

Tustin Connect

School Accountability Report Card

Reported Using Data from the 2016-17 School Year

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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, see the California Department of Education (CDE) SARC Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa/>.
- 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/guardians and community members should contact the school principal or the district office.

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 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).

Internet Access

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About This School

Contact Information (School Year 2017-18)

School Contact Information	
School Name	Tustin Connect
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Web Site	http://www.tustinconnect.org/
CDS Code	30-73643-3030590

District Contact Information	
District Name	Tustin Unified School District
Phone Number	714-730-7301
Superintendent	Gregory A. Franklin, Ed.D.
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Web Site	www.tustin.k12.ca.us

School Description and Mission Statement (School Year 2017-18)

Tustin Connect is a public, K-12 independent study school, located in the Tustin Unified School District. The Tustin Connect K-8 campus is located at the Heritage Elementary campus and the Tustin Connect High School is located at the Alternative Education Campus with Hillview High School and Tustin Adult School. Tustin Connect is a school of choice, and students may be referred by counselors throughout Tustin Unified. Tustin Connect students are supervised by a credentialed teacher and meet at least once a week for feedback, assignments, and testing.

Tustin Connect caters to the needs of many different types of students. Some of these students include home-schooled students, elite athletes, musicians, actors, gifted children, ill students, and other students and families that want a more personalized and flexible learning environment. Enrollment at Tustin Connect reached 117 students during the spring of the 2016-2017 school year. Enrollment figures are trending upwards and continued growth is anticipated.

The mission of the school is to provide a flexible, interactive, and personalized education that prepares students to be successful in college, career, and life.

Tustin Connect has the following site goals in the Single Plan:

1. By June 2018, TCHS will have 75% of students participating in an outside activity to help students stay engaged and connected to the school community and to better prepare them for college and careers. Outside activities include, but are not limited to, dual-enrollment, ROP courses, athletics, internships,, employment and college courses.
2. By June 2018, Tustin Connect students (grades 3-8) math achievement, as measured by students meeting or exceeding standards on the CAASPP, will increase by 5%.

Tustin Connect uses CAASPP interim and summative assessments as progress indicators, and these indicators are monitored several times during the year.

Student Enrollment by Grade Level (School Year 2016-17)

Grade Level	Number of Students
Grade 9	4
Grade 10	7
Grade 11	3
Grade 12	17
Total Enrollment	31

Student Enrollment by Group (School Year 2016-17)

Student Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0
Asian	6.5
Filipino	0
Hispanic or Latino	48.4
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0
White	41.9
Two or More Races	3.2
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	32.3
English Learners	12.9
Students with Disabilities	9.7
Foster Youth	0

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

Teachers	School			District
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2017-18
With Full Credential	2	3	4	897
Without Full Credential	0	0	0	0
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence (with full credential)	0	0	2	52

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions

Indicator	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners	0	0	0
Total Teacher Misassignments *	0	0	2
Vacant Teacher Positions	0	0	0

Note: "Misassignments" refers to the number of positions filled by teachers who lack legal authorization to teach that grade level, subject area, student group, etc.

* Total Teacher Misassignments includes the number of Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners.

Quality, Currency, Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials (School Year 2017-18)

Year and month in which data were collected: October 9, 2017

On October 9, 2017, the Tustin Unified School District Board of Education verified by resolution that each student at this school has a textbook and/or instructional materials for each core subject area that are aligned to the content and cycles of the curriculum framework adopted by the State of California.

Subject	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/ Year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption?	Percent of Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
Reading/Language Arts	State-Adopted Textbooks - Grades K-5 Textbooks and support materials are state-adopted and consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum frameworks adopted by the State Board of Education. The school district has purchased and provided each student with textbooks and materials in this subject area that are aligned with state standards. For Grades K-5, the Units of Study for Teaching Reading and the Units of Study in Opinion, Information, and Narrative Writing by Lucy Calkins as well as K-2 Phonics Lessons by Irene Fountas and Gay Su Pinnell are the state adopted textbooks for the District. The Tustin Unified School District Board of Education approved these textbooks for adoption on December 12, 2016. State-Adopted Textbooks - Grades 6-8	Yes	0%

