

Sequoia Charter School

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School Description

Sequoia Charter School devotes itself to creating a brighter future and a rich learning experience for each and every student. We promote and instill high standards, personalized goals, and dynamic partnerships with family and community. We embrace the view that all students can succeed in a safe, positive, and academically stimulating environment. The Sequoia Charter School campus provides a student-centered educational program for students in grades 7-12, through support teams comprised of highly qualified teachers, support staff, and Educationally Related Intensive Counseling Services (ERICS). Sequoia's unique integration of academic, behavioral, and therapeutic support creates an environment in which students experience achievement towards their educational goals and objectives. Our students participate in active learning environments equipped with educational technology and curriculum aligned to the Common Core State Standards. Our school-wide positive behavioral support program encourages students to modify their behaviors to become successful learners in the classroom. Within this extraordinary learning environment, students receive exemplary instruction and experience the comfort and safety of positive social interactions. Everyday at Sequoia, in addition to academics, students learn invaluable life lessons that strengthen them to cope with social and emotional struggles. In addition, they receive Community Based Instruction and transition services to strengthen their post-secondary success toward a brighter future.



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About the SARC

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. Under the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) all local educational agencies (LEAs) are required to prepare a Local Control 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, see the California Department of Education (CDE) SARC Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa/>.
- View this SARC online at the school and/or LEA Web sites.
- For more information about the LCFF or LCAP, see the CDE LCFF Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/aa/lc/>.
- For additional information about the school, parents and community members should contact the school at (661) 259-0033.

2013-14 Student Enrollment by Grade Level

Grade Level	Number of Students
Gr. 7	3
Gr. 8	5
Gr. 9	3
Gr. 10	14
Gr. 11	14
Gr. 12	8
Total	47

2013-14 Student Enrollment by Group

Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	8.5
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.0
Asian	0.0
Filipino	4.3
Hispanic or Latino	48.9
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.0
White	38.3
Two or More Races	0.0
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	53.2
English Learners	14.9
Students with Disabilities	95.7

A. Conditions of Learning

State Priority: Basic

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the Basic State Priority (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

Sequoia Charter School	12-13	13-14	14-15
Fully Credentialed	5	5	5
Without Full Credential	0	0	0
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	0	0	0
William S. Hart Union High School District	12-13	13-14	14-15
Fully Credentialed	♦	♦	787
Without Full Credential	♦	♦	8
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	♦	♦	

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions at this School

Sequoia Charter School	12-13	13-14	14-15
Teachers of English Learners	0	0	0
Total Teacher Misassignments	0	0	0
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. Total Teacher Misassignments includes the number of Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners.

Core Academic Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers

2013-14 Percent of Classes In Core Academic Subjects Core Academic Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers		
Location of Classes	Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers	Not Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers
This School	100.00	0.00
Districtwide		
All Schools	91.26	8.74
High-Poverty Schools	82.70	17.30
Low-Poverty Schools	98.37	1.63

* 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.

Quality, Currency, Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials (School Year 2014-15)

