School Accountability Report Card
Reported Using Data from the 2010-11 School Year
Published During 2011-12

Every school in California is required by state law to publish a School Accountability Report Card (SARC), by February 1 of each year. The SARC contains information about the condition and performance of each California public school.

- For more information about SARC requirements, see the California Department of Education (CDE) SARC webpage at http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa/.
- For additional information about the school, parents and community members should contact the school principal or the district office.

I. Data and Access

EdData Partnership Web Site
EdData is a partnership of the CDE, EdSource, and the Fiscal Crisis Management and Assistance Team (FCMAT) that provides extensive financial, demographic, and performance information about California's public kindergarten through grade twelve school districts and schools.

DataQuest
DataQuest is an online data tool located on the CDE DataQuest webpage at http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/ that contains additional information about this school and comparisons of the school to the district, the county, and the state. Specifically, DataQuest is a dynamic system that provides reports for accountability (e.g., state Academic Performance Index [API], federal Adequate Yearly Progress [AYP]), test data, enrollment, high school graduates, dropouts, course enrollments, staffing, and data regarding English learners.

Internet Access
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II. About This School

Contact Information (School Year 2011-12)

School		District	
School Name	Loyalton Middle School	**District Name**	Sierra-Plumas Joint Unified School District
Street	605 School St.	**Phone Number**	530.994.1044
City, State, Zip	Loyalton, CA 96118	**Web Site**	www.sierracountyofficeofeducation.org/
Phone Number	530.993.4186	**Superintendent**	Stan Hardeman
Principal	Derek Cooper	**E-mail Address**	shardeman@spjusd.org
E-mail Address	dcooper@spjusd.org	**CDS Code**	46701770000000

School Description and Mission Statement (School Year 2010-11)
This section provides information about the school, its programs and its goals.

Loyalton Middle School is located near the communities of Sierraville, Beckwourth, Chilcoot, and Vinton. The school is one of five in the Sierra-Plumas Joint Unified School District. The site at Loyalton Middle School has recently been changed from one of Loyalton's earliest school sites to one of its newest. It is now housed on the north end of the Loyalton Elementary School campus. The school serves students in seventh and eighth grades.

Loyalton Middle School believes in the importance of focusing on and nurturing the entire individual in order to encourage self-respect, lifelong learning, and academic achievement. Our belief is that by nurturing our students on personal as well as academic levels, we create the environment and opportunity for them to acquire the appropriate knowledge and experiences necessary to become citizens in our society.

We believe that all learners need to be rigorously challenged.

We believe in the value of both individual effort and group cooperation.

We believe that our school needs to be a safe, caring place of learning a place that recognizes the unique value of each person who studies or works in our midst.

We want to build and continually nurture a school climate that recognizes the importance of serious work and fun too, a school climate that delights in the wonder, energy, and excitement of students in the middle grades of their public education.

Opportunities for Parental Involvement (School Year 2010-11)
This section provides information on how parents can become involved in school activities, including contact information pertaining to organized opportunities for parent involvement.

Loyalton Middle School has a very active sports/activity booster club. This group sponsors tournaments, buys uniforms, and raises money to keep the aging gymnasium in usable shape.

Parents are welcome to visit or observe classes at anytime as long as they sign in at the office. Parent participation is encouraged on the following district level committees: GATE, District Advisory Committee, and the Sierra County Strategic Planning Committee. At the site level, parents participate in the School Site Council. Site council members are needed every year.

Please contact the school office if you are interested.

Student Enrollment by Grade Level (School Year 2010-11)

Grade Level	Number of Students
Grade 7	31
Grade 8	25
Grade 9	0
Grade 10	0
Grade 11	0
Grade 12	0
Total Enrollment	56

Student Enrollment by Group (School Year 2010-11)

Group	Percent of Total Enrollment	Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	0	**White**	82.1
American Indian or Alaska Native	1.8	**Two or More Races**	0
Asian	0	**Socioeconomically Disadvantaged**	53.6
Filipino	0	**English Learners**	5.4
Hispanic or Latino	14.3	**Students with Disabilities**	16.1
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1.8		

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Secondary)

Subject	2008-09				2009-10				2010-11			
	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	21.7	2	0	1	20.7	2	1		10	3	0	0
Mathematics	18.7	2	1	0	17.7	2	1		16.7	2	1	0
Science	22	2	0	1	21	2	1		18.3	2	1	0
Social Science	23	2	1	1	22	2	1		18.3	2	1	0

*   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.