Subject	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/ Year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption?	Percent of Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
	<p>Holt, Rinehart and Winston Literature and Language Arts (2003) is the state adopted textbook for the Grades 6-8. The Tustin Unified School District Board of Education approved these textbooks for adoption in 2003.</p> <p>Supplemental Textbooks and Materials for Grade 5: Students have access to classroom libraries containing both literature and non-fiction text.</p> <p>Supplemental Textbooks and Materials for Grades 6-8: National Geographic Inside (2008) is used as a supplemental material with English Language Learners.</p>		
Mathematics	<p>State-Adopted Textbooks - Grades K-5 Textbooks and support materials are state-adopted and consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum frameworks adopted by the State Board of Education. The school district has purchased and provided each student with textbooks and materials in this subject area that are aligned to state standards. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt California Math Expressions Common Core (2015) is the state adopted core curriculum for the District. The Tustin Unified Board of Education approved this textbook for adoption on June 9, 2014.</p> <p>State-Adopted Textbooks - Grades 6-8 Textbooks are state-adopted, in good condition, and are available consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum frameworks adopted by the State Board of Education. The school district has purchased and provided each student with textbooks and materials in this subject area that are aligned to state standards. Holt, Rinehart, and Winston Course 1: Numbers to Algebra (2008) – Grade 6 and Course 2: Pre-Algebra (2008), Pearson/Prentice Hall California Algebra I (2009), and McDougall Littell Geometry (2007) are the state adopted textbooks for the District. These textbooks were adopted by the Board of Education in 2009.</p>	Yes	0%
Science	<p>State-Adopted Textbooks Textbooks and support materials are state-approved and consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum frameworks adopted by the State Board of Education. The school district has purchased and provided each student with textbooks and materials in this subject area that are aligned to state standards. Houghton-Mifflin California Science, Interactive Text (2007) is the state adopted textbook for the District. The Tustin Unified School District Board of Education approved this textbook for adoption on March 10, 2008.</p>	Yes	0%

Subject	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/ Year of Adoption	From Most Recent Adoption?	Percent of Students Lacking Own Assigned Copy
	<p>Supplemental Textbooks and Materials</p> <p>Stemscopes is a supplemental science curriculum used for grades TK-5. This curriculum is aligned to the Next Generation Science Standards and incorporates the three-dimensional learning model including cross-cutting concepts, science and engineering practices and disciplinary core ideas. The fully digital interactive curriculum is used in grades TK-5 and is supported with science toolkits to provide hands-on, inquiry-based science experiences in the classroom. State-Adopted Textbooks</p> <p>Textbooks are state-adopted, in good condition, and are available consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum frameworks adopted by the State Board of Education. The school district has purchased and provided each student with textbooks and materials in this subject area that are aligned to state standards. Pearson/Prentice Hall Focus on Earth Science California Edition (2008), Focus on Life Science California Edition (2008), and Focus on Physical Science California Edition (2008) are the state adopted textbooks for the District. These textbooks were adopted by the Board of Education in 2008.</p>		
History-Social Science	<p>State-Adopted Textbooks</p> <p>Textbooks and support materials are state-approved and consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum frameworks adopted by the State Board of Education. The school district has purchased and provided each student with textbooks and materials in this subject area that are aligned to state standards. Harcourt Reflections (K-5), 2007 is the state adopted core curriculum for the District. The Tustin Unified School District Board of Education approved this textbook for adoption on March 26, 2007.</p> <p>Holt, Rinehart and Winston World History – Ancient Civilizations (2006), World History – Medieval to Early Modern Times (2006), and U. S. History – Independence to 1914 (2006) are the District’s state adopted textbooks for grades 6-8.</p> <p>Supplemental Textbooks and Materials</p>	Yes	0%
Health	<p>State-Adopted Textbooks</p> <p>Textbooks are state-adopted, in good condition, and are available consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum frameworks adopted by the State Board of Education. Health curriculum materials are incorporated in the Science textbooks in elementary school. Houghton-Mifflin California Science, Interactive Text (2007) is the state adopted textbook for the District. The Tustin Unified School District Board of Education approved this textbook for adoption on March 10, 2008.</p>	Yes	0%

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements (Most Recent Year)

The Tustin Unified School District takes great efforts to ensure that all schools are clean, safe, and functional. To assist in this effort, the District uses a facility survey instrument developed by the State of California Office of Public School Construction (OPSC). The results of this survey are available at the school office, the District office, or on the Internet at <https://tinyurl.com/TUSD-Facility-Inspection-Tool>. The District maintenance staff ensures that the 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.

Tustin Connect is located on Heritage Elementary School campus. It is housed in the 400 building. Heritage Elementary has only been open for a few of years so the facility is in new condition. The facilities will be inspected yearly. Additional information about the condition of the school's facilities may be obtained by speaking with the school principal.

