

# **Acalanes Center for Independent Study**

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# 2016-17 School Accountability Report Card Published During the 2017-18 School Year



# Acalanes Union High School District

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#### **School Description**

**Mission Statement:** The mission of Acalanes Center for Independent Study (ACIS) High School is to provide opportunities for students with nontraditional educational interests and needs to meet their academic goals through a guided program featuring independent and small group learning.

#### **Director's Message**

The Acalanes Center for Independent Study (ACIS) is located at the Del Valle Education Center in Walnut Creek in a beautiful setting just over the hills east of the University of California near Mt. Diablo. Del Oro High School, the district's continuation high school and its independent study program divided into separate schools in 2004. ACIS became the only alternative high school in 2010-11 with the closure of Del Oro High School. ACIS is a WASC accredited high school receiving a six-year term of accreditation after a site visitation in March 2017.

ACIS serves the students who live in the suburban residential communities of Lafayette, Moraga, Orinda and Walnut Creek who attend one of the four comprehensive high schools in the District – Acalanes, Campolindo, Las Lomas, and Miramonte. Parents in these communities are engaged primarily in professional occupations, have high expectations for their schools, are active participants in their students' education, and are supportive in their financial support to the District.

ACIS offers a college preparatory program for all students with classes that meet the University of California's "a-g" requirements. Limited elective classes are available for students and students may enroll in adult education, ROP or community college classes. ACIS classes are small and the students have an opportunity to interact with teachers and fellow students. Students have access to the district internet for research, and computers and printers for class work.

ACIS is a safe, clean and orderly campus, with 9 part-time teachers, 2 full-time support staff and one full-time administrator. The campus is quiet and calm during the school day.

#### 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 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.

2016-17 Student Enrollment by Grade Level					
Grade Level Number of Students					
Grade 9	1				
Grade 10	3				
Grade 11	11				
<b>Grade 12</b> 20					
Total Enrollment	35				

2016-17 Student Enrollment by Group					
Group Percent of Total Enrollm					
Black or African American	2.9				
American Indian or Alaska Native	0				
Asian	8.6				
Filipino	0				
Hispanic or Latino	11.4				
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	2.9				
White	71.4				
Two or More Races	2.9				
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	0				
English Learners	5.7				
Students with Disabilities	11.4				
Foster Youth	0				

#### 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							
Acalanes Center for Independent Study	15-16	16-17	17-18				
With Full Credential	9	8	8				
Without Full Credential	0	1	2				
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	0	0					
Acalanes Union High School District	15-16	16-17	17-18				
With Full Credential	•	+	302				
Without Full Credential	<b>*</b>	+	9				
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	<b>*</b>	+	2				

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions at this School							
Acalanes Center for 15-16 16-17 17-18							
Teachers of English Learners	0	0					
Total Teacher Misassignments	0	0					
Vacant Teacher Positions	0	0					

<sup>\* &</sup>quot;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 2017-18)

Acalanes Center for Independent Study uses textbooks adopted by the Acalanes Union High School District that are based on the California Content Standards. Textbooks are selected from lists pre-approved by the State education officials.

Pursuant to the California Education Code and the Williams Settlement, site administrators and District departments have ensured that all students access to the current Standards-based textbooks and instructional materials.

Textbooks and Instructional Materials Year and month in which data were collected: 11/2017					
Core Curriculum Area	Textbooks and Instructional M	aterials/Year of Adoption			
Reading/Language Arts	Edge Adopted 2007				
	High Point (Level 1) Adopted 2007				
	Impact, 50 Short Stories; 2nd Edition Adopted 2003				
	Poetry, A Pocket Anthology Adopted 2003				
	Points of View: An Anthology of Short Stories Adopted 2003				
	The Word Within the Word, Vol. 1 Adopted 2003				
	The Word Within the Word, Vol. 1 (Eng 2) Adotped 2003				
	The Word Within the Word, Vol. 2 (Eng 3) Adopted 2003				
	The Word Within the Word, Vol. 2 (Eng 4) Adotped 2003				
	The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook:	Yes 0.0%			

