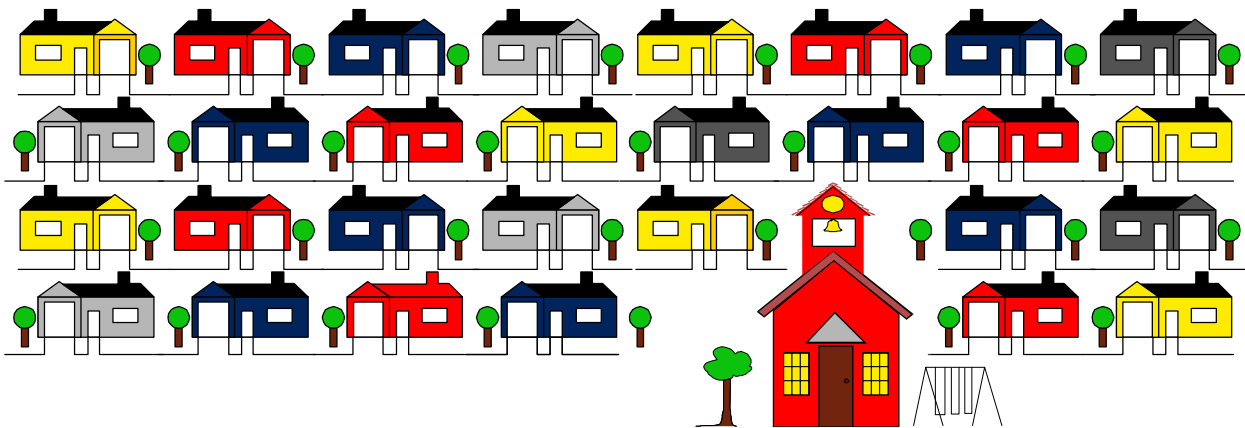




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FACTS ABOUT EDUCATION IN MARIN COUNTY SCHOOLS

The following information is designed to provide educators, legislators, the media and the general public with basic statistical information about kindergarten through twelfth grade education in Marin County. It has been prepared as a public service by the Marin County Office of Education (MCOE). The information was compiled by Marin County Office of Education staff using data from districts and the California Department of Education.

Number of School Districts

Unified Districts (K - 12)	2
Elementary Districts (K - 8)	15
High School Districts (9 - 12)	2
TOTAL	19

Number of Public Schools

Elementary Schools (K - 8)	44
Middle/Junior High Schools (6 - 8)	11
High Schools (9 - 12)	8
Continuation Schools	2
Alternative Education, Independent Study	8
Charter Schools	4
TOTAL	77

Number of Students in Regular Graded Programs Kindergarten - Grade 12

Enrollment

1991-92	26,264	1997-98	28,179
1992-93	26,858	1998-99	28,793
1993-94	26,534	1999-00	28,789
1994-95	26,932	2000-01	28,703
1995-96	28,966	2001-02	28,709
1996-97	27,706	2002-03	28,597

Students in Public Schools — By Grade Level

	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>		<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>
Kindergarten	2,138	2,107	Grade 9	2,206	2,289
Grade 1	2,149	2,165	Grade 10	2,188	2,173
Grade 2	2,122	2,124	Grade 11	2,199	2,151
Grade 3	2,198	2,085	Grade 12	2,033	2,082
Grade 4	2,304	2,186	Ungraded	74	104
Grade 5	2,236	2,253			
Grade 6	2,351	2,223			
Grade 7	2,278	2,368			
Grade 8	2,233	2,287			
			TOTAL:	28,709	28,597



MARIN COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

The Marin County Office of Education exists to provide leadership and service as a community asset that earns and enjoys the respect and support of our students, parents and community taxpayers. One of 58 county offices which form the intermediate level of California’s education system, the Marin County Office of Education actively and effectively links state policy to local programs and needs. This link is made in several ways by:

- providing programs and services to prepare students to be productive citizens;
- establishing tangible, measurable criteria for the evaluation of all Marin County Office of Education’s programs and services;
- insuring the quality of Marin County Office of Education’s programs and services by comparative and analytical evaluation of student achievement;
- demonstrating the cost-efficient utilization of available resources by monitoring the balance between commitment and results;
- providing effective, centralized services to the districts and schools in Marin County; and
- advancing technology and telecommunications for Marin’s students and the community.

The public served by the Marin County Office of Education voices its educational priorities through the election of the County Superintendent, who is the chief administrative officer and educational leader of the agency. A seven-member County Board of Education is elected by Trustee Areas to serve as the educational and financial stewards for county voters and their communities.

COUNTY OFFICE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Mary Jane Burke, Marin County Superintendent of Schools

COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

- Area 1 - Patricia A. Warren, *President*
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- Area 2 - part of San Rafael
- Area 3 - Dixie, part of San Rafael
- Area 4 - Ross, Ross Valley, part of Kentfield, part of San Rafael
- Area 5 - Larkspur, Reed, part of Mill Valley, part of Kentfield
- Area 6 - Sausalito, part of Mill Valley
- Area 7 - Bolinas-Stinson, Shoreline, Lagunitas, Nicasio, Laguna, Lincoln, Union, part of Novato



For further information about the educational mission and programs included here, contact the Marin County Superintendent of Schools at (415) 499-5801. Office hours are Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

COUNTY PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

The Marin County Office of Education (MCOE) specializes in meeting the needs of local educators and students. In addition to offering a wide variety of services to meet the diversified needs of the county's school districts, the office also works closely with community groups and other educational agencies.

There are 19 public school districts in Marin County. Each district is governed by its own elected board of trustees, is supported by both local and state funds and is responsible for the policies and operations of the schools within its boundaries.

The Marin County Superintendent of Schools and the Marin County Office of Education work with the California Department of Education to assist Marin County school districts and students. This assistance is given through a variety of resources, support services and student programs.

Services and programs are provided only if they can meet the following criteria:

- Accountability
- Cost Effectiveness
- Quality
- Leadership
- Student-Centered

All services and programs provided have goals in each of these areas which are detailed in Action Plans that specify how the goal will be reached, the timeline, who is responsible and how evaluation of meeting the goal will be done. These Action Plans are available simply by calling the staff member listed under each program and requesting a copy or by emailing a request via the Marin County Office of Education webpage at <http://marin.k12.ca.us>.

There are ten (10) major services and programs offered by the Marin County Office of Education. They are described on the following pages.



ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION

Alternative Education includes several programs serving adolescents from at-risk environments and incarcerated adults. The juvenile programs serve 800 to 1,000 students a year through County Community School, ORACLE Independent Study, Loma Alta School/Juvenile Hall and classroom instruction at Center Point Residential Treatment Program. Phoenix Academy, our charter school, serves students who have made a commitment to sobriety. Students are eligible for these programs if they are on probation, have been expelled from their home school districts, or have had chronic truancy and behavior problems. The education program at the Marin County Jail offers incarcerated adults an opportunity to complete their high school education through General Educational Development (GED) or undertake a vocational education program.

For more information, contact Lisa Schwartz at (415) 491-0581.
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BUSINESS SERVICES

Business Services provides accounting, budgeting and advisory support, both internally to Marin County Office of Education programs and externally to all the school districts in Marin County.

The Marin County Office of Education budget is comprised of nine funds and totals \$45.6 million for 2003-2004. Approximately 85% of the budget is expended directly on instructional programs with the remaining 15% spent on support of those instructional programs.

Advisory services and fiscal oversight are provided to 19 school districts in Marin County. These services include assistance with financial calculations, budget development and accounting. Reviews are performed on payroll and vendor warrants and retirement reporting. AB1200 fiscal oversight responsibilities and compliance reviews are performed four times annually for each school district in the county. In some situations, the Business Services staff provides intervention to districts and prepares in-depth analysis and recommended strategies for any necessary corrective measures.

In addition, six school districts’ business services are performed at the Marin County Office of Education.

For more information, contact Sandra Peck at (415) 499-5805.
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EDUCATION SERVICES

The Education Services Department supports all districts and schools in the county; approximately 3,300 public school administrators, certificated staff, classified personnel and 30,000 students. Education Services provides professional development opportunities, assistance in program evaluation, advises schools and districts on state and federal initiatives and offers leadership in the use of resources including instructional materials and technology. This is accomplished through a number of programs and activities including the Teachers' Learning Cooperative (TLC), Instructional Media Center (IMC), Marin County New Teacher Collaboration (MCNTC), Coordinated Compliance Review (CCR), student academic competitions and school recognition programs. In addition, the Education Services Department facilitates a variety of monthly meetings such as the Curriculum and Instruction Connection (CIC), principal and support staff networks.

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GENERAL SERVICES

General Services provides support to all programs of the Marin County Office of Education at four owned sites, three rented facilities and numerous classrooms throughout Marin County. Ten staff (receptionist, secretary, maintenance workers, custodians, maintenance custodian, offset equipment operator, office utility worker and coordinator) are charged with the cleaning, maintenance, security and landscaping of all owned facilities and the four rental facilities. General Services provides print services, specialized furniture building, repair of furniture and equipment, modification of facilities in accordance with current needs and government regulations and delivery service for printing, business information and county mail. Staff operates and monitors the school emergency radio system and provides training and monthly testing of the equipment with local school districts. Staff coordinates annual Mandated Topics training for school district staff through the financial support of the Marin Schools Insurance Authority. Staff coordinates and conducts CPR/First Aid as well as Emergency Preparedness Training for central office staff and Marin County Office of Education school sites.

For more information, contact Bob Barnecut at (415) 499-5857.
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PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

The Marin County Office of Education provides numerous administrative and personnel services to school districts. Both state and federal regulations and laws impact schools. Copies of bills that are pending before the legislature are available. Training in new requirements and interpretation of the Education Code is a constant activity. A Legal Consortium is coordinated for negotiators and superintendents to share information and discuss pertinent issues. Assistance is given in policy development, elections, appointment of board of trustee members, transfer of territory and general governance questions. Appeals of interdistrict attendance issues and expulsions are heard by the Marin County Board of Education. Monthly meetings of superintendents are staffed by the Marin County Office of Education.

Personnel serves the 350 employees of the Marin County Office of Education by coordinating and monitoring employee benefits, workers' compensation and state disability claims. Included is responsibility for employment, resignations and retirements, evaluation tracking, notification of step and longevity increases, fingerprinting, TB testing notification, Personnel Commission, staffing for summer programs, employee assignment, transfer and leave requests.

The Marin County Office of Education Personnel Department employs a credentials analyst who is responsible for registration, application and renewal of the credentials for all public school teachers in Marin County. Maintenance and distribution of the Marin County substitute list is also provided by this office, as is monitoring of teacher credentials to assure they match teacher assignments.

The Marin County Office of Education convenes a countywide personnel meeting to discuss topics of common interest or to receive training in areas of need. Additionally, the personnel staff coordinates the fingerprinting of all new employees with the Marin County Sheriff's Office and the Department of Justice.

For more information about Personnel, contact Mary Batchelder at (415) 499-5854.
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INFORMATION SERVICES

Information Services is responsible for providing business data processing to most Marin County public school districts. These services include payroll, finance and personnel as well as computerized student systems for scheduling, attendance and grading.

Information Services operates the e-mail system, Internet services, Help Desk and the Marin County Office of Education local area network. It also manages a wide area network consisting of PacBell telecommunications services and associated equipment connecting 75 school sites countywide.

For more information, contact Dane Lancaster at (415) 499-5847.
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REGIONAL OCCUPATIONAL PROGRAM (ROP)

The Regional Occupational Program provides career and technical training to enable students to succeed in a complex, rapidly changing global economy. ROP serves high school students and adults with programs ranging from automotive repair to video production. Instructors are experienced teachers who have a minimum of five years experience in the field in which they teach. Courses focus on real world applications of skills and are designed in collaboration with the business community to insure that students are prepared for local employment opportunities.

ROP is a program of change. The new focus is upon preparing high school students in the area of School to Career. This new program will offer "career paths" to high school students that will give intern experience in local businesses plus academic credit toward graduation. Students may also achieve advanced college placement for some classes.

For more information about ROP, contact Gene Abbott at (415) 491-6639 or 499-5860.
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For more information about School to Career, contact Ken Lippi at (415) 491-6631.
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SPECIAL EDUCATION

Special Education provides programs and services designed to meet the individual needs of students as required by Federal law. The scope of services includes operating programs at 55 school sites within 19 districts for approximately 1,291 students, birth through 22 years of age. The instructional programs range from the provision of preschool through post secondary programs. The Marin County Office of Education operates special day classes along with designated instruction and services to address speech and language delay, visual impairments/blindness, deaf and hard of hearing, among others.

For more information, contact Belinda Hayes, Director, at (415) 491-6612.
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SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN AREA (SELPA)

The Marin Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) includes all school districts located within Marin County and the Marin County Office of Education. The role of the SELPA is to ensure that students with disabilities receive a free, appropriate public education. The SELPA governance structure consists of the following elements:

- The Operational Steering Committee composed of six superintendents representing the various areas of Marin County;
- An Advisory Steering Committee composed of a special education representative from each district;
- A Special Education Advisory Committee comprised of 28 representatives including parents of regular and disabled students, teachers, agencies, administration and support staff;
- The Business Advisory Committee, consisting of District Business Officials from each local education agency; and,
- A Responsible Local Agency (RLA) which is the Marin County Board of Education.

For more information, contact John La Londe at (415) 499-5850.
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WALKER CREEK RANCH

Walker Creek Ranch is located in West Marin, encompassing 1,741 acres. The Ranch was given to the Marin County Office of Education by the Marin Community Foundation to operate as an Outdoor Education School and Conference Center. Classes and conferences began in April, 1990.

