

Fontana Unified School District

Cypress Elementary School

2000-2001 Annual School Report Card



To graduate all students prepared to succeed in a changing world.

Cypress Elementary

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A Message from the Superintendent

The Mission of the Fontana Unified School District is to prepare all students to be successful in a changing world. Today, more than ever before, our focus is on ensuring academic success for all students.

The contents of the School Accountability Report Card provide information on each school's accomplishments by specific categories. The school and district are proud of the many accomplishments and recognize the need for constant review and improvement as necessary. It is our hope that you will find the information useful as all of us continue to enhance the program for students.

Karen J. Harshman, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Principal's Message

The Cypress Elementary Staff is committed to providing our students with a variety of programs aimed at meeting the needs of our diverse student population. These services are designed to build upon our students' strengths, to ensure that they will have a positive school experience, and to develop in them a lifelong desire for learning. Adopted by teachers, staff, and parents, our Mission Statement is: "We at Cypress Elementary School are committed to providing all students with the means to reach their full emotional and academic potential and to inspire in them the 'love of learning' as a way of life."

Cypress School channels a very high percentage of available funding and human resources directly towards these services to children. This includes many after-school academic programs, a FastForWord® computer program, and daytime tutoring programs for qualified students. We are also heavily committed to ongoing teacher training. As a result, our school's performance on standardized tests has been very positive in recent years. The needs of the individual child are examined when indicated via teacher-led Student Study Teams. We strive to maintain a safe, clean and orderly environment so that teachers can teach and students can learn.

I believe that you will find a school that is on the road to positive change, a faculty that is professionally skilled and personally committed to meeting the educational needs of all students, and a student population that is motivated to do well.

Please feel free to contact us with questions or comments.

Community & School Profile

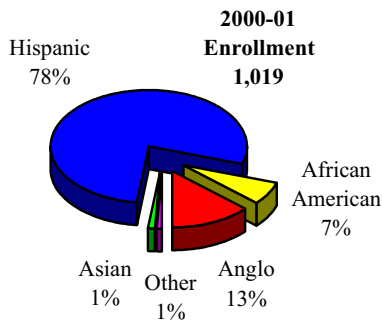
The city of Fontana is located in the county of San Bernardino, surrounded by the coastal mountain ranges of Southern California. Incorporated in 1952, this suburban city lies approximately 50 miles east of the city of Los Angeles in what is known as the Inland Empire. The residents of Fontana enjoy a mild climate, with an average annual temperature of 66 degrees and 16 inches of annual rainfall.

Historically Fontana was first settled as a Spanish land grant in the early 1800's and grew to become an important agricultural community in the early 1900's, producing citrus, grains, grapes, and poultry. By the 1950's, a large steel mill was opened in the city, and Fontana became the largest producer of steel products in Southern California. The steel operations in the city have since diminished, and currently the largest employers in Fontana include the medical, transportation, and distribution industries as well as the Fontana Unified School District.

The city of Fontana offers a community atmosphere with many residential neighborhoods of quality, affordable housing. Fontana is located near mountains, beaches, lakes and desert areas, which offer many recreational opportunities. There are 39 parks and recreational facilities located within the city, and 23 active sports organizations. One of the largest shopping centers in Southern California is located nearby, as well as the California Speedway, which holds NASCAR and Indy car races.

The Fontana Unified School District educates children in grades preschool through twelve on both traditional and year-round, multi-track systems. The district consists of 23 elementary schools, seven middle schools, three high schools, two continuation high schools, and one adult education program. The Fontana Unified School District places strong emphasis on high achievement for students and preparation for productive citizenship, and is committed to providing a strong instructional program for all students to ensure excellence in education.

Cypress Elementary School is a multi-track, year-round school serving 1,019 students in preschool through grade five. The school believes that quality education for all students can be achieved through high standards for academic performance and behavior. Cypress Elementary is dedicated to ensuring the academic success of every student and providing a safe and comprehensive educational experience.