Textbooks and Instructional Materials

Year and month in which data were collected: January 2015

Core Curriculum Area	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/Year of Adoption
<p>Reading/Language Arts</p> <p>The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes</p> <p>Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0%</p>	<p>Grade 7 - Timeless Voices, Timeless Themes (Bronze) - Prentice Hall Adopted 2002</p> <p>Grade 8 - Timeless Voices, Timeless Themes (Silver) - Prentice Hall Adopted 2002</p> <p>Grade 9 - Timeless Voices, Timeless Themes (Gold) - Prentice Hall Adopted 2002</p> <p>Grade 10 - Timeless Voices, Timeless Themes (Platinum) - Prentice Hall Adopted 2002</p> <p>Grade 11 - Timeless Voices, Timeless Themes (The American Experience) - Prentice Hall Adopted 2002</p>
<p>Mathematics</p> <p>The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes</p> <p>Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0%</p>	<p>Math 7 - Glencoe Math Course 2 - Glencoe McGraw-Hill Adopted 2014</p> <p>Math 7 - Glencoe Math Accelerated - Glencoe McGraw-Hill Adopted 2014</p> <p>Math 8 - Glencoe Math Course 3 - Glencoe McGraw-Hill Adopted 2014</p> <p>Algebra - SpringBoard Adopted 2014</p> <p>Geometry - SpringBoard Adopted 2014</p> <p>Algebra 2 - SpringBoard Adopted 2014</p> <p>Trigonometry - Houghton Mifflin Adopted 2004</p>
<p>Science</p> <p>The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes</p> <p>Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0%</p>	<p>Grade 7 - Focus on Life Science - Prentice Hall Adopted 2006</p> <p>Grade 8 - Focus on Physical Science - Prentice Hall Adopted 2006</p> <p>Biology - Prentice Hall Adopted 2007</p> <p>Chemistry - Prentice Hall Adopted 2008</p> <p>Physics - Holt Adopted 2002</p>

Textbooks and Instructional Materials
Year and month in which data were collected: January 2015

Core Curriculum Area	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/Year of Adoption
History-Social Science The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0%	Grade 7 - Medieval and Early Modern Times - Prentice Hall Adopted 2006 Grade 8 - America: History of our Nation - Prentice Hall Adopted 2006 Grade 10 - World History: The Modern World - Prentice Hall Adopted 2006 Grade 11 - America: Pathways to the Present - Prentice Hall Adopted 2006 Grade 12 - Economics: New Ways of Thinking - EMC Paradigm Adopted 2007 Grade 12 - Magruder's American Government - Prentice Hall Adopted 2006
Health The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0%	Lifetime Health - Holt Adopted 2004

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements (Most Recent Year)

Each and every campus within the Wm. S Hart High School District is inspected by an on-site facility person on a daily basis. All deficiencies are reported electronically directly to District Maintenance and are corrected in an expeditious manner.

School Facility Good Repair Status (Most Recent Year)
Year and month in which data were collected: 06/10/14

System Inspected	Repair Status			Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
	Good	Fair	Poor	
Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	[X]	[]	[]	
Interior: Interior Surfaces	[]	[X]	[]	During the Facility Inspection the school was in process of "deep cleaning". All noted deficiencies were corrected prior to opening day.
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/ Vermin Infestation	[X]	[]	[]	
Electrical: Electrical	[X]	[]	[]	
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	[X]	[]	[]	
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	[X]	[]	[]	
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	[X]	[]	[]	
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	[X]	[]	[]	
Overall Rating	Exemplary []	Good [X]	Fair []	Poor []

B. Pupil Outcomes

State Priority: Pupil Achievement

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the Pupil Achievement State Priority (Priority 4):

- Statewide assessments (i.e., California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress and its successor the Standardized Testing and Reporting Program);
- The Academic Performance Index; and
- The percentage of pupils 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 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		
	11-12	12-13	13-14	11-12	12-13	13-14	11-12	12-13	13-14
Science	14	43	18	70	71	76	60	59	60

* Science (grades 5, 8, and 10) assessments include California Standards Tests (CSTs), California Modified Assessment (CMA), and California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA). 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.

STAR 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		
	10-11	11-12	12-13	10-11	11-12	12-13	10-11	11-12	12-13
ELA	26	22	19	63	65	65	54	56	55
Math	3	3	3	49	48	47	49	50	50
HSS	18	19	24	59	58	59	48	49	49

* STAR Program was last administered in 2012-13. 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.

Academic Performance Index Ranks - Three-Year Comparison			
API Rank	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Statewide	1	1	1
Similar Schools			

* For 2014 and subsequent years, the statewide and similar schools ranks will no longer be produced.

2013-14 CAASPP Results by Student Group	
Group	Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced
	Science (grades 5, 8, and 10)
All Students in the LEA	76
All Student at the School	18
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	18
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	

* CAASPP includes science assessments (CSTs, CMA, and CAPA) in grades 5, 8, and 10. 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.

