

Foothills High School

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School Description

School's Mission Statement: The mission of Foothills High School is to educate all students in a challenging, disciplined, and supportive environment. By providing a rigorous, engaging, and relevant learning experience, we seek to empower students to be life-long, independent learners who are career and college ready. Our graduates will be contributors to our community and our diverse and ever-changing global society.

Foothills High School is an independent study program (alternative education) in San Marcos, CA in North San Diego County. We serve the entire community that ranges from low socio-economic to affluent neighborhoods. All of our students are qualified as at-risk based on socio-economics, foster youth, homelessness, gang affiliations, immigration status, mental health, gender identity, credit deficiency, special education, and/or language learning. Foothills High School meets the demands of our modern society by providing a valuable alternative to a traditional high school. Students can acquire a high school diploma by completing a program of instruction in an independent study environment. Commitment, relationships, and education are the core values of our Independent Alternative Education Program. The required curriculum offered is the same as that of the traditional high school. Students meet with highly qualified teachers in a one-to-one environment to attain their diploma. The staff meet the needs of our at-risk youth, teen parents, and students that need "outside the box" education and support. The flexibility provided at Foothills leads to higher success rates for students and a sense of community that produces responsible global citizens and employable adults.

About the SARC

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

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

2018-19 Student Enrollment by Grade Level

Grade Level	Number of Students
Grade 9	4
Grade 10	14
Grade 11	16
Grade 12	84
Total Enrollment	118

2018-19 Student Enrollment by Group

Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	3.4
American Indian or Alaska Native	5.1
Asian	3.4
Filipino	0.8
Hispanic or Latino	44.1
White	43.2
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	52.5
English Learners	14.4
Students with Disabilities	43.2
Foster Youth	5.9
Homeless	5.1

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 for Foothills High School	17-18	18-19	19-20
With Full Credential	2.34	3.8	4
Without Full Credential	0	0	0
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	0	0	0

Teacher Credentials for San Marcos Unified	17-18	18-19	19-20
With Full Credential	♦	♦	948
Without Full Credential	♦	♦	6
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	♦	♦	0

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions at Foothills High School

Indicator	17-18	18-19	19-20
Teachers of English Learners	0	0	0
Total Teacher Misassignments*	0	0	0
Vacant Teacher Positions	0	0	0

* Note: "Misassignments" refers to the number of positions filled by teachers who lack legal authorization to teach that grade level, subject area, student group, etc.

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

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

English Language Arts: San Marcos Unified School District high schools offer a coordinated, sequenced curriculum in English Language Arts. In grades 9 and 10, these courses are designated as College Prep and Honors. In grades 11 and 12, students have the opportunity to take College Prep courses along with a choice of Advanced Placement classes. Students develop analytical and interpretative skills as outlined in the California Common Core English Language Arts Standards. They read a range of informational text and literature and have the opportunity to write in various genres for varied audiences.

Math:

Math courses follow a traditional course sequence that incorporates the California Common Core State Standards for Mathematics. Instruction within the classroom integrates conceptual understanding with procedural fluency, and incorporates both the Mathematical Content Standards for each level and the eight Standards for Mathematical Practice that cross grade levels. Students progress through a range of courses including Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2 and advanced mathematics including Statistics, Calculus and Discrete math. Courses are offered at the college preparatory level, as well as Honors and Advanced Placement level.

Science:

SMUSD has transitioned to the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) for California Public Schools adopted in September 2013. The district has adopted the California Science Framework's 3-course phenomena-based curricular and instructional model in which all students are exposed to and learn all standards as part of a sequence of courses in The Living Earth, Chemistry in the Earth System, and Physics of the Universe. In addition to these classes, students have access to several elective and Advanced Placement sciences classes. SMUSD teachers are incorporating the California Common Core State Standards in Literacy for Sciences that focus heavily on aspects of reading, writing and research.

Social Studies:

SMUSD History Social Science courses incorporate the California History Social Science Framework adopted in 2016 along with the History Social Science Content Standards for California Public Schools. Additionally, the courses integrate the California Standards for Literacy in the History/Social Sciences. Students take a sequence of courses that include World History, United States History, and United States Government and Economics. Within this sequence students have the opportunity to take college preparatory, Honors and Advanced Placement level courses along with a number of History-Social Science college preparatory electives.