Discipline & Climate for Learning

Students at Cypress Elementary are guided by specific rules and classroom expectations that promote respect, cooperation, courtesy, and acceptance of others. The school's discipline philosophy promotes a safe school, a warm, friendly classroom environment, and demonstrates that good discipline is a solid foundation on which to build an effective school. The goal of Cypress Elementary's discipline program is to provide students with opportunities to learn self-discipline through a system of consistent rewards and consequences for their behavior. Parents and students are informed of discipline policies at the beginning of each school year through classroom orientation.

Attendance

Regular attendance at Cypress Elementary is a necessary part of the learning process and is critical to academic success. Attendance, tardy, and truancy policies are clearly stated, consistently enforced, and consequences fairly administered. Parents are advised of their responsibilities, including proper notification of when and why students are absent. Independent study is available for students who require extended leaves from school. Punctuality and promptness are desirable traits to develop. The students of Cypress Elementary are expected to be in their seats and ready for instruction at the designated time.

Fontana Unified School District's School Attendance Review Board (SARB) is composed of parents, representatives from the school district and members of the community, including representatives from law enforcement, welfare, probation and

mental health. Students are referred to SARB when they have persistent attendance and behavior problems in school, and when the normal avenues of classroom, school and district counseling are not effective. Cypress Elementary expelled one student over the past three years; expulsions occur only when required by law or when all other alternatives are exhausted.

	Suspensions and Expulsions					
	Cypress Elementary			All Fontana Elementary Schools		
	99	00	01	99	00	01
Suspensions (#)	69	27	115	738	439	688
Suspensions (%)	7.0	2.7	11.3	4.1	2.4	3.6
Expulsions (#)	0	0	1	0	3	4
Expulsions (%)	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.00	0.02	0.02

Extracurricular Activities

Students are encouraged to participate in the school's additional academic and extracurricular activities that are an integral part of the educational program. These schoolwide and classroom incentives promote positive attitudes, encourage achievement, and aid in the prevention of behavioral problems. After-school activities, clubs, and programs include:

- After-school teacher tutoring for Math and Language Arts
- English Language Learners tutoring
- Computer Club
- Math and Literacy Camps

Certificates, ribbons, prizes, and various other awards are given to students at trimester assemblies and special presentations throughout the school year. At the trimester awards assemblies students are recognized for academic achievement and perfect attendance. Once a month each classroom has a "Citizen of the Month" who receives prizes and attends a special lunch with the principal and his/her parents. In addition, the school holds a Spirit Day once a month where the principal gives a pep talk to motivate students. Other activities, honors, and programs include:

- Writing Celebration
- Math Field Day
- History Day
- Science Fair

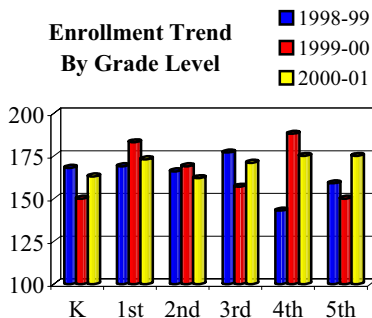
Homework

Cypress Elementary feels homework is a fundamental part of the learning process that helps to develop basic academic and study skills as well as promote student responsibility and self-discipline. Homework is assigned on a regular basis for all grade levels and major subject areas. Each teacher determines the appropriate measure of homework for his or her students. Students are expected to complete their homework assignments in a timely manner and to the best of their ability. Parents are encouraged to provide a supportive environment for homework activities and to be responsible for reviewing homework assignments with their child.

School Attendance

Student enrollment over the past three years at Cypress Elementary has increased by 3.8%. Schoolwide enrollment at the beginning of the 2000-01 school year was 1019 students.

School districts receive financial support from the state for the education of the students they serve based on how many students attend each day. Most importantly, attendance is critical to academic achievement and regular daily attendance is a priority at Cypress Elementary. Student attendance is carefully monitored to identify those students exhibiting excessive absences. During the 1999-00 and 2000-01 school years, the actual attendance rate for all grade levels for Cypress Elementary was 93.98%.



