the year as needed, the principal visits the classrooms and leads an assembly to reinforce the importance of following school rules and making responsible, respectful choices in behavior. On the first Monday of every month, the principal discusses various topics which may include reminders regarding behavior expectations. Sheridan Way Elementary School employs a progressive approach in managing students who make poor choices in behavior, do not follow school rules, or are disruptive in the classroom.

| Suspension      | s and E      | xpulsion  | s       |  |  |  |
|-----------------|--------------|-----------|---------|--|--|--|
|                 | Sheridan Way |           |         |  |  |  |
| ·               | 10-11        | 11-12     | 12-13   |  |  |  |
| Suspensions (#) | 5            | 5         | 11      |  |  |  |
| Suspensions (%) | 0.95%        | 0.97%     | 2.03%   |  |  |  |
| Expulsions (#)  | 1            | 1         | 0       |  |  |  |
| Expulsions (%)  | 0.19%        | 0.19%     | 0.00%   |  |  |  |
|                 |              | VUSD      |         |  |  |  |
|                 | All Eler     | mentary S | Schools |  |  |  |
| ·               | 10-11        | 11-12     | 12-13   |  |  |  |
| Suspensions (#) | 224          | 209       | 177     |  |  |  |
| Suspensions (%) | 2.87%        | 2.67%     | 2.26%   |  |  |  |
| Expulsions (#)  | 3            | 2         | 3       |  |  |  |
| Expulsions (%)  | 0.04%        | 0.03%     | 0.04%   |  |  |  |

This table illustrates the total cases (not number of days) of suspensions and expulsions, and includes students with multiple instances of suspension. For example, a student suspended in one month for two days and then suspended a month later for three days is counted as two cases of suspension.

## CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

### Staff Development

All curriculum and instructional improvement activities at Ventura Unified School District are aligned to the California State Content Standards and Frameworks and Common Core Standards. Staff development concentrations are selected and identified based on NCLB requirements and Common Core Standards implementation. Findings from formative assessment results, DIBELS, SRT, and IDEL indicate that reading, writing, and math are the primary focus areas.

| Staff Development Days<br>Three-Year Trend |         |         |  |  |  |
|--|---------|---------|--|--|--|
| 2010-11                                    | 2011-12 | 2012-13 |  |  |  |
| 2  | 2       | 0       |  |  |  |

During the 2012-13 school year, Sheridan Way Elementary participated in staff development training focused on:

- · Common Core Standards
- · Daily Five
- Dataworks
- Dual Language
- Performance Based Assessments
- RALLY Training
- Results Academic Language Literacy Instruction
- Visible Thinking
- · Writing Benchmarks

Throughout the year, Sheridan Way Elementary School's teachers participate in supplemental site-based professional development held after school on early student release days. The principal and leadership identify professional development concentrations based upon results from analysis of student performance data and teacher input. During the 2012-13 school year, teacher training activities focused on:

- · Common Core Standards
- DataWORKs Training
- English Language Development Strategies
- · Grade Level Team Activities
- · Response to Intervention
- Technology
- Writing

The district supplements site-level professional development to follow up and support year-round and ongoing programs centered around reading, writing, and math and tied to either specific strategies to improve student learning or district-adopted curriculum materials. Supplemental professional development is offered throughout the school year on early student release days, after school, on designated staff development days, and during substitute release time. Teacher Content Specialist Teams work with school site administrators and teaching staff to provide support and training to ensure the successful implementation of the Common Core Standards.

Ventura Unified School District and the Ventura County Superintendent of Schools jointly support new and veteran teachers in developing their teaching skills through the Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment (BTSA) program and the Peer Assistance and Review (PAR) program. BTSA is a state-approved program that offers first and second year teachers comprehensive support and training for new teachers with a preliminary credential; after successful completion of the two-year BTSA training, teachers may apply for their clear teaching credential. PAR is available for

veteran teachers who need to improve their instructional skills, classroom management strategies, subject knowledge, and/or related aspects of their teaching performance.