III. School Climate

School Safety Plan (School Year 2010-11)
This section provides information about the school's comprehensive safety plan, including the dates on which the safety plan was last reviewed, updated, and discussed with faculty; as well as a brief description of the key elements of the plan.

Visitors to the campus are required to sign in at the office and get a visitor sticker or pass.

Students are supervised by teachers and staff before, during and after school. Loyalton Middle has a closed campus during lunch, with a paid noon supervisor.

Our School and District Safety Plans have recently undergone major revisions. District and administrative staff worked diligently, over the summer, to coordinate the plans with County, and State Safety officials. The resulting plan was reviewed and discussed with faculty and staff at inservice days before school started. Safety drills were done throughout the month of September and continue to be practiced monthly. The Safety Plan includes contingencies for fire, earthquake, stranger/intruder, pandemic flu or other illness

Suspensions and Expulsions

Rate	School			District		
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Suspensions	36.49	22.81	7.14	11.49	8.32	6.37
Expulsions	0	0	0	0	0.22	0

*   The rate of suspensions and expulsions is calculated by dividing the total number of incidents by the total enrollment (and multiplying by 100).

IV. School Facilities

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements (School Year 2011-12)
This section provides information from the most recent Facility Inspection Tool (FIT) data (or equivalent), including:

*   Description of the safety, cleanliness, and adequacy of the school facility
*   Description of any planned or recently completed facility improvements
*   The year and month in which the data were collected
*   Description of any needed maintenance to ensure good repair

Year and month in which data were collected: 10/06/2011

To determine the condition of our facilities, our district sent experts from our facilities team to perform an inspection using a survey called the Facilities Inspection Tool, which is issued by the Office of Public School Construction.

Based on that survey, we've answered the questions you see on this report. Please note that the information reflects the condition of our buildings as of the date of the report. Since that time, those conditions may have changed.

School Facility Good Repair Status (School Year 2011-12)
This section provides information from the most recent Facility Inspection Tool (FIT) data (or equivalent), including:

• Determination of repair status for systems listed
• Description of any needed maintenance to ensure good repair
• The Overall Rating (bottom row)

System Inspected	Repair Status				Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
	Exemplary	Good	Fair	Poor	
Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	[ ]	[X]	[ ]	[ ]	No apparent problems
Interior: Interior Surfaces	[ ]	[X]	[ ]	[ ]	No apparent problems
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/ Vermin Infestation	[ ]	[X]	[ ]	[ ]	No apparent problems
Electrical: Electrical	[ ]	[X]	[ ]	[ ]	No apparent problems
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	[ ]	[X]	[ ]	[ ]	No apparent problems
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	[ ]	[X]	[ ]	[ ]	No apparent problems
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	[ ]	[X]	[ ]	[ ]	No apparent problems
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	[ ]	[X]	[ ]	[ ]	No apparent problems
Overall Rating	[ ]	[X]	[ ]	[ ]	No apparent problems

V. Teachers

Teacher Credentials

Teachers	School			District
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2010-11
With Full Credential	4	5	3	37
Without Full Credential	0	0	0	0
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	1	NA	8	---

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions

Indicator	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners	0	0	0
Total Teacher Misassignments	3	3	3
Vacant Teacher Positions	0	0	0

* "Misassignments" refers to the number of positions filled by teachers who lack legal authorization to teach that grade level, subject area, student group, etc.
"Vacant Teacher Positions" refer to positions not filled by a single designated teacher assigned to teach the entire course at the beginning of the school year or semester.