Cypress Elementary has implemented several methods to promote attendance. Every trimester students that have not been absent or tardy receive a Perfect Attendance Award which is presented at a school assembly where parents are invited. An Attendance Clerk in the office works on an ongoing basis with parents to encourage improved attendance. Cypress Elementary also has a School Attendance Review Team that devises strategies and collaborates with parents, the principal and the district to address the more challenging attendance issues.

Class Size

Cypress Elementary maintained a schoolwide average class size of 22.5 students and a pupil/teacher ratio of 22:1 for the 2000-01 school year. The pupil-to-teacher ratio varies by grade level taught.

Class Size Distribution												
Number of Classrooms by Size												
	Average Class Size			Classrooms containing								
				1-20 Students			21-32 Students			33+ Students		
	99	00	01	99	00	01	99	00	01	99	00	01
Kind.	19	20	20	8	8	8	-	-	1	-	-	-
1st	20	20	20	7	7	7	1	-	1	-	-	-
2nd	19	20	21	8	6	2	-	-	4	-	-	-
3rd	20	20	20	6	7	5	-	-	2	-	-	-
4th	32	29	30	-	-	-	3	5	4	-	-	-
5th	28	29	28	1	-	-	1	4	4	3	-	-
K-3rd	20	20	21	3	5	2	-	-	2	-	-	-
4th-5th	32	26	29	-	1	-	2	2	4	-	-	-

- No classrooms containing specified number of students

In 1996, state legislature approved implementation of the Class Size Reduction (CSR) program that provides funding to hire additional teachers to assist schools in reducing K-3 class sizes. At the beginning of the 2000-01 school year 100% of all K-3 classrooms participated in this program.

Instructional Minutes

During the 2000-01 school year, all instructional minutes offered at Cypress Elementary either met or exceeded state requirements. Cypress Elementary provides instruction for Kindergarten - Fifth Grade in a self-contained classroom environment, where students receive all instruction by a homeroom teacher. Fontana Unified School District's curriculum focus is on language arts and mathematics, and students receive ten hours of instruction in each of these areas per week. Students receive instruction in science, social science, art, and physical education in the remaining time. All students receive instruction in computer science at the school's computer lab in addition to the core subjects. Students in grades four and five receive additional specialized instruction in the areas of music, science, and physical education by appropriately credentialed teachers.

Instructional Minutes by Grade Level		
	Minutes Required	Average Minutes Tracks 1-4
K	36,000	36,050
1st-3rd	50,400	53,330
4th-5th	54,000	54,650

Minimum Days

For the 2000-01 school year, Cypress Elementary offered 175 days of instruction. Cypress Elementary is a multi-track, year-round school, and each of four tracks 1, 2, 3, and 4, has its own schedule of regular and minimum days. According to the California Education Code Section 37670.a, a school district with year-round schools may operate a program for as few as 163 days in each fiscal year as long as the instructional time meets California's grade level requirement. Cypress Elementary utilizes minimum days for staff development, teacher preparation, and parent conferences.

School Days		
	Regular Days	Minimum Days
Track 1	131	44
Track 2	131	44
Track 3	133	42
Track 4	133	42

Textbooks & Instructional Materials

Cypress Elementary sets a high priority upon ensuring that sufficient and current textbooks and materials are available to support the school's instructional program as well as provide students with their own textbooks. All textbooks and instructional materials used within the school are aligned with the California State Content Standards and Frameworks as well as district standards.

A committee consisting of administrators and teachers establishes selection criteria based on state standards, reviews instructional materials on the state list, and makes recommendations to the Board of Education for final adoption. During the 2000-01 school year, the district received state instructional materials funding for the purchase of textbooks and supplemental materials. Open Court Reading, published by SRA/McGraw-Hill, was purchased for kindergarten through third grades in 2000-01.

Computer skills and concepts integrated throughout standard curriculum prepare students for technological growth and opportunities. Students receive computer-assisted instruction on a weekly basis at the school's computer lab. Fontana Unified School District's website provides a variety of resources and information for parents, staff, students and community members.