The school program provides environmental and agricultural education to 5,437 fifth and sixth grade students, 386 high school students and 198 teachers from 81 schools in Alameda, Calaveras, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, Sonoma and Yolo Counties. The conference programs serve approximately 5,915 guests annually through 125 individual conferences.

The Ranch's newest program, Camp Soulajule, provides Summer Camp experiences for children ages 9-13. This year we served 240 campers during three one-week sessions in the month of July.

For more information, contact Jock Doss at (415) 491-6600.
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ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

MARIN COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Hours: 8:00 to 3:30
Ages: 12 - 18 years
Population: 2 classes
25 students per class

Students of the Marin County Community School are those who have demonstrated the need for a small, highly supportive and closely supervised educational environment by their behavior and/or attendance.

The Marin County Community School provides a complete board approved curriculum to meet each student's abilities and goals. Students become eligible for the program if they are on probation, have been expelled from their school district, or have been referred by the school districts' School Attendance Review Board for chronic truancy and/or behavioral problems.

In addition to self-contained classrooms providing individualized, self-paced academic programs, students also may receive a wide variety of support services including mental health counseling, vocational assessment and education, computer literacy, visual arts classes, special education services and an after school recreation program.

Most students transition to regular district programs when their truancy/behavioral issues are resolved. Students may earn a high school diploma and graduate from County Community School. ◆

MARIN COUNTY CHARTER SCHOOL Phoenix Academy

Hours: 8:00 to 3:30
Ages: 14 - 18 years
Population: Up to 42 students

Phoenix Academy provides a safe educational environment where chemically dependent students can develop a drug and alcohol-free lifestyle, make significant academic progress, identify and address emotional issues and make sound career and vocational decisions in a highly structured and closely supervised setting. Instruction is provided in a variety of forms, from completely individualized to small groups, from project-based to whole group, depending upon the needs of the students. Referrals to Phoenix Academy are made by school districts, the Probation Department, parents and therapists in Marin County. After referral, students and parents are interviewed as part of the intake process. Students whose needs can be addressed by Phoenix Academy are then asked to sign a contract committing to the program. ◆

Luke McCann, Assistant Superintendent
Lisa Schwartz, Coordinator

Marin County Community School/Phoenix Academy
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ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

ORACLE INDEPENDENT STUDY

Hours: 8:00 to 4:00
 Ages: 12 to 18 years
 Population: Up to 100 Students

ORACLE Independent Study is an alternative to classroom instruction for students whose educational needs cannot be met through traditional programs. Students are referred by the Juvenile Probation Department, School Attendance Review Boards, or their local school district.

ORACLE provides a complete state-approved curriculum, individualized to each student's abilities and goals. Students earn high school credits by completing academic assignments and meeting with certificated teaching staff at weekly appointments. They use community resources for special research projects, field trips and volunteer work. Additional support is provided through a Study Hall program, access to an on-site computer lab and to individual math tutoring. A special curriculum is offered for pregnant and parenting teens. ◆

Rosalie Laird
Independent Study Teacher/Supervisor
 ORACLE Independent Study
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Gene Abbott, Coordinator
Dick Derby, Program Manager
 (415) 491-6638

LOMA ALTA/JUVENILE HALL

Hours: 8:30 to 3:00
 Ages: 8 to 19 years
 Population: Varies

The Loma Alta educational program at Marin County Juvenile Hall serves all youth during their periods of incarceration. Students in the Loma Alta program range in age from 8-19 years and have been incarcerated for inappropriate behaviors in the community. The Loma Alta program allows these students to continue their schooling throughout their period of incarceration.

Students receive individual and group instruction in the basic academic areas. Additional school services include independent living skills curriculum, English as a Second Language materials and Special Education services as needed. Eligible students may also study for the General Education Development certificate.

Outcomes for the students in the Loma Alta program are determined by Juvenile Court. They may return to their home school district or they may be placed out of their homes. ◆

Lisa Schwartz
Coordinator
 Marin County Juvenile Hall
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Luke McCann, Assistant Superintendent
Alternative Education

SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

- ❖ **SPECIAL DAY CLASSES (SDC)**
- ❖ **RESOURCE SPECIALIST PROGRAMS (RSP)**
- ❖ **DESIGNATED INSTRUCTION AND SERVICES (DIS)**

355 students (0 - 5 years old)
 936 students (6 - 22 years old)
 55 school sites in 19 districts throughout Marin County

Special education programs are designed to meet the individual needs of students with handicapping conditions that affect their ability to learn in a general education program. Programs are designed to provide remediation, teach focused skill building and develop accommodation or adaptation skills based on each student's needs.

Students served include those who are hearing impaired, learning disabled, mentally retarded, orthopedically handicapped, speech and language impaired, visually handicapped, multi-handicapped, seriously emotionally disturbed, autistic, traumatic brain injured, or other health impaired.

Birth through five-year old children are served through the Early Intervention Program. Services for visually, orthopedically and hearing impaired children up to age 3 have a

family-centered focus emphasizing the parents as primary teacher of their own child. A range of services for preschoolers (3-5 years) is provided to address the intensity of needs. When families have arranged for their child's care or enrichment through a private center-based program, arrangements are made to supplement those experiences by delivery of special education services at their preschool location or through focused language and learning groups.

School-based special education programs for students aged 5 to 22 years include special day classes, resource specialist programs and designated instruction and services. Students in Special Day Classes (SDC) spend the majority of their instructional day in a special education class. Conversely, students spending the majority of the day in general education classes receive scheduled remedial instruction through the Resource Specialist Program (RSP) or Designated Instruction and Services (DIS) program. The goal for

each student in special education is to maximize learning potential and to independently apply the skills acquired.

Although not all services are provided for all handicapping conditions at each school site, there is a strong commitment to educating students in their home or neighboring district whenever possible. When centralization of service delivery is the most practical utilization of resources, due to the relatively low incidence of student needs, the home school district provides for the transportation of school age students to the school of attendance. Certificated classroom teachers are supported by instructional assistants who work with small groups of students on individualized instruction. When no appropriate public school program is available to meet the needs of a handicapped student, placement is made in a certified non-public school (NPS). ♦

Susan Spain, Deputy Superintendent

Belinda Hayes, Director

Special Day Classes (SDC)

Resource Specialist Programs (RSP)

Designated Instruction and Services Programs (DIS)

(415) 491-6612



BOLINAS-STINSON SCHOOL

Grades: Kindergarten - 8

131 students

School hours:

Bolinas campus:

8:25 to 3:00 (Grades 3 - 8)

Stinson Beach campus:

8:45 to 12:30 (Kindergarten)

8:45 to 2:30 (Grades 1 - 2)

Library hours:

8:00 to 2:45

Bolinas-Stinson School is located on two sites. The Bolinas campus serves grades 3-8. The Stinson site, situated a mile north of Stinson Beach, offers elementary education for kindergarten through 2nd grade.

The sites share a common literature-based curriculum that includes language arts/reading, mathematics, science, health, history/social studies, physical education, art, crafts, music and computer education. The staff includes 10 certificated teachers and 4 part-time classroom aides. Classes averaged 16 students for 2002-2003 but ranged from 10 to 28 students. ◆

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125 Olema-Bolinas Road
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DIXIE SCHOOL DISTRICT



The Dixie School District is an elementary district serving the northern San Rafael communities of Terra Linda, Marinwood, Lucas Valley and a portion of Contempo Marin. It was founded in 1864, making it one of the oldest school districts in Marin County. Dixie School District includes three elementary schools for kindergarten through fifth grades: Dixie School, Vallecito School and Mary E. Silveira School. Sixth through eighth graders attend Miller Creek

Middle School. District enrollment is approximately 1,815. Class sizes in 2002-03 averaged less than 20 students in kindergarten through third grade, 24 students in grades four and five and 25 students in grades six through eight. Dixie School District is within the San Rafael High School District and most Miller Creek graduates attend Terra Linda High School. The Dixie School District office is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Support Services

The Dixie School District provides a full complement of special education support services. Each school has a special education resource specialist, library assistant or librarian, a counselor and a shared certificated nurse. The district also offers programs for English Language Learners and Gifted and Talented Education (GATE). Specialists in P.E., art, music and technology enhance the educational experience at various sites. School bus transportation is available at parent expense.

Student Achievement

In 2002/03, Dixie District students, grades 2-8, were administered the CAT/6 (California Achievement Test) and CST (California Standards Tests) as part of the state STAR (Standardized Testing and Reporting) program. The 2002/03 Academic Performance Index (API) Growth Report shown here demonstrates our district-wide commitment to continued growth and improvement for all students each year. STAR results are available at the district office or online at the California Department of Education's website: <http://star.cde.ca.gov>

District/ School	STAR 2003: % Tested	2003 API (Growth)	2002 API (Base)	2002/03 Growth Target	2002/03 Growth
Dixie School District: overall	99	870	856	n/a	14
Dixie Elementary	99	914	898	A	16
Mary Silveira Elementary	100	838	816	A	22
Vallecito Elementary	99	881	857	A	24
Miller Creek Middle	99	862	853	A	9

Note: "A" means the school scored at or above the Statewide Performance Target of 800 in 2002.

Community Involvement

The Dixie School District forms partnerships with parents for the benefit of students and encourages involvement through participation in the PTA, School Site Councils, Home and School Clubs and classroom volunteer programs. Parents, community members and local businesses support schools in the district through contributions to the Dixie Children's Fund, a non-profit organization.

Dr. Thomas J. Lohwasser, Superintendent

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San Rafael, CA 94903

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<http://dixiesd.marin.k12.ca.us/>

DIXIE SCHOOL

Grades: Kindergarten - 5

363 students

School hours:

- 8:14 to 11:50 (Kindergarten)
- 11:50 to 1:45 One day per week, extended day (Kindergarten)
- 8:14 to 2:35 (Grades 1 - 5)

Library hours:

8:15 to 2:35

Dixie School, selected as a California Distinguished School in 2002, is located in the Lucas Valley area of San Rafael. The school facility includes a library and turfed play field. A new multi-purpose room was completed in 1997. Modernization was recently funded through parcel tax funds and completed at the end of 2003.

The mission of the Dixie School community is to promote academic excellence, to nurture learning as a lifelong process and to support all students as they become informed, productive, contributing members of society. Dixie School provides a rigorous and positive learning environment that promotes the success and welfare of each student. The principal and staff are committed to working in full partnership with parents and the broader community.

On-site, parent-paid childcare, provided by the City of San Rafael, is available before and after school. ◆

Barbara Derich, Principal
Dixie School
 1175 Idylberry Road
 San Rafael, CA 94903
 (415) 492-3730

MARY E. SILVEIRA SCHOOL

Grades: Kindergarten - 5

392 students

School hours:

- 8:14 to 1:20 (Kindergarten)
- 8:14 to 2:35 (Grades 1 - 5)

Library hours:

8:15 to 2:35

Mary E. Silveira School, selected as a California Distinguished School in 2000, is situated in San Rafael's Marinwood area. The school facility includes a library, multi-purpose room and a turfed play field. Modernization was recently funded through parcel tax funds and was completed in 2001.

Silveira's vision is that it is a place where children want to be. This vision has helped the school implement innovative programs such as a longer kindergarten day, an early intervention literacy program, EcoStar project-based environmental education and a school-wide student job program. Silveira School provides a rigorous and positive learning environment that promotes the success and welfare of each student. The principal and staff are committed to working in full partnership with parents and the broader community.

On-site, parent-paid childcare, provided by the City of San Rafael, is available before and after school. ◆

Jeanne Casella, Principal
Mary E. Silveira School
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 San Rafael, CA 94903
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VALLECITO SCHOOL
Grades: Kindergarten - 5

375 students
School hours:
8:14 to 1:25 (Kindergarten)
8:14 to 2:35 (Grades 1 - 5)
Library hours:
8:15 to 2:35

Vallecito School, selected as a California Distinguished School in 1993, is located in the Terra Linda area of San Rafael. The school facility includes a library, multi-purpose room, kitchen and play field. Modernization was recently funded through parcel tax funds and completed in 2002.

Vallecito School has a strong and engaged teaching and support staff as well as a strong community base. Vallecito's commitment to excellence enabled it to earn the status of Continued Distinction through 1997 and California Distinguished School Honorable Mention in 2002. The mission of Vallecito School is to educate students in academic concepts and skills and to promote social and emotional growth. We will achieve this by developing a model of elementary education at its best.

On-site, parent-paid childcare, provided by the City of San Rafael, is available before and after school. ◆

Betty Jordan, Principal
Vallecito School
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San Rafael, CA 94903
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MILLER CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL
Grades: 6 - 8

685 students
School hours:
8:00 to 2:56
Library hours:
M/T/Th/F: 7:40 to 3:15
W: 7:40 to 2:00

Miller Creek Middle School, selected as a California Distinguished School in 1996 and 2001, is situated in the Lucas Valley area of San Rafael. Modernization was recently funded through parcel tax funds and was completed in 2001.

The mission of Miller Creek is to foster lifelong learners who are healthy, caring, ethical and environmentally responsible citizens. Our school promotes creativity and independent thinking in all students. Miller Creek provides a rigorous and positive learning environment that promotes the success and welfare of each student. The administration and staff are committed to working in full partnership with parents and the broader community.

The Miller Creek Home and School Club is committed to parent involvement and support of middle school staff and students. The club actively supports many school-wide enrichment programs. ◆

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Miller Creek Middle School
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San Rafael, CA 94903
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KENTFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT



The Kentfield School District serves the central Marin communities of Greenbrae and Kentfield. The district includes two schools: Anthony G. Bacich Elementary School (K-4) and Adaline E. Kent Middle School (5-8). District enrollment is 970 students, with class sizes from 18-25. Most Kentfield School District graduates attend Redwood High School in the Tamalpais Union High School District. The district office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Support Services

Both schools in the Kentfield School District offer a variety of excellent support programs. In the past ten years the Kentfield School District has received nine countywide awards in recognition of outstanding student programs.

