



Joseph Kerr Middle School

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Hours of Operation

The Joseph Kerr Middle School office is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and open from 7:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Wednesday, with the exception of minimum days in which it closes at 1:00 p.m.

School Highlights and Awards

Associated Student Body/Leadership program, multiple clubs, an award winning music program, Tier 2 PBIS Program, counseling and career programs, homework support, School website, honors classes, 2-year Agriculture Science Program, athletic programs, intramurals, and English Learners support.

Student Demographics

	School	District
Enrollment	907	65,446
English Learners	42	9,812
Languages Spoken	11	92
Students of Poverty	355	35,207
GATE	152	5,788

SOURCE: 2019 - 2020, California Dept. of Education

Population by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Percentage
African American	7%
American Indian	0%
Asian	12%
Filipino	4%
Hispanic	26%
Pacific Islander	2%
Two or More Races	9%
White	41%

SOURCE: 2019 - 2020, California Dept. of Education

Introduction from the Board

Thank you for your interest and commitment to your child's education, and your continuing partnership in teaching and learning. In order to best serve our community, we have created this condensed version of the full School Accountability Report Card (SARC) with the mission of presenting information about each of our schools in a clear, parent friendly format. If you are interested in viewing the full SARC report for your child's school, you will find it at the district website: <http://www.egusd.net/academics/assessments/school-accountability-report-cards/>

A Message From the Principal

Joseph Kerr Middle School provides a unique and wonderful educational experience for students, from the safety of the campus, to the warmth of the learning environment, to the rigor and breadth of the instructional programs. All aspects of the school contribute to providing students with the skills they need to be successful learners.

Our district's mission is to provide a learning community that challenges ALL students to realize their greatest potential. Our success in implementing our district's mission can be evidenced through our school's special strengths, including attention to all students for academic placement, knowing students by name and need and intervention support for students in need of extra time to master standards.

Parent support and involvement continue to be important aspects at Joseph Kerr Middle School. This support is given, recognized, and appreciated in many different ways. Many parents volunteer on our campus, support student activities, and participate in library programs and School Site Council. Parents also enhance student success by providing space, time, and encouragement for daily homework, and by emphasizing regular school attendance.

We implemented StudentVue and ParentVue, a communication tool for students and parents. This vital tool links students, parents and teachers together to enhance communication.

The safety of our students is the school's first priority and the discipline policy is strictly enforced. We are a Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports school (PBIS) and we emphasize cooperation and responsible, respectful, and kind behavior. All adults visiting campus are required to check in through the Front Office. The atmosphere of the school makes our students feel comfortable and secure.

Zachary Cheney, Principal
Joseph Kerr Middle School

Parental Involvement

Parent support and involvement continue to be important aspects of the success of Joseph Kerr Middle School. We have Back to School Night in the fall, a time when parents can visit classes. Parents are always welcome to volunteer in their child's classroom, assist the Activities Director with special events, chaperone field trips, join the School Site Council, or come have lunch with students during bring your parent to lunch days. For more parent involvement opportunities, contact Monique Hansen, School Secretary, at 686-7728.

Teacher Credentials and Misassignments

Teacher Credentials	
2019 - 2020	
Total Number of Teachers	45
Total Full Credentials	44

SOURCE: 2020 - 2021, EGUSD

Teacher Misassignments and Vacancies	
2020 - 2021	
Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners	0
Misassignments Due to Subject Matter Competency	0
Teacher Vacancies	0

SOURCE: 2020 - 2021, EGUSD

In the 2019-2020 school year, over 99 percent of the district's teachers held full teaching credentials. In addition to being fully credentialed, if a class is 20 percent or more English Learners (EL), the teacher should hold a supplementary authorization to instruct students in learning English or they are considered misassigned.

In subjects with a shortage, a fully credentialed teacher is sometimes asked to teach outside of their subject matter competency area until an appropriately credentialed teacher can be hired. In these cases, teachers are counted as misassigned.

Vacancies are defined as a position to which a permanent teacher has not been assigned by the beginning of the course. Most vacancies in our district are in subject areas where qualified teachers are in shortage.

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvement

Joseph Kerr Middle School has 51 classrooms, a Multipurpose Room, a Gymnasium, a Library, a Band Room, Woodshop, Computer Labs, and an Administration Building. The main campus was built in 1964 and is recognized as the first middle school in Elk Grove Unified School District.

The district utilizes the latest electronic work order system enabling site administration and custodians to communicate maintenance needs and projects. Emergency repair needs are immediately resolved by either the school custodian or district maintenance staff. Each morning the custodian inspects the school prior to students and staff entering school grounds. Restrooms are inspected throughout the day to ensure that they are adequately stocked, safe, and sanitary. A summary of The Board of Education adopted cleaning standards is available at the school office, or at the district office.

In 2020 we had new energy efficient lighting installed school-wide, new HVAC on designated buildings, and new roofs. Construction is currently underway for a new state of the art Gymnasium and Science Building. Plans are also in place for extensive renovation and modernization work to be done school wide.