	Textbooks and Instructional Materials  Year and month in which data were collected: 11/2017					
Core Curriculum Area	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/Year of Adoption					
Mathematics	Algebra 1 Big Ideas Adopted 2015					
	Algebra II: Concepts, Skills and Problem Solving, CA Edition Adopted 2008					
	Calculus I, 8th Ed. Adopted 2006					
	Calculus II, 8th Ed. Adopted 2006					
	California Algebra Readiness Adopted 2007					
	Geometry Big Ideas Adopted 2016					
	Pre-Calculus with Trigonometry: Concepts and Applications Adopted 2002					
	Pre-Calculus, Third Edition Adopted 2008					
	The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption:  Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0.0%					
Science	Biology: Exploring Life Adopted 2004					
	Earth Science; Geology, the Environ., and the Universe Adopted 2001					
	Physics Adopted 2004					
	World of Chemistry Adopted 2008					
	The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes					
	Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0.0%					

Core Curriculum Area	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/Year of Adoption
History-Social Science	A People & A Nation, 7th Ed. Adopted 2004
	Modern World Hist.: Patterns/Interaction California Ed. Adopted 2005
	Psychology, 8th ed. Adopted 2006
	The Americans: Reconstruction Through/21st Century Adopted 2005
	United States Government: Democracy in Action Adopted 1998
	World History: Patterns of Interaction (National Edition) Adopted 2005
	Economics Concepts and Choices, California Ed. Adopted 2008
	The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0.0%
Foreign Language	Bon Voyage, Levels 1-3 Adopted 2003-04
	El Espanol para Nosotros, Books 1 & 2 Adopted 2005
	Latin for Americans, Level 1 Adopted 2003
	Latin for Americans, Book 1 (Latin 2); Book 2 (Latin 2 & Latin 3) Adopted 2003
	Realidades, Levels 1-3 Adopted 2003
	Imagina Adopted 2014
	The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption:  Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0.0%
Health	Guide to Sexuality Adopted 2005
	Health & Wellness Adopted 2005
	The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes
	Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0.0%
Science Laboratory Equipment	N/A The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption:  N/A

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

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

The Acalanes Center for Independent Study (ACIS) is housed in the renovated 200-wing, which was remodeled in 2000 and in excellent condition.

School Facility Good Repair Status (Most Recent Year) Year and month in which data were collected: 07/06/2017					
System Inspected		_	Status		Repair Needed and
	Good	Fá	air	Poor	Action Taken or Planned
Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	Х				
Interior: Interior Surfaces	Х				
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/ Vermin Infestation	Х				
Electrical: Electrical	Х				
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	Х				
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	Х				
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	Х				
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	Х				
Overall Rating	Exemplary	Good	Fair	Poor	
	Х				

### **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. The CAAs have replaced the California Alternate Performance Assessment [CAPA] for ELA and mathematics, which were eliminated in 2015. Only eligible students may participate in the administration of the CAAs. CAA items are aligned with alternate achievement standards, which are linked with the Common Core State Standards [CCSS] for students with 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

	2016-17 CAASPP Results for All Students						
	Percent of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standards (grades 3-8 and 11)						
Subject	Sch	ool	Dist	District		State	
	15-16	16-17	15-16	16-17	15-16	16-17	
ELA	26	69	83 84		48	48	
Math		40	69	69	36	37	

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.

CAASPP Test Results in Science for All Students							
	Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced (meeting or exceeding the state standards)						
Subject	School District				State		
	14-15	15-16	14-15	15-16	14-15	15-16	
Science		60	85	84	56	54	

Note: Science test results include California Standards Tests (CSTs), California Modified Assessment (CMA), and California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA) in grades five, eight, and ten.

Note: Scores 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: The 2016-17 data are not available. The California Department of Education is developing a new science assessment based on the Next Generation Science Standards for California Public Schools (CA NGSS). The new California Science Test (CAST) was piloted in spring 2017. The CST and CMA for Science will no longer be administered.