Student Achievement

Kindergarten teachers hold conferences at least twice a year. Parent-teacher conferences are held and progress reports are sent home for grades 1-5. Students in grades 6-8 receive quarterly letter grade report cards. All students in grades 2-8 take the California Standards Tests and the CAT/6 standardized test as well as performance based tests at various levels through the Education Task Force. STAR results are available at the district office or online at the California Department of Education's website: <http://star.cde.ca.gov>

Community Involvement

Parents, community members and local businesses support local schools through a parcel tax assessment and direct contributions to the Kentfield Schools Foundation, a non-profit public benefit corporation which raises funds to help meet basic educational needs within the district. The Kentfield Schools Foundation has funded support for a wide range of programs including purchase of computers, software and related equipment for a Technology Use Group at both schools in the district. The business community pledges support through participation in an Adopt-A-School Program.

Robert B. Caine, Superintendent

Kentfield School District

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**ANTHONY G. BACICH
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Grades: Kindergarten - 4**

484 students
School hours:
8:15 to 11:45 and
11:00 to 2:45 (Kindergarten)
8:15 to 2:15 (Grades 1 and 2)
8:15 to 2:45 (Grades 3 and 4)
Library hours:
8:15 to 3:15

Bacich Elementary School is located in Kentfield, adjacent to a tidal creek and fronting a creekside marsh. A ten-year restoration project of the marsh, managed by The Environmental Forum of Marin, provides an outside learning environment for Bacich students.

Teachers are supported by teacher aides and supplementary instructors in music, Spanish, physical education and computers.

Bacich has been named a California Distinguished School in recognition of the students' outstanding academic performance. ◆

**Pat Lynch, Principal
Bacich Elementary School
25 McAllister Avenue
Kentfield, CA 94904
(415) 925-2220**

**A. E. KENT MIDDLE SCHOOL
Grades: 5 - 8**

486 students
School hours:
8:40 to 3:10
Library hours:
Mon., Fri. and Minimum Days
8:15 to 3:40
Tues., Wed., Thurs.
8:15 to 5:00

Kent Middle School is situated near the business center of Kentfield and across from the College of Marin campus.

A challenging academic program provides the basic foundation for a curriculum that also offers Spanish at all grades and extensive enrichment instruction.

The Kentfield Technology Use Group provides students with access to state-of-the-art electronic tools and equipment to meet the needs of students in the years ahead.

Kent Middle School is recognized as a California Distinguished School, the state's highest honor for overall academic excellence. ◆

**Lynda Storek, Principal
Kent Middle School
250 Stadium Way
Kentfield, CA 94904
(415) 458-5970**

LAGUNITAS SCHOOL
Grades: Kindergarten - 8

200 students

School hours:

The hours vary for each program and grade level.

Library hours: Arranged by classroom teachers

Lagunitas School houses the Public Montessori Program (K - 5) and the Middle School for the district.

In the Public Montessori Program, teachers, parents and other adults work together to structure environments for the children's self-development. Cooperation, community, responsibility, respect, self-discipline and problem-solving are emphasized. Students receive written narrative evaluation of their academic effort.

The Middle School Program offers a small, personalized approach to education. Students rotate through several teachers for their core curriculum, a variety of electives and enrichment activities. Emphasis is placed on the development of self-confidence and a heightened sense of self-esteem. ◆

Mary Buttler, Interim Superintendent
Lagunitas School
P.O. Box 308
San Geronimo, CA 94963
(415) 488-9437

SAN GERONIMO VALLEY SCHOOL
Grades: Kindergarten - 6

88 students

School hours:

The hours vary for each program and grade level.

Library hours: Arranged by classroom teachers

San Geronimo Valley School houses the Open Classroom (K - 6).

The Open Classroom is a thriving 30-year-old public school alternative program. Children realize their dreams in an educational setting that promotes confidence, self-efficacy, social justice and emotional growth in a friendly and positive environment.

Unique in the Bay Area, the Open Classroom utilizes alternative evaluation, multi-grade groups, project-based learning and an integrated approach to studies.

The Open Classroom is a parent participation program that emphasizes individual learning styles and freedom of choice. Parents share in curriculum decisions and help in the classroom. Teachers conference with parents several times a year. Emphasis is placed on the development of self-confidence and a heightened sense of self-esteem. ◆

Mary Buttler, Interim Superintendent
San Geronimo Valley School
P.O. Box 308
San Geronimo, CA 94963
(415) 488-9421

NEIL CUMMINS SCHOOL

Grades: Kindergarten - 5

648 students

School hours:

8:20 to 11:50 (Kindergarten)

8:20 to 2:24 (Grades 1 - 3)

8:20 to 2:52 (Grades 4 - 5)

Library hours:

8:00 to 4:00

Neil Cummins School is located in Corte Madera adjacent to the town park. The school has an enrichment program that includes music, art, science lab, library, technology lab and motor skills. The average class size is 23 students with grades K-3 averaging 20 or fewer.

The staff includes 42 full-time and part-time certificated employees, plus instructional classroom aides, principal, assistant principal, resource specialist, speech therapist and school secretaries.

Neil Cummins School was honored in 1989 and 1997 as a California Distinguished School, the state's highest honor for overall program excellence. ♦

Marilyn Clark, Principal
Neil Cummins School
58 Mohawk Avenue
Corte Madera, CA 94925
(415) 927-6965

HALL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Grades: 6 – 8

345 students

School hours:

8:40 to 3:10

Library hours:

8:00 to 4:00

Hall Middle School offers a transitional program from a self-contained core of instruction in the 6th grade to a fully departmentalized program in the 8th grade. The academic curriculum includes language arts, social studies, mathematics, algebra, science, Spanish, health and physical education.

Enrichment courses are offered in computers, woodshop, band, literature, Quest and DARE.

The staff includes 20 full- and part-time certificated employees, plus a principal, resource specialist and school secretaries.

Hall Middle School was recognized in 1986, 1990, 1992, and 1996 as a California Distinguished School, the state's highest honor for overall program excellence. In 1998, Hall Middle School was designated a National Blue Ribbon School. ♦

Daniel Norbutas, Principal
Hall Middle School
200 Doherty Drive
Larkspur, CA 94939
(415) 927-6978

EDNA MAGUIRE SCHOOL

Grades: Kindergarten - 5

325 students

School hours:

8:30 to 11:50 or

8:30 to 2:50 (Grades 1 - 5)

Library hours: M/W/Th: 8:30 to 2:50

T/F: 8:30 to 12:30

Edna Maguire School is a California Distinguished School. It is situated in a residential area on 11 acres of land at the foot of surrounding hills. It features "The Children's Garden," a one-third acre fenced plot of land with individual classroom garden beds, an orchard and a pumpkin patch.

The school offers additional assistance to students who speak English as a second language. Part-time instructional assistants and reading and math teachers work with small groups of students in order to individualize instruction. Our multi-media studio with 27 iMacs, scanners, an LCD projector and video editing equipment enables our students to integrate the use of technology into their studies.

Two large fields established at the site were donated to the school by the Mill Valley Soccer and Little League Associations.

On-site day care is available before and after school. ♦

Carly Tolson, Principal
Edna Maguire School
80 Lomita Drive
Mill Valley, CA 94941
(415) 389-7733

OLD MILL SCHOOL

Grades: Kindergarten - 5

312 students

School hours:

8:40 to 12:00 or

11:30 to 2:50 (Kindergarten)

8:30 to 2:50 (Grades 1 - 5)

Library hours: M/T: 8:30 to 2:50

W/T/F: 8:30 to 12:00

Old Mill School, the district's oldest elementary school building, is a California Distinguished School. This modern facility incorporates computer technology and internet access in all of its classrooms and in the library/media center. The school is three blocks from Mill Valley's business district and across from Old Mill Park and the Mill Valley Public Library. The facility has a large auditorium and 14 classrooms. Old Mill provides students with a well-balanced academic program integrating thematic instruction and project-based learning activities. Students and teachers use Cascade Creek in nearby Old Mill Park as an outside learning environment. Part-time instructional aides assist teachers by working with small groups and individual students.

On-site childcare is available before and after school. ♦

Stephany La Londe, Principal
Old Mill School
352 Throckmorton Avenue
Mill Valley, CA 94941
(415) 389-7727

PARK SCHOOL

Grades: Kindergarten - 5

310 students

School hours:

8:30 to 11:50 or

10:00 to 1:45 (Kindergarten)

8:30 to 2:50 (Grades 1 - 5)

Library hours: M: 9:30 to 2:30

T/W/Th: 8:30 to 2:30

Park School is the second oldest school building in the Mill Valley School District. It is located in the geographic center of Mill Valley across from Boyle Park and the municipal tennis court. The school has 15 classrooms, a large auditorium, a media lab and our "Children's Garden," which serves as an outdoor learning lab.

Part-time instructional assistants work under the direction of classroom teachers. The instructional program for Park is enhanced by the "Children's Garden" and by a school-wide commitment to environmental education. Technology is integrated throughout the curriculum. Students can perform music and drama at grade level productions and at the annual Variety Show. Visual arts are featured annually in a community-wide publicized art show.

Before and after school daycare is provided on site. ◆

Peg Minicozzi, Principal
Park School
360 E. Blithedale Avenue
Mill Valley, CA 94941
(415) 389-7735

TAMALPAIS VALLEY SCHOOL

Grades: Kindergarten - 5

320 students

School hours:

8:30 to 11:50 or

11:20 to 2:40 (Kindergarten)

8:30 to 2:50 (Grades 1 - 5)

Library hours: M: 9:30 to 2:40

T/F: 8:15 to 3:15

W: 8:15 to 2:00

Th: 8:00 to 10:30

Tamalpais Valley School is at the southernmost boundary of Mill Valley on eight acres. Located at the edge of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, its beautiful natural setting provides vast opportunities for environmental studies. School facilities include a large turf field, rooms for teaching art and music, a computer lab, a large multi-purpose room, two teaching gardens and a well-equipped library.

Tam Valley's Learning Center offers an innovative approach to meeting the needs of special education students.

Average class size is 18 students in grades K-3 and 26 students in grades 4-5. Parents are encouraged to participate in their children's education through a variety of volunteer opportunities. After school enrichment classes are sponsored by the Mill Valley Park and Recreation Department daily.

Before and after school childcare is provided on site. ◆

Gail van Adelsberg, Principal
Tamalpais Valley School
350 Bell Lane
Mill Valley, CA 94941
(415) 389-7731

MILL VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Grades: 6 - 8

760 students

School hours: 8:45 to 2:55

Library hours:

Mon. - Thurs.: 8:15 to 3:30

Friday: 8:45 to 3:00

Mill Valley Middle School is adjacent to the Bay Front Park and the new Mill Valley Community Center. Each grade level is housed in a separate wing of the building. The large library serves as the school's central core.

Mill Valley Middle School offers an academic program that includes English, mathematics, social studies and science. Additionally, art, technology and physical education classes taught by credentialed teachers round out the program. Foreign language is offered to all 7th and 8th grade students.

Counseling service is available full-time at Mill Valley Middle School. An extensive orientation for parents and students prepares them for the transition from primary to middle school and from 8th grade to high school. After school enrichment classes are available through Parks and Recreation. ♦

Whitney Hoyt, Principal
Mill Valley Middle School
425 Sycamore Avenue
Mill Valley, CA 94941
(415) 389-7711

STRAWBERRY POINT SCHOOL

Grades: Kindergarten - 5

206 students (capacity of 300)

School hours:

8:45 to 12:05 (Kindergarten)

8:45 to 3:05 (Grades 1 - 5)

Library hours: M/F: 9:00 to 11:00 and
12:00 to 3:00

T/Th: 8:30 to 3:30

Strawberry Point School re-opened in August 2000 after having been closed for ten years. The school has been completely renovated and expanded to accommodate future growth in the district. The thoroughly modern school facility incorporates a state-of-the-art data/communications network with access points in all instructional and administrative areas.

Strawberry Point School provides students a well-balanced academic program. The school is situated on Richardson Bay and is adjacent to a wetlands area. Our instructional programs utilize regional science resources to meaningfully integrate environmental awareness and education into the core curriculum. Computers and other technologies are integrated throughout the curriculum. Visual and performing arts programs are provided at all grade levels. Special education and other support services are available to students at all grade levels. Part-time instructional assistants work with teachers to support student learning.

On-site childcare is available before and after school. ♦

Leslie Thornton, Principal
Strawberry Point School
117 East Strawberry Drive
Mill Valley, CA 94941
(415) 380-2490

HAMILTON SCHOOL
Grades: Kindergarten - 5

333 students
School hours:
Kindergartens:
8:30 to 11:55
Grades 1 - 3: 9:35 to 3:00
Grades 4 - 5: 8:30 to 3:00
Library hours:
8:30 to 12:00 and 12:30 to 3:00

School Motto: Learning has no limits.

Hamilton Elementary School includes two campuses: the former Meadow Park School and Hamilton School. The combined campus occupies 18 acres and has a library, multi-use room and turfing playing fields.

The overriding goal of preparing students for the 21st century guides our work in curriculum and instruction and our interaction with children and parents. Staff and parents work in consort to provide a meaningful education in a nurturing and inclusive environment to maximize learning for a diverse population. Students participate in student council and the conflict manager program.

Hamilton is one of four Novato Schools that received a grant from the Bay Area School Reform Collaborative (BASRC) in collaboration with the District Education Center, focusing on improving students' reading skills. ♦

Ruthanne Bexton, Principal
Hamilton School
1 Main Gate Road
Novato, CA 94949
(415) 883-4691

LOMA VERDE SCHOOL
Grades: Kindergarten - 5

365 students
School hours:
Kindergartens:
8:30 to 11:55 or 11:25 to 2:50
Grades 1 - 3: 9:35 to 2:50
Grades 4 - 5: 8:30 to 2:50
Library hours:
8:30 to 12:00 and 12:30 to 3:00

School Motto: Building a future for all children.