Core Academic Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers (School Year 2010-11)
The Federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), also known as No Child Left Behind (NCLB), requires that core academic subjects be taught by Highly Qualified Teachers, defined as having at least a bachelor's degree, an appropriate California teaching credential, and demonstrated core academic subject area competence. For more information, see the CDE *Improving Teacher and Principal Quality* webpage at: http://www.cde.ca.gov/nclb/sr/tq/

Location of Classes	Percent of Classes In Core Academic Subjects Taught by	
	NCLB Compliant Teachers	**Non-NCLB Compliant Teachers**
This School	66.67	33.33
All Schools in District	84.81	15.19
High-Poverty Schools in District	86.21	13.79
Low-Poverty Schools in District	0	0

* High-poverty schools are defined as those schools with student eligibility of approximately 40 percent or more in the free and reduced price meals program. Low-poverty schools are those with student eligibility of approximately 25 percent or less in the free and reduced price meals program.

VI. Support Staff

Academic Counselors and Other Support Staff (School Year 2010-11)

Title	Number of FTE Assigned to School	Average Number of Students per Academic Counselor
Academic Counselor	0.0	0
Counselor (Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	0.0	---
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	0.0	---
Library Media Services Staff (paraprofessional)	0.35	---
Psychologist	0.20	---
Social Worker	0.0	---
Nurse	0.0	---
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	0.0	---
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)	0.0	---
Other	0.0	---

* 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.

VII. Curriculum and Instructional Materials

Quality, Currency, Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials (School Year 2011-12)
This section describes whether the textbooks and instructional materials used at the school are from the most recent adoption; whether there are sufficient textbooks and instruction materials for each student; and information about the school's use of any supplemental curriculum or non-adopted textbooks or instructional materials.

Year and month in which data were collected:

The main fact about textbooks that the Williams legislation calls for described whether schools have enough books in core classes for all students. The law also asks districts to reveal whether those books are presenting what the California Content Standards call for.

Core Curriculum Area	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/ Year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption?	Percent of Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
Reading/Language Arts	Prentice Hall Literature-Bronze Level - Prentice Hall Adopted 2002 Prentice Hall Literature-Silver Level - Prentice Hall Adopted 2002	Yes	100%
Mathematics	Pre-Algebra - Glencoe Adopted 2009 Algebra - Glencoe Adopted 2009	Yes	100%
Science	Life Science - Holt Adopted 2000 Physical Science - Holt Adopted 2000	Yes	100%
History-Social Science	US History - Independence to 1914 Adopted 2007 World History - Medieval to Early Modern Times Adopted 2007	Yes	100%

VIII. School Finances

Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries (Fiscal Year 2009-10)

Level	Total Expenditures Per Pupil	Expenditures Per Pupil (Supplemental/ Restricted)	Expenditures Per Pupil (Basic/ Unrestricted)	Average Teacher Salary
School Site	$8,761	$2,764	$5,997	$38,837
District	---	---	$10,695	$49,185
Percent Difference: School Site and District	---	---	-43.92%	-21.04%
State	---	---	$5,653	$72,020
Percent Difference: School Site and State	---	---	6.08%	-46.07%

*   **Supplemental/Restricted** expenditures come from money whose use is controlled by law or by a donor. Money that is designated for specific purposes by the district or governing board is not considered restricted.
  Basic/Unrestricted expenditures are from money whose use, except for general guidelines, is not controlled by law or by a donor.

For detailed information on school expenditures for all districts in California, see the CDE Current Expense of Education & Per-pupil Spending webpage at http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/ec/. For information on teacher salaries for all districts in California, see the CDE Certificated Salaries & Benefits webpage at http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/. To look up expenditures and salaries for a specific school district, see the Ed-Data Web site at: http://www.ed-data.org.

Teacher and Administrative Salaries (Fiscal Year 2009-10)

Category	District Amount	State Average for Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	$32,223	$37,978
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	$49,184	$55,252
Highest Teacher Salary	$66,147	$71,674
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)	$89,501	$87,651
Average Principal Salary (Middle)	$89,501	$92,196
Average Principal Salary (High)	$85,731	$93,352
Superintendent Salary	$113,300	$116,851
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	29%	34%
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	6%	7%

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

IX. Student Performance

The Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program consists of several key components, including:

• California Standards Tests (CSTs), which include English-language arts (ELA) and mathematics in grades two through eleven; science in grades five, eight, and nine through eleven; and history-social science in grades eight, and nine through eleven.