Student Achievement & Testing

Multiple measures of student achievement were used as an ongoing part of the quality instructional program at Cypress Elementary School. These measures were used to monitor students' actual progress as well as to evaluate the effectiveness of the instructional program.

District Language Arts and Math Assessments were given to students in kindergarten through fifth grade. During the 2000-01 school year, Language Arts assessments were given three times, and Math assessments were given four times. These were curriculum embedded tests, developed by the district, which were written to align with state and district standards.

Using the results of district assessments, state assessments and student grades, Fontana Unified School District created a multiple measures matrix. This matrix was used to evaluate overall student progress, and to pinpoint at-risk students. The district and school then utilized various intervention programs for students who were below grade level.

Standardized State Testing

Cypress Elementary participates in California's mandatory Standardized Testing and Reporting Program (STAR) which utilizes the Stanford Achievement Test Series (SAT-9), California Standards Assessments, and the Spanish Assessment of Basic Education/2 (SABE/2). The SAT-9 measures achievement based on student comparison; the California Standards Tests aid in determining the level of individual student comprehension and knowledge of skills required by the California Content Standards for each grade or course.

California Standards Results % of Students Scoring At or Above Standards (Proficient and Advanced) 2001				
All Students	English/Language Arts			
	2	3	4	5
Cypress Elementary	12	12	11	10
Fontana USD	13	12	14	11
California	32	30	33	28
Subgroups				
Gender				
Male	7	10	8	10
Female	16	14	11	9
Ethnicity				
<i>Data currently unavailable</i>				
Language Fluency				
English Learners	5	9	0	2
Non EL	16	16	17	15
Migrant Education				
<i>Data currently unavailable</i>				
Socioeconomic Status				
SED	13	9	10	10
Non SED	10	22	12	10

SED = Socioeconomically Disadvantaged.

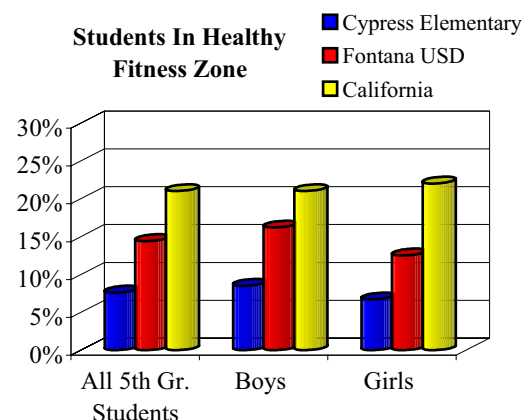
SAT-9 Results 1999, 2000, 2001 % At or Above National Average												
All Students												
Reading												
Grade	2			3			4			5		
Year Ending	99	00	01	99	00	01	99	00	01	99	00	01
Cypress Elementary	18	26	33	19	18	26	16	17	18	18	13	21
Fontana USD	24	24	29	21	24	24	21	23	26	22	21	24
California	44	49	51	41	44	46	41	45	47	42	44	45
Math												
Cypress Elementary	21	36	39	24	30	37	19	32	29	19	23	36
Fontana USD	33	36	42	32	38	45	27	31	39	24	30	38
California	49	57	58	48	56	59	44	51	54	45	50	54

SAT-9 Subgroup Results 2001 % At or Above 50th Percentile									
Gender	Reading				Math				
	2	3	4	5	2	3	4	5	
Male	26	25	16	21	35	42	26	38	
Female	41	27	20	20	43	31	32	34	
Ethnicity									
African American	18	45	20	0	31	45	18	*	
Hispanic	31	22	15	19	39	34	29	41	
Anglo	45	41	39	35	48	50	25	25	
Language Fluency									
English Learner (EL)	20	19	8	3	35	32	21	28	
Non EL	42	32	26	31	42	42	36	41	
Socioeconomic Status									
SED	26	23	18	21	36	32	26	38	
Non SED	46	35	18	21	45	51	36	29	
Migrant Education									
<i>No Data Reported</i>									

SED = Socioeconomically Disadvantaged.
**Due to the moderate number of students tested, and in order to maintain confidentiality, certain scores are not disclosed.*

Physical Fitness

In the spring of each year, Cypress Elementary is required by the state to administer a physical fitness test to all students in the fifth grade. The physical fitness test is a standardized evaluation that tracks the development of high-quality fitness



programs and assists students in establishing physical activity as part of their daily lives. Results of student performance are compared to other students statewide who took the test.