Loma Verde Elementary School is located on 12 acres and has a multi-use room, computer/science lab, library and turfing playing field.

The school reflects a commitment to an academic focus. The staff uses a variety of teaching strategies to meet the needs of all students, such as team teaching with the support staff, cooperative and paired learning and cross-age tutoring. Recognizing positive behavior is an important part of the development of the students' self-esteem.

Loma Verde is one of four Novato Schools that received a grant from the Bay Area School Reform Collaborative (BASRC) in collaboration with the District Education Center. The focus of the grant is improving students' reading skills. Loma Verde Elementary is a California Distinguished School. ♦

Anne Harris, Principal
Loma Verde School
399 Alameda de la Loma
Novato, CA 94949
(415) 883-4681

LU SUTTON SCHOOL
Grades: Kindergarten - 5

400 students
School hours:
Kindergartens:
8:25 to 1:55
Grades 1 - 3: 8:25 to 2:55
Grades 4 - 5: 8:25 to 2:45
Library hours:
8:30 to 12:00 and 12:30 to 3:00

Mission: Educating all students to become life-long learners who are independent, responsible and productive citizens in our diverse society.

Lu Sutton Elementary School, located on 10 acres, has a multi-use room, library and turfing play fields. It was named after a former principal.

Students participate in a broad-based program with an instructional focus on language, math and science. Involving the family as a partner in learning is the cornerstone of the program.

Lu Sutton incorporates hands-on projects involving the entire curriculum. Projects include Internet pen pals and Authors Day. Lu Sutton earned the Governor's Reading Award for 2000-2001. ♦

Ken Gallegos, Principal
Lu Sutton School
1800 Center Road
Novato, CA 94947
(415) 897-3196

LYNWOOD SCHOOL
Grades: Kindergarten - 5

405 students
School hours:
Kindergarten:
8:30 to 11:55
Grades 1 - 3: 9:30 to 3:00
Grades 4 - 5: 8:30 to 3:00
Library hours:
8:30 to 12:00 and 12:30 to 3:00

Vision Statement: The future of the world is in our hands.

Lynwood Elementary School is situated on 10 acres and has a multi-use room, computer lab, library and turfed play fields.

Lynwood School offers a number of unique opportunities for youngsters. Literacy is a school focus. A cadre of volunteers and instructional assistants reads with the students daily. Teachers and support staff work in grade level teams to provide a strong core program for students.

Lynwood has an award-winning counseling program as part of its School Linked Services project. This is the first year of an Even Start grant, which addresses preschool and parent education.

Lynwood is one of four Novato schools that have received a grant from the Bay Area School Reform Collaborative (BASRC) in collaboration with the District Education Center. The focus of the grant is improving students' reading skills through professional development. ◆

Ivy Morritt, Principal
Lynwood School
1320 Lynwood Drive
Novato, CA 94947
(415) 897-4161

OLIVE SCHOOL
Grades: Kindergarten - 5

410 students
School hours:
Kindergartens: M/T/Th/F
8:10 to 11:40 or 11:50 to 3:20
9:45 - 1:45 (Wednesdays)
Grades 1 - 2: 8:30 to 1:50
(Early Bird and Wednesdays)
Grades 1 - 2: 9:30 to 2:50
(Late Bird schedule)

Grades 3 - 5:
8:30 to 2:50 (M/T/Th/F)
8:30 - 1:50 (Wednesdays)
Library hours: 8:15 - 3:15

Mission: We are committed to providing challenging learning experiences that promote the ability of all students to achieve their academic, social and emotional potential.

Olive School is located on 9 acres and has a multi-use room, library, computer room and turfed fields.

For the past ten years, Olive has operated on a modified calendar. Staff and parents believe it is conducive to producing a productive, high-energy environment. Our third grade is piloting a program that eliminated the "Early Bird/Late Bird" schedules to allow more time to implement standards based curriculum. Our standards-based instructional program is enhanced by field trips and assemblies, a strong Student Council program (grades 3-5), art docent lectures and a district-wide program for music and physical education. ◆

Diane Kanegae, Principal
Olive School
629 Plum Street
Novato, CA 94945
(415) 897-2131

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL
Grades: Kindergarten - 5

412 students
School hours:
Kindergartens:
8:15 to 11:40 or 11:45 to 3:05
Grades 1 - 3: 8:30 to 2:55
Grades 4 - 5: 8:30 to 2:50
Library hours:
8:30 to 3:00

Mission: Dedicated to building a community of learners where students strive to reach their full potential academically, socially and emotionally.

Pleasant Valley School is located on 12 acres and has a library, community center, turfed play fields and a well-equipped computer lab.

Staff and parents work in partnership to provide a safe and stimulating learning environment. There is a high level of parent involvement. The standards-based academic program is enriched with such activities as field trips and assemblies. Technology is integrated into the curriculum of all classes. Positive social skills are encouraged through class meetings, a conflict managers program and a life skills groups. The Eagle Word Program promotes strong character and citizenship. The PTA supports the school in many ways, including the beautification of the school campus. Pleasant Valley was named a California Distinguished School in 1993 and again in 2002 and received a Marin County Golden Bell Award in 2002 for the Book In A Bag program. ◆

Kathy Marshall, Principal
Pleasant Valley School
755 Sutro Avenue
Novato, CA 94947
(415) 897-5104

RANCHO SCHOOL
Grades: Kindergarten - 5

495 students
School hours:
Kindergartens:
8:20 to 11:41 or 11:50 to 3:11
Grades 1 - 3: 9:30 to 3:00
Grades 4 - 5: 8:30 to 3:00
Library hours: 8:30 to 11:45
12:45 to 3:00

Mission: Acquisition of basic skills through direct instruction.

Rancho School is located on 11 acres. It has a newly remodeled library, computer lab, multi-use room and turf playing fields.

Rancho School is the home of the Essentialist Program, a more structured approach to education, with an emphasis on basic academic skills and subjects and establishment of good study habits. Rancho is a magnet school serving students from throughout the Novato Unified School District.

Rancho provides a variety of activities for students, many sponsored by the PTA. An Eagle Card program serves as an incentive for academic achievement, good behavior and helpfulness. The school has a high level of parent support.

Rancho has been a California Distinguished School, received the Governor's Reading Award and received a Golden Bell in 2002 for their "Ranchoberg" project. ◆

Penny Loetterle, Principal
Rancho School
1430 Johnson Street
Novato, CA 94947
(415) 897-3101

SAN RAMON SCHOOL
Grades: Kindergarten - 5

468 students
School hours:
Kindergartens:
8:15 to 11:40 or 11:40 to 3:05
Grades 1 - 3: 8:30 to 1:50
or 9:35 to 3:00
Grades 4 - 5: 8:30 to 3:00
Library hours: 8:30 to 12:00
12:30 to 3:00

Mission: Children, parents and staff work cooperatively at San Ramon in a safe and caring environment where all children can learn, be successful and prepare themselves to live in and contribute to, a changing world.

San Ramon Elementary School is located on 7 acres. It consists of three buildings clustered around a library. Kindergarten classes are held in a separate cluster. The school is surrounded by turf play fields.

San Ramon focuses on education the whole child. The instructional approach is to involve students with decision-making and problem solving in a cooperative setting with emphasis on integration of subjects. It is recognized as a model program balancing rigorous academic content standards with enriched student appropriate curriculum.

San Ramon was designated a California Distinguished School in 1995 and 2000.

Keith Rogenski, Principal
San Ramon School
45 San Ramon Way
Novato, CA 94945
(415) 897-1196

HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL
Grades: 6 - 8

589 students
School hours:
8:00 to 2:25 M/T/W/Th
9:00 to 2:25 Fridays
Library hours: 7:40 to 3:30

Mission: Maximize student success through academic achievement and social development.

Hill was completely remodeled in 1991 when it opened as a middle school. The school facilities include a multi-use room, gym, computer lab, research lab, media center, library, science labs, art room and television studio.

Hill's commitment to student learning is reflected in its emphasis on the whole child. Whether it is in the core curriculum, student activities, performing arts, physical fitness, foreign language, computer education, counseling or peer educators, the emphasis is on the student. A well-established positive reward system for academics and behavior is in place.

Hill's after school support programs won the Marin County Golden Bell Award in 2000 and again in 2002 for their garden and beautification project. The teacher of this garden project, Joyce Derr, won the award of Bay Area teacher of the Year from KTVU. Hill is also a California Distinguished School. ◆

Louise Koenig, Principal
Hill Middle School
720 Diablo Avenue
Novato, CA 94947
(415) 893-1557

SAN JOSE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Grades: 6 - 8

508 students

School hours: 8:00 to 2:10

Library hours:

8:30 to 12:00 and 12:30 to 4:00

Mission: Where children learn and grow in a supportive environment.

San Jose Middle School is located on 18 acres. Special facilities include a library, gymnasium, two computer labs, a wood shop and several turfing playing fields.

San Jose's staff provides a safe, inviting environment for students where social and emotional growth is valued. All students in English language arts, history, social science, science and physical education take a common core curriculum. Math and science are offered in heterogeneous groups. Elective exploratory courses allow students to pursue areas of interest. A variety of elective courses are offered including: exploratory, Spanish I, publication, music, drama, woodshop, technology, leadership and various support classes.

The instructional approach encourages independent thinking, integration of content, cooperative learning and infusion of technology. Student activities are numerous. San Jose received a Marin County Golden Bell Award in 2002 for its school-wide project, is a California Distinguished School and is the first recipient of a Hewlett/Annenburg Grant in Marin County. San Jose Middle School is one of four Novato schools that have received a grant from the Bay Area School Reform Collaborative (BASRC) in collaboration with the District Education Center. The focus of the grant is improving students' reading skills. ♦

Debra Kubin, Principal
San Jose Middle School
1000 Sunset Parkway
Novato, CA 94949
(415) 883-7831

SINALOA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Grades: 6 - 8

751 students

School hours: 8:20 to 2:30

Library hours:

8:30 to 3:30

Mission: Sinaloa Middle School is a supportive community where students are challenged to acquire the knowledge and skills to live as responsible individuals in a world of change.

Sinaloa Middle School is located on a 25-acre wooded site and has facilities that include a library, gymnasium, computer lab, woodshop, band, art and drama rooms and several large turfing playing fields. Spanish is offered in the eighth grade.

Sinaloa offers multiple avenues for students to develop a sound educational foundation through emphasis on study skills and critical thinking. A guidance program in educational planning, goal setting and decision-making assists students in becoming independent and self-confident. Peer tutoring matches students who help each other with schoolwork. Grades 7 and 8 are trained to act as buddies for incoming 6th graders. All standard middle school required courses and electives are offered.

Special events and activities are part of Sinaloa's daily routine. Student clubs are primarily oriented toward community and school service. Sinaloa won a Marin County Golden Bell for its student activities program and was named a California Distinguished Middle School in 2003. ♦

Kit Gabbard, Principal
Sinaloa Middle School
2045 Vineyard Road
Novato, CA 94947
(415) 897-2111

MARIN OAKS HIGH SCHOOL

Grades: 9 - 12

63 students

School hours: 8:25 to 2:12

Mission: "Promote resilient, compassionate and responsible young adults" in a small community where students actively participate in both the learning and the decision-making.

Marin Oaks High School is the district's alternative high school located on the Novato High School campus. This location gives students an opportunity to enroll in elective classes at Novato High School in addition to their assigned core curriculum.

Marin Oaks High School continues to offer an alternative program for students looking for a smaller learning environment with greater flexibility. Students enrolled have the opportunity to make up lost credits while working to improve basic skills. A counseling program is part of the basic curriculum with each student developing an Individual Learning Plan.

In addition to offering individual instruction and counseling support, Marin Oaks' students are able to take advantage of a variety of instructional strategies including small classroom instruction, computer assisted instruction, project-based curriculum, local community college courses and Regional Occupational Program classes. ◆

Rich Nies, Assistant Principal
Marin Oaks High School
611 Arthur Street
Novato, CA 94947
(415) 892-8733

NOVA INDEPENDENT STUDY

Grades: Kindergarten - 12

94 students

Center hours: 8:00 to 4:00

Mission: The world is a teacher.

NOVA Independent Study is located at the district Education Center.

NOVA is an independent study program offering self-directed and individualized learning experiences for elementary, secondary, adult education and co-enrollment students. A wide variety of human and standards-based material resources are available for students. Instruction is collaborative between the student and teachers. NOVA requires the same number of credits for promotion.

The adult program offers courses toward completion of a high school diploma as well as adult English as a Second Language (ESL) classes. ◆

Bill Kuzma, Principal
NOVA
1015 Seventh Street
Novato, CA 94945
(415) 897-7653

NOVATO HIGH SCHOOL

Grades: 9 - 12

1,145 students

School hours: 8:20 to 2:30

Optional period: 7:20

Library hours: 7:30 to 3:00,
plus 1.5 additional hours one
day a week

Mission: Pursuing excellence for all.

Novato High School is situated on 38 acres, with 56 classrooms, labs, a lecture hall, career center, library, music room, two computer labs and two gyms. Outdoor facilities include tennis and basketball courts, softball and baseball diamonds, a football stadium and a swimming pool.