Staff members are encouraged to attend professional workshops and conferences. New teachers, experienced teachers, mentor/teacher leaders, administrators, and support staff are encouraged to participate in workshops sponsored by the Ventura County Superintendent of Schools as well as the Ventura Unified School District. Profession and subject specific offerings are consistent with the California Content Standards. Classified support staff may receive job-related training from district representatives; training activities and workshops are designed to enhance and extend job performance.

## **Instructional Materials**

All textbooks used in the core curriculum at are aligned to the California Content Standards and Frameworks. Instructional materials are selected from the state's most recent list of standards-based materials and adopted by the State Board of Education. The district follows the State Board of Education's six-year adoption cycle for core content materials (English/language arts, math, science, and social science).

On September 24, 2013, the Ventura Unified School District Board of Education held a public hearing to certify the extent to which textbooks and instructional materials have been provided to students. The Board of Education adopted Resolution #13-25 which certifies as required by Education Code §60119 (1) that textbooks and instructional materials were provided to all

students, including English learners, in the district to the extent that each pupil, including English Learners, has a standards-aligned textbook and/or instructional materials to use in class and to take home, which may include materials in a digital format but shall not include photocopied sheets from only a portion of a textbook or instructional materials copied to address a shortage, (2) that all students who are enrolled in the same course within the district have standards-aligned textbooks or instructional materials from the same adoption cycle, (3) sufficient textbooks and instructional materials were provided to each student. including English learners, that are aligned to the academic content standards and consistent with the cycles and content of the curriculum frameworks in math, science, history-social science, and English/language arts, including the English language development component of an adopted program, 4) sufficient textbooks or instructional materials were provided to each pupil enrolled in foreign language or health classes, and 5) sufficient laboratory science equipment was available for science laboratory classes offered in grades 9-12, inclusive.

In addition to core subject areas, districts are required to disclose in their SARCs the sufficiency of instructional materials used for their visual/performing arts curricula. During the 2013-14 school year, Ventura Unified School District provided each student, including English learners, enrolled in a visual/performing arts class with a textbook or instructional materials to use in class and to take home. These materials complied with the state's content standards and curriculum frameworks.

|                 |  | Textbooks  |  |       |  |  |  |
|-----------------|--|--|--|-------|--|--|--|
| Year<br>Adopted | From Most<br>Recent State<br>Adoption? | Publisher and Series   | Percent of Pupils<br>Who Lack Their Own<br>Assigned Textbooks<br>and/or Instructional<br>Materials | Grade |  |  |  |
|                 |  | Reading/Language Arts  |  |       |  |  |  |
| 2003            | Yes                                    | Houghton Mifflin: Houghton Mifflin Reading: A<br>Legacy of Literacy              | 0%   | K-5   |  |  |  |
| Math            |  |  |  |       |  |  |  |
| 2009            | Yes                                    | The Write Group/McGraw-Hill: <i>Everyday Mathematics</i>                         | 0%   | K-5   |  |  |  |
|                 |  | Science  |  |       |  |  |  |
| 2008            | Yes                                    | Pearson-Scott Foresman: Scott Foresman California Science                        | 0%   | K-5   |  |  |  |
|                 |  | Social Science   |  |       |  |  |  |
| 2007            | Yes                                    | Pearson-Scott Foresman: Scott Foresman History-<br>Social Science for California | 0%   | K-5   |  |  |  |
|                 |  | Health   | <u> </u>   |       |  |  |  |
| 2007            | Yes                                    | San Diego State University: SPARK  | 0%   | K-5   |  |  |  |
| 2005            | Yes                                    | Children's Health Market, Inc.: The Great Body Shop                              | 0%   | K-5   |  |  |  |

The textbooks and instructional materials used by the school are selected from the State Board of Education's most recent adoption.

Textbook information was obtained from district office personnel in October 2013.

## PROFESSIONAL STAFF

## **Counseling & Support Staff**

Sheridan Way Elementary School provides professional, highly qualified staff that provide additional services and support centered on the whole student academically, physically, and mentally. The Counseling and Support Services table in this report illustrates the availability of non-instructional support staff to Sheridan Way Elementary School's students.

