



# Nord Country School

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## 2019-20 School Accountability Report Card Published During the 2020-21 School Year



### Nord Country School

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### School Description

Nord Country School (NCS) is a free, public California Charter School located in the far northwestern corner of Butte County. NCS is organized as a 501(c)3 non-profit public corporation and provides parents with an expanded choice within the public school system in Chico and the surrounding areas.

Nord Country School's mission is to create partnerships with students, families, staff and the community in order to provide a safe and inviting environment in which students will experience the best of traditional education with modern approaches. The Instructional Vision of the school is to provide high quality, standards-based learning experiences that build character, community and global awareness.

### 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 and access to prior year reports, see the California Department of Education (CDE) SARC web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa/>.
- For more information about the LCFF or the LCAP, see the CDE LCFF webpage at <https://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.

### 2019-20 Student Enrollment by Grade Level

Grade Level	Number of Students
Kindergarten	24
Grade 1	23
Grade 2	24
Grade 3	24
Grade 4	24
Grade 5	24
Grade 6	21
Grade 7	10
Grade 8	22
<b>Total Enrollment</b>	<b>196</b>

## 2019-20 Student Enrollment by Group

Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	1.5
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.5
Asian	1
Hispanic or Latino	20.4
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.5
White	71.4
Two or More Races	4.6
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	34.7
English Learners	3.1
Students with Disabilities	10.2
Homeless	0.5

### 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 for Nord Country School	18-19	19-20	20-21
With Full Credential	13	13	13
Without Full Credential	0	0	0
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	0	0	0

Teacher Credentials for Nord Country School	18-19	19-20	20-21
With Full Credential	♦	♦	
Without Full Credential	♦	♦	
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	♦	♦	

#### Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions at Nord Country School

Indicator	18-19	19-20	20-21
Teachers of English Learners	0	0	0
Total Teacher Misassignments*	0	0	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.

## Quality, Currency, Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials (School Year 2020-21)

### Textbooks and Instructional Materials

Year and month in which data were collected: 2021 January

Core Curriculum Area	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/Year of Adoption
Reading/Language Arts	Writing Alive (K-5), Wilson Language Program (K-3), McGraw Hill Wonders (5th grade) California Treasures, Macmillan/McGraw-Hill (K-5th)  The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0
Mathematics	Bridges (K-5) CPM (6th-8th)  The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0
Science	Houghton Mifflin, Science Fusion (K) California Science, Macmillan/McGraw Hill, (1st-5th - 2008 adoption) Prentice Hall, Earth Science, Life Science, Physical Science (6th-8th)  The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: No Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0
History-Social Science	California Vistas Macmillan/McGraw-Hill, (1st-5th - 2007 adoption) National Geographic (6th - 8th newest adoption)  The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: No Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0

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

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

While the Nord Country School facility is older, it is maintained beautifully. Repairs and maintenance are kept current. The grounds are expansive and include many opportunities for gardening and sports. Recently outdoor lighting was added to our outdoor eating spaces, both at the middle school area and at the cafeteria. Funding to repair the K-5 basketball blacktop is being sought as this area is significantly damaged by tree root upheaval.

### School Facility Good Repair Status (Most Recent Year)

Using the **most recently collected** FIT data (or equivalent), provide the following:

- 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 rate for each system inspected
- The overall rating

Year and month in which data were collected: 2020 October

System Inspected	Repair Status	Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
<b>Systems:</b> Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	Good	
<b>Interior:</b> Interior Surfaces	Good	
<b>Cleanliness:</b> Overall Cleanliness, Pest/ Vermin Infestation	Good	
<b>Electrical:</b> Electrical	Good	
<b>Restrooms/Fountains:</b> Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	Good	drinking fountains are bagged due to COVID-19 concerns
<b>Safety:</b> Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	Good	
<b>Structural:</b> Structural Damage, Roofs	Good	

System Inspected	Repair Status	Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	Good	K-5 basketball court very uneven, damaged by tree root upheaval
<b>Overall Rating</b>	<b>Exemplary</b>	

## 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. Only eligible students may participate in the administration of the CAAs. CAAs items are aligned with alternate achievement standards, which are linked with the Common Core State Standards [CCSS] for students with the most 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.

### CAASPP Test Results in ELA and Mathematics for All Students

#### Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven

#### Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standard

Subject	School 18-19	School 19-20	District 18-19	District 19-20	State 18-19	State 19-20
ELA	58	N/A	56	N/A	50	N/A
Math	48	N/A	43	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 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.