Novato High School provides students with many opportunities to develop their personal interaction skills. Critical thinking and problem-solving skills are an integral part of student assignments. An array of co-curricular activities is available. The academic program covers college preparatory courses (honors/ advanced placement), vocational and general education, art, music, home economics, business and industrial arts. Novato is also home to the Marin School of the Arts, a general arts-based magnet school. Novato High has won the Marin County Academic Decathlon eight years in a row. ♦

Matt Byrnes, Principal
Novato High School
625 Arthur Street
Novato, CA 94947
(415) 898-2125

SAN MARIN HIGH SCHOOL

Grades: 9 - 12

1,092 students

School hours: 8:20 to 2:30

Optional period: 7:25

Library hours: 7:30 to 3:00,
plus 1.5 additional hours one
day a week

Mission: Provide a supportive environment where each student can attain his or her potential.

San Marin High School is located on 39.6 acres. It has a gymnasium, student center, career center, science lecture room and language, computer and photo labs. Its athletic facilities include tennis and basketball courts, baseball diamonds and a football stadium.

San Marin has established educational objectives aimed at providing students with optimal experiences in academics, in making future career and educational choices, in appreciating arts, in developing an understanding of the world community and in promoting desirable leisure-time activities.

San Marin has an award-winning band and choir and an assortment of clubs to meet the wide range of student interests. Community service is a graduation requirement to promote student involvement in the community. San Marin High School received a Marin County Golden Bell Award in 2002 for its Communications and Multi-media Academy. ♦

Loeta Andersen, Principal
San Marin High School
15 San Marin Drive
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NOVATO CHARTER SCHOOL

Grades: Kindergarten - 8

234 students

School hours:

Kindergarten: 8:45 to 12:45

Grades 1 - 5: 8:50 to 3:00

Grades 6 - 8: 8:30 to 3:00

Library hours: Classroom libraries are open during school hours

School vision: Committed to educating the whole child through a Waldorf-inspired curriculum.

Novato Charter School is an alternative public school offering a Waldorf-inspired educational approach in which teachers nurture the imagination in the early years, building a foundation for abstract thinking and gradually and appropriately challenging the intellect throughout the grades. The philosophy places equal emphasis on a solid academic program, artistic expression, social development and attention to the inner life and natural rhythms of the child.

Novato Charter School offers visual and performing arts, foreign language, music programs, handwork, woodworking, gardening and environmental education, games and celebration of seasonal festivities. ♦

**Rachael Bishop, Director
Novato Charter School
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MARIN SCHOOL OF ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

Grades: 9 - 12

111 9th graders this year, with 110 new 9th graders enrolling annually to 400 students.

Grade 9 - 12: 9:00 to 3:45

Mission: MSAT is dedicated to helping students achieve personal and academic success using project-based learning, integration of arts and technology, personalization and high expectations for all students.

MSAT is a public charter high school located on the Indian Valley Campus of the College of Marin. Based on a nationally recognized, award-winning model for high school education, MSAT offers a rigorous, relevant curriculum based on proven best practices. MSAT students will graduate qualified and prepared for college and career and having mastered core academic, leadership, art and technology skills. MSAT has a student-teacher ratio of 22-1.

MSAT's teachers are state certified, experienced and passionate. Bob Lenz, an experienced Marin educator, teacher trainer and a member of the Board of Directors of Marin's Buck Institute for Education, is MSAT's principal. ♦

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REED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT



The Reed Union School District (RUSD) is an elementary district serving the southern Marin communities of Belvedere, Tiburon and a portion of East Corte Madera. The three school sites are located in Tiburon: Reed School for kindergarten through 2nd; Bel Aire School for grades 3, 4 and 5; and Del Mar Middle School for grades 6, 7 and 8. District enrollment is approximately 1,086 students. Last year's average class size was 20.5. RUSD students are in the Tamalpais Union High School District and usually attend Redwood High School. The district office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Support Services

RUSD schools share the services of a psychologist, counselor, district librarian, reading specialist, speech and language therapists, technology coordinator and technician, part-time aides for limited English-speaking students, a school nurse and a district health aide. Each school is assigned a special education resource specialist. The schools also offer remediation and enrichment programs. Private, parent-paid school bus transportation is available for the three sites.

Student Achievement

Progress reports are sent home tri-annually for K-8th grades and quarterly for 6-8th grades. Teachers hold conferences with parents annually and as needed and assemble portfolios of student work. Students in grades 2-8 take the CAT/6 Test and the California Standards Tests. STAR results are available on the district web site: rusd.marin.k12.ca.us and online at the California Department of Education's website: <http://star.cde.ca.gov>. Our performance levels continue to be strong and well above the state average. API scores were well above 800, the state cutoff for high-achieving schools. Del Mar's API score was 888, Bel Aire's was 916 and Reed's was 924.

Community Involvement

Parents participate in PTA-sponsored activities and assist in the classrooms, libraries and other school site locations. They also serve on the school site councils and the Board of Trustees. Parents, community members and local businesses support the district's schools through a parcel assessment and through contributions to the Reed Schools Foundation, which funds Spanish, technology, art, music and other programs and site enhancements. After school programs are available through the recreation departments in Belvedere/Tiburon and Corte Madera and through Tiburon Peninsula's Soccer League and Little League. After school daycare is available through the Belvedere/Tiburon Child Care Center.

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 Reed Union School District
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REED SCHOOL
Grades: Kindergarten - 2

351 Students
Schools hours:
8:20 to 12:00 (K - AM)
10:55 to 2:30 (K - PM)
8:20 to 2:30 (1 - 2)
Library Hours:
8:30 to 3:00

Reed School offers a nurturing and challenging climate for the primary age student. In addition to a full academic program, there is a school-wide focus on developmentally appropriate programs, positive reinforcement, integration of art into the curriculum, beginning computer education and a special motor development program. The school facilities include a multi-purpose room, library, music room and turf athletic field. The average class size is 18.

Each class has a full-time teacher and a 1 1/2-hour instructional assistant. The staff also includes a principal, reading specialist, media specialist, music, art, physical education teachers, a technology teacher and office staff. A childcare center adjacent to Reed School is available for parent-paid before and after school care.

Reed has been named a California Distinguished School (2002) in recognition of its academic excellence and meeting the needs of all students. ♦

Lexie Sifford, Principal
Reed School
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Tiburon, CA 94920
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BEL AIRE SCHOOL
Grades: 3 - 5

367 Students
School hours:
8:10 to 2:30
Library Hours:
8:30 to 3:00

Bel Aire offers an academic curriculum in language arts, math, history/social studies and science. The school facility includes a multi-purpose room, library, computer laboratory, music room and turf athletic field. The average class size is 20 in all grades.

Each class has a full-time teacher and a 1 1/2 hour assistant. The staff also includes a principal, reading specialist, media specialist, teachers for music, physical education, computers and art, a technology specialist and office staff.

The student program is enriched by an active student council, a Gold Rush Country overnight, environmental studies outdoor education and an opportunity to visit Washington, D.C. Parent-paid, on-site childcare is available before and after school.

Bel Aire has been named a California Distinguished School (2000) and a National Blue Ribbon School (2001) in recognition of its academic excellence and meeting the individual needs of students. ♦

Wanny Hersey, Principal
Bel Aire School
277 Karen Way
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DEL MAR SCHOOL
Grades: 6 - 8

370 Students
School Hours:
8:20 to 3:00
Library Hours:
8:15 to 3:15

Del Mar provides a daily academic program in language arts, math, science, history/social studies and physical education, with electives in art, music, journalism, yearbook and steel band. Students take Spanish daily in the 7th and 8th grades for a semester or full year and for one quarter in the 6th grade. Class size in academic subjects ranges from 20 to 22. An extra reading class is offered for students who need assistance. There is also a small "opportunity class" designed to meet the needs of students who have difficulty with the traditional middle school schedule.

The school facility includes a gymnasium, library, computer laboratory, music/drama room, snack bar and turf athletic field. On staff are 25 teachers, a principal, assistant principal, librarian, counselor, media specialist and office staff.

Del Mar has been named a California Distinguished Middle School in 2003 for the third time since 1994 in recognition of its academic excellence, peer counseling and leadership programs. ♦

Sandy Kuzma, Principal
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ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT



The Ross School District serves the central Marin community of Ross and sections of Kentfield. The district has only one school, Ross School, which provides education for students kindergarten through eighth grade. District enrollment is 400 students, with class sizes averaging 18-20. Ross School students also reside in the Tamalpais Union High School District. The school office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Support Services

Unique to the Ross School is a Learning Lab Program, which provides extra practice for students needing help in specific skill areas. The district employs the services of a Learning Lab teacher, resource specialist, psychologist, speech therapist, librarian, library clerk, computer technician and a school nurse. Classroom teachers are supported by credentialed specialists in art, music, musical theater and Spanish. The Ross School Library provides a credentialed librarian and full-time library clerk. Students also have physical education classes taught by a specialist. In partnership with California Pacific, Ross School is a model for training in Mel Levine's Schools Attuned strategies to better understand how children learn. Ross School has also been a partner with the Exploratorium to support the development of teaching resources for science in the classroom.

Student Achievement

The Ross School District uses the CAT/6 Achievement Test and California Standards Tests to measure student achievement in reading, language and math. STAR results are available at the district office or online at the California Department of Education's website: <http://star.cde.ca.gov>

Community Involvement

Parents, community members and local businesses support the Ross School District through a parcel tax and contributions to the PTA, Friends of the Library and the Ross School Foundation. These groups provide funds for additional teachers to reduce class size and for the Learning Lab, Spanish, fine arts, the library and technology programs. Students in the middle school complete community service projects as a way of giving back to the community.

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Ross School District

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ROSS VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT



The Ross Valley School District is an elementary/middle school district serving the central Marin communities of San Anselmo and Fairfax. Most Ross Valley graduates attend Sir Francis Drake High School in the Tamalpais Union High School District. The district includes four schools: Brookside Elementary School, Manor Elementary School and Wade Thomas School for kindergarten through 5th grades; and White Hill School for grades 6th, 7th and 8th. District enrollment is 1,814 students. The district office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Support Services

Ross Valley School District provides a full complement of special education support services. Each school has a special education resource specialist, a library specialist and shares the services of counselors and a certificated school nurse. The district also offers an alternative education program, Title I and GATE (Gifted and Talented Education) programs.

Student Achievement

Standards-based progress reports and report cards in addition to parent conferences are used to report student progress in grades K-5. Letter grade progress reports, report cards and parent conferences are used to report student progress in grades 6-8. The STAR (Standard Testing and Reporting) assesses student knowledge of grade level content as well as State Content Standards. Students in grades 4 and 7 participate in the STAR writing test and students in grades 2-11 participate in the STAR multiple choice test. STAR results are available at the district office or online at the California Department of Education's website: <http://star.cde.ca.gov>. Ross Valley School District also offers other local measures of achievement.

Community Involvement

Parent participation is encouraged through parent clubs, PTAs, school site councils, district ad-hoc committees, volunteer work at the schools and ongoing dialogue. Parents, community members and local businesses support the schools through a parcel assessment, bond measures and contributions to the YES Foundation. The YES Foundation provides supplemental funding for district programs, such as art, music and technology as well as after-school enrichment classes and musical theater.

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**BROOKSIDE LOWER
CAMPUS ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL**

Grades: Kindergarten - 2

258 students

School hours:

AM Kindergarten:

8:30 to 12:00 M - F

PM Kindergarten:

1:35 to 3:05 M/T/Th/F

8:30 to 12:00 W

Grades 1 and 2 Slip Session

8:30 to 1:55 or

9:30 to 3:05 M/T/Th/F

8:30 to 1:55 W

Library hours:

8:30 to 3:00

Brookside School, a 1995-96 California Distinguished School and recipient of the Golden Bell Award, is housed on two separate sites in suburban San Anselmo. The facilities include a music room, art room, computer labs, a school garden, multi-use room, playing field and daycare facility.

Brookside balances the rigors of state standards with project-based learning. Instruction is aimed at promoting critical and creative thinking with a strong foundation in basic skills. Community service is emphasized through science and ecology projects. Private, parent-paid childcare is available. ♦

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**BROOKSIDE UPPER
CAMPUS ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL**

Grades: 3 - 5

283 students

School hours:

8:20 to 2:55

Library hours:

8:00 to 3:00

Brookside School, a 1995-96 California Distinguished School and recipient of the Golden Bell Award, is housed on two separate sites in suburban San Anselmo. The facilities include a music room, art room, computer lab, playing field and a multi-purpose room.

Brookside balances the rigors of state standards with project-based learning. Instruction is aimed at promoting critical creative thinking with a strong foundation in basic skills. Community service is emphasized through science and ecology projects. Private, parent-paid childcare is available. ♦

**Kandee Adams, Principal
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Elementary School
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MANOR SCHOOL

Grades: Kindergarten - 5

336 students

School hours:

AM Kindergarten

8:30 to 12:00 M - F

PM Kindergarten

11:35 to 3:05 M/T/Th/F

8:30 to 1:05 W

Grades 1 - 2:

8:30 to 1:55 or 9:30 to 3:05

8:30 to 1:55 W

Grades 3 - 5:

8:30 to 3:05 M/T/Th/F

8:30 to 1:55 W

Library hours:

8:30 to 3:30

Manor School is situated in the Oak Manor neighborhood of Fairfax. The facility has a library, art room, computer lab and multi-purpose room for school-wide events. It also has two playing fields, a nature trail and a school garden.

Teaching in the primary grades promotes opportunities for multi-age learning experiences with a strong emphasis on basic skills. Teaching in the upper grades incorporates project-based learning. Manor School is the host school to the district's alternative program K-5. Classroom assistants help in primary classrooms. Title I and resource specialist assistance are available. All students receive art and music instruction taught by specialists. ♦

**Sue Akeson, Principal
Manor School
150 Oak Manor Drive
Fairfax, CA 94930
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WADE THOMAS SCHOOL

Grades: Kindergarten - 5

314 students

School hours:

AM Kindergarten:

8:30 to 12:00 M/T/Th/F

8:30 to 12:00 W

PM Kindergarten:

11:35 to 3:05 M/T/Th/F

8:30 to 12:00 W

Grades 1 - 2:

8:30 to 1:55 or 9:30 to 3:05

8:30 to 1:55 W

Grades 3 - 5:

8:30 to 3:05 M/T/Th/F

8:30 to 1:55 W

Library hours:

8:30 to 3:00

Wade Thomas, twice selected as a California Distinguished School, is located in one of San Anselmo's oldest residential neighborhoods and is built on the site of the very first school in San Anselmo. The school facility includes a multi-use room and playground, which are used extensively by the community during non-school hours.