The physical fitness test measures each student’s ability to perform fitness tasks in six major areas; students are provided several options to perform tasks in each area. Students who either meet or exceed the standards in all six fitness areas are considered to be physically fit or in the ‘healthy fitness zone’ (HFZ).

Academic Performance Index

The Academic Performance Index (API) is one of three components of the Public Schools Accountability Act (PSAA) passed in 1999. The API measures school performance, sets academic growth targets, and monitors growth over time based on SAT-9 results. If a school meets its growth targets, including subgroup targets, it may be eligible to receive monetary and non-monetary awards.

The percent tested is calculated by dividing the number of students tested by enrollment in grades tested as indicated in the October CBEDS School Information Form. The API scale is 200-1000, calculations for which only include scores for students in the district the prior school year. Rankings are presented in deciles (high of 10, low of 1), each of which contains 10% of all schools. The growth target is equal to 5% of the difference between the 2000 API and the interim Statewide Performance Target of 800.

The Immediate Intervention/Underperforming Schools Program and the Governor’s Performance Award Program are the two remaining components of the PSA Act. Due to specific criteria, including API and SAT-9 results, Cypress Elementary qualified to participate in the 1999-00 and 2000-01 Governor’s Performance Award programs which allocate up to \$150 per pupil for schoolwide use.

API School Results					
All Students	Base		Growth	Growth	
	99	00		99	00
Percent Tested	100	98	Percent Tested	98	99
API Score	444	483	API Growth Score	483	538
Growth Target	18	16	Actual Growth	39	55
Statewide Rank	1	1	Eligible for Awards	Yes	Yes
Similar Schools Rank	2	2	Eligible for II/USP	No	No
Subgroups					
Hispanic or Latino					
Base API Score	423	468	API Growth Score	468	528
Growth Target	14	13	Actual Growth	45	60
Anglo					
Base API Score	522	545	API Growth Score	545	575
Growth Target	14	13	Actual Growth	23	30
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged					
Base API Score	0	460	API Growth Score	0	518
Growth Target	0	13	Actual Growth	0	58
<i>Only numerically significant subgroups for each reporting period are required to be presented in this report card. Numerically significant subgroups are comprised of (1) at least 100 students with valid test scores or (2) at least 15% of the school population tested and contains at least 30 students with valid scores.</i>					

School Facilities & Safety

Cypress Elementary provides a safe, clean environment for students, staff, and volunteers. School facilities were built in 1970, and include the library, computer lab, multi-purpose room, reading room, playground areas, and 38 classrooms which are all up-to-date and provide adequate space for students and staff.

In the late afternoons and evenings, a team of 180 custodial staff throughout the district ensures that classrooms, restrooms, and campus grounds are kept clean and safe. Removal of graffiti takes place prior to the start of school and repair of necessary facilities are prioritized accordingly. All electrical, plumbing, roofing and fixtures are in good working condition and meet applicable building and government code requirements. A scheduled maintenance program is administered by Fontana Unified School District to ensure that all classrooms and facilities are maintained to a degree of adequacy that provides for good learning.

Beginning in 2002, Cypress Elementary will be part of the district modernization project. During this project various aspects of the campus facilities will be upgraded and all classrooms will be connected to the internet. For more information on the modernization project, please contact the district office.

Safety of students and staff is a primary concern of Cypress Elementary. The school is always in compliance with all laws, rules, and regulations pertaining to hazardous materials and state earthquake standards. 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.

