Da Vinci Connect

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Mission

Da Vinci Schools exist to provide our students a real world, project-based, college preparatory curriculum. We create and support a culture of high expectations for all, where students grow in knowledge and wisdom, develop new skills, and form safe and strong relationships with teachers, peers, parents, and the community. Furthermore, the school runs a family collaborative instructional model that supports children to become caring, confident learners in a compassionate learning community that respects and values different interests, abilities, learning styles, ethnicity, and cultural backgrounds.

Vision

Da Vinci Schools will be an environment in which informed, resourceful and reflective students become college-ready, career-prepared, and community-minded individuals who graduate from post-secondary programs to become productive members and respected leaders in the global community.

Philosophy

Da Vinci Schools were founded on the principle that all students will graduate as collaborative, informed, resourceful and reflective individuals who are college-ready, career-prepared, and community-minded. We believe that the Three R's of education -- rigor, relevance and relationships -- are essential to student success. Research shows when learning is challenging, hands-on, interesting, personalized, and incorporates the technology that students use in their daily lives, students are more motivated, have higher attendance rates, are more likely to retain the knowledge, and graduate and attend college in higher numbers. Our schools combine a project-based, college preparatory curriculum with real-world active learning, internships/work experience, and early college classes ensuring that students acquire the 21st century skills needed for today's 21st century workplace. All of us in the Da Vinci community -- students, families, staff, board members, community partners and supporters -- are committed to ensuring that every Da Vinci student graduates with the knowledge, skills, confidence and compassion needed for success in college, career, and life.

Overview

Da Vinci Connect is a public charter school serving K-12 students in the South Bay of Los Angeles and neighboring communities. The Da Vinci Connect offers families a new approach to K-12 education combining school-site instruction with home-based learning. The Da Vinci Connect partners with families to provide a unique learning model where students can discover their passions and talents in a flexible and personalized learning environment.

The Model

The Hybrid model includes 2 full days at school (Grades K-12): students participate in 2 days of project-based learning at school and three days of family facilitated off-site learning. Students attend school on either Mondays AND Thursdays OR Tuesdays AND Fridays. At-school learning is project-based. At-home learning (also called homeschooling or independent study) focuses on English Language Arts, math and extracurricular activities. Families are the primary educators on non-classroom days. A smaller group of students participate in the Collaborative Model and attend school one day per week (Wednesdays) and are invited to participate in weekly field trips. These students also engage in at-home learning and focus on English, math, social studies, science and extracurricular activities in which their parent educators are the primarily educators for non-classroom days.

Why Homeschool?
Our families choose DV Connect and homeschooling for many, many reasons. Here are a few they report:
* Homeschooling allows families to truly know how their children learn
* Homeschooling provides opportunities to explore passion projects
* DV Connect focuses on the learner as much as the learning
* Homeschooling enables the flexibility to participate in extracurricular learning that there is often little time for when students spend 35+ hours per week at school
* DC Connect has amazing, passionate and compassionate teachers!
* Project-based learning is awesome!
* Traditional schools have too much bullying and "cliqueish" behavior

Program Highlights
* Home-School Partnership
* Project-Based Learning
* Personalized learning plans
* Rich, challenging and engaging content that accommodates diverse learning styles
* Multi-age grouping
* Small class sizes (16-20 in elementary, 20-26 in middle school)
* Compassionate communication
* Hands on, Minds-on Curriculum
* Learning-by-doing constructivist curriculum
* Opportunities for student voice and choice and personalization to reflect students' passions, interests and needs
* Curriculum preview meetings to address/discuss goals and ask questions
* Credentialed, experienced and dedicated teachers
* Distributive leadership
* Social Emotional curriculum that fosters community and personal development
* Building Habits of Heart and Mind
* Community of care and collaboration
* Public presentations of learning
* Mastery of "essential skills"
* 21st century learning and real-world problem solving

Memberships
Coalition of Essential Schools
California Charter Schools Association
California Consortium for Independent Study
Schools That Can

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Major Achievements
- In 2015, Da Vinci Connect was recognized as one of 65 Elementary and Middle Schools Worth Visiting by Tom Vander Ark, founder of Getting Smart, and leader in educational technology.
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- In 2013, Education Week recognized Da Vinci Connect as among "38 Elementary and Middle Schools Worth Visiting." Da Vinci Connect and the other schools were recognized for achieving exceptional results, creating powerful learning experiences, and creating innovative technology blends.
- Da Vinci Connect has been featured in several publications including Education Week, Activate Instruction, the Daily Breeze, and more, highlighting our work in real-world, project-based and blended learning. See related article: "California Charter Caters to Home-Schooled Students" (Education Week, Jan. 8, 2014).

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	52
Grade 1	48
Grade 2	59
Grade 3	41
Grade 4	35
Grade 5	35
Grade 6	67
Grade 7	45
Grade 8	40
Total Enrollment	422

2019-20 Student Enrollment by Group

Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	9.2
Asian	9.2
Filipino	1.2
Hispanic or Latino	21.8
White	40.8
Two or More Races	12.1
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	20.1
English Learners	2.1
Students with Disabilities	13.3

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 Da Vinci Connect	18-19	19-20	20-21
With Full Credential		18	21
Without Full Credential		0	0
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence		0	0

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With Full Credential	♦	♦	21
Without Full Credential	♦	♦	0
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	♦	♦	0

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions at Da Vinci Connect

Indicator	18-19	19-20	20-21
Teachers of English Learners		2	2
Total Teacher Misassignments*		2	2
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.