The core curriculum is based on state standards and includes project-based activities to engage students in their own learning. The district-adopted curricula in reading and math provide continuity for student learning K-5. Wade Thomas has a school-wide program to promote strong values, a sense of respect, responsibility and cooperation. Our district foundation provides enrichment programs in music, arts and poetry. Students and parents are actively involved in community activities. Each class sponsors a separate project and adopts a family as part of an all-school community outreach. The Parent Association and community members volunteer many hours in the classrooms and on school improvement projects. ◆

Bryce Sunnick, Principal
Wade Thomas School
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San Anselmo, CA 94960
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WHITE HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Grades: 6 - 8

625 students

School hours:

8:00 to 8:45 (Pre-period)

8:50 to 3:15

Library hours:

8:30 to 3:00

White Hill Middle School, located on a 22-acre site at the base of White's Hill in Fairfax, is the middle school for three elementary feeder schools in the Ross Valley School District. In June 2001, White Hill Middle School received recognition as a California Distinguished School.

The core academic program is challenging, offering a breadth of opportunity in elective classes and an enrichment wheel; and is supplemented by an active student activities program. In addition, credentialed instructors teach music, fine arts, foreign language and physical education courses. Thirty-three teachers, two administrators and fourteen support staff, supported by an active and generous community, implement the rigorous educational program at White Hill Middle School. A full-time counselor provides extensive group and individual service.

White Hill offers a variety of innovative programs including a block schedule and small learning communities, called "families."

During the 2003-2004 school year, White Hill Middle School will complete participation in the Bay Area School Reform Cooperative (BASRC) and expand its collaboration with Drake High School. ◆

Rick van Adelsberg, Principal
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RURAL SCHOOLS OF MARIN COUNTY

Four rural school districts serve the agricultural communities in the central corridor of Marin County. Each district has only one school. Laguna, Lincoln and Union Joint School Districts provide an educational program for kindergarten through sixth grade. Students entering grades seven, eight and high school are served by the Petaluma Joint Union High School District. The Nicasio School District, the largest of the four schools, has combination classrooms and provides an education program for kindergarten through eighth grade. These students reside in the Tamalpais Union High School District. The four rural school districts have a combined enrollment of approximately 125 students.

Support Services

Each school receives the services of a special education resource specialist, speech and language teacher, psychologist and nurse provided by the Marin County Office of Education. Videos, films, instructional resources, technology support and staff development classes are also available from the Marin County Office of Education.

Student Achievement

Due to the unique nature of each school community, individual student progress is primarily assessed through classroom assignments, portfolios, projects and individual learning plans as well as standardized tests. Teachers hold conferences with parents and send home progress reports cards on a regularly scheduled basis. Students grades 2-11 also participate in the STAR (State Testing and Reporting) Program. STAR results are available at each district office or online at the California Department of Education's website: <http://star.cde.ca.gov>

Community Involvement

Teachers, students, parents and board members work together throughout the year to provide activities that create a sense of community. Jointly sponsored activities include the annual Harvest Festival, picture day, field trips, physical fitness day and holiday plays.

**LAGUNA JOINT SCHOOL
AND DISTRICT**

Grades: Kindergarten - 6

27 students

School hours:

Kindergarten: 8:30 to 12:00

Grades 1 - 6: 8:30 to 2:30

Library hours:

8:30 to 2:30

The Laguna Joint School District was organized in 1867 as a part of the San Antonio Township. It is served by Laguna School.

The one-room school offers a full academic program with an emphasis on English language arts development, use of math manipulatives, hands-on science, creative writing and technology. Laguna School employs one principal/teacher, one full-time and one half-time credentialed teachers. Instructional strategies include small group learning and one-to-one teaching.

Portfolios are maintained to assess student progress. All grades, K-6, receive report cards quarterly. Parents work closely with the teachers. Conferences are scheduled at the end of the first quarter and as needed ♦

**Pamela Brambila
Principal/Teacher
Laguna School**

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<http://mcoeweb.marin.k12.ca.us/rurals/laguna>

**LINCOLN SCHOOL
AND DISTRICT**

Grades: Kindergarten - 6

16 students

School hours:

Kindergarten: 8:30 to 12:15

Grades 1 - 6: 8:30 to 2:45 M/T/W/F
8:30 - 1:30 Th

Lincoln School is located six miles west of Petaluma. The one-room school district was established in 1872. Class size is fairly stable averaging 13-17 students.

Lincoln School offers a full academic program in all curriculum areas. Instruction also includes computer science, health and current events. The Bookmobile supplies bilingual reading materials, cassette tapes and a full complement of library books. The school employs a credentialed teacher, who also serves as principal, and a part-time instructional assistant.

Effort grades are given to kindergarten through grade 4. Grades 5 and 6 receive letter grade report cards. Parent conferences for all students are held during the first semester and again in the spring when needed. ♦

**Christine Gordon
Principal/Teacher
Lincoln School**

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**NICASIO SCHOOL
AND DISTRICT**

Grades: Kindergarten – 8

62 students

School hours:

Kindergarten: 8:40 to 12:00

Grades 1 - 8: 8:40 to 3:00

Library hours:

9:00 to 3:00

Nicasio School is the largest of the four rural school districts in Marin County.

Nicasio School has five fully credentialed teachers with classes for grades K, 1-2-3, 3-4-5 and 6-7-8. Students also receive Spanish, music and art instruction. Special teacher aides work closely with all the teachers.

Bond funds have been used to modernize and build "new" facilities, including a library and technology lab, science and art rooms, plus a large multi-use room.

An outdoor area for garden/environmental science study is being constructed by students, volunteers and staff from funds donated by the community.

Strong parent support and participation, a thriving school foundation along with an extremely dedicated staff make Nicasio School an excellent student learning environment. ♦

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Principal/Teacher
Nicasio School**

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**UNION JOINT SCHOOL
AND DISTRICT**

Grades: Kindergarten - 6

18 students

School hours:

Kindergarten: 8:30 to 1:00

Grades 1 - 6: 8:30 to 2:30

Library hours:

8:30 to 2:30

The Union Joint School District is situated in the rural area just west of Petaluma in Marin County. One school, Union Elementary, serves the kindergarten through sixth grade children of this district.

Union School provides an integrated academic program. The two full-time teachers and one full-time instructional aide work closely together to provide students with a comprehensive program. Themes are pursued across the curriculum, tying together the studies of literature, social studies, music, art and making connections between math, science, history and current events. The Bookmobile comes to Union School weekly.

All students receive detailed progress reports through parent conferences and quarterly report cards. Parents work closely with the school. Monthly parent meetings provide a forum for discussing school programs and issues. ♦

**Deborah Brayton
Principal/Teacher
Union School**

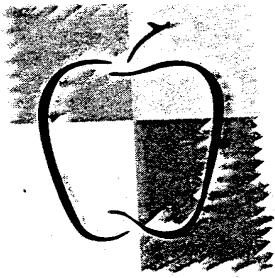
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SAN RAFAEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT



The San Rafael Elementary School District serves neighborhoods within the central Marin community of San Rafael. The district has six elementary schools, one K-8 school and one middle school. The schools for kindergarten through fifth grade are: Bahia Vista, Coleman, Glenwood, Laurel Dell, San Pedro and Sun Valley Elementary Schools. Gallinas is the kindergarten through eighth grade school. J. B. Davidson Middle School serves students in grades 6-8. District enrollment is 3,490 students. Students of the San Rafael Elementary School District are also in the San Rafael High School District. The district office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Support Services

The San Rafael Elementary School District has 240 full-time equivalent teachers, 10 site administrators and 95 classified staff. Special needs of students are supported by the services of resource specialists, speech and language specialists, school counselors, school psychologists, nurses and a librarian. Schools in the district offer GATE, enrichment and advanced learning programs as well as high quality music and art instruction and engaging technology-based experiences.

Student Achievement

San Rafael schools have adopted rigorous and challenging content and performance standards. During the fall parent conferences, Personal Learning Contracts are established for each child. These contracts are designed to challenge the student to meet or exceed state and district standards. Spring conferences are used to assess student progress. Grades 4-8 receive letter grade report cards. The schools use the CAT/6 and California Standards Tests as well as district-developed assessment tests to monitor individual student progress and measure school program effectiveness. STAR results are available at the district office or online at the California Department of Education's website: <http://star.cde.ca.gov>

Community Involvement

Parent volunteer participation within the district takes many forms. Parents assist in the classrooms and in PTA-sponsored programs that enrich the core curriculum and raise funds for student programs. Members of the business and residential community support the San Rafael Elementary School District through contributions to the San Rafael Public Education Foundation. Several community organizations and local businesses provide volunteers who assist in the classrooms or offer after school tutorial training.

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BAHIA VISTA SCHOOL

Grades: Kindergarten - 5

440 students

School hours:

8:00 to 1:20 (Extended Kindergarten)

8:00 to 2:20 (Grades 1 - 5)

Early Dismissal on Wednesday

Library Hours 10:00 to 2:00

Bahia Vista School serves the communities east of Highway 101 and south of the San Rafael Canal, including Larkspur Landing.

The school has a strong focus on literacy and recently adopted "Success for All," a phonics-based reading program developed at Johns Hopkins University. Student achievement of fundamental skills is stressed and measured through standardized tests, portfolio assessments and teacher observation. English learning students also receive daily structured, systematic instruction in English Language Development.

The school community celebrates student cultural and ethnic diversity. The school facility includes a multi-purpose room, kitchen and library. There are computers in every classroom.

The Bahia Vista Family Center (BVFC) serves the students and their families by providing or accessing a variety of services, some of which are counseling, medical and dental referrals, academic assistance and after school programs. The BVFC is a Healthy Start Program. Also, the school has an Even Start family literacy program as well as an extensive after school program through grant funding. ♦

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San Rafael, CA 94901
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COLEMAN SCHOOL

Grades: Kindergarten - 5

290 students

School hours:

8:35 to 1:30 or

11:15 to 2:36 (Kindergarten)

8:35 to 2:56 (Grades 1 - 5)

Early Dismissal on Wednesday

Library Hours: 9:00 to 3:00

Coleman School is located temporarily on the Short School Campus (K-2) and at the Davidson Annex (3-5) during construction of the new facility during the 2003-04 school year.

Coleman School received a reading instruction grant that provided staff development to level instruction in our reading program. The school has an updated library, computer lab, multi-purpose room and two play areas. Technology supports learning across the curriculum and in the library resource center. Every classroom also has access to state of the art technology. In addition to the core curriculum, Coleman offers music, P.E., creative arts instruction, school tutorials and after school enrichment and support classes.

The school/parent community is actively involved as volunteers on SSC, PTA and SELAC Committees. Parent-paid after school daycare is available on site. ♦

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DAVIDSON MIDDLE SCHOOL
Grades: 6 - 8

928 students
School hours:
8:00 to 2:15
Library hours:
8:00 to 2:30

Davidson Middle School is a culturally diverse 6-8 grade school offering a comprehensive core curriculum with elective classes in foreign language, music, industrial arts, drama, art and computer literacy. Also available are advanced classes in mathematics, English, support classes in special education and English Language Development. Davidson offers programs for Gifted and Talented students and countywide competitive sports.

Various forms of technology exist in all the classrooms. The campus has two multimedia computer labs and a science technology lab. An extensive after school learning program is available through grant funding.

Davidson is a California Distinguished School, a National Blue Ribbon School and a National Excellence in Education Award recipient. ♦

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Davidson Middle School
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GALLINAS SCHOOL
Grades: Kindergarten - 8

560 students
School hours:
8:30 to 3:00 6th - 8th Grades
8:30 to 2:50 1st - 5th
8:30 to 11:50 Kindergarten
11:20 to 2:50 Kindergarten
Early Dismissal on Wednesdays
Library Hours: 8:30 to 3:30

Gallinas School emphasizes a curriculum that challenges each child to excel in reading, writing, mathematics and science. The school is expanding classroom technology to enhance student learning. Art, music and special physical education programs provide enrichment to all students. Students grades K-5 may opt to participate in an English/Spanish Biliteracy Program that develops student literacy in both languages by the 5th grade.

The 6-8 grade program consists of two classes at each grade level. The program offers a full range of challenging, academic instruction using district and state standards as guidelines. Flexible grouping is used and is based on student needs and interests as well as ongoing parent and teacher assessment. The schedule includes a daily physical education program, instrumental music instruction and a number of exploratory courses. Extra curricular activities include a Homework Club and an after school sports program.

GALLINAS SCHOOL *con't.*

The school's access to wetlands fosters specialized environmental science projects. The school has a library, computer labs, gymnasium and several playgrounds.

Gallinas School has a very active PTA that coordinates special events and volunteer efforts. The student population reflects the cultural mix of the city of San Rafael.

Day care is available before and after school. ♦

Tracy Smith, Principal
Gallinas School
177 North San Pedro Road
San Rafael, CA 94903
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GLENWOOD SCHOOL
Grades: Kindergarten - 5

366 students

School hours:

8:45 to 2:00 (Extended Kindergarten)

8:45 to 3:05 (Grades 1 - 5)

Library hours:

9:00 to 3:00

Glenwood School, a National Blue Ribbon School, located east of Central San Rafael, serves the area from Bayside Acres east to Peacock Gap. Glenwood School has a multi-use room, state of the art computer lab, a large library and baseball diamond and soccer fields. The school's access to a marsh provides for a seasonal life studies program.