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 overall rating

School Facility Good Repair Status (Most Recent Year)				
Year and month of the most recent FIT report: 11/07/17				
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 Rating (Most Recent Year)

Year and month of the most recent FIT report: 11/07/17				
Overall Rating	Exemplary	Good	Fair	Poor
		X		

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 English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA) and Mathematics for All Students Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven

Subject	Percent of Students Meeting or Exceeding the State Standards (grades 3-8 and 11)					
	School		District		State	
	2015-16	2016-17	2015-16	2016-17	2015-16	2016-17
English Language Arts/Literacy (grades 3-8 and 11)	31	--	62	62	48	48
Mathematics (grades 3-8 and 11)		--	52	52	36	37

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.

CAASPP Test Results in ELA by Student Group Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven (School Year 2016-17)

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	--	--	--	--
Male	--	--	--	--
Female	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	--	--	--	--
White	--	--	--	--
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	--	--	--	--
English Learners	--	--	--	--

Note: ELA 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.

Note: Double dashes (--) appear in the table when the number of students 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: The number of students tested includes all students who participated in the test whether they received a score or not; however, the number of students tested is not the number that was used to calculate the achievement level percentages. The achievement level percentages are calculated using only students who received scores.

**CAASPP Test Results in Mathematics by Student Group
Grades Three through Eight and Grade Eleven (School Year 2016-17)**

Student Group	Total Enrollment	Number Tested	Percent Tested	Percent Met or Exceeded
All Students	--	--	--	--
Male	--	--	--	--
Female	--	--	--	--
Hispanic or Latino	--	--	--	--
White	--	--	--	--
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	--	--	--	--
English Learners	--	--	--	--

Note: 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.

Note: Double dashes (--) appear in the table when the number of students 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: The number of students tested includes all students who participated in the test whether they received a score or not; however, the number of students tested is not the number that was used to calculate the achievement level percentages. The achievement level percentages are calculated using only students who received scores.

**CAASPP Test Results in Science for All Students
Grades Five, Eight, and Ten**

Subject	Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced					
	School		District		State	
	2014-15	2015-16	2014-15	2015-16	2014-15	2015-16
Science (grades 5, 8, and 10)	--	--	73	71	56	54

Note: Science test results include California Standards Tests (CSTs), California Modified Assessment (CMA), and California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA) in grades five, eight, and ten.

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.

Note: The 2016-17 data are not available. The California Department of Education is developing a new science assessment based on the Next Generation Science Standards for California Public Schools (CA NGSS). The new California Science Test (CAST) was piloted in spring 2017. The CST and CMA for Science will no longer be administered.

Career Technical Education Programs (School Year 2016-17)

Tustin Connect is a small independent study school and most CTE pathways and opportunities are available through outside opportunities through the other comprehensive high schools, local community colleges, and through Coastline ROP. In addition, the flexible nature of independent study allows students to procure valuable work experience through part-time employment. Tustin Connect students meet with their guidance counselor upon enrollment and are encouraged to enroll in outside CTE opportunities. Since all of the CTE courses are offered outside of Tustin Connect, we do not have measurable outcomes to evaluate or measure besides the number of students who are participating in CTE courses or opportunities. Tustin Connect does not have a representative on the district's CTE advisory committee.

Career Technical Education Participation (School Year 2016-17)

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	

Courses for University of California (UC) and/or California State University (CSU) Admission

UC/CSU Course Measure	Percent
2016–17 Pupils Enrolled in Courses Required for UC/CSU Admission	100
2015–16 Graduates Who Completed All Courses Required for UC/CSU Admission	6.67

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 schoolsite.

Opportunities for Parental Involvement (School Year 2017-18)

Since Tustin Connect is an independent study program, the parents take a significant role in their child's education. Many of our parents volunteer and help with activities and learning on campus. There are also parent groups to organize informal meetups and activities outside of school. In addition, Tustin Connect has a School Site Council with active parent members.

Contact person for parent involvement: Dustin O'Malley, 714-430-2052

State Priority: Pupil Engagement

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the State priority: Pupil Engagement (Priority 5):

- High school dropout rates; and
- High school graduation rates.