• California Modified Assessment (CMA), an alternate assessment that is based on modified achievement standards in ELA for grades three through eleven; mathematics for grades three through seven, Algebra I, and Geometry; and science in grades five and eight, and Life Science in grade ten. The CMA is designed to assess those students whose disabilities preclude them from achieving grade-level proficiency on an assessment of the California content standards with or without accommodations.

• California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA), includes ELA and mathematics in grades two through eleven, and science for grades five, eight, and ten. The CAPA is given to those students with significant cognitive disabilities whose disabilities prevent them from taking either the CSTs with accommodations or modifications or the CMA with accommodations.

The assessments under the STAR Program show how well students are doing in relation to the state content standards. On each of these assessments, student scores are reported as performance levels.

For detailed information regarding the STAR Program results for each grade and performance level, including the percent of students not tested, see the CDE STAR Results Web site at http://star.cde.ca.gov.

Standardized Testing and Reporting Results for All Students - Three-Year Comparison

Subject	School			District			State		
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
English-Language Arts	61	62	54	52	55	56	49	52	54
Mathematics	42	42	41	43	50	46	46	48	50
Science	64	74	76	60	58	61	50	54	57
History-Social Science	49	71	41	39	45	46	41	44	48

*   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.

Standardized Testing and Reporting Results by Student Group - Most Recent Year

Group	Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced			
	English-Language Arts	Mathematics	Science	History-Social Science
All Students in the LEA	56	46	61	46
All Student at the School	54	41	76	41
Male	48	46	82	43
Female	61	35	0	0
Black or African American				
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0	0
Asian				
Filipino				
Hispanic or Latino	0	0	0	0
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0
White	54	42	79	47
Two or More Races	0	0	0	0
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	55	36	0	38
English Learners	0	0	0	0
Students with Disabilities	0	0	0	0
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services				

*   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.

California High School Exit Examination

The California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE) is primarily used as a graduation requirement. However, the grade ten results of this exam are also used to establish the percentages of students at three proficiency levels (not proficient, proficient, or advanced) in ELA and mathematics to compute AYP designations required by the federal ESEA, also known as NCLB.

For detailed information regarding CAHSEE results, see the CDE CAHSEE Web site at http://cahsee.cde.ca.gov/.

California High School Exit Examination Results for All Students - Three-Year Comparison

Subject	School			District			State		
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
English-Language Arts				57	62	54	52	54	59
Mathematics				51	57	61	53	54	56

*   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.

California High School Exit Examination Grade Ten Results by Student Group - Most Recent Year

Group	English-Language Arts			Mathematics		
	Not Proficient	Proficient	Advanced	Not Proficient	Proficient	Advanced
All Students in the LEA	46	22	32	39	46	15
All Students at the School						
Male						
Female						
Black or African American						
American Indian or Alaska Native						
Asian						
Filipino						
Hispanic or Latino						
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander						
White						
Two or More Races						
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged						
English Learners						
Students with Disabilities						
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services						

* 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.

California Physical Fitness Test Results (School Year 2010-11)

The California Physical Fitness Test (PFT) is administered to students in grades five, seven, and nine only. This table displays by grade level the percent of students meeting the fitness standards for the most recent testing period. For detailed information regarding this test, and comparisons of a school's test results to the district and state, see the CDE PFT webpage at http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/pf/.

Grade Level	Percent of Students Meeting Fitness Standards		
	Four of Six Standards	Five of Six Standards	Six of Six Standards
7	3.4	17.2	10.3
9	0	0	0

* 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.

X. Accountability

Academic Performance Index
The Academic Performance Index (API) is an annual measure of state academic performance and progress of schools in California. API scores range from 200 to 1,000, with a statewide target of 800. For detailed information about the API, see the CDE API webpage at http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ap/.

Academic Performance Index Ranks - Three-Year Comparison
This table displays the school's statewide and similar schools' API ranks. The **statewide API rank** ranges from 1 to 10. A statewide rank of 1 means that the school has an API score in the lowest ten percent of all schools in the state, while a statewide rank of 10 means that the school has an API score in the highest ten percent of all schools in the state.