# 2015-16 CAASPP Results by Student Group Science (grades 5, 8, and 10)

	Number of	Students	Percent of Students		
Group	Enrolled	with Valid Scores	w/ Valid Scores	Proficient or Advanced	
All Students	11	10	90.9	60.0	

<sup>\*</sup> Science test results include CSTs, CMA, and CAPA in grades five, eight, and ten. The "Proficient or Advanced" is calculated by taking the total number of students who scored at Proficient or Advanced on the science assessment divided by the total number of students with valid scores. Scores 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.

School Year 2016-17 CAASPP Assessment Results - English Language Arts (ELA) Disaggregated by Student Groups, Grades Three through Eight and Eleven								
Student Group Total Number Percent Perce Enrollment Tested Tested Met or Exc								
All Students	20	13	65	69.23				
Male								
Female	11	7	63.64	71.43				
Black or African American								
Asian								
Hispanic or Latino								
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander								
White	12	8	66.67	75				
Two or More Races								
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged								
English Learners								
Students with Disabilities								

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 2016-17 CAASPP Assessment Results - Mathematics Disaggregated by Student Groups, Grades Three through Eight and Eleven Number Total Percent Percent **Student Group Enrollment** Tested **Tested** Met or Exceeded 10 40 **All Students** 20 50 Male --------Female 11 7 63.64 42.86 **Black or African American** ----Asian --**Hispanic or Latino Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander** ----White 12 6 50 66.67 Two or More Races \_\_ Socioeconomically Disadvantaged **English Learners** \_\_ --Students with Disabilities

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 schoolsite.

#### Opportunities for Parental Involvement (School Year 2017-18)

Parent participation in ACIS is possible with the Alternative Education Advisory Council, implementation of the WASC Action Plans, Back-to-School Night and school-wide meetings.

For more information on how to become involved, contact Steven France, Director, Del Valle Education Center, at (925) 280-3945 or sfrance@auhsdschools.org.

#### **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

The District Office and Director of the Del Valle Education Center review the School Safety Plan annually in the fall and it was last reviewed in August, 2017. The ACIS staff is notified of the procedures for emergencies including fire, earthquake and evacuation. The procedures are posted in every classroom and office. ACIS works directly with the Walnut Creek Police and Fire Departments in the implementation of the plan.

Before the start of school, the administration reviews key elements of the District's discipline policy with the staff. The policy and administrative regulations are available in the main office for staff and parents.

Staff members are responsible for the supervision of the ACIS students. The site is checked daily for vandalism, graffiti, and theft by the Del Valle Education Center staff.

Suspensions and Expulsions								
School	2014-15 2015-16 2016-17							
Suspensions Rate	0.0	0.0	0.0					
Expulsions Rate	0.0	0.0	0.0					
District	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17					
Suspensions Rate	1.7	2.0	1.5					
Expulsions Rate	0.0	0.0	0.0					
State	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17					
Suspensions Rate	3.8	3.7	3.6					
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.

2017-18 Federal Intervention Program				
Indicator	District			
Program Improvement Status		Not In PI		
First Year of Program Improvement				
Year in Program Improvement				
Number of Schools Currently in Program Impr	0			
Percent of Schools Currently in Program Impro	0			

Academic Counselors and Other Support Staff at this School				
Number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)				
Academic Counselor	0.5			
Counselor (Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	0			
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	0			
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	0			
Psychologist	0.8			
Social Worker	0			
Nurse	0			
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	0			
Resource Specialist	0.2			
Other	0			
Average Number of Students per Staff Member				
Academic Counselor 70				

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.

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	Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Secondary)											
	Number of Classrooms*											
	AV	erage Class Si	ize		1-22 23-32 33+							
Subject	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
English	4	7	5	7	5	5						
Mathematics	4	2	3	4	5	4						
Science		7	8	2 1								
Social Science	5	5	5	6	6	7						

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**

Professional Development (Most Recent Three Years)

Acalanes Union High School District has focused on a participatory, inclusive model of professional development driven by choice and appreciated by teachers and administrators alike. The Educational Services department works closely with the Instructional Coaches and the site administration to gather input and offer a robust offering of Professional Development opportunities. Professional development opportunities in AUHSD include:

- District and site based Professional Development days (2 full days per year)
- Summer Institute (3 days)
- Instructional Summer Camps
- District and site based collaborative curricular release days
- Wednesday morning site based meetings
- Districtwide optional Professional Development days
- Districtwide after school curricular projects
- Work with Instructional Coaches
- Attendance at conferences and workshops

• Relevant training related to new standards and curriculum

With a variety of new educational initiatives including the adoption of California State Standards, Challenge Success, innovative instructional technology, achievement data analysis, the following areas of Professional Development are explored during the above mentioned opportunities.

