



# I.D.E.A. Academy @ Cottonwood SPARC 2019-20

## Support Personnel Accountability Report Card

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**Principal:** Laura Duran **District:** Westside Union School District

**Grade Levels:** Tk-6 **Enrollment:** 609

### Principal's Message

The IDEA Academy @ Cottonwood (IDEA Academy) Student Support Team (SST) is committed to building a positive learning community with high expectations and accountability. We strive to cultivate character and instill a foundation of learning for students who are rich in 21st Century Skills. We are a STEAM academy focusing on Innovation, Design, Engineering, and Art to prepare our students to be college and career ready in a global society. Our SST understands the need for data driven intervention. One of our goals is the implementation of NWEA's Map Growth, a program that will precisely measure growth and proficiency and provide insights to tailor instruction to pinpoint specific skill gaps, thus improving academic achievement. Additionally, we are implementing a Multi-Tiered Multi-Domain System of Supports for academic, social-emotional and college and career learning. These goals are aligned to our Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP). Lastly, the SST understands the need to maintain a safe climate and culture conducive for college and career readiness. Therefore, we participate in the continuation of AVID Certification, and incorporated Campus Climate Assistants who provide activities and support to ensure a safe school environment.

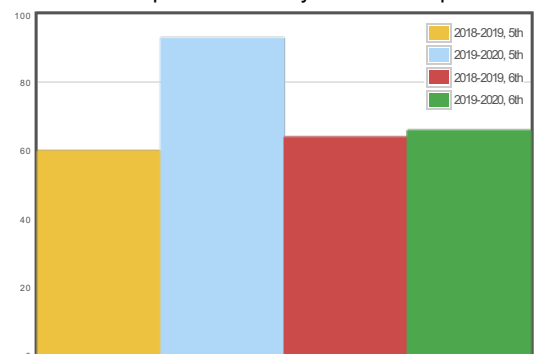
### Career and College Readiness Student Outcomes

Our SST uses student outcome data to determine program effectiveness. We believe that evaluating student outcomes is important in identifying student needs and assessing program effectiveness in preparing our students to not only graduate but to become career and college ready guided by ASCA Mindsets and Behaviors. Ongoing review ensures programs are responsive to the students' changing needs. The SST implemented two district created Tier 1 level lessons.

#### Career Readiness

In the career lesson, Interest Profiler, students were able to complete an interest survey using California Career Zone website. Once the students completed the interest survey they were able to research their top career choices based on the survey. The students compiled information regarding education needed, salary and prospective future openings to create a one-page slide to add to AVID portfolios. The data represented in the chart shows Ninety-three 5th graders completed the Career Exploration Activity in 2019-20 and sixty 5th graders in 2018-2019. Likewise, sixty-six 6th graders completed the Career Exploration Activity in 2019-20 and sixty-four 6th graders in 2018-2019.

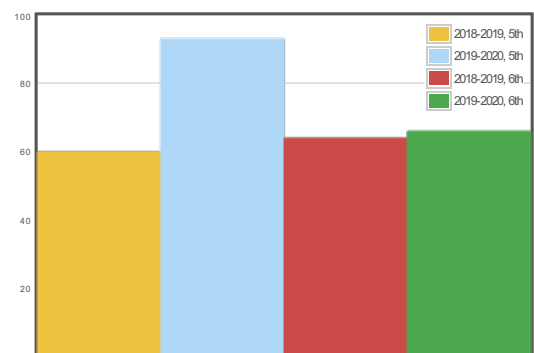
Career Exploration Activity/Module Completed



#### College Readiness

The college lesson, Post-Secondary Options, informed students of choices available after high school. Through the presentation students were able to determine what pathways are available and the requirements needed in high school to go into the military, technical trade schools, community colleges or public/private universities. Students were able to demonstrate through pre and post assessments a 45% overall increase in understanding Post Secondary options. Ninety-three 5th graders and sixty-six 6th graders completed the Post Secondary Options lesson in 2019-20, while sixty 5th graders and sixty-four 6th graders completed the lesson in 2018-19.

California Public College Options can be Clearly Described



## 21st Century Skills

The SST supports the IDEA Academy's innovative use of design thinking, Project Based Learning (PBL) and the nationally recognized engineering curriculum, Project Lead the Way (PLTW) to promote the development of 21st Century Skills while teaching the California standards in math, English language arts, and history/social studies. Students develop critical thinking, problem solving, collaboration, creativity, innovation, and teamwork skills through STEAM opportunities including robotics, coding, makerspace education, music, and art. Students also develop leadership and teamwork skills through participation in annual fundraising events in the community. Additionally, the IDEA Academy teaches AVID's college-career preparation strategies to help students develop tools for long term success.

Additional Achievements:

- AVID Showcase and annual certification
- WASC Accreditation -pending

## Career and College Readiness School Site Programs and Community Partnerships

As a school of choice, one of the IDEA Academy @ Cottonwood SST's priorities is to actively develop partnerships with other educational institutions, community organizations, local businesses, and government agencies to support our students' growth in all areas of learning: personal/social, academic, and career and college readiness. Community partnership contributions make it possible for us to continue to offer and improve a broad range of programs that provide immeasurable benefits to our students, both within the academic day and after-school enrichment programs.

### School Site Programs

- All It Takes: Leadership Development Through Physical Education SEL curriculum
- Campus Climate Assistants: Staff dedicated to facilitating school safety and SEL skills practice
- Grades 3-6 Intervention Office Hours: Students participate in one-on-one or small group tutoring.
- Arts Collaborative: School-wide art, music and drama lessons provided by a certificated instructor.
- Project Lead the Way and Maker Space: School-wide science and engineering education.
- StopIt: Safe school initiative, allowing students and stakeholders to anonymously report incidents.

### Community Partnerships

- Antelope Valley Community College Strings Collaboration serving students 1st-12th Grades
- Boy's and Girl's Club provides after school program enrichment
- WAVE Foundation provides financial support for innovative projects and programs
- Optimist Youth Homes and Family Services provides mental health services for students and families
- Innovation Education after school program enrichment

## Student Support Team

Our SST is a highly qualified and dedicated team of collaborators who seek to facilitate students to become global citizens in the 21st century. The IDEA Academy staff strives to create an environment of well-rounded students through social-emotional learning and mindfulness. Professional development is at the forefront in our evolving community and members make every effort to be at the forefront of innovation. Team members maintain memberships to one or more of the following professional organizations: Association of California School Administrators, American School Counselor Association, California Association of School Psychologists, California Teachers Association.

Position	Years	Qualifications
Principal	9	MS Education
Vice Principal	1	MS Education
School Counselor	4	MS Education; MS Educational Counseling; PPS
School Psychologist	3	MA Educational Psychology; PPS
School Nurse	13	Registered Nurse
Health Clerk	7	District Training

Position	Years	Qualifications
School Secretary	30	District Training
School Clerk	2	District Training
AVID Coach/ Coordinator/Teacher	13	MS Education; AVID Institute
AVID Site Team/Teacher	29	MA Education; AVID Institute
Campus Climate Assistant	2.5	District Training
Campus Climate Assistant	1.5	District Training

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