Full-time equivalent (FTE) is a standard measurement used to identify an employee's regular work load

| (Nonteaching Profession 2012-13                      |       |     |
|--|-------|-----|
|  | Staff | FTE |
| Academic Counselor                                   | 1     | 0.6 |
| Health Technician                                    | 1     | 0.8 |
| Psychologist   | 1     | 1.0 |
| School Nurse   | 1     | 0.2 |
| Library Technician                                   | 1     | 0.1 |
| Computer Tehnician                                   | 1     | 0.1 |
| Average Number of Students per<br>Academic Counselor |       | 518 |

FTE = Full-Time Equivalent

on a weekly basis. For example, an FTE of 1.0 designates a full-time position and the employee is on campus and available all day every day of the week; an FTE of 0.5 indicates that the staff member is available and on campus a portion (50%) of the week.

Triple-P Positive Parenting sessions are offered to individuals and group settings. All sessions are facilitated by an accredited Triple-P practitioner from City Impact. Parents can learn from tip sheets, workbooks, DVDs, and one-on-one or group sessions that can make parenting more manageable and less stressful.

## **Teacher Assignment**

During the 2012-13 school year, Sheridan Way Elementary School had 23 teachers who met all credential requirements in accordance with state guidelines. The Federal No Child Left Behind Act requires that all teachers in core subject areas meet certain requirements in order to be considered as "NCLB Compliant." Minimum qualifications include: possession of a bachelor's degree, possession of an appropriate California teaching credential, and demonstrated competence in core academic subjects.

| Teacher Credentials and Assignments         |              |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|---|--------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|   | Sheridan Way |       |       | VUSD  |       |       |       |       |
|   | 10-11        | 11-12 | 12-13 | 13-14 | 10-11 | 11-12 | 12-13 | 13-14 |
| Total Teachers                              | 20           | 25    | 23    |       | 799   | 832   | 706   |       |
| Teachers with Full Credential               | 20           | 25    | 23    |       | 798   | 831   | 706   |       |
| Teachers without Full Credential            | 0            | 0     | 0     |       | 1     | 1     | 0     |       |
| Teachers Teaching Outside Subject Area      | 3            | 0     | 0     |       | 148   | 119   | 111   |       |
| Teacher Misassignments for English Learners | 0            | 0     | 0     | 0     | 4     | 4     | 2     | 1     |
| Total Teacher Misassignments                | 0            | 0     | 0     | 0     | 5     | 4     | 2     | 1     |
| Teacher Vacancies                           | 0            | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 2     |

In the adjacent table, which identifies the number of classrooms taught and not taught by NCLB-compliant teachers, high poverty schools are those schools in the highest quartile for student participation defined by the free and reduced price meal program. Low poverty schools are those schools that are in the lowest quartile of program participation.

| NCLB Compliance Percentage of Classes in Core Academic Subjects: |   |   |  |  |  |
|--|---|---|--|--|--|
|  | Taught by<br>NCLB-<br>Compliant<br>Teachers | Not Taught<br>by NCLB-<br>Compliant<br>Teachers |  |  |  |
|  | 2012-13                                     |   |  |  |  |
| Sheridan Way   | 100.0%                                      |   |  |  |  |
| District Totals  |   |   |  |  |  |
| All Schools  | 96.0%                                       | 4.0%  |  |  |  |
| High-Poverty Schools   | 95.0%                                       | 5.0%  |  |  |  |
| Low-Poverty Schools  | 97.0%                                       | 2.0%  |  |  |  |

## SARC DATA & INTERNET ACCESS

### **DataQuest**

DataQuest is an online data tool located at http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/ that contains additional information about Sheridan Way Elementary School and comparisons of the school to the district, the county, and the state. DataQuest provides reports for school accountability, including but not limited to API, AYP, STAR results, enrollment, and staffing.

### **Public Internet Access Location**

Parents may access Sheridan Way Elementary School's SARC and access the Internet in the school computer lab or at any of the county's public libraries. The closest public library to Sheridan Way Elementary School is the Avenue Library, a branch of Ventura County Library, located at 606 N. Ventura Avenue.