Textbooks and Instructional Materials

Year and month in which data were collected:

Core Curriculum Area	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/Year of Adoption
Reading/Language Arts	California Collections The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0%
Mathematics	Calculus of a Single Variable Big Ideas MATH: Algebra 2 Big Ideas MATH: Geometry Big Ideas MATH: Algebra 1 Big Ideas MATH: Course 3 The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0%
Science	Chemistry/ Biology Physics: Principals and Problems Modern Earth Science The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0%
History-Social Science	Ancient/ Modern World History/Americans Government in America Economics The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0%

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

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements (Most Recent Year)

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements

Foothills High School shares a site with Twin Oaks High School. The grounds are spacious and inviting, with well-maintained landscaping. A professional custodial staff maintains the site regularly and district maintenance staff is on call to assist with any needed repairs. The physical quality of our school building influences learning and teaching.

Cleaning Process and Schedule

The district governing board has adopted cleaning standards for all schools in the district. A summary of these standards is available at the school office and at the district office. The principal works daily with the custodial staff to develop cleaning schedules to ensure a clean and safe school.

Maintenance and Repair

District maintenance staff ensures that the repairs necessary to keep the school in good repair and working order are completed in a timely manner. A work order process is used to ensure efficient service and that emergency repairs are given the highest priority.

School Facility Good Repair Status (Most Recent Year) Year and month in which data were collected: 10/30/2019

System Inspected	Repair Status	Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	Good	No repairs needed at the time of inspection.
Interior: Interior Surfaces	Good	No repairs needed at the time of inspection.
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/ Vermin Infestation	Good	No repairs needed at the time of inspection.
Electrical: Electrical	Good	No repairs needed at the time of inspection.
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	Good	No repairs needed at the time of inspection.
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	Good	No repairs needed at the time of inspection.
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	Good	No repairs needed at the time of inspection.
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	Good	1 Utility door broken, damaged or missing. Work order placed to Maintenance & Operations Department for repairs.
Overall Rating	Exemplary	

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 17-18	School 18-19	District 17-18	District 18-19	State 17-18	State 18-19
ELA	26	45	65	67	50	50
Math	6	8	51	52	38	39

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

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

CAASPP Test Results in Science for All Students

Grades Five, Eight, and Ten

Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standard

Subject	School 17-18	School 18-19	District 17-18	District 18-19	State 17-18	State 18-19
Science	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

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

State Priority: Other Pupil Outcomes

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

- Pupil outcomes in the subject area of physical education

2018-19 Percent of Students Meeting Fitness Standards

Grade Level	4 of 6	5 of 6	6 of 6
9	5.6	5.6	

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

**School Year 2018-19 CAASPP Assessment Results - English Language Arts (ELA)
Disaggregated by Student Groups, Grades Three through Eight and Eleven**

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	37	29	78.38	44.83
Male	19	16	84.21	37.50
Female	18	13	72.22	53.85
Black or African American	--	--	--	--
American Indian or Alaska Native	--	--	--	--
Filipino	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	18	12	66.67	50.00
White	15	14	93.33	42.86
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	22	17	77.27	35.29
English Learners	--	--	--	--
Students with Disabilities	--	--	--	--
Foster Youth	--	--	--	--
Homeless	--	--	--	--

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

Note: Double dashes (--) appear in the table when the number of students is ten or less, either because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or to protect student privacy.

Note: The number of students tested includes all students who participated in the test whether they received a score or not; however, the number of students tested is not the number that was used to calculate the achievement level percentages. The achievement level percentages are calculated using only students who received scores.