Parent involvement and an emphasis on family activities are vital components of the Glenwood School program. The school community benefits from the many volunteer hours that are given by parents (approximately 6,000 hours per year), the fun family activities that are planned and the sponsorship of many of the enrichment programs.

The school community is culturally diverse, representing many countries. Education workshops help parents integrate learning into family life. Active parent participation is evident and welcomed throughout the school.

After school programs include scout troops, sports, classes in Spanish, computers, science and art.

Daycare is available before and after school. ♦

Kathy O'Keefe, Principal
Glenwood School
25 Castlewood Drive
San Rafael, CA 94901
(415) 485-2430

LAUREL DELL SCHOOL
Grades: Kindergarten - 5

134 students

School hours:

8:30 to 1:30 (Extended Kindergarten)

8:30 to 2:50 (Grades 1 - 5)

Early Dismissal on Wednesdays

Library hours:

10:00 to 12:00

Laurel Dell School, the district's newest school, opened its doors September 4, 1996. Laurel Dell serves students both in the Bret Harte neighborhood and throughout the district. The school offers students a multi-age classroom experience. Laurel Dell has expanded each year to include new multi-age classes, now serving students through the fifth grade. Laurel Dell has seven classrooms and a library.

Laurel Dell enjoys a diversity of cultures among the student body. The PTA is very active and supports the total school community.

After school programs include art, drama, science, academic tutoring and sports that are funded through a grant. ♦

Julie Harris, Principal
Laurel Dell School
225 Woodland Avenue
San Rafael, CA 94901
(415) 485-2317

SAN PEDRO SCHOOL
Grades: Kindergarten - 5

390 students
School hours:
8:45 to 2:06 (Extended Kindergarten)
8:45 to 3:06 (Grades 1 - 5)
Early Dismissal on Wednesdays
Library hours:
9:00 to 3:00

San Pedro School is located east of downtown San Rafael. It serves the communities east of Highway 101 and the area south of the San Rafael Canal. The school has 17 classrooms, 2 special day classrooms, a multi-use room and a library. The library is open daily and used in the After School Program. Computers are used in all subject areas, with three to seven computers in every classroom.

San Pedro School utilizes a special grant for "Success for All," an intensive, phonics-based reading program. A school-wide gardening program brings life to the science program. Structured daily lessons in English Language Development are provided to all English learners.

Enrichment programs include artists-in-residence for music, art, noontime intramural sports, 4th and 5th grade chorus, drama, outdoor education and an after school program. Off-site daycare is available after school with available transportation. An extensive after school program is available through grant funding. ♦

Kathryn Gibney, Principal
San Pedro School
498 Point San Pedro Road
San Rafael, CA 94901
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SUN VALLEY SCHOOL
Grades: Kindergarten - 5

392 students
School hours:
8:30 to 11:50 or
11:10 to 2:50 (Kindergarten)
8:30 to 2:53 (Grades 1 - 5)
Early Dismissal on Wednesdays
Library hours:
8:30 to 2:30

Sun Valley School is located at the western end of San Rafael adjacent to rolling hills and acres of open space. The school serves the western portion of San Rafael including the Gerstle Park and Spring Grove areas. Sun Valley School has a library, soccer field and school garden and is enjoying their newly renovated school facility.

The curriculum at Sun Valley is delivered through developmentally appropriate single-grade and multi-age instructional practices that meet the needs of the children. Both multi-age and single-grade classrooms provide quality standards-based programs in literacy, mathematics, science and social science. Fifth grade students participate in outdoor education.

Curriculum planning time has been established to allow for enhanced professional development.

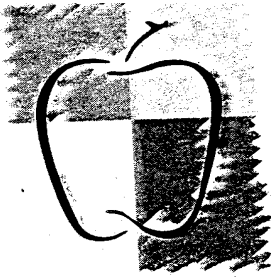
After school activities include art, foreign language, sports and scout troops.

Off-site day care is available after school with available transportation. ♦

Linda Reed, Principal
Sun Valley School
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San Rafael, CA 94901
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SAN RAFAEL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT



The San Rafael High School District provides secondary education to students residing in two elementary districts of central Marin: Dixie School District and San Rafael Elementary School District. District students also reside in the Marin Community College District. The San Rafael High School District has two comprehensive high schools, San Rafael High and Terra Linda High, an alternative high school, Madrone and an adult education program for those wishing to learn English. District enrollment is 2,040 students. The district office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Support Services

The district has 112 full-time equivalent teachers, 5 site administrators and 60 classified staff. Class size reduction support from state and federal programs has assisted in reducing the student to teacher ratio. Teacher support is offered through the Curriculum Department and the Peer Assistance and Review Program. Each school site offers new teacher support through departments. The English Language Development program offers a strong language acquisition experience to integrate English learners into the academic core curriculum. The comprehensive high schools offer advanced placement, honors and college preparation courses and intensive assistance for students with learning disabilities. Counseling and career services help students appraise job skills and arrange for internships.

Student Achievement

Academic performance for San Rafael District students is measured by a variety of indicators. The Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) results, which measure student aptitude for college performance, are consistently higher than California averages: 2002-2003 SAT results were: math 547, verbal 544 with California averages of math 519, verbal 499. Student achievement is also measured by the California STAR testing program and district developed assessment instruments. STAR results are available at the district office or online at the California Department of Education's website: <http://star.cde.ca.gov>

Community Involvement

Parents, community members and local businesses support the district's schools through contributions to the San Rafael Public Education Foundation. Parents take an active role in the district by volunteering with classroom activities, PTA and Home and School Club programs, site leadership teams and booster clubs. The local business community supports the district by contributing matching donations and serving on school advisory committees.

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SAN RAFAEL HIGH SCHOOL

Grades: 9 - 12

974 students

School hours: 8:00 to 3:35

Library hours: 7:30 to 3:30

San Rafael High School is a 116 year-old institution occupying 33 acres in central San Rafael. The school has an auditorium, theater, wood and metal shops, five computer labs, a swimming pool, three gyms, six tennis courts, a radio station and an all-weather track and lighted athletic field.

San Rafael High offers college preparatory instruction and more than 20 honors/advancement placement courses in math, English, foreign language, social studies, fine arts and science. A rigorous English Language Development program serves a student population representing 30 countries. In May 2003, 141 Advanced Placement exams were taken with a passing rate of 90%. In addition to challenging academic courses, San Rafael High offers courses in technology, business, industrial arts, computer networking and other vocations. Along with the award winning music program, courses are also offered in theatre and fine arts. Wiring for classrooms has been completed since San Rafael's status as a Digital High School.

2003 Scholastic Aptitude Test

	SRHS	CA	US
Math	524	518	519
Verbal	532	494	507

The staff includes 53 certificated teachers with half the faculty holding advanced degrees. Two assistant principals and two counselors assist the principal. Approximately 80% of the students enter college each year. ♦

Judith B. Colton, Principal
San Rafael High School
185 Mission Avenue
San Rafael, CA 94901
(415) 485-2330

TERRA LINDA HIGH SCHOOL

Grades: 9 - 12

1,022 students

School hours: 8:00 to 3:10

Library hours: 7:45 to 3:15

Terra Linda High School provides comprehensive 9-12 grade education on a well-equipped and spacious campus in northern San Rafael. TLHS has computer labs, a journalism lab, a media center, Computer Assisted Design lab and a physics lab. Athletic facilities include a gymnasium, pool, track, football, soccer and baseball fields.

TLHS offers more than 20 honors/Advanced Placement courses in English, math, science, social studies and foreign language. In May 2003, 232 advanced placement exams were taken with a passing rate of 80%. TLHS also provides technical preparation in business, design/construction and auto mechanics. Quality drama, music and athletic programs are also offered.

2003 Scholastic Aptitude Test

	TLHS	CA	US
Math	570	518	519
Verbal	556	494	507

A well-trained and highly qualified group of professionals staff TLHS. As a Digital High School, TLHS has completed networking throughout the school. More than 90% of the graduates enter post-secondary educational institutions. The staff includes 58 certificated teachers, two assistant principals and 1.4 counselors to assist the principal. ♦

Carole Ramsey, Principal
Terra Linda High School
320 Nova Albion Way
San Rafael, CA 94903
(415) 492-3100

**MADRONE CONTINUATION
HIGH SCHOOL**

Grades: 10 - 12

50 students

School hours: 8:30 to 1:00

Office hours: 8:00 to 4:00

Library hours:

San Rafael High School

7:30 to 3:30

Madrone Continuation High School provides an alternative secondary education on the San Rafael High School campus. Madrone shares the athletic and physical education facilities of San Rafael High School but operates independently with its own administration, students and facilities.

Students receive individualized attention in classes that emphasize academics, self-discipline, self-esteem and accountability. Each student is assigned a school counselor. Technology is integrated into the coursework, with a ratio of one computer per every two students. The average class size is 17 students. Student achievement is measured on a pass/fail grading system. Students participate in the Statewide Assessment Program (STAR).

Students may earn a diploma at Madrone or return to the comprehensive high school program. Graduation requirements are consistent with those of the comprehensive high school program. ♦

**Judy Colton, Acting Principal
Madrone Continuation High**
310 Nova Albion Way
San Rafael, CA 94903
(415) 485-2435/2330

SAN RAFAEL ADULT EDUCATION

218 students

Monday and Wednesday mornings:
8:30 to 11:30

Monday and Wednesday evenings:
7:00 to 9:00

For more information call:
492-3226

San Rafael Adult Education is an independent program offering English as a Second Language to limited and non-English speaking students. Classes are held Monday through Wednesday mornings from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Bahia Vista School, 125 Bahia Way, San Rafael.

San Rafael Adult Education operates independently with its own administration and students. ♦

**Naomi Spiegelman, Principal
San Rafael Adult Education**
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San Rafael, CA 94903
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SAUSALITO MARIN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Building Tomorrow Today



The Sausalito Marin City School District (SMCSD) is an elementary (K-8) district drawing its student population from Sausalito and Marin City. The district has three schools: Bayside Elementary, Martin Luther King, Jr. Academy and Willow Creek Academy, a charter school. District enrollment is 317 students. Class size averages 15 students. SMCSD students attend high school in the Tamalpais Union High School District.

Mission Statement

The Sausalito Marin City School District is committed to providing a rigorous and challenging academic program for all children in a safe environment that values diversity. We commit to a climate of mutual respect. All services in the SMCSD focus on furthering student academic achievement and developing responsible citizens.

Academic Program

The Sausalito Marin City School District employs 13 teachers, a part-time clinical psychologist and a certified nurse. State special education, counseling and Title 1 services are provided for students with special needs. A GATE program for gifted and talented students is offered. Through partnerships with Vector Theatre, The Bay Model Association and The Headlands Institute, the district schools are provided with enrichment programs in the visual and performing arts and physical sciences. The district also offers an after school tutorial program. STAR results are available at the district office or online at the California Department of Education's website: <http://star.cde.ca.gov>

Parent/Community Support

Parents, community, business and service organizations support the academic and social development of our students. Parents participate in parent-sponsored activities and assist in the classrooms. The Sausalito Schools Foundation funds hands-on science, multicultural music/drama programs, mini grants and teacher/class projects. The district also benefits from partnerships with businesses to fund computer-based educational projects and from grants that provide a resource pool of services for families. The district was pleased that Board President Dr. Shirley Thornton was named Marin County Trustee of the Year in 2003 at the Golden Bell Awards night.

Dr. Rose Marie Roberson, Superintendent

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BAYSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Grades: Traditional K - 6

Students: 155

School Hours: 8:30 to 3:10 M/T/Th/F
8:30 to 1:40 W

Extended Day: 3:10 to 4:30 M/T/Th

Bayside Elementary School is located on a wooded 13-acre site in Sausalito. Facilities include computer and science laboratories, visual arts room, music room, multipurpose room, parent-teacher conference room and a two-story library.

In addition to core language arts, science, mathematics, social studies and physical education curriculum, elective classes are offered in art, Spanish, visual and performing arts, student enrichment and Montessori programs.

Bayside received the 2002 Marin County Golden Bell Award for its Montessori Program. Bayside has been noted as one of the safest schools in Marin County. Additionally, Bayside was honored in 1989 as a California Distinguished School in recognition of its program excellence. ♦

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Bayside Elementary School**

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ACADEMY

Grades: Traditional 7 - 8

Students: 60

School Hours: 8:15 to 3:20 M/T/Th/F
8:15 to 1:35 W

3:10 to 3:25 M/T/Th/F

Extended Day: 3:20 to 4:30 M/T/Th

Martin Luther King, Jr. Academy is located on a sunny, 11-acre site in Marin City. The district has designed a comprehensive education program that enables our middle school students to:

- Meet and exceed Educational Task Force goals;
- Develop a sense of academic purpose and commitment to personal growth that promotes academic excellence;
- Meet and exceed grade level expectations as measured by the STAR test;
- Be prepared to meet Marin County's standards for successful high school entrance. ♦

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SHORELINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT



The Shoreline Unified School District is a K-12 school district serving the West Marin communities along Bodega Bay and Tomales Bay. The district includes four elementary schools (Bodega Bay Elementary School, Inverness Elementary School, Tomales Elementary School, West Marin Elementary School), a high school (Tomales High School), an independent study school (Shoreline Independent Study School) and a continuation high school (Shoreline Continuation High School). District enrollment is 701 students. The average class size is 20 students per teacher. The Shoreline Unified School District office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Support Services

Schools in the Shoreline Unified School District share the services of a psychologist and nurse provided by the Marin County Office of Education. In addition, special funding provides for a resource specialist and a program for Special Day and limited English-speaking students. The schools offer Title I, English Language Development (ELD) support (K-12), independent study and a program for gifted and talented (GATE) students. District school bus transportation to and from the schools is available.