API Growth by Student Group – Three-Year Comparison			
Group	Actual API Change		
	10-11	11-12	12-13
All Students at the School	-34	-57	79
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			

* "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

C. Engagement

State Priority: Parental Involvement

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the Parental Involvement State Priority (Priority 3):

- Efforts the school district makes to seek parent input in making decisions for the school district and each schoolsite.

Opportunities for Parental Involvement

In an effort to meet the unique needs our students, Sequoia Charter School welcomes parent involvement through programs such as our Parent Advisory Council, Parent University, Educationally Related Intensive Counseling Services and regularly scheduled IEP meetings. Sequoia's parents participate actively in Parent Advisory Council to provide their input into school matters. Parents are also supported through a monthly parent education night - Parent University. Each meeting features dynamic topics designed to focus on the intersection of education and mental health. Sequoia seeks to further empower families with effective tools to support students in their pursuit of achievement and excellence.

State Priority: School Climate

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the School Climate State Priority (Priority 6):

- Pupil suspension rates;
- Pupil expulsion rates; and
- Other local measures on the sense of safety.

School Safety Plan

The school safety plan is reviewed annually to secure a safe and healthy learning environment. The plan includes child abuse reporting procedures, dangerous student notification, bullying and cyberbullying, dress code, school site discipline, evacuation procedures, risk management assessment, and crisis management and intervention. The plan is shared with staff before and after scheduled drills to ensure its efficiency. The plan was reviewed and revised in 2014, and modified to enhance procedures for the release of students in the event of a disaster.

Campus supervisors and school personnel monitor the closed campus before, during, and after school. Visitors must register in the Attendance Office areas before entering the campus. Our Safe School Ambassador program has proven to be a huge asset in keeping the campus a safe environment.

Suspensions and Expulsions

School	11-12	12-13	13-14
Suspensions Rate	38.2	39.7	18.8
Expulsions Rate	0.0	0.0	2.9
District	11-12	12-13	13-14
Suspensions Rate	5.9	5.7	2.2
Expulsions Rate	0.3	0.1	0.1
State	11-12	12-13	13-14
Suspensions Rate	5.7	5.1	4.4
Expulsions Rate	0.1	0.1	0.1

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

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.

2013-14 Adequate Yearly Progress Overall and by Criteria		
AYP Criteria	School	District
Made AYP Overall		
Met Participation Rate: English-Language Arts		
Met Participation Rate: Mathematics		
Met Percent Proficient: English-Language Arts		
Met Percent Proficient: Mathematics		
Met API Criteria		

2014-15 Federal Intervention Program		
Indicator	School	District
Program Improvement Status		
First Year of Program Improvement		
Year in Program Improvement		
Number of Schools Currently in Program Improvement		0
Percent of Schools Currently in Program Improvement		0.0

* DW (determination waiver) indicates that the PI status of the school was carried over from the prior year in accordance with the flexibility granted through the federal waiver process.

Academic Counselors and Other Support Staff at this School	
Number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)	
Academic Counselor	1
Counselor (Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	
Psychologist	
Social Worker	
Nurse	
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	
Resource Specialist	
Other	
Average Number of Students per Staff Member	
Academic Counselor	

* 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												
Average Class Size				Number of Classrooms*								
				1-20			21-32			33+		
Grade	12	13	14	12	13	14	12	13	14	12	13	14
English	9.8	7	7	4	12	7	0			0		
Math	4.6	4	5	8	8	9	0			0		
Science	18	9	7	1	4	6	1			0		
SS	11	8	7	4	5	7	0			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.