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

Da Vinci Schools use primarily online teaching materials and primary and secondary texts for our courses. We do not utilize textbooks, and do not have a textbook adoption list.

Textbooks and Instructional Materials

Year and month in which data were collected: January 2021

Core Curriculum Area	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/Year of Adoption
Reading/Language Arts	

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

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements (Most Recent Year)

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: January 2021

System Inspected	Repair Status	Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	Good	
Interior: Interior Surfaces	Good	
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/ Vermin Infestation	Good	
Electrical: Electrical	Good	
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	Good	
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	Good	
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	Good	
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	Good	
Overall Rating	**Exemplary**	

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	76	N/A	74	N/A	50	N/A
Math	60	N/A	57	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	59	N/A	42	N/A	30	N/A

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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

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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

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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)
Families are key partners in Da Vinci Connect's unique collaborative learning community. To help coordinate family involvement, we established the Family Action Network (FAN). Together with Da Vinci staff, FAN supports community-building events, fundraising, school spirit, family support, and staff support. Parents are also encouraged to attend workshops with teachers and administrators, which are offered on an on-going basis. Connect staff also host Parent Educator Conferences each year, which are full-day events meant to support parent educators in their journey as homeschoolers. Connect teachers and administration have an "open door policy" and invite parents to stop by and share their questions/comments/concerns at any time.

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)
Emergency Procedure
Our staff is trained in order to provide for the safety of students, staff, and visitors during times of emergency. Emergency preparedness includes fire, lockdown and earthquake drills that happen at regular times during the school year. All alarms are treated as real. In the event of an alarm, all staff, students, and visitors are required to complete an orderly and safe evacuation of the classrooms and buildings. Staff and students will meet in pre-assigned areas, and will remain there until all students are accounted for and instructed to return to the building or move to a safer area. In the case of a major emergency (such as a significant earthquake or fire), parents and guardians and other family members should contact the main office or go to www.davincischools.org for more information. During such an emergency, staff will be focused on ensuring that all students are safe and accounted for. As part of our Disaster Preparedness Plan, Da Vinci asks parents to supply personal use and consumable items in the event that a disaster requires that students remain at school for an extended period of time.

During the 2019-2020 year Connect staff and stakeholders completed and approved a comprehensive safe schools plan according to ed code, and in conjunction with local law enforcement and emergency personnel.

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	1.2	0.0	0.9	1.3	3.5	3.5
Expulsions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	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	0.4	0.4	
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	1.3
Social Worker	
Nurse	
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	
Resource Specialist (non-teaching)	
Other	2

*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 Average Class Size	2017-18 # of Classes* Size 1-20	2017-18 # of Classes* Size 21-32	2017-18 # of Classes* Size 33+	2018-19 Average Class Size	2018-19 # of Classes* Size 1-20	2018-19 # of Classes* Size 21-32	2018-19 # of Classes* Size 33+	2019-20 Average Class Size	2019-20 # of Classes* Size 1-20	2019-20 # of Classes* Size 21-32	2019-20 # of Classes* Size 33+
K	27		1	1	25		2		13		4	
2	39			2	43			2				
3	37			1	35			1	19	1	1	
4					16	1						
5	41		1	2	37			2				
6	40			4	30		5	2	16	7	7	
Other**									28	2	5	3

*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	22	22	22

Extensive professional development is a signature practice of Da Vinci Schools. DV Connect staff meet for two full weeks in August, a week in January, 2 days at the end of the year and 4 Fridays throughout the year in order to reflect on needs and best practices, revise our practices and create unity among the staff regarding what we do and how we do it. Staff also meets for staff meetings every Wednesday morning throughout the school year. As an entire staff, they meet to celebrate each others' work, share best practices, discuss upcoming school business, and share and reflect upon student work. Within this time, teachers also meet in grade-level meetings to discuss student work and performance, plan personalized interventions for students, and plan interdisciplinary projects and events.

FY 2018-19 Teacher and Administrative Salaries

Category	District Amount	State Average for Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	$52,387	$47,145
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	$86,295	$74,952
Highest Teacher Salary	$103,913	$96,092
Average Principal Salary (ES)	$119,270	$116,716
Average Principal Salary (MS)	$115,615	$120,813
Average Principal Salary (HS)		$131,905
Superintendent Salary	$235,698	$192,565

Percent of District Budget	District Amount	State Average for Districts In Same Category
Teacher Salaries	39.0	31.0
Administrative Salaries	5.0	6.0

* For detailed information on salaries, see the CDE Certificated Salaries & Benefits webpage at 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	9937	648	9289	61280
District	N/A	N/A	N/A	$86,889
State	N/A	N/A	$7,750	$75,706

Percent Differences	Unrestricted	Average Teacher Salary
School Site/District	N/A	-34.6
School Site/ State	18.1	-21.1

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

Types of Services Funded

In 2019-20, Da Vinci Schools provided services that supported the educational objectives of providing an excellent education through specialized programs for career technical and college readiness programs, including extensive professional development and experiential learning opportunities (e.g. project based learning) in a small classroom environment. For those students that showed need, additional resources were utilized for additional services such as tutoring, summer school, independent study, coaching, etc.

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.