

# Julian Charter School

## School Accountability Report Card

### Reported Using Data from the 2017-18 School Year

#### Published During 2018-19

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

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

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## **About This School**

#### **Contact Information (School Year 2018-19)**

<b>School Contact Information</b>	
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### School Description and Mission Statement (School Year 2018-19)

Julian Charter School (JCS) is an independent study TK-12 charter school sponsored by Julian Union Elementary School District. The school was established in November 1999 to meet the needs of students who were underserved by traditional delivery systems of education or for families who had a strong desire to home school. Beginning in the 2018-2019 school year JCS split into 6 smaller charter schools to serve students more locally. JCS serves students in Orange, Imperial, Riverside, and San Diego counties with the majority of students in San Diego County. As of 2000, JCS is a non-profit corporation and, as such, receives direct funding from the state. Administrative offices are housed on the Julian Junior High School campus in the town of Julian in the mountains of northeast San Diego County.

The school offers a variety of resources to meet the needs of independent study learners including: a resource center; home study education units (EUs) for vendor course instruction or educational materials; field trips; labs; program options (online learning, portfolio, home study, intensive intervention); and support programs such as Safety Net and virtual tutoring. The school is accredited through the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). Our most recent WASC accreditation in 2016 resulted in 6 years with a midterm report.

The mission of JCS is to empower learners with educational choice. Our vision is to provide an exemplary personalized learning program in a supportive, resource-rich learning environment. We are dedicated to excellence and committed to nurturing passionate lifelong learners. Core values include:

- Creativity and Innovation: Envision and explore rich teaching and learning opportunities.
- Commitment: Educate students to their full potential and uphold the greater good of the school.
- Choice: Empower individual paths and goals through personalized learning.
- Excellence: Foster a climate of high expectations, quality, and accountability.
- Integrity and Compassion: Model honesty, dignity, fairness, and responsibility while demonstrating respect and understanding.

**Student Enrollment by Grade Level (School Year 2017-18)**

Grade Level	Number of Students
Kindergarten	205
Grade 1	187
Grade 2	182
Grade 3	173
Grade 4	180
Grade 5	173
Grade 6	207
Grade 7	212
Grade 8	233
Grade 9	130
Grade 10	131
Grade 11	141
Grade 12	125
<b>Total Enrollment</b>	<b>2,279</b>

**Student Enrollment by Group (School Year 2017-18)**

Student Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	2.5
American Indian or Alaska Native	1.2
Asian	2.8
Filipino	0.9
Hispanic or Latino	21.9
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.4
White	60.7
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	30.2
English Learners	2.0
Students with Disabilities	13.3
Foster Youth	0.2

**A. Conditions of Learning****State Priority: Basic**

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

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

## Teacher Credentials

Teachers	School			District
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2018-19
With Full Credential	195	133	31	18
Without Full Credential	0	0	0	0
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence (with full credential)	N/A	N/A	N/A	1

## Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions

Indicator	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total Teacher Misassignments *	N/A	N/A	N/A
Vacant Teacher Positions	N/A	N/A	N/A

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 2018-19)

Year and month in which data were collected: August 2018

High quality instructional materials and curricula are available for all students at all grade levels. Materials are updated and replaced, as needed. Standards-aligned textbooks and other instructional materials are stocked in the Resource Center and, as needed, available through special order. The K-8 program has extensive flexibility to work with instructional materials that optimize learning and teaching for the student and family, while the high school program has recommended, and in some cases required, materials for core and elective coursework. In science, appropriate standards aligned take-home science kits and site-based labs are available for all students not taking the science course in a classroom. The school does not strictly adhere to the state's textbook adoption cycle.

Subject	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/ Year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption?	Percent of Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
Reading/Language Arts	Standards-aligned texts available for all students.	Yes	0
Mathematics	Standards-aligned texts available for all students.	Yes	0
Science	Standards-aligned texts available for all students.	Yes	0
History-Social Science	Standards-aligned texts available for all students.	Yes	0
Foreign Language	Standards-aligned texts available for all students.	Yes	0
Health	Standards-aligned texts available for all students.	Yes	0
Visual and Performing Arts	Standards-aligned texts available for all students.	Yes	0
Science Laboratory Equipment (grades 9-12)	Standards-aligned texts available for all students.	Yes	0

**School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements (Most Recent Year)**

JCS, Inc. has learning centers that offer enrichment classes for Julian Charter students in San Diego county. The multi-use complex, in La Mesa, includes three academies for our sister charters, a learning center, special education services and space for student meetings, small group tutorial sessions, parent gatherings, and professional development meetings. There are additional learning centers located in Pine Valley and Encinitas.