FY 2012-13 Teacher and Administrative Salaries		
Category	District Amount	State Average for Districts in Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$42,641	\$42,957
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$66,275	\$69,613
Highest Teacher Salary	\$84,102	\$89,407
Average Principal Salary (ES)	\$0	
Average Principal Salary (MS)	\$122,936	\$120,526
Average Principal Salary (HS)	\$136,362	\$129,506
Superintendent Salary	\$229,806	\$207,044
Percent of District Budget		
Teacher Salaries	37	37
Administrative Salaries	5	5

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

FY 2012-13 Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries				
Level	Expenditures Per Pupil			Average Teacher Salary
	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	
School Site				
District	♦	♦	5,900	\$69,425
State	♦	♦	\$4,690	\$72,276
Percent Difference: School Site/District				
Percent Difference: School Site/ State				

Types of Services Funded at Sequoia Charter School

Staffing Costs, Textbooks, Materials, Supplies, and Facility/Operating Expenses.

Professional Development provided for Teachers at Sequoia Charter School

Professional Development for the 13-14 and 14-15 school years focuses on the implementation of the Common Core State Standards. To support teachers in the transition to the core, the concentration is on building foundational understanding of the standards, developing resources, and expanding collaborations between all stakeholders. ELA and math content teams are developing pacing guides and designing rigorous curricular units for the 2014-2015 school year and beyond. Professional Development Coaches are engaged in a deep examination of the Common Core Anchor Standards for Literacy in preparation for supporting all teachers as they teach literacy across the curriculum. These Common Core Anchor standards delineate reading, writing, listening and speaking skills students utilize across curriculum at all grade levels. All teachers participate in site and district level professional development around these key literacy standards as well as strengthen and support core instruction of literacy practices. Teachers are also provided with the mobile technology and support they need to enhance instruction and increase the use of technology in the classroom.

2013-14 California High School Exit Examination Grade Ten Results by Student Group

Group	English-Language Arts			Mathematics		
	Not Proficient	Proficient	Advanced	Not Proficient	Proficient	Advanced
All Students in the LEA	32	26	42	30	42	29
All Students at the School	83	8	8	93	7	
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	91	9		92	8	
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services						

* 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.

CAHSEE Results for All Students - Three-Year Comparison Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced			
Sequoia Charter School	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
English-Language Arts		36	17
Mathematics		36	7
William S. Hart Union High School	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
English-Language Arts	68	68	59
Mathematics	69	69	61
California	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
English-Language Arts	56	57	56
Mathematics	58	60	62

* 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.

Completion of High School Graduation Requirements			
Group	Graduating Class of 2013		
	School	District	State
All Students	93.75	91.17	84.56
Black or African American	0.00	81.90	75.90
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.00	83.33	77.82
Asian	0.00	97.95	92.94
Filipino	100.00	94.84	92.20
Hispanic or Latino	75.00	85.55	80.83
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.00	100.00	84.06
White	90.91	95.21	90.15
Two or More Races	0.00	94.64	89.03
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	66.67	91.86	82.58
English Learners	0.00	70.79	53.68
Students with Disabilities	87.50	80.16	60.31

Dropout Rate and Graduation Rate			
Sequoia Charter School	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Dropout Rate (1-year)	15.4	9.1	12.5
Graduation Rate	53.85	72.73	75.00
William S. Hart Union High School	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Dropout Rate (1-year)	2.6	2.0	1.7
Graduation Rate	93.85	92.97	93.03
California	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Dropout Rate (1-year)	14.7	13.1	11.4
Graduation Rate	77.14	78.87	80.44

2013-14 Advanced Placement Courses		
Subject	Number of AP Courses Offered*	Percent of Students In AP Courses
Computer Science		♦
English		♦
Fine and Performing Arts		♦
Foreign Language		♦
Mathematics		♦
Science		♦
Social Science		♦
All courses		

* Where there are student course enrollments.

Courses for University of California (UC) and/or California State University (CSU) Admission	
UC/CSU Course Measure	Percent
2013-14 Enrollment in Courses Required for UC/CSU Admission	41.40
2012-13 Graduates Who Completed All Courses Required for UC/CSU Admission	0.00

Career Technical Education Participation	
Measure	CTE Program Participation
Number of pupils participating in CTE	
% of pupils completing a CTE program and earning a high school diploma	
% of CTE courses sequenced or articulated between the school and institutions of postsecondary education	

Career Technical Education Programs