

Sierra High 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	Sierra High School
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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.

Principal's Message

The purpose of the School Accountability Report card is to provide parents with information about Sierra High School's instructional programs, academic achievement, instructional materials, facilities, and the staff.

The staff at Sierra High School believes that each child is unique and deserving of a rich educational environment. Each student has access to a core curriculum in language arts, mathematics, science, and social science.

All members of the staff are both skilled and dedicated to the success of their students. We are fortunate to have experienced and knowledgeable teachers who are eager to make a difference for our students. We believe in a student-centered approach, which provides an atmosphere in which a child's social, emotional, and intellectual needs are equally important. All students have special talents and are given the opportunities to develop those talents through academics and community service.

Parents and the community play a very important role in the school. Understanding the school's educational program, student achievement, and curriculum development can assist both the school and the community in ongoing program improvement. Sierra High School is dedicated to shaping the future, one child at a time.

Mission Statement

We believe that all of our students have potential for success and growth, both personally and academically. Therefore, our concentration is on the following: students working toward achieving realistic attitudes about their career possibilities; students making progress in developing necessary life skills; and, most importantly, students working toward their academic potential and a more positive self-image. When students complete the Sierra High School program, they will possess a firm foundation to function productively in our society.

School Profile

Mammoth Unified School District, located in Mono County, educates approximately 1,200 students in grades kindergarten through twelve on a traditional calendar system. There are currently one comprehensive high school, one continuation high school, one middle school, and one elementary school in the district.

Sierra High School is a continuation high school serving students sixteen to eighteen years of age who need an alternative high school program. The school opened its doors in 1991 to grades ten through twelve. Teachers, staff, and administrators continue to act on the principle that students come first. The educational programs at the school are tailored to meet the needs of a changing school population. In the 2012-2013 school year, Sierra High School served 17 students. The chart displays school enrollment broken down by ethnicity.

Sierra High School is committed to providing a strong instructional program for all students to ensure excellence in education. This excellence can be seen in the staff who play such a vital role in providing a quality educational program.

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.

Parents and the community are very supportive of the educational program at Sierra High School. Numerous programs and activities are enriched by the contributions from the community. Parents play an important role in supporting their student for school success.

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		47		52	55	52	54	56	55
Mathematics				52	53	49	49	50	50
Science				69	70	62	57	60	59
History-Social Science		35		36	49	46	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	52	49	62	46
All Student 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 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				62	66	67	59	56	57
Mathematics				59	69	63	56	58	60

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	33	31	36	37	31	31
All Students at the School	0				0	
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.

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			
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			
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			822	792	4,655,989	790
Black or African American			2		296,463	708
American Indian or Alaska Native			2		30,394	743
Asian			8		406,527	906
Filipino			2		121,054	867
Hispanic or Latino			452	714	2,438,951	744
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander			2		25,351	774
White			301	893	1,200,127	853
Two or More Races			12	863	125,025	824
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged			484	718	2,774,640	743
English Learners			408	698	1,482,316	721
Students with Disabilities			60	565	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	Yes	No
Met Participation Rate: English-Language Arts	Yes	Yes
Met Participation Rate: Mathematics	Yes	Yes
Met Percent Proficient: English-Language Arts	Yes	No
Met Percent Proficient: Mathematics	Yes	No
Met API Criteria	N/A	Yes
Met Graduation Rate (if applicable)	N/A	Yes

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
First Year of Program Improvement		2007-2008
Year in Program Improvement		Year 3
Number of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	---	1
Percent of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	---	100.0

V. School Climate

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

Grade Level	Number of Students
Grade 11	4
Grade 12	15
Total Enrollment	19

Student Enrollment by Group (School Year 2012-13)

Group	Percent of Total Enrollment	Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	0.0	White	0.0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.0	Two or More Races	5.3
Asian	0.0	Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	57.9
Filipino	0.0	English Learners	26.3
Hispanic or Latino	36.8	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												
Mathematics												
Science												
Social Science												

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.

Safety of students and staff is a primary concern of Sierra High School. The school is always in compliance with all laws, rules, and regulations pertaining to hazardous materials and state earthquake standards. All visitors must sign in at the front office and sign out upon leaving. There is an open campus for lunch which allows the students to leave campus and return after the lunch break to continue to work on their individualized learning plans.

In 1998, the Comprehensive Safety Plan was developed by the district in consultation with local law enforcement in order to comply with Senate Bill 187 of 1997. The plan provides students and staff a means to ensure a safe and orderly learning environment.

Components of the Comprehensive Safety Plan include child abuse reporting procedures, teacher notification of dangerous pupil procedures, disaster response procedures, procedures for safe ingress and egress from school, sexual harassment policies, and dress code guidelines.

Sierra High School reviews the plan each year and updates it as needed. The plan was last updated and reviewed with school staff in January 2013. An updated copy of the plan will be available to the public at the school and district offices.