In 1998, the comprehensive Safe School Plan was developed by the Safe Schools Committee and the Office of Child Welfare and Attendance to comply with Senate Bill 187 of 1997. The plan provides students and staff a means of ensuring a safe and orderly learning environment. Highlights of the Safe School Plan include the following:

- Safe Schools Action Plan
- Comprehensive disaster and crisis plan
- State and local discipline policies
- Intervention programs for at-risk students
- Addressing student aggression
- Visible authoritative presence on campus
- Safe transportation
- Communication strategies
- Conflict resolution

The School Site Council evaluates the plan annually and updates the plan as needed. The plan was last updated in Spring of 2001 and was reviewed with the staff at that time. An updated copy is available to the public at the school office.

Counseling & Other Support Services

It is the goal of Cypress Elementary to assist students in their social and personal development as well as academics. The school and district provide special attention to students who experience achievement problems, difficulty coping with personal and family problems, trouble with decision making, or handling peer pressure. The principal and assistant principal coordinate the counseling and support services at each school site.

The school provides qualified personnel to provide counseling and support services, on a part-time and/or full-time basis. A Psychologist and counselor are devoted to helping students deal with problems and assisting them to reach positive goals.

Counseling and Support Services Staff			
	Number of Staff		Availability Days Per Week
	FTE	FTE	Week
Counselor	1	0.5	2.5
Health Aide	1	1	5
Nurse	1	0.4	2
Psychologist	1	0.4	2
Speech/Language Specialist	2	1.5	5

**FTE = Full-Time Equivalent*

Community Resources

The school uses all available resources in the community to assist students in their emotional and academic development. Cypress Elementary works with the following as needed:

- San Bernardino County Department of Mental Health
- Fontana Unified School District Police Department
- City of Fontana Police Department
- Healthy Start
- Child Protective Services
- DARE Program

Teacher Assignment

Fontana Unified School District recruits and employs the most qualified credentialed teachers. For the 2000-01 school year, Cypress Elementary had 40 fully credentialed teachers who met all credential requirements in accordance with State of California guidelines.

Teacher Credential Status			
	99	00	01
Fully Credentialed	38	41	40
Emergency Credentials	10	6	3
Waiver	6	3	4
Total Teachers	54	50	47
Working Outside Subject	0	0	0
Average Years Teaching	9.7	9.8	10.7
Average Years in District	8.0	7.8	8.6

Cypress Elementary supports efforts made by teachers and other certificated school staff in attaining additional education and training through local colleges and universities for their personal growth as well as for the benefit of the school. During the 2000-01 school year, certificated staff consisted of 50 employees: 52 percent with 30+ additional units beyond their bachelor's degree and 28 percent holding advanced graduate degrees such as a masters or doctorate degree.

Specially trained staff who provide additional instruction or services include:

- Resource Specialists (1 full-time, 1 part-time)
- Resource Specialist Aides (1 full-time, 1 part-time)
- Computer Lab Aide (1 full-time)
- Music Teachers (3 part-time)
- Library Specialist (1 full-time)
- English Language Learners Aides (2 part-time)
- Literacy Tutors (3 part-time)

Teacher Evaluation & Professional Development

A constructive evaluation process promotes quality instruction and is a fundamental element in a sound educational program. Evaluations and formal observations are designed to encourage common goals and to comply with the state's evaluation criteria and district policies. Temporary and probationary teachers are evaluated annually and tenured teachers are evaluated every other year. Evaluations are conducted by the principal and vice principal; these administrators have been trained and certified for competency to perform teacher evaluations.

Staff members build teaching skills and concepts through participation in conferences and workshops throughout the year. The district offers staff development days annually where teachers are offered a broad based variety of professional growth opportunities in curriculum and instructional strategies. The number of staff development days varies each year. Staff at Cypress Elementary had the option to participate in six staff development days each year during the 2000-01, 1999-00, and 1998-99 school years.

Substitute Teachers

Generally, the district does not experience any problems finding qualified substitute teachers, and currently has an adequate pool of approximately 250 substitutes. Most substitute teachers have a Bachelor's degree or at least 90 units toward a Bachelor's degree, and have passed the CBEST test. In the event a substitute teacher is not available for an absent teacher, students of the absent teacher are sent to others classrooms in the same grade level for instruction.