In Riverside county, in Temecula, the school also has a multi-use complex that includes two academies for our sister charters, a learning center, our resource center, special education services and space for student meetings, small group tutorial sessions, parent gatherings, and professional development meetings. An additional small center exists in Orange County for special education services.

All of the facilities owned and leased by JCS are safe, clean, and in good repair.

**School Facility Good Repair Status (Most Recent Year)**

Using the **most recently collected** FIT data (or equivalent), provide the following:

- Determination of repair status for systems listed
- Description of any needed maintenance to ensure good repair
- The year and month in which the data were collected
- The overall rating

School Facility Good Repair Status (Most Recent Year)		
Year and month of the most recent FIT report: 4/18/2018		
System Inspected	Repair Status	Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
<b>Systems:</b> Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	Good	
<b>Interior:</b> Interior Surfaces	Good	
<b>Cleanliness:</b> Overall Cleanliness, Pest/Vermin Infestation	Good	
<b>Electrical:</b> Electrical	Good	
<b>Restrooms/Fountains:</b> Restrooms, Sinks/Fountains	Good	
<b>Safety:</b> Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	Good	
<b>Structural:</b> Structural Damage, Roofs	Good	
<b>External:</b> Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	Good	

**Overall Facility Rating (Most Recent Year)**

Year and month of the most recent FIT report: 4/18/2018	
Overall Rating	Good

## B. Pupil Outcomes

### State Priority: Pupil Achievement

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

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

### CAASPP Test Results in English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA) and Mathematics for All Students Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven

Subject	Percent of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standards (grades 3-8 and 11)					
	School		District		State	
	2016-17	2017-18	2016-17	2017-18	2016-17	2017-18
English Language Arts/Literacy (grades 3-8 and 11)	57.0	60.0	48.0	51.0	48.0	50.0
Mathematics (grades 3-8 and 11)	38.0	42.0	31.0	35.0	37.0	38.0

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

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

### CAASPP Test Results in ELA by Student Group Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven (School Year 2017-18)

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	1289	1186	92.01	59.63
Male	621	570	91.79	54.48
Female	668	616	92.22	64.39
Black or African American	28	24	85.71	29.17
American Indian or Alaska Native	13	13	100.00	30.77
Asian	40	38	95.00	70.27
Filipino	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	278	260	93.53	52.12
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	--	--	--	--
White	766	703	91.78	62.02
Two or More Races	144	130	90.28	64.62
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	379	333	87.86	47.45
English Learners	45	43	95.56	37.21
Students with Disabilities	164	146	89.02	24.66
Foster Youth	--	--	--	--

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

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

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

**CAASPP Test Results in Mathematics by Student Group  
Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven (School Year 2017-18)**

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	1,291	1,186	91.87	42.33
Male	622	571	91.8	45.01
Female	669	615	91.93	39.84
Black or African American	28	24	85.71	16.67
American Indian or Alaska Native	13	13	100	15.38
Asian	40	38	95	81.58
Filipino	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	278	259	93.17	30.89
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	--	--	--	--
White	767	704	91.79	45.31
Two or More Races	145	130	89.66	44.62
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	380	334	87.89	27.54
English Learners	45	43	95.56	34.88
Students with Disabilities	166	147	88.55	13.61
Foster Youth	--	--	--	--

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

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.

**CAASPP Test Results in Science for All Students  
Grades Five, Eight, and Ten**

Subject	Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standard					
	School		District		State	
	2016-17	2017-18	2016-17	2017-18	2016-17	2017-18
Science (grades 5, 8, and 10)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

Note: The 2016–17 and 2017–18 data are not available. The CDE is developing a new science assessment based on the Next Generation Science Standards for California Public Schools (CA NGSS). The CAST was pilot-tested in spring 2017 and field-tested in spring 2018. The CAST will be administered operationally during the 2018–19 school year. The CAA for Science was pilot-tested for two years (i.e., 2016–17 and 2017–18) and the CAA for Science will be field-tested in 2018–19.