#### Curricular Development

- Course content and standards
- Instructional practices
- Assessment data and best practice development

#### **Learning Theory**

- Science behind student learning
- Effective instructional strategies

#### Student Engagement

- Innovative practices
- Technology infusion
- Project Based Learning

#### Response to Intervention

- Targeted interventions for at risk students
- Classroom and schoolwide systems for academic intervention

#### Social Emotional Wellbeing

- School Wide systems for social and emotional intervention and support
- Connectedness and resilience

FY 2015-16 Teacher and Administrative Salaries					
Category	District Amount	State Average for Districts In Same Category			
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$43,913	\$50,221			
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$77,010	\$83,072			
Highest Teacher Salary	\$98,585	\$104,882			
Average Principal Salary (ES)					
Average Principal Salary (MS)		\$128,094			
Average Principal Salary (HS)	\$143,563	\$146,114			
Superintendent Salary	\$227,094	\$226,121			
Percent of District Budget					
Teacher Salaries	38%	34%			
Administrative Salaries	5%	5%			

For detailed information on salaries, see the CDE Certificated Salaries & Benefits webpage at <a href="www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/">www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/</a>.

FY 2015-16 Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries						
11	Ехр	Expenditures Per Pupil				
Level	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	Teacher Salary		
School Site	\$8,510	\$0	\$8,510	\$3,364		
District	•	•	\$9,421	\$87,308		
State	•	•	\$6,574	\$82,770		
Percent Difference: School Site/District -9.7 -96.3						
Percent Diffe	erence: School	29.4	-95.9			

Cells with ♦ do not require data.

#### **Types of Services Funded**

Acalanes Center for Independent Study offers a basic educational program, which is fully funded by the District Office.

Dropout Rate and Graduation Rate (Four-Year Cohort Rate)						
Acalanes Center for Independent Study	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16			
Dropout Rate	4.8	8.1	9.8			
Graduation Rate	90.48	86.49	86.27			
Acalanes Union High School District	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16			
Dropout Rate	0.8	1	0.5			
Graduation Rate	97.76	97.04	98.17			
California	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16			
Dropout Rate	11.5	10.7	9.7			
<b>Graduation Rate</b>	80.95	82.27	83.77			

Career Technical Education Participation			
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				
2016-17 Students Enrolled in Courses Required	76.74			
for UC/CSU Admission	70.74			
2015-16 Graduates Who Completed All Courses Required for UC/CSU Admission	11.9			

Where there are student course enrollments.

2016-17 Advanced Placement Courses					
Subject	Number of AP Courses Offered*	Percent of Students In AP Courses			
Computer Science		•			
English		•			
Fine and Performing Arts		•			
Foreign Language		•			
Mathematics		•			
Science		•			
Social Science		•			
All courses					

Completion of High School Graduation Requirements				
0	Graduating Class of 2016			
Group	School	District	State	
All Students	100	98.03	87.11	
Black or African American	0	100	79.19	
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	100	80.17	
Asian	66.67	98.57	94.42	
Filipino	0	100	93.76	
Hispanic or Latino	100	100	84.58	
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0	100	86.57	
White	100	97.46	90.99	
Two or More Races	100	97.25	90.59	
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	100	100	85.45	
English Learners	33.33	57.14	55.44	
Students with Disabilities	100	87.8	63.9	
Foster Youth	0	0	68.19	

#### **Career Technical Education Programs**

ACIS students may concurrently enroll in the Contra Costa County ROP. The ROP classes available to ACIS students include Auto Technology, Biotechnology, Cosmetology and Sports Medicine.

#### **DataQuest**

DataQuest is an online data tool located on the CDE DataQuest Web page at http://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.