Training & Curriculum Improvement

All training and curriculum development at Cypress Elementary revolves around the California State Content Standards and Frameworks. Teachers align classroom curriculum to ensure that all students either meet or exceed state proficiency levels. The writing and implementation of Cypress Elementary's curriculum is an ongoing process. The district's curriculum guides are updated regularly to align with the state standards, district goals, and the statewide assessment program.

In 2000-01, Fontana Unified School District developed and adopted a standards-based report card. As all curriculum at elementary schools is aligned with the state standards, the standards-based report card gives parents a clear message about how their children are performing in relation to the state standards. The report card defines subject areas by curriculum and content standards. Numerical levels are used to indicate the child's level of performance in each standards area, in addi-

tion to an overall letter grade. Work habits and social skills are graded in a separate section.

A districtwide Adoption Committee consisting of parents, teachers and administrators is responsible for evaluating and selecting new textbooks and developing curriculum based on the textbook selections. Approximately two teachers from each elementary school in the district field test new textbooks and write the corresponding curriculum. In 2000-01, the Open Court Reading program was implemented for grades kindergarten through third. The district offered teacher training through literacy camps and staff development days for this new program.

Cypress Elementary implemented the FastForWord® language development program in 2000-01 to help low performing students develop better language skills. FastForWord®, created by the Scientific Learning Corporation, rapidly builds oral language skills by retraining the brain to discriminate sounds and process language more rapidly. In addition to FastForWord®, Cypress Elementary offers several intervention programs for students who are struggling to meet grade level, students at risk, or those who have special challenges.

- Site Literacy Leader small group reading skills
- Teacher Tutors
- Math and Literacy Camps
- English Language Acquisition Program (ELAP)
- English Language Learners Aides in the classroom
- Off-track Intercessions in language arts and math

Fontana Unified School District offers several programs to support new and veteran teachers including the Beginning Teacher Support and Assistance (BTSA) program and the Peer Assistance and Review (PAR) program, which are designed to improve the education for students and increase the classroom performance of teachers, targeting both new and veteran teachers. Cypress Elementary teachers utilize these programs with the goal of accomplishing the highest level of success for students and teachers. In addition to teacher support, all staff members are encouraged to attend workshops and conferences. During the 2000-01 school year topics for staff development were:

- Education of Students
- Literacy
- Guided Reading
- Mathematics

For the 2001-02 school year, staff at Cypress Elementary will continue to make a strong commitment to providing guidance for all staff in an effort to develop an instructional program that fosters creativity and academic excellence.

Special Education

The district's Special Education program addresses the needs of those students with special needs through appropriate assessment, identification of problem areas, placement, program implementation, evaluation, and review. A team consisting of the parent, school administrator, general education teacher, and special education teacher develop an Individual Education Plan (IEP) for each student in the Special Educa-

tion program. The IEP defines what level of services a child will receive, whether it is additional support in the general classroom, or special reinforcement and development of concepts instruction conducted for a portion of the school day outside of the general classroom. Each school has a Special Education Review Team (SERT) which monitors the intake and exit of students in the program, and evaluates the student's overall progress through the program.

Quality of Instruction & Leadership

Leadership at Cypress Elementary is a responsibility shared between district administration, the principal, instructional staff, students, and parents. Overall administration of the school activities, teacher evaluations, and daily operations are only a few of the many responsibilities undertaken by Cypress Elementary's principal. Working closely with teachers and staff, the principal leads the school's efforts to offer a well-balanced and rigorous core curriculum aligned with state and district standards.

The district requires various levels of participation from school site staff to regularly assemble and address specific issues for each site as well as districtwide issues.

- Math Field Day Committee
- Writing Celebration Committee
- Science Fair Committee
- Math Curriculum Adoption Committee
- History Day Committee
- Superintendent's Teacher/Classified Staff Councils

Staff members and parents participate on various committees that make decisions regarding the priorities and direction of the educational plan to ensure instructional programs are consistent with students' needs and comply with district goals.