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

## Career Technical Education Programs (School Year 2017-18)

Students may participate in a state-approved Work Experience Education program (WEE) where students gain skills and knowledge in job-related topics while being employed. Students have a variety of elective courses they may take that are focused on career preparation and interests they have expressed. We have developed informal relationships with various community colleges and work programs based on student populations' particular interests and needs. In 2017-18 JCS students began taking CTE pathways courses in Odysseyware. We have begun to identify our pathways for CTE and plan to implement the first full pathway in 2019-2020.

### Career Technical Education Participation (School Year 2017-18)

Measure	CTE Program Participation
Number of pupils participating in CTE	0
% of pupils completing a CTE program and earning a high school diploma	0
% of CTE courses sequenced or articulated between the school and institutions of postsecondary education	0

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

UC/CSU Course Measure	Percent
2017–18 Pupils Enrolled in Courses Required for UC/CSU Admission	21.5
2016–17 Graduates Who Completed All Courses Required for UC/CSU Admission	11.6

## State Priority: Other Pupil Outcomes

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

- Pupil outcomes in the subject areas of physical education.

### California Physical Fitness Test Results (School Year 2017-18)

Grade Level	Percent of Students Meeting Fitness Standards		
	Four of Six Standards	Five of Six Standards	Six of Six Standards
5	24.1	25.5	29.8
7	28.2	21.5	20.1
9	29.9	22.4	6.5

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.

## 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 2018-19)

This section provides information about opportunities for parents to become involved with school activities.

JCS parents are actively involved in the school program. Examples of involvement include participation in the daily teaching of their children, opportunities to serve on the Advisory Council or Board, accompanying students on field trips, monthly meetings with an educational facilitator, and geographically situated meetings or events throughout the year. In addition, parents are invited to participate in professional development programs, workshops and support groups offered by the school. Communication mechanisms include meetings with facilitators; site newsletters; event and opportunity flyers; blogs; parent surveys; e-mail; Zoom; Canvas; TeacherEase; and the JCS web site.

## State Priority: Pupil Engagement

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the State priority: Pupil Engagement (Priority 5):

- High school dropout rates; and
- High school graduation rates.

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

Indicator	School			District			State		
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
<b>Dropout Rate</b>	6.3	7.1	9.0			21.4	10.7	9.7	9.1
<b>Graduation Rate</b>	89.9	83.8	81.3			41.4	82.3	83.8	82.7

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

### Completion of High School Graduation Requirements - Graduating Class of 2017 (One-Year Rate)

Group	Graduating Class of 2017		
	School	District	State
<b>All Students</b>	100.0	100.0	88.7
<b>Black or African American</b>	0.0	100.0	82.2
<b>American Indian or Alaska Native</b>	100.0	100.0	82.8
<b>Asian</b>	100.0	100.0	94.9
<b>Filipino</b>	100.0	100.0	93.5
<b>Hispanic or Latino</b>	100.0	100.0	86.5
<b>Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander</b>	0.0	0.0	88.6
<b>White</b>	100.0	100.0	92.1
<b>Two or More Races</b>	100.0	100.0	91.2
<b>Socioeconomically Disadvantaged</b>	100.0	100.0	88.6
<b>English Learners</b>	100.0	100.0	56.7
<b>Students with Disabilities</b>	66.7	90.2	67.1
<b>Foster Youth</b>	100.0	100.0	74.1

## State Priority: School Climate

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

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

### Suspensions and Expulsions

Rate	School			District			State		
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
<b>Suspensions</b>	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.9	3.7	3.7	3.5
<b>Expulsions</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1

## School Safety Plan (School Year 2018-19)

Due to the nature of Julian Charter School's program, students are taught primarily in the home. As such, JCS has not had a problem with student safety. The school provides campuses (meeting/resource centers) which are safe, orderly, and support student learning. With the expansion of academies and expanded learning center opportunities with our sister charters under JCS, Inc, Julian Charter has a schoolwide safety plan. Student surveys indicate that students feel safe at school. A Comprehensive School Safety Plan for 2017-18 was created in Fall 2017 and certified by JCS's Advisory Council which includes representatives from all stakeholder groups. The document was reviewed and finalized January 2018 by our Chief Operating Officer and will be updated annually. The primary goals of the school's Comprehensive Safety Plan are: 1) Focus on student and staff well-being and safety; and 2) Reinstate a School Safety Planning Committee. This year's actions include expanded mandatory training for all staff.

### Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Secondary)

Subject	2015-16				2016-17				2017-18			
	Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms			Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms			Avg. Class Size	Number of Classrooms		
		1-22	23-32	33+		1-22	23-32	33+		1-22	23-32	33+
English	9.0	78	1	7	9.0	70	3	7	8.0	75	1	8
Mathematics	5.0	131	5		6.0	109	3	2	6.0	101	3	1
Science	10.0	37	2	3	8.0	43	1	3	7.0	38	2	3
Social Science	8.0	64	3	2	7.0	68	3	3	7.0	55	3	4

Note: 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.

### Academic Counselors and Other Support Staff (School Year 2017-18)

Title	Number of FTE Assigned to School	Average Number of Students per Academic Counselor
Academic Counselor	.17	147
Counselor (Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	.17	N/A
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	0	N/A
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	0	N/A
Psychologist	.5	N/A
Social Worker	0	N/A
Nurse	0	N/A
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	.5	N/A
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)	0	N/A
Other	0	N/A

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

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

### Expenditures per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries (Fiscal Year 2016-17)

Level	Expenditures Per Pupil			Average Teacher Salary
	Total	Supplemental/Restricted	Basic/Unrestricted	
School Site	\$9,890.40	\$119.04	\$9,771.36	\$54,167.15
District	N/A	N/A	\$12,712.46	\$66,853.86
Percent Difference: School Site and District	N/A	N/A	-26.2	-21.0
State	N/A	N/A	\$7,125	\$63,218
Percent Difference: School Site and State	N/A	N/A	31.3	-15.4

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 (Fiscal Year 2017-18)

All services are supported through the school's general budget, which includes charter school block funding. Special programs include learning center classes, tutoring, independent study, vendor course instruction, online learning components, high school specialists, portfolio program, personalized learning (includes options for curriculum choices), intramural sports, extensive field trips, and programs and services designed to ensure that all students are provided opportunities for success such as student academic counseling, speech therapy, special education services, Student Success Team (SST) and Response to Intervention (RtI).

### Teacher and Administrative Salaries (Fiscal Year 2016-17)

Category	District Amount	State Average for Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary		\$44,375
Mid-Range Teacher Salary		\$65,926
Highest Teacher Salary		\$82,489
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)		\$106,997
Average Principal Salary (Middle)		\$109,478
Average Principal Salary (High)		
Superintendent Salary		\$121,894
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	21.0	32.0
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	4.0	7.0

For detailed information on salaries, see the CDE Certificated Salaries & Benefits Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/>.

### Advanced Placement (AP) Courses (School Year 2017-18)

Subject	Number of AP Courses Offered*	Percent of Students In AP Courses
Computer Science	0	N/A
English	0	N/A
Fine and Performing Arts	0	N/A
Foreign Language	0	N/A
Mathematics	0	N/A
Science	0	N/A
Social Science	0	N/A
All courses	0	.0

Cells with N/A values do not require data.

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

### Professional Development (Most Recent Three Years)

Julian Charter School hosts professional development days throughout the school year, approximately every eight weeks. Teachers also have a Professional Development week at the beginning of semester 2 during which all students have a Project Week. For 2018-19 the Professional Development week included training on math strategies and Multi-Tiered Systems of Support.

All in-house professional development focuses on school policy, student achievement, curriculum, teaching and learning strategies, technology support and training, and self-selected professional learning communities. Teachers new to the profession and new to independent study receive support through mentoring opportunities. Additionally teachers are encouraged to attend outside conferences and workshops, particularly those that focus on writing, math, personalized learning and those that foster leadership. Parents are invited to attend professional development day trainings and events and parent-specific core subject area workshops provide additional opportunities for professional development.