The **similar schools API rank** reflects how a school compares to 100 statistically matched "similar schools." A similar schools rank of 1 means that the school's academic performance is comparable to the lowest performing ten schools of the 100 similar schools, while a similar schools rank of 10 means that the school's academic performance is better than at least 90 of the 100 similar schools.

API Rank	2008	2009	2010
Statewide	7	6	6
Similar Schools	N/A		

Academic Performance Index Growth by Student Group - Three-Year Comparison

Group	Actual API Change		
	2008-09	**2009-10**	**2010-11**
All Students at the School	7	15	-29
Black or African American			
American Indian or Alaska Native			
Asian			
Filipino			
Hispanic or Latino			
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander			
White	6		
Two or More Races	N/D		
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged			
English Learners			
Students with Disabilities			

*   "N/D" means that no data were available to the CDE or LEA to report. "B" means the school did not have a valid API Base and there is no Growth or target information. "C" means the school had significant demographic changes and there is no Growth or target information.

Academic Performance Index Growth by Student Group - 2011 Growth API Comparison

This table displays, by student group, the number of students included in the API and the 2011 Growth API at the school, LEA, and state level.

Group	2011 Growth API					
	School		LEA		State	
	# of Students	Growth API	# of Students	Growth API	# of Students	Growth API
All Students at the School	50	767	314	803	4,683,676	778
Black or African American	0		4		317,856	696
American Indian or Alaska Native	1		4		33,774	733
Asian	0		1		398,869	898
Filipino	0		0		123,245	859
Hispanic or Latino	8		48	761	2,406,749	729
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1		2		26,953	764
White	40	773	251	811	1,258,831	845
Two or More Races	0		0		76,766	836
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	28	759	156	782	2,731,843	726
English Learners	3		23	758	1,521,844	707
Students with Disabilities	8		35	620	521,815	595

Adequate Yearly Progress

The federal ESEA requires that all schools and districts meet the following Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) criteria:

- Participation rate on the state's standards-based assessments in ELA and mathematics
- Percent proficient on the state's standards-based assessments in ELA and mathematics
- API as an additional indicator
- Graduation rate (for secondary schools)

Detailed information about AYP, including participation rates and percent proficient results by student group, can be found at the CDE Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) webpage at http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ay/.

Adequate Yearly Progress Overall and by Criteria (School Year 2010-11)

AYP Criteria	School	District
Made AYP Overall	No	No
Met Participation Rate: English-Language Arts	Yes	Yes
Met Participation Rate: Mathematics	Yes	Yes
Met Percent Proficient: English-Language Arts	Yes	No
Met Percent Proficient: Mathematics	No	No
Met API Criteria	Yes	Yes
Met Graduation Rate (if applicable)	N/A	N/A

Federal Intervention Program (School Year 2011-12)

Schools and districts receiving federal Title I funding enter Program Improvement (PI) if they do not make AYP for two consecutive years in the same content area (ELA or mathematics) or on the same indicator (API or graduation rate). After entering PI, schools and districts advance to the next level of intervention with each additional year that they do not make AYP. For detailed information about PI identification, see the CDE PI Status Determinations webpage: http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ay/tidetermine.asp.

Indicator	School	District
Program Improvement Status	In PI	Not In PI
First Year of Program Improvement	2011-2012	
Year in Program Improvement	Year 1	
Number of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	---	2
Percent of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	---	33.3

XI. Instructional Planning and Scheduling

Professional Development

This section provides information on the number of days provided for professional development and continuous professional growth in the most recent three year period. Questions that may be answered include:

- What are the primary/major areas of focus for staff development and specifically how were they selected? For example, were student achievement data used to determined the need for professional development in reading instruction?
- What are the methods by which professional development is delivered (e.g., after school workshops, conference attendance, individual mentoring, etc.)?
- How are teachers supported during implementation (e.g., through in-class coaching, teacher-principal meetings, student performance data reporting, etc.)?

Teachers take some time each year to improve their teaching skills and to extend their knowledge of the subjects they teach. Here you'll see the amount of time each year we set aside for their continuing education and professional development.