- School Site Council
- District School Site Council
- English Language Learners Advisory Committee (ELAC)
- District ELAC (DELAC)
- Parent Teacher Association (PTA)
- Individual Education Plan (IEP) Teams

The School Site Council, consisting of school staff and parents, is a major governing body that meets regularly to address programs and components that make up the school, to discuss the effectiveness and appropriateness of the various programs and components relative to the goals of the school, and to act as a communication liaison between the community and the school. Activities of the School Site Council in 2000-01 included:

- Reviewing and approving the school plan and budget
- Monitoring state education issues
- Providing input on programs
- Reviewing English Language Learners' issues (jointly with ELAC)

Expenditures & Services Funded

For the 1999-00 school year, Fontana Unified School District spent an average of \$5,542 to educate each student (based on 1999-00 audited financial statements). The figures shown in the table on the following page reflect the direct cost of educational services, per ADA, excluding food services, facilities acquisition and construction, and certain other expenditures. This calculation is required by law annually and compared with other districts statewide.

Expenses Related to Instruction Per Student* 1999-00		
Statewide Average		
Fontana USD	All Unified Districts	All Districts
\$5,542	\$5,758	\$5,705

**Ed-Data and California Department of Education, School Fiscal Services Division - J-200 Reports.*

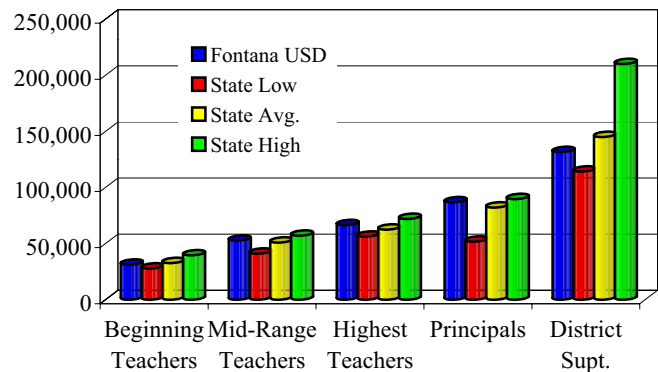
In addition to general fund state funding, Fontana Unified School District receives state and federal categorical funding for special programs. For the 1999-00 school year, the district received approximately \$1,594 per student in federal and state aid for the following categorical, special education, and support programs:

- Title I
- Joint Training Partnership Act
- Special Education
- Eisenhower Math and Science
- Drug/Alcohol/Tobacco
- Vocational and Applied Technology
- Regional Occupational Program
- Gifted and Talented Pupils
- Home to School Transportation
- School Improvement Program
- Economic Impact Aid
- Special Education Transportation
- Basic Reading Act
- Demo Programs for Reading and Math
- Vocational Education, Handicapped Students
- Tenth Grade Counseling
- Educational Technology Assistance
- Year Round School Incentive
- Healthy Start

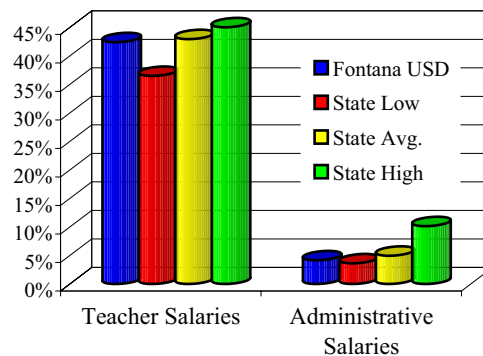
Salary & Budget Comparison

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 more than 20,000 average daily attendance throughout the state.

**Average Salary Information
Teachers - Principals - Superintendent
1999-00**



**Percentage of Budget
Teacher and Administrative Salaries
1999-00**



Contact Information

Parents who wish to participate in Cypress Elementary's leadership teams, school committees and school activities, or become a volunteer may contact the principal or assistant principal at (909) 357-5460.