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.

### CAASPP Test Results in Science for All Students

#### Grades Five, Eight, and High School

#### Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standard

Subject	School 18-19	School 19-20	District 18-19	District 19-20	State 18-19	State 19-20
Science	41	N/A	39	N/A	30	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: The new California Science Test (CAST) was first administered operationally in the 2018-2019 school year.

### State Priority: Other Pupil Outcomes

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the State priority: Other Pupil Outcomes (Priority 8):

- Pupil outcomes in the subject areas of physical education.

### 2019-20 Percent of Students Meeting Fitness Standards

Grade Level	4 of 6	5 of 6	6 of 6
5	N/A	N/A	N/A
7	N/A	N/A	N/A
9	N/A	N/A	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-56-20 was issued which waived the requirement to administer the physical fitness performance test for the 2019-2020 school year.

**CAASPP Test Results in Science by Student Group  
Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven (School Year 2019-2020)**

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Male	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Female	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Black or African American	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
American Indian or Alaska Native	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Asian	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Filipino	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic or Latino	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Two or More Races	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
English Learners	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Students with Disabilities	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Foster Youth	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Homeless	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	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.

**CAASPP Test Results in ELA by Student Group  
Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven (School Year 2019-2020)**

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Male	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Female	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Black or African American	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
American Indian or Alaska Native	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Asian	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Filipino	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic or Latino	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Two or More Races	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
English Learners	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Students with Disabilities	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Foster Youth	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Homeless	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	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.

**CAASPP Test Results in Mathematics by Student Group  
Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven (School Year 2019-2020)**

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Not Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Male	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Female	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Black or African American	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
American Indian or Alaska Native	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Asian	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Filipino	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic or Latino	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Two or More Races	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
English Learners	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Students with Disabilities	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Foster Youth	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Homeless	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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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 school site

#### Opportunities for Parental Involvement (School Year 2020-21)

Research shows parent involvement is critical to the success and learning of each child and we strongly encourage parents to volunteer at our school by either helping in classrooms, the garden, or other locations on campus. We also have parents drive or chaperone on field trips, act as sports coaches, help at school events, and prepare materials from home. We strongly believe that parents and teachers working closely together can only enhance the education, sense of community, and development of each student. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, this year volunteers on campus were severely limited and field trips/events were cancelled. We strived to have stakeholders continue to feel connected to the school through online meetings/events.

Additionally, parents have the opportunity to be actively involved in the direction and governance of the school by participating on committees, the school site council, and the school board. Stakeholder meetings and surveys occur several times during the school year to gather feedback and input on decisions regarding improvements and changes needed. We have an active and energetic Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO), which organizes special events, assemblies, and fundraisers to support student learning and the Nord Country School mission. Additional surveys were conducted gathering information regarding the effects of COVID-19 on our families as well as additional newsletters and information sent home. Stakeholder meetings continued via Zoom. Family involvement in Board meetings dramatically increased due to the easy electronic access.

**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 (School Year 2020-2021)**

It is Nord Country School's goal to create a physically, socially, and emotionally safe learning environment for all students, staff, and parents. We have a Safe School Plan and NCS conducts earthquake, fire, and disaster drills as required. Staff members participate in on-going training in disaster preparedness. Diagrams are posted in each classroom for emergency evacuation and each staff member has an emergency staff/parent phone calling tree to use for emergencies.

Key components of our School Safe Plan cover the procedures for traumatic incidents, code red drills, evacuations/relocations, bomb threats/bomb emergencies, earthquakes, fires and explosions. The NCS Safety Committee, in accordance with Senate Bill 187, updates our School Safety Plan annually and this plan is available for viewing in our school office. This year our safety plan was revised to include additional information regarding pandemic response.

**Suspensions and Expulsions**

(data collected between July through June, each full school year respectively)

Rate	School 2017-18	School 2018-19	District 2017-18	District 2018-19	State 2017-18	State 2018-19
Suspensions	1.1	0.5	3.2	4.2	3.5	3.5
Expulsions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1

**Suspensions and Expulsions for School Year 2019-2020 Only**

(data collected between July through February, partial school year due to the COVID-19 pandemic)

Rate	School 2019-20	District 2019-20	State 2019-20
Suspensions	0.0		
Expulsions	0.0		

Note: The 2019-2020 suspensions and expulsions rate data are not comparable to prior year data because the 2019-2020 school year is a partial school year due to the COVID-19 crisis. As such, it would be inappropriate to make any comparisons in rates of suspensions and expulsions in the 2019-2020 school year compared to prior years.