School Facility Good Repair Status

Date of facilities inspection : 3/1/2020

Items Inspected	Repair Status			Repair Needed
	Good	Fair	Poor	
Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	X			No
Interior: Interior Surfaces	X			No
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/Vermin Infestation	X			No
Electrical: Electrical	X			No
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/Fountains	X			No
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	X			No
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	X			No
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	X			No

	Exemplary	Good	Fair	Poor
Overall Summary	X			

SOURCE: 2020 - 2021, EGUSD

Class Size

	School Average
English	27
Mathematics	26
Science	28
Social Science	28

SOURCE: 2019 - 2020, California Dept. of Education

California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress Results for All Students (School Year 2019 - 2020)

Subject	Percent of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standards					
	School		District		State	
	2018 - 2019	2019 - 2020	2018 - 2019	2019 - 2020	2018 - 2019	2019 - 2020
English Language Arts/Literacy (grades 3-8 and 11)	57%	N/A	56%	N/A	50%	N/A
Mathematics (grades 3-8 and 11)	50%	N/A	45%	N/A	39%	N/A

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

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

Note: Percentages are not shown 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.

Professional Development

Our school and district offer a variety of professional learning opportunities for teachers, paraeducators, and non-instructional support staff. Our school has a weekly early dismissal schedule so departments and grade level teams can meet and coordinate curriculum and instruction. Teachers meet to review student work, make determinations about students' strengths and weaknesses, develop and implement appropriate assessments and plan subsequent instruction to meet students' needs. Teachers take part in Math and Science professional development programs intended to increase students' conceptual understanding of mathematics and science. Our school community fully participates as a Professional Learning Community to increase student learning. Special education teachers have numerous opportunities to learn how to best meet the needs of students with learning disabilities. Paraeducators, school secretaries, office technicians and custodians take classes that relate to their work such as learning new computer skills and learning to work more efficiently and in ergonomically correct ways.

School Safety Plan

Your child's safety is important to us. Supervision is provided by campus security, teachers and administrators before and after school. Controlled access to our campus is through the Main Office and visitors are required to present ID, check-in, and wear appropriate identification. Our staff reviewed and updated our School Safety Plan in February of 2020. An "Emergency Handbook," outlining a plan of action for emergencies such as earthquakes, fires, floods, and chemical spills, is kept in the school office. The district's Police Services Department works closely with our school site to provide a safe, secure environment for all students. Joseph Kerr Middle School conducts a monthly fire, earthquake and/or lockdown drill in order to prepare students and staff for emergency procedures. We also complete monthly onsite safety inspections.

Specialized Programs

At Joseph Kerr Middle School, we have highly qualified staff to assist students with special learning needs. We provide a range of support for students with disabilities as well as general education students who need additional support to meet the common core standards.

We offer EL English classes to support students in improving their English language acquisition.

Gifted and Talented students participate in accelerated instruction in honors classes in addition to Lego Robotics.

Tutoring is available before, during and after school. Students have access to computers in the Library throughout the school day for additional support.

Elective courses include Woodshop, Art Appreciation/Art I/Art II, Design Thinking, Pre-engineering, Computer Applications, Spanish, World Language, Academic Strategies, AVID, Technology, Leadership, and Yearbook. These specialized programs enhance the learning opportunities for students and provide a comprehensive middle school experience.

Average Salaries

Data reported are the district's average salaries for teachers, principals, and superintendents, compared to the state average salaries for districts of the same type and size, as defined by Education Code Section 41409.

Teachers	EGUSD 50,000+ ADA	State Average 20,000+ ADA
Beginning	\$47,193	\$50,029
Midrange	\$67,621	\$77,680
Highest	\$98,138	\$102,143
Principals		
Elementary	\$124,714	\$128,526
Middle	\$121,146	\$133,574
High	\$136,759	\$147,006
District Superintendent	\$351,385	\$284,736
Share of budget used for		
Teachers' Salaries	36.0%	33.0%
Administrative Salaries	4.0%	5.0%

SOURCE: 2018 - 2019, California Dept. of Education

District Administration

Christopher R. Hoffman
Superintendent

Mark Cerutti
Deputy Superintendent,
Education Services and Schools

Bindy Grewal
Assistant Superintendent,
Elementary Education

Craig Murray
Assistant Superintendent,
Secondary Education

Shannon Hayes
Chief Financial Officer

David E. Reilly
Associate Superintendent,
Human Resources

Robert Pierce
Deputy Superintendent,
Business Services and Facilities
Administration

Discipline

	School	District
Suspensions	5.1%	4.1%
Expulsions	0.0%	0.0%

SOURCE: 2019 - 2020, California Dept. of Education

Elk Grove Unified School District

This school is administered by the Elk Grove Unified School District, which covers over 320 square miles in southern Sacramento County.

Total Students (Oct 2019)	65,446
Elementary Schools	42
Middle Schools	9
High Schools	9
Alternative Schools	4
Charter Schools	1
Adult Education Schools	1
Special Education Schools	1