**School Year 2018-19 CAASPP Assessment Results - Mathematics
Disaggregated by Student Groups, Grades Three through Eight and Eleven**

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	38	24	63.16	8.33
Male	20	13	65.00	7.69
Female	18	11	61.11	9.09
Black or African American	--	--	--	--
American Indian or Alaska Native	--	--	--	--
Filipino	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	19	10	52.63	0.00
White	15	11	73.33	9.09
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	23	14	60.87	7.14
English Learners	--	--	--	--
Students with Disabilities	--	--	--	--
Foster Youth	--	--	--	--
Homeless	--	--	--	--

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

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C. Engagement

State Priority: Parental Involvement

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

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

Opportunities for Parental Involvement (School Year 2019-20)

We have a social worker, 2 counselors, and a school psychologist that provide resources, workshops, counseling and parent outreach to meet the needs of all students and families. Parents, stakeholders, teachers, and students have the ability to evaluate, plan, and implement through ELAC, SSC, open door policy, email communication, and social media, open house events for electives, school board meetings, and a leadership team. Parents can contact the front office (760-290-2544), School social worker, or administrative team for any information regarding these groups, Services, or any other involvement opportunities.

Parents are encouraged to meet with the teachers every six weeks to review student progress, needs, and overall performance. Parents are required to attend the first teacher meeting to review procedures, outcomes, and evaluation process. Teachers are available five days a week via phone and email. they also conduct weekly communications with the families to update progress.

State Priority: School Climate

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the State priority: School Climate (Priority 6):

- Pupil suspension rates;
- Pupil expulsion rates; and
- Other local measures on the sense of safety.

School Safety Plan

Our school safety plan was approved by the school site council on September 11, 2019 that included parents, student representatives, faculty representatives, and administration. Our key areas of focus are lock down for intruders, fire, and earthquake. We continue to practice these drills one time per month to make sure all students and faculty are aware of procedures. We continue to be evaluated annually by the district and the local fire department with additional support during lockdown drills by the sheriff department.

We have reviewed key areas with all of the faculty and reviewed assignments during emergencies. We continue to review these assignments throughout the year and during drills. Faculty are supplied with the school safety plan in their classroom as well as emergency supplies. All information is included in the student handbook which is reviewed with students with additional focus areas including bullying, suspension procedures, and harassment.

Suspensions and Expulsions for the School	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Suspensions Rate	0.8	2.2	0.0
Expulsions Rate	0.0	0.0	0.0

Suspensions and Expulsions for the District	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Suspensions Rate	2.0	1.8	1.5
Expulsions Rate	0.1	0.0	0.0

Suspensions and Expulsions for the State	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Suspensions Rate	3.6	3.5	3.5
Expulsions Rate	0.1	0.1	0.1

D. Other SARC Information

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

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

Title	Ratio
Academic Counselor*	.0

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

Student Support Services Staff (School Year 2018-19)

Title	Number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)
Counselor (Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	0
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	0
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	0
Psychologist	0
Social Worker	0
Nurse	0
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	0
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)	0
Other	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.

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Secondary)

Subject	2016-17	2016-17	2016-17	2016-17	2017-18	2017-18	2017-18	2017-18	2018-19	2018-19	2018-19	2018-19
	Average Class Size	# of Classes* Size 1-22	# of Classes* Size 23-32	# of Classes* Size 33+	Average Class Size	# of Classes* Size 1-22	# of Classes* Size 23-32	# of Classes* Size 33+	Average Class Size	# of Classes* Size 1-22	# of Classes* Size 23-32	# of Classes* Size 33+
Mathematics												
Social Science												

* Number of classes indicates how many classrooms fall into each size category (a range of total students per classroom). At the secondary school level, this information is reported by subject area rather than grade level.

Professional Development provided for Teachers

Measure	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Number of school days dedicated to Staff Development and Continuous Improvement	48	63	62

San Marcos Unified School District (SMUSD) is committed to the belief that the strongest predictor of student achievement is the quality of the teacher inside the classroom. In support of this belief, SMUSD is deeply committed to teacher learning and professional development as evidenced by our district mission statement.

San Marcos Unified School District's Mission Statement includes these commitments:

- "hiring and retaining only the best educators and investing in their success."
- "providing quality education based on high standards, effective practices, continuous improvement, and innovation."

Every new teacher in our district engages in a rigorous 2 year training program where the new employee receives 30 hours of professional development on our research-based instructional framework, the Essential Elements of Instruction (EEI). These instructional strategies apply to any curricular area and any grade level. New administrators to the District receive professional learning in this instructional framework as well.

