



# I.D.E.A. Academy @ Cottonwood SPARC 2018-19

## Support Personnel Accountability Report Card

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**Grade Levels:** Tk-6 **Enrollment:** 569

### 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 working toward implementation of Move This World to support growth in social-emotional learning and citizenship. 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.

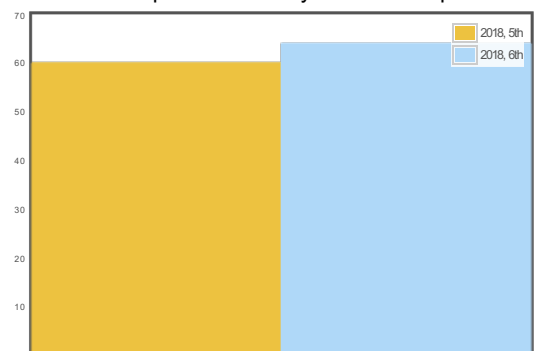
### Career and College Readiness Student Outcomes

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. Annual process review ensures our programs are responsive to our students' changing needs. The graphs include the number of students who completed career and college related lesson plans.

#### Career Readiness

The IDEA Academy's SST implemented six lessons from the Career and College Readiness Lessons Plans, provided from the California Career Resource Network (CalCRN). Through a pre- and post-evaluation, 5th grade students indicated an increased understanding of Holland Codes and their relationship to occupational choice. The 6th grade students indicated an increased understanding of career exploration and planning. Sixty 5th grade students completed the lessons and Sixty-four 6th grade students completed the lessons.

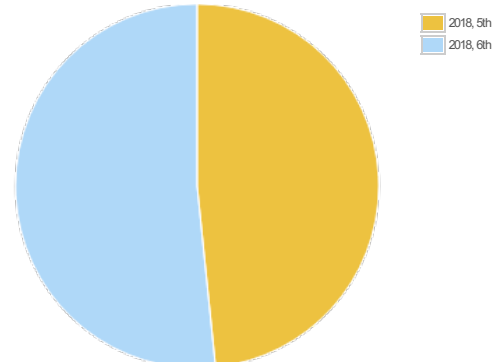
Career Exploration Activity/Module Completed



#### College Readiness

Within the Career and College Readiness Lessons Plans implemented by the SST are lessons that teach students to make the connection between occupational goals and possible college requirements. Through completion of lessons, students identified occupational goals, related college requirements, and learned to develop SMART goals as a way to determine short- and long-term goals necessary to pursue their goals. Sixty 5th grade students and sixty-four 6th grade students were able to describe the college education required to meet their career goals.

College Education for Career Goals 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 to 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:

- Technology Accessible: TK-2nd iPad's and 3rd-6th 1:1 Chromebooks
- In 2019, students raised \$3,300 for Leukemia and Lymphoma Society-Pennies for Patients

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

Being a school of choice one of our SST's priorities is to actively develops 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. The resources our partners contribute to our school 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 curriculum
- Campus Climate Assistants: Staff dedicated to facilitating school safety and skills practice
- Grades 4-6 Intervention Office Hours: Students participate in one-on-one or small group tutoring.
- Arts Collaborative: School-wide art 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 afterschool program enrichment
- WAVE Foundation: provides financial support for innovative projects and programs
- Optimist Youth Homes and Family Services: Mental health services for students and families
- Boy's Town: providing social skills curriculum

## 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	8	MS Education
Vice Principal	6	MS Education
School Counselor	3	MS Education; MS School Counseling; PPS
School Psychologist	2	MA Educational Psychology; PPS
School Nurse	12	Registered Nurse
Health Clerk	6	District Training

Position	Years	Qualifications
School Secretary	29	District Training
School CLerk	1	District Training
AVID Coach/Coordinator/Teacher	12	MS Education; AVID Institute
AVID Site Team/Teacher	28	MA Education; AVID Institute
Campus Climate Assistant	4	District Training
Campus Climate Assistant	1.5	District Training

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