**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.

**Ratio of Pupils to Academic Counselor (School Year 2019-2020)**

Title	Ratio
Academic Counselor*	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.

**Student Support Services Staff (School Year 2019-2020)**

Title	Number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)
Counselor (Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	
Psychologist	
Social Worker	
Nurse	
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	0.4
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)	
Other	

\*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.

### Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Elementary)

Grade Level	2017-18	2017-18	2017-18	2017-18	2018-19	2018-19	2018-19	2018-19	2019-20	2019-20	2019-20	2019-20
	Average Class Size	# of Classes* Size 1-20	# of Classes* Size 21-32	# of Classes* Size 33+	Average Class Size	# of Classes* Size 1-20	# of Classes* Size 21-32	# of Classes* Size 33+	Average Class Size	# of Classes* Size 1-20	# of Classes* Size 21-32	# of Classes* Size 33+
K	22		1		24		1		24		1	
1	22		1		24		1		23		1	
2	22		1		23		1		24		1	
3	22		1		23		1		24		1	
4	21		1		23		1		24		1	
5	15	1			21		1		24		1	
6	16	1			8	1			18	1		
Other**												

\*Number of classes indicates how many classes fall into each size category (a range of total students per class).

\*\* "Other" category is for multi-grade level classes.

### Professional Development (Most Recent Three Years)

Measure	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Number of school days dedicated to Staff Development and Continuous Improvement	6	7	7

Staff development is a large part of our school plan. Six days are provided for certificated teachers to attend workshops, trainings or to observe other teachers and one day is provided for school wide staff development in the areas of safety and mandated trainings. Academic professional development in the areas of science and math have been a concentration. Teachers have attended workshops in math and, in order to learn more about the Next Generation Science Standards, in the area of science. In 2019-20 and 2020-21 significant time outside of the standard number of days was devoted to training surrounding distance learning and technology support.

We have been awarded an MTSS grant through Orange County Office of Education to further develop our academic and behavioral strategies and supports for students. Many staff members have attended conferences and county trainings in these areas. Data that is collected is used to determine ongoing needs.

### FY 2018-19 Teacher and Administrative Salaries

Category	District Amount	State Average for Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$47,540	\$52,484
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$64,325	\$81,939
Highest Teacher Salary	\$101,243	\$102,383
Average Principal Salary (ES)	\$118,409	\$129,392
Average Principal Salary (MS)	\$116,933	\$136,831
Average Principal Salary (HS)	\$123,050	\$147,493
Superintendent Salary	\$229,797	\$254,706

Percent of District Budget	District Amount	State Average for Districts In Same Category
Teacher Salaries	32.0	34.0
Administrative Salaries	4.0	5.0

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

### FY 2018-19 Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries

Level	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	Average Teacher Salary
School Site	\$10,333	\$1,779	\$8,554	\$51,505
District	N/A	N/A		\$73,366
State	N/A	N/A	\$7,750	\$84,577

Percent Differences	Unrestricted	Average Teacher Salary
School Site/District	9.3	-35.0
School Site/ State	9.9	-48.6

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



**Types of Services Funded**

Nord Country School offers many supplemental educational services. These include violin, classroom music, PE, Spanish, art, leadership club, various electives, reading incentive programs, field trips, chess club, and gardening. Some of these items were suspended when school transitioned to distance learning in March 2020.

Nord Country School, through Chico Unified School District, participates in the National School Lunch Program, providing a healthy breakfast, lunch and supper. Free and reduced meals are available to eligible families.

Transportation services to and from Nord Country School are offered free of charge to all students. For convenience, there are several bus stops in the North Chico area.

**DataQuest**

DataQuest is an online data tool located on the CDE DataQuest web page at <https://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).

**California School Dashboard**

The California School Dashboard (Dashboard) <https://www.caschooldashboard.org/> reflects California's new accountability and continuous improvement system and provides information about how LEAs and schools are meeting the needs of California's diverse student population. The Dashboard contains reports that display the performance of LEAs, schools, and student groups on a set of state and local measures to assist in identifying strengths, challenges, and areas in need of improvement.