In the 2018-19 school year, at the secondary level, the district focused professional learning on the continued implementation of state academic standards in English language arts, English development, mathematics, science, and history. Attention was placed on the integration of common formative and summative assessments in English language arts and math within the instructional cycle. ELA teachers were offered additional support to deepen their understanding of newly adopted instructional materials and how to appropriately use these resources to support student learning. Science teachers were given time to delve deeply into NGSS, aligning and/or creating course outlines and units to the requirements of the new standards. The use of technology within the educational setting to support the implementation of standards and student learning has required on-going professional development for teachers to confidently and effectively use these tools.

Various means of professional learning were offered: face-to-face workshops during the regular workday, during school breaks, and after school as well as online sessions available for staff to access during times that best work with their schedule. Principals provided staff development during regularly scheduled staff meetings throughout the year. Teachers who work with students with special needs engaged in ongoing collaboration to implement more inclusive delivery models.

Teachers continued to engage in professional development each week as they worked collaboratively during their structured teacher collaboration time (early release Wednesdays for elementary/middle school staff and late start Tuesdays for high school staff). This provided teachers the opportunity to share best practices to meet students' needs. Teachers on Special Assignment (TOSAs) provided professional development and worked with teachers in their classrooms modeling strategies, planning collaboratively, and providing support.

FY 2017-18 Teacher and Administrative Salaries

Category	District Amount	State Average for Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$39,663	\$48,612
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$79,323	\$74,676
Highest Teacher Salary	\$100,274	\$99,791
Average Principal Salary (ES)	\$126,286	\$125,830
Average Principal Salary (MS)	\$133,521	\$131,167
Average Principal Salary (HS)	\$145,758	\$144,822
Superintendent Salary	\$240,000	\$275,796

Percent of District Budget	District Amount	State Average for Districts In Same Category
Teacher Salaries	39%	34%
Administrative Salaries	5%	5%

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

FY 2017-18 Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries

Level	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	Average Teacher Salary
School Site				
District	N/A	N/A		\$77,016.00
State	N/A	N/A	\$7,506.64	\$82,403.00

Percent Differences	Unrestricted	Average Teacher Salary
School Site/District		
School Site/ State		

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

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

Types of Services Funded

Funding is provided for the following special programs to supplement the core instructional provided by the school district.

Cal-SAFE Supportive Services - Funding to increase the availability of support services for enrolled expectant/parenting students to improve academic achievement and parenting skills.

Cal-SAFE Child Care & Development - Funding to provide a quality child care/development program for enrolled expectant/parenting students.

Dropout Rate and Graduation Rate (Four-Year Cohort Rate)

Rate for Foothills High School	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Dropout Rate	5.7	3.8	21.4
Graduation Rate	77.1	50	57.1

Rate for San Marcos Unified School	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Dropout Rate	0.5	0.9	3
Graduation Rate	97.8	95.3	93.5

Rate for California	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Dropout Rate	9.7	9.1	9.6
Graduation Rate	83.8	82.7	83

For the formula to calculate the 2016-17 and 2017-18 adjusted cohort graduation rate, see the 2018-19 Data Element Definitions document located on the SARC web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa/>.

Career Technical Education Participation

Measure	CTE Program Participation
Number of pupils participating in CTE	
% of pupils completing a CTE program and earning a high school diploma	
% of CTE courses sequenced or articulated between the school and institutions of postsecondary education	

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).

Internet Access

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

Courses for University of California (UC) and/or California State University (CSU) Admission

UC/CSU Course Measure	Percent
2018-19 Pupils Enrolled in Courses Required for UC/CSU Admission	0
2017-18 Graduates Who Completed All Courses Required for UC/CSU Admission	0

2018-19 Advanced Placement Courses

Subject	Number of AP Courses Offered*	Percent of Students In AP Courses
Computer Science		N/A
English		N/A
Fine and Performing Arts		N/A
Foreign Language		N/A
Mathematics		N/A
Science		N/A
Social Science		N/A
All courses		

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

*Where there are student course enrollments of at least one student.