Avenue Library

Phone Number: (805) 643-6393 Web Site: www.vencolibrary.org Number of Computers Available: 7

Sheridan Way Elementary Computer Lab

Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Number Computers Available: 3 Printers Available: Yes

## DISTRICT EXPENDITURES

## Salary & Budget Comparison

State law requires comparative salary and budget information to be reported to the general public. For comparison purposes, the State Department of Education has provided average salary data from school districts having similar average daily attendance throughout the state. (Note: 2011-12 salary comparison data was the most recent data available at the time this report was published.)

| Salary Comparison<br>2011-12 |         |              |  |  |  |
|------------------------------|---------|--------------|--|--|--|
|                              |         | State        |  |  |  |
|                              |         | Average of   |  |  |  |
|                              |         | Districts in |  |  |  |
|                              |         | Same         |  |  |  |
|                              | VUSD    | Category     |  |  |  |
| Beginning Teacher Salary     | 40,182  | 40,933       |  |  |  |
| Mid-Range Teacher Salary     | 57,861  | 65,087       |  |  |  |
| Highest Teacher Salary       | 80,143  | 84,436       |  |  |  |
| Average Principal Salaries:  |         |              |  |  |  |
| Elementary School            | 95,954  | 106,715      |  |  |  |
| Middle School                | 105,579 | 111,205      |  |  |  |
| High School                  | 111,265 | 120,506      |  |  |  |
| Superintendent Salary        | 192,501 | 207,812      |  |  |  |
| Percentage of Budget For:    |         |              |  |  |  |
| Teacher Salaries             | 38      | 40           |  |  |  |
| Administrative Salaries      | 6       | 5            |  |  |  |

## **Expenditures Per Student**

For the 2011-12 school year, Ventura Unified School District spent an average of \$7,782 of total general funds to educate each student (based on 2011-12 audited financial statements and in accordance with calculations defined in Education Code §41372). The table in this report 1) compares the school's per pupil expenditures from unrestricted (basic) and restricted (supplemental) sources with other schools in the district and throughout the state, and 2) compares the average teacher salary at the school site with average teacher salaries at the district and state levels. Detailed information regarding expenditures and salaries can be found at the CDE web site at www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/ec/ and www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/. (The figures shown in the following table reflect the direct cost of educational services, per ADA, excluding food services, facilities acquisition and construction, and certain other expenditures.)

| Current Expense of Education Per Pupil 2011-12   |                                   |                               |  |  |                                       |  |
|--|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--|---------------------------------------|--|
|  | Dollars Spent Per Student         |                               |  |  |                                       |  |
| Expenditures Per Pupil   | Sheridan Way                      | VUSD                          | % Difference -<br>School and<br>District | State Average<br>for Districts of<br>Same Size<br>and Type | % Difference -<br>School and<br>State |  |
| Total Restricted and Unrestricted<br>Restricted (Supplemental)<br>Unrestricted (Basic)<br>Average Teacher Salary | 5,473<br>1,468<br>4,005<br>58,999 | N/A<br>N/A<br>4,182<br>65,405 | N/A<br>N/A<br>95.8%<br>90.2%             | N/A<br>N/A<br>5,537<br>68,841                              | N/A<br>N/A<br>72.3%<br>85.7%          |  |

In addition to general fund state funding, Ventura Unified School District receives state and federal categorical funding for special programs. For the 2011-12 school year, the district received categorical, special education, and support programs funds for:

- After School Learning & Safety Neighborhood Partnerships
- · Agricultural Vocational Incentive Grants
- Class Size Reduction
- State Lottery
- Continuation Education
- · Department of Rehabilitation
- Economic Impact Aid (EIA)
- · Education Jobs Fund
- Head Start Program
- Indian Education

- · Lottery: Instructional Materials
- · Medi-Cal Billing Option
- Other Federal Funds
- Other Local Funds
- · Other State Funds
- Special Education
- Title I, II, III
- Tobacco-Use Prevention Education
- Transportation
- Transportation: Special Education
- Vocational Programs

## **Disclosure**

The statistical information disclosed in this report is obtained from the California Department of Education and the Ventura Unified School District. At the time of publication, this report met all SARC-related state and federal requirements, using the most current data available. Data to prepare the instructional materials were acquired in November 2013 and school facilities sections were acquired in January 2014.