Suspensions and Expulsions

Rate	School			District		
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Suspensions	50.		0	13.02		41
Expulsions	0		0	0.18		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

Built in 2002, Sierra High School is situated on nearly two acres. The school buildings span 6,725 square feet, consisting of classrooms, a multipurpose room, administrative offices, and restrooms. The facility strongly supports teaching and learning through its ample classroom and athletic facilities. The chart displays the results of the most recent facilities inspection.

Cleaning Process and Schedule

The district governing board has adopted cleaning standards for all schools in the district. All schools are cleaned daily. A summary of these standards is available at the school office or at the district office. The site administration team works daily with the custodial staff to develop cleaning schedules to ensure a clean and safe school.

Maintenance and Repair

Safety concerns are the number one priority of Maintenance and Operations. District maintenance supervisors are proactive and conduct inspections at school sites on a continual basis. Repairs necessary to keep the school in good repair and working order are completed in a timely manner. A work order process is used to ensure efficient service and that emergency repairs are given the highest priority.

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: 01/15/2014				
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]	[]	[]	
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 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	2	2	1	74
Without Full Credential	0	0	0	
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence (with full credential)	0	0	0	---

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions

Indicator	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners	0	0	
Total Teacher Misassignments	0	0	
Vacant Teacher Positions	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	0.0
All Schools in District	100.0	0.0
High-Poverty Schools in District	100.0	0.0
Low-Poverty Schools in District	0.0	0.0

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	1	350
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	.05	---
Other		---

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: 09/24/13

Mammoth Unified School District sets a high priority upon ensuring that sufficient and current textbooks and materials are available to support the school's instructional program. Mammoth Unified School District held a public hearing on September 24, 2013 and determined that each school within the district has sufficient and good quality textbooks, instructional materials, or science lab equipment, pursuant to the settlement of Williams vs. the State of California.

All students, including English Learners, are given their own individual standards-aligned textbooks or instructional materials, or both, in core subjects, Visual and Performing Arts, Health, and Foreign Language for use in the classroom and to take home. All textbooks and instructional materials used within the district are aligned with the California State Content Standards and Frameworks. Mammoth Unified School District follows the state board of education's six-year adoption cycle for core content materials and the eight-year cycle for textbook adoptions in foreign language, visual and performing arts, and health. District textbook review and adoption activities occur the year following the state's adoption.

The textbook adoption process begins with the district Curriculum Committee consisting of administrators and teachers. The Committee identifies key elements to consider in the adoption decision-making process, establishes selection criteria based on state standards, reviews instructional materials on the state list, and makes recommendations to the governing board for final adoption. The committee examines each program and selects programs to be piloted. Recommended programs are available at the school sites for teacher and parent preview. The feedback provided by teachers and parents becomes the basis for the recommendations to the board for final adoption.

Core Curriculum Area	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/ Year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption?	Percent of Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
Reading/Language Arts	Harcourt Brace Adopted 1993 Holt, Rinehart & Winston Adopted 2003	Yes	0.0%
Mathematics	Consumer Math - Third Edition Globe Fearson 2010 Prentice Hall Adopted 2009 AGS Adopted 2009 Globe Fearson Adopted 2007	Yes	0.0%
Science	Globe Fearson Adopted 2010 Globe Fearson Adopted 2007 Globe Fearson Adopted 2007	Yes	0.0%

Core Curriculum Area	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/ Year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption?	Percent of Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
History-Social Science	Glencoe/McGraw Hill Adopted 2009	Yes	0.0%
	AGS Adopted 2010		
	AGS Adopted 2007		
	AGS Adopted 2007		
	AGS Adopted 2007		
Health	Pearson Health 2010	Yes	0.0%

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	\$16,449	\$0	\$16,449	\$82,872
District	---	---	\$8,584	
Percent Difference: School Site and District	---	---	91.62%	27.73%
State	---	---	\$5,537	\$58,606
Percent Difference: School Site and State	---	---	201.54%	44.97%

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.

The district receives federal and state aid for the following categorical, special education, and support programs:

- Class Size Reduction
- Economic Impact Aid
- Educational Technology Assistance Grants
- Gifted and Talented Pupils
- Home-to-School Transportation
- Instructional Materials
- Maintenance and Operations
- Peer Assistance and Review Program
- Regional Occupational Program
- Safe and Drug Free Schools Program
- School Improvement Program
- Special Education
- Title I Program

Teacher and Administrative Salaries (Fiscal Year 2011-12)

Category	District Amount	State Average for Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary		\$38,390
Mid-Range Teacher Salary		\$55,793
Highest Teacher Salary		\$72,306
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)		\$88,846
Average Principal Salary (Middle)		\$92,801
Average Principal Salary (High)		\$95,916
Superintendent Salary		\$116,026
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	37.5%	34.0%
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	5.4%	6.6%

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

XI. School Completion and Postsecondary Preparation

Admission Requirements for California's Public Universities

University of California

Admission requirements for the University of California (UC) follow guidelines set forth in the Master Plan, which requires that the top one-eighth of the state's high school graduates, as well as those transfer students who have successfully completed specified college course work, be eligible for admission to the UC. These requirements are designed to ensure that all eligible students are adequately prepared for University-level work.