Student Achievement

Students in kindergarten through 12th grade receive progress reports three or four times per year. STAR results are available at the district office or online at the California Department of Education's website: <http://star.cde.ca.gov>

Community Involvement

Parent participation is encouraged through parent clubs, school site councils and volunteer work at the schools. Members of the business and residential community fund support services and the visual and performing arts for the Shoreline Unified School District through a parcel assessment (Measure A). The district has been successful in grant applications to augment instructional and support programs. The community has passed a \$7,000,000 bond measure for facility improvements district-wide in November of 2000. These improvements are on-going on each campus.

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 Shoreline Unified School District
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**BODEGA BAY
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Grades: Kindergarten - 4**

40 students
School hours:
Kindergarten: 8:30 to 2:50
Grades 1 - 5: 8:30 to 2:50
Library hours:
90 minutes per day

Bodega Bay Elementary School uses a comprehensive literacy plan and the wealth of local resources for core subject study. The average class size at Bodega Bay Elementary School is 15 students.

On staff are a part-time principal, two credentialed teachers and four support personnel. The parcel tax funds the services of a counselor, library and computer aide and a music instructor. There is a seminar program for gifted students.

Bodega Bay Elementary School has been recognized as a California Distinguished School by the California Department of Education for overall program excellence. ♦

**Jane Realon, Principal
Bodega Bay Elementary
1200 Cannon Street
Bodega Bay, CA 94923
(707) 875-2724**

**INVERNESS
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Grades: Kindergarten - 1**

50 students
School hours:
Kindergarten: 8:45 to 12:10
Grade 1: 8:45 to 2:45
Library hours:
90 minutes per day

Inverness Elementary School offers developmentally appropriate education for primary age children.

Inverness Elementary School has three credentialed teachers and two teacher aides.

Average class size is 16 students. ♦

**Jim Patterson, Principal
Inverness Elementary School
Bayview and Mesa Street
Point Reyes Station, CA 94956
(415) 669-1018**

**TOMALES ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL
Grades: Kindergarten - 8**

228 students
School hours:
Kindergarten: 8:30 to 12:30
Grades 1 - 8: 8:30 to 2:50
Library hours:
8:30 to 3:00

Proficiency for each student in every subject area is the goal at Tomales Elementary School. The average class size is 18 students.

The staff includes 13 classroom credentialed teachers, a resource specialist, a special day class teacher, an administrator, a counselor and nine support staff. Parcel tax funds provide programs in music, drama, library, art, computer, counseling and provide instructional assistants. ♦

**Jane Realon, Principal
Tomales Elementary School
40 John Street
Tomales, CA 94971
(707) 878-2214**

**WEST MARIN ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL**

Grades: 2 - 8

137 students

School hours:

8:35 to 3:00

Library hours:

8:30 to 3:00

Reading, language arts, English as a Second Language and physical education are the focus of curriculum improvement at West Marin Elementary School. Grades 2-3 average 18 students per teacher. Grades 4-8 grade average 15 students.

The West Marin staff includes eight credentialed teachers, a special day class teacher, an administrator, a counselor and 14 support personnel. The school has daily Title I and English as a Second Language programs and the services of a resource specialist. Parcel assessment funding provides teachers and instructional materials for art, science, computer and music classes. ◆

Jim Patterson, Principal
West Marin Elementary
11550 State Route 1
Point Reyes Station, CA 94956
(415) 663-1014

SHORELINE HIGH SCHOOL

Grades: 9 - 12

5 students

School hours:

8:25 to 3:10

Library hours:

use Tomales High School library

Shoreline High School provides the district's alternative education program for grades 9-12.

Curriculum improvement is an ongoing part of the daily academic program.

Funds from the parcel assessment are allocated to expanding library resources and instructional programs for art, science, computer and music. ◆

Terry Hughey, Principal
Shoreline High School
Irvin Road
Tomales, CA 94971
(707) 878-2286



TOMALES HIGH SCHOOL

Grades: 9 - 12

237 students

School hours:
8:40 to 3:10

Library hours:
8:30 to 3:00

Curriculum improvement is an ongoing part of the daily academic program at Tomales High School. The average class size is 14 students per teacher. The staff includes 20 credentialed teachers, an administrator, a full-time counselor and 11 support personnel.

Funds from the parcel assessment are allocated to expanding library resources and instructional programs for art, science, computers and music. One teacher is assigned several periods per day to provide student support to each class. ♦

Terry Hughey, Principal
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SHORELINE INDEPENDENT STUDY SCHOOL

Grades: 8 - 12

4 students

School hours:
8:00 to 5:00

Shoreline Independent Study School provides the district's independent studies curriculum program for grades K-12.

Curriculum improvement and development is an ongoing part of the academic program designed to meet state standards. ♦

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TAMALPAIS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT



The Tamalpais Union High School District provides secondary school education to students residing in ten elementary districts in central and southern Marin: Bolinas-Stinson Union, Kentfield, Lagunitas, Larkspur, Mill Valley, Nicasio, Reed Union, Ross, Ross Valley and Sausalito Marin City School District. The Tamalpais Union High School District includes three comprehensive high schools: Redwood, Sir Francis Drake and Tamalpais, all of which are California Distinguished Schools, and two alternative schools, San Andreas and Tamiscal Independent Study. District enrollment is 3,877 students.

Tamalpais Union High School District students also reside in the Marin Community College District. The Tamalpais Union High School District office is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Support Services

The elementary districts sending students on to the Tamalpais Union High School District participate in the Education Task Force (ETF). This consortium establishes consistency in the program objectives, curriculum and instructional materials among its member schools and ensures a smooth transition from middle to high school. Schools in the Tamalpais Union High School District align their curriculum, instruction and assessment in the basic subject areas. For the 2003-2004 school year, the district has approximately 240 teachers and 5 mentor teachers who offer training to new and experienced teachers and support curriculum development.

Student Achievement

The Tam district graduates approximately 98% of all students, including alternative school students. Of these graduates, 89% continue directly to post-secondary education. Academic performance is consistently high on a wide variety of indicators. In 2002-03, 70% of the district's seniors took the SAT exams (compared to 43% nationally) and the district's mean verbal and math scores were 569 and 577 respectively, well above the national mean scores of 507 and 519. In 2002-03, 85% of the Advanced Placement exams taken had scores of 3 or better. STAR results are available at the district office or online at the California Department of Education's website: <http://star.cde.ca.gov>

Community Involvement

Parents, community members and local businesses support the district through a parcel tax assessment and contributions to their local schools. Site governance bodies, parent clubs and partnerships with businesses provide opportunities for participation in shaping the quality of instruction.

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REDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Grades: 9 - 12

1,430 students
School hours:
8:00 to 3:10
Library hours:
7:30 to 4:00

Redwood High School occupies 57 acres in a residential area of Larkspur. As one of northern California's top academic high schools, Redwood offers an outstanding college preparatory curriculum which includes Honors and Advanced Placement classes as well as the opportunity for individual study and research through a Senior Project program. In addition, students in need of academic or emotional support are provided individualized programs that address particular needs.

Extra-curricular activities are an important part of the Redwood experience, with two-thirds of the student body participating in athletics. Leadership classes for student officers and others interested in planning school activities and a variety of student clubs round out the opportunities. ♦

**Nancy Neu, Principal
Redwood High School**
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Larkspur, CA 94939
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SAN ANDREAS HIGH SCHOOL

Grades: 9 - 12

140 students
School hours:
8:00 to 12:40
Library hours: N/A

San Andreas High School offers a student-centered program for high school students who experience difficulty in a large school setting. San Andreas recently had the distinction of being awarded state recognition as a Model Continuation School.

San Andreas has a maximum enrollment of 140 students. Students come to San Andreas from other high schools throughout the district.

The school offers a rich curriculum aligned with the district and state graduation requirements. There are classes in all levels of English, science, math, social studies, fine art, physical education, computer education, shop and agroecology. San Andreas has an excellent art studio, student garden, computer lab, science lab, woodshop and photo lab. Class sizes are small (average 15) and emphasis is placed on the students' individual needs. ♦

**Rich Duisenberg, Principal
San Andreas High School**
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Larkspur, CA 94939
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SIR FRANCIS DRAKE HIGH SCHOOL

Grades: 9 - 12

1,049 students
School hours:
8:00 to 3:20
Library hours:
7:30 to 4:00

Sir Francis Drake High School is located in a residential section of San Anselmo in the Ross Valley. The facilities consist of a series of one-story buildings, a large gymnasium, pool, tennis courts, playing fields and art studios in a nicely landscaped environment.

Drake High School has a mix of renowned integrated curricula and rigorous traditional and honors programs that focus on preparing students for college and life in a rapidly changing world.

Parental involvement and community perception of the school, the staff and programs are exceptional. ♦

**Carol Eber, Principal
Sir Francis Drake High School**
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San Anselmo, CA 94960
(415) 453-8770
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TAMALPAIS HIGH SCHOOL

Grades: 9 - 12

1,161 students

School hours:

8:00 to 4:00

Library hours:

M/T/Th/F: 7:30 to 4:00

Wed.: 7:30 to 4:30

Tamalpais High School, founded in 1908, is the oldest school in the Tamalpais Union High School District. The school is renowned for the beauty of its college-style campus featuring clusters of classroom buildings surrounded by landscaped grounds, art studios, computer labs, a media center in the library, two pools, two gymnasiums and expansive athletic fields.

With 91% of graduates entering college, Tamalpais High School offers a strong college preparatory program including Honors and Advanced Placement and features unique programs integrating English and social studies and the sciences. Tamalpais High School enhances foreign language instruction with a state of the art digital language lab.

Student activities include more than 30 athletic teams, clubs, a leadership program and a nationally recognized drama program. ♦

**Chris Holleran, Principal
Tamalpais High School**
Miller Avenue and Camino Alto
Mill Valley, CA 94941
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TAMISCAL HIGH SCHOOL

Grades: 9 - 12

97 students

Office hours:

8:00 to 4:00

Library hours: N/A

Tamiscal High School is a fully accredited alternative independent study secondary school providing opportunities for students to complete high school courses through self-directed individualized study. The school was established in 1990, is adjacent to San Andreas High School and operates independently.

Tamiscal offers a full range of courses in mathematics, English, social studies, science, foreign language, fine arts, technology and physical education leading to high school graduation and college entrance.

Tamiscal also offers a small experiential program, TEAM, for about 25 students, primarily juniors, which includes workplace learning, community service and wilderness experience.

Tamiscal students can access all the educational resources available to students within the Tamalpais Union High School District. ♦

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MARIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



College of Marin has been providing exceptional educational opportunities since 1926. The College has earned a reputation as a quality educational institution that provides a pathway for achievement and success for students of all ages.

Each semester about 8,000 students are enrolled in over 1,100 credit classes on the Kentfield and Indian Valley campuses. Approximately 100 international students participate in College of Marin's International Student Program, making for a culturally diverse educational experience. Nearly 5,000 students take advantage of the College's many outstanding community education and services classes.

With the extensive support provided by College of Marin faculty, staff and guidance counselors, College of Marin's students are achieving outstanding academic success. To facilitate students' transfer to the four-year institution of their choice, the College has established approximately 200 transfer agreements with the University of California, California State University and private colleges. When measured as a percentage of full time students, the number of College of Marin students who transfer to four-year institutions is among the highest in the state. In addition, studies have shown that College of Marin students often outperform those students who enter four-year institutions directly from high school.

Completing lower division studies at College of Marin can save students thousands of dollars a year over the cost of a university. Fees for credit classes are \$18 per unit. Non-credit course fees vary.

Campuses are busy days, evenings and weekends. Performing arts and cultural events draw crowds throughout the year. Residents of the county attend classes, participate in seminars and workshops, use the athletic facilities and enjoy the beautiful grounds of the campuses.

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COLLEGE OF MARIN

Your Partner in Building the Future

Supportive Learning Environment

- Distinguished faculty dedicated to teaching
- Small classes and personal attention
- Special support services for students
- Two beautiful campuses with more than 200 acres of open space
- A well-regarded English as a Second Language program

Excellence in University Transfer

- High rate of transfer to UC system
- Strong record of success at UC, CSU and other four year institutions
- Wide array of transferable university parallel courses

Courses and Degrees

- Associate degrees in more than 60 areas of study
- More than 400 degrees and certificates awarded annually in May

Partnerships with Schools and Business

- Instructional planning coordinated with local high school districts
- Courses to upgrade and re-train the work force

Services For All Ages

- Average age of full-time students is 25, part-time is 36
- College-level concurrent enrollment for high school students
- Emeritus College with stimulating programs for adults 55 and older

Community Resources

- Beautiful facilities on both campuses available to rent for meetings, conferences, seminars, workshops, performances and more
- Award-winning programs in art, drama, film, music and dance
- Year round performing and visual art presentations

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KENTFIELD CAMPUS

Library Hours

Monday - Thursday:
8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Friday:
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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On the Kentfield campus one can view a 20-foot, six-million-year-old fossil whale on display in the Austin Science Center, picnic in the grove of giant Redwoods or visit the current art exhibit in the Fine Arts gallery.

The College is noted for its drama, dance and musical performances in the Fine Arts Theatre. Other excellent offerings include a nationally accredited Nursing Program, a science field program and competitive athletic teams.



INDIAN VALLEY CAMPUS

The Indian Valley campus opened in 1975 after five years of holding classes at various sites in North Marin. The 333-acre site includes 200 acres of open space, an Olympic-size swimming pool and many hiking trails.

Programs in Multimedia Studies, Auto Technology, Machine and Metals Technology, Court Reporting and Medical Assisting are located at the Indian Valley campus.

Multi-media courses are offered through the Credit program as well as Community Education and Services. ◆

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