Dropout Rate and Graduation Rate (Four-Year Cohort Rate)

Indicator	School			District			State		
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Dropout Rate	20	0	15.8	2.1	1.1	1.6	11.5	10.7	9.7
Graduation Rate	80	100	84.21	96.97	98.06	97.59	80.95	82.27	83.77

Completion of High School Graduation Requirements - Graduating Class of 2016 (One-Year Rate)

Group	Graduating Class of 2016		
	School	District	State
All Students	100	95.8	87.11
Black or African American	0	83.72	79.19
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	85.71	80.17
Asian	0	97.29	94.42
Filipino	0	100	93.76
Hispanic or Latino	100	94.21	84.58
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0	100	86.57
White	66.67	98.17	90.99
Two or More Races	0	100	90.59
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	100	92.39	85.45
English Learners	100	64.03	55.44
Students with Disabilities	0	80.43	63.9
Foster Youth	0	53.85	68.19

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.

Suspensions and Expulsions

Rate	School			District			State		
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Suspensions	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.8	2.5	2.8	3.8	3.7	3.6
Expulsions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1

School Safety Plan (School Year 2017-18)

Date Last Reviewed by School Site Council (SSC): 9/12/17

Date Updated and Approved by SSC: 9/12/17

Date Discussed by Staff: 8/17/17

Tustin Connect shares campuses with Heritage Elementary and Hillview High School, and so the Tustin Connect safety plans are integrated as part of the safety plans of Heritage Elementary and Hillview High School. The School Safety Plans includes the following elements: Child abuse reporting procedures, disaster procedures, routine and emergency (SEMS); suspension, expulsion, or mandatory expulsion recommendations; procedures to notify teachers of dangerous pupils; sexual harassment policy; provisions of any schoolwide dress code; procedures for safe ingress and egress; safe and orderly environment; rules and procedures on school discipline and dress code; school safety goals and objectives.

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.

Federal Intervention Program (School Year 2017-18)

Indicator	School	District
Program Improvement Status		
First Year of Program Improvement		
Year in Program Improvement*		
Number of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	N/A	9
Percent of Schools Currently in Program Improvement	N/A	69.2

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

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution (Secondary)

Subject	2014-15			2015-16			2016-17					
	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	4	6		7	3		4	8				
Mathematics				2	1							
Science				1	3		1	3				
Social Science	4	6		4	4		3	7				

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.

Academic Counselors and Other Support Staff (School Year 2016-17)

Title	Number of FTE Assigned to School	Average Number of Students per Academic Counselor
Academic Counselor	0	0
Counselor (Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	0	N/A
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	0	N/A
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	0	N/A
Psychologist	0	N/A
Social Worker	0	N/A
Nurse	.1	N/A
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	0	N/A
Resource Specialist	0	N/A
Other	0	N/A

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

*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.

Expenditures per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries (Fiscal Year 2015-16)

Level	Expenditures Per Pupil			Average Teacher Salary
	Total	Supplemental/ Restricted	Basic/ Unrestricted	
School Site	\$29,171	\$13,758	\$15,412	\$88,106
District	N/A	N/A	\$5,415	\$82,661
Percent Difference: School Site and District	N/A	N/A	184.6	6.6
State	N/A	N/A	\$6,574	\$79,228
Percent Difference: School Site and State	N/A	N/A	134.4	11.2

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

Types of Services Funded (Fiscal Year 2016-17)

Tustin Connect opened in 2015-2016 and it is a small independent study school. Tustin Connect Center does not receive any Title 1 or categorical funds. Students have access to the core curriculum as an independent study of option. Students may also participate in courses and extracurricular activities at their home school of residence.

Teacher and Administrative Salaries (Fiscal Year 2015-16)

Category	District Amount	State Average for Districts In Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$50,132	\$47,808
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$80,871	\$73,555
Highest Teacher Salary	\$107,643	\$95,850
Average Principal Salary (Elementary)	\$136,023	\$120,448
Average Principal Salary (Middle)	\$151,302	\$125,592
Average Principal Salary (High)	\$157,782	\$138,175
Superintendent Salary	\$320,190	\$264,457
Percent of Budget for Teacher Salaries	38%	35%
Percent of Budget for Administrative Salaries	6%	5%

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

Professional Development (Most Recent Three Years)

The Tustin Connect staff is provided with two school days for the purpose of staff development. Ongoing professional development is available throughout the year from digital learning coaches and at staff meetings. Staff members also attend regional conferences and district workshops and training throughout the year. New teachers receive PD through BTSA. The Tustin Connect staff also meets twice a month as a PLC to discuss best practices and student data. Paraprofessionals receive training and support during staff meetings and with individual staff-principal meetings.

Tustin Connect professional development focuses on providing a flexible learning experience that is equivalent in quality and quantity to what students would experience at our traditional schools. Tustin Connect uses CAASPP achievement data to guide professional development efforts.