For general admissions requirements, please visit the UC Admissions Information Web page at <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/>.

California State University

Eligibility for admission to the California State University (CSU) is determined by three factors:

- Specific high school courses
- Grades in specified courses and test scores
- Graduation from high school

Some campuses have higher standards for particular majors or students who live outside the local campus area. Because of the number of students who apply, a few campuses have higher standards (supplementary admission criteria) for all applicants. Most CSU campuses have local admission guarantee policies for students who graduate or transfer from high schools and colleges that are historically served by a CSU campus in that region. For admission, application, and fee information see the CSU Web page at <http://www.calstate.edu/admission/admission.shtml>.

Dropout Rate and Graduation Rate

Indicator	School			District			State		
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Dropout Rate	14.90	9.90	11.80	14.90	9.90	11.80	16.60	14.70	13.10
Graduation Rate				80.81	71.43	76.34	80.53	77.14	78.73

Completion of High School Graduation Requirements

This table displays, by student group, the number of students who were a part of the school's most recent graduating class for which CDE has available data and meet all state and local graduation requirements for grade twelve completion, including having passed both the ELA and mathematics portions of the CAHSEE or received a local waiver or state exemption.

Group	Graduating Class of 2012		
	School	District	State
All Students	10	76	418,598
Black or African American			28,078
American Indian or Alaska Native			3,123
Asian		2	41,700
Filipino			12,745
Hispanic or Latino	6	46	193,516
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander			2,585
White			127,801
Two or More Races			6,790
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	5	43	217,915
English Learners	5	41	93,297
Students with Disabilities		1	31,683

Career Technical Education Programs (School Year 2012-13)

This section provides information about Career Technical Education (CTE) programs including:

- Programs and classes offered that are specifically focused on career preparation and or preparation for work
- How these programs and classes are integrated with academic courses and how they support academic achievement
- How the school addresses the needs of all students in career preparation and/or preparation for work, including needs unique to defined special populations of students
- The measurable outcomes of these programs and classes, and how they are evaluated
- State the primary representative of the district's CTE advisory committee and the industries represented on the committee

It is the goal of Sierra High School that students understand the importance of academic subjects and experience how employees apply subject learning to work situations. The school's programs focus on preparing students to think conceptually, communicate effectively, and apply skills in real-world contexts. Curriculum and instructional strategies that foster critical thinking, problem solving, leadership, and academic skills are consistently taught to the students to ensure work-readiness skills.

Students in grades ten through twelve receive counseling from school personnel regarding career paths and courses of study. Teachers expose students to a broad array of career opportunities and facilitate selection of a career path based on individual interests, goals, strengths, and abilities. In addition, students may participate in a work experience program, a collaboration between the school and ten local businesses. For additional work force preparation, students are also required to complete five units of volunteer service before graduation.

Speakers from the community, job shadowing and work experience, use of technology, career-related research projects, and community service projects are made available for the students to heighten awareness of options for education, training, and employment beyond high school. Students may also attend workshops for college admission and financial aid at Mammoth High School.

No students from Sierra High School participated in Career Technical Education in the 2012-13 school year. The school is currently building a relationship with Cerra Coso Community College for career technical programs.

Career Technical Education Participation (School Year 2012-13)

Measure	CTE Program Participation
Number of pupils participating in CTE	0
% of pupils completing a CTE program and earning a high school diploma	
% of CTE courses sequenced/articulated between the school/institutions of postsecondary education	

Courses for University of California and/or California State University Admission

UC/CSU Course Measure	Percent
2012-13 Students Enrolled in Courses Required for UC/CSU Admission	
2011-12 Graduates Who Completed All Courses Required for UC/CSU Admission	

Advanced Placement Courses (School Year 2011-12)

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.

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.)?

All training and curriculum development at Sierra High School evolves around the California State Content Standards and Frameworks. Teachers align classroom curriculum to ensure that all students either meet or exceed state proficiency levels.

The district has started to work towards the adoption of the Common Core Standards as we prepare our students for assessment beginning with the 2014-15 school year.

Staff members build teaching skills and concepts through participation in professional conferences, district sponsored inservices, and workshops throughout the year. The district provides one buy-back professional development day annually where teachers are offered a variety of professional growth opportunities in curriculum, teaching strategies, and methodologies along with fourteen Early Release Tuesdays.