

Loyalton Middle School

School Accountability Report Card

Reported Using Data from the 2012-13 School Year

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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

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, 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

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.

Additional Information

For further information regarding the data elements and terms used in the SARC see the 2012–13 Academic Performance Index Reports Information Guide located on the CDE API Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ap/>.

II. About This School

Contact Information (School Year 2013-14)

School Contact Information	
School Name	Loyalton Middle School
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District Contact Information	
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Superintendent	Dr. Merrill M. Grant
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School Description and Mission Statement (School Year 2012-13)

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, and 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 2012-13)

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: 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.

III. 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	Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced (meeting or exceeding the state standards)								
	School			District			State		
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
English-Language Arts	54	71	63	56	59	61	54	56	55
Mathematics	41	37	53	46	47	57	49	50	50
Science	76	68	70	61	67	70	57	60	59
History-Social Science	41	57	57	46	44	43	48	49	49

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.

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	61	57	70	43
All Student at the School	63	53	70	57
Male	52	57	0	0
Female	71	50	79	57
Black or African American	0	0	0	0
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian				
Filipino				
Hispanic or Latino	0	0	0	0
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander				
White	69	59	82	59
Two or More Races				
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	50	38	0	0
English Learners	0			
Students with Disabilities	0	0		
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services				

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.

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 Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), also known as No Child Left Behind (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 Grade Ten Students – Three-Year Comparison

Subject	Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced								
	School			District			State		
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
English-Language Arts									
Mathematics									

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.

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						
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						

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.

California Physical Fitness Test Results (School Year 2012-13)

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 Web page 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	20.8	20.8	29.2

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.

IV. 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 Web page 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	2010	2011	2012
Statewide	6	5	6
Similar Schools			

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

Group	Actual API Change		
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
All Students at the School	-29	13	38
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			

Note: "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 - 2013 Growth API Comparison

This table displays, by student group, the number of students included in the API and the 2013 Growth API at the school, LEA, and state level.

Group	2013 Growth API					
	School		District		State	
	# of Students	Growth API	# of Students	Growth API	# of Students	Growth API
All Students at the School	47	847	275	829	4,655,989	790
Black or African American	1		4		296,463	708
American Indian or Alaska Native	1		2		30,394	743
Asian	0		3		406,527	906
Filipino	0		0		121,054	867
Hispanic or Latino	8		43	809	2,438,951	744
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0		0		25,351	774
White	37	862	219	833	1,200,127	853
Two or More Races	0		2		125,025	824
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	16	818	116	830	2,774,640	743
English Learners	5		21	777	1,482,316	721
Students with Disabilities	0		28	740	527,476	615

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)

For detailed information about AYP, including participation rates and percent proficient results by student group, see the CDE AYP Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ay/>.

Adequate Yearly Progress Overall and by Criteria (School Year 2012-13)

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	No	No
Met Percent Proficient: Mathematics	Yes	No
Met API Criteria	N/A	Yes
Met Graduation Rate (if applicable)	N/A	N/A

Federal Intervention Program (School Year 2013-14)

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 Web page: <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 2	
Number of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	---	1
Percent of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	---	20.0

V. School Climate

Student Enrollment by Grade Level (School Year 2012-13)

Grade Level	Number of Students
Grade 7	27
Grade 8	24
Total Enrollment	51

Student Enrollment by Group (School Year 2012-13)

Group	Percent of Total Enrollment	Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	2.0	White	78.4
American Indian or Alaska Native	2.0	Two or More Races	0.0
Asian	0.0	Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	35.3
Filipino	0.0	English Learners	9.8
Hispanic or Latino	15.7	Students with Disabilities	0.0
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.0		

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Secondary)

Subject	2010-11				2011-12				2012-13			
	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	10	3	0	0	17.5	2	0	0	16	1	3	
Mathematics	16.7	2	1	0	19	1	2	0	22	1	2	
Science	18.3	2	1	0	26	0	2	0	26		2	
Social Science	18.3	2	1	0	25.5	0	2	0	26		2	

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.

School Safety Plan (School Year 2012-13)

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		
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Suspensions	7.14	11.76	11	6.37	4.04	18
Expulsions	0	0	0	0	.25	0

Note: The rate of suspensions and expulsions is calculated by dividing the total number of incidents by the total enrollment x 100.

VI. School Facilities

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements (School Year 2013-14)

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
- Description of any needed maintenance to ensure good repair

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 2013-14)

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 year and month in which the data were collected
- The Overall Rating

School Facility Good Repair Status (School Year 2013-14)				
Year and month in which data were collected: September 2013				
System Inspected	Repair Status			Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
	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 Facility Rate

Overall Rating	Exemplary	Good	Fair	Poor
	[]	[X]	[]	[]

VII. Teachers**Teacher Credentials**

Teachers	School			District
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2012-13
With Full Credential	3	2	2	26
Without Full Credential	0	0	0	0
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence (with full credential)	2	1	0	---

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions

Indicator	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners	0	0	0
Total Teacher Misassignments	2	1	0
Vacant Teacher Positions	0	0	0

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

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

Core Academic Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers (School Year 2012-13)

The federal ESEA, also known as 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 Web page at www.cde.ca.gov/nclb/sr/tq/.

Location of Classes	Percent of Classes In Core Academic Subjects	
	Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers	Not Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers
This School	100	0.0
All Schools in District	95.5	4.5
High-Poverty Schools in District	96.8	3.2
Low-Poverty Schools in District	87.5	12.5

Note: 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 39 percent or less in the free and reduced price meals program.

VIII. Support Staff

Academic Counselors and Other Support Staff (School Year 2012-13)

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	0.1	---
Resource Specialist	0.5	---
Other	1.2	---

Note: 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.

IX. Curriculum and Instructional Materials

Quality, Currency, Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials (School Year 2013-14)

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 is required by the California Content Standards.

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	0
Mathematics	Pre-Algebra - Glencoe Adopted 2009 Algebra - Glencoe Adopted 2009	Yes	0
Science	Life Science - Holt Adopted 2000 Physical Science - Holt Adopted 2000	Yes	0
History-Social Science	US History - Independence to 1914 Adopted 2007 World History - Medieval to Early Modern Times Adopted 2007	Yes	0
Health	Health Promotion Waves curriculum - Health Wave, 2010, all reproducible units.	No	0

X. School Finances

Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries (Fiscal Year 2011-12)

Level	Expenditures Per Pupil			Average Teacher Salary
	Total	Supplemental/ Restricted	Basic/ Unrestricted	
School Site	\$13,831	\$2,548	\$11,283	\$52,446
District	---	---	\$10,414	\$52,490
Percent Difference: School Site and District	---	---	8.3	-0.1
State	---	---	\$5,537	\$58,606
Percent Difference: School Site and State	---	---	103.8	-10.5

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 Web page 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 Web page 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>.

Types of Services Funded (Fiscal Year 2012-13)

This section provides specific information about the types of programs and services available at the school that support and assist students. For example, this narrative may include information about supplemental educational services related to the school's federal Program Improvement (PI) status.

Teacher and Administrative Salaries (Fiscal Year 2011-12)

Category	District Amount	State Average for Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$32,223	\$38,390
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$49,184	\$55,793
Highest Teacher Salary	\$66,147	\$72,306
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)	\$92,796	\$88,846
Average Principal Salary (Middle)	\$92,796	\$92,801
Average Principal Salary (High)	\$95,618	\$95,916
Superintendent Salary	\$114,228	\$116,026
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	28.5%	34%
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	6%	6.6%

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

XII. 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 determine 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, and 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.