

Programs
and
services
of the

Santa Barbara County
Education Office
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Our mission: Service and Leadership

The Santa Barbara County Education Office (SBCEO) is an intermediate agency between the California State Department of Education and the 23 school districts and two community colleges that are located within the county's boundaries.

It is our office mission to provide service and leadership in the areas of students, teachers, and finance.

Students: Eighty-nine percent of our budget provides classroom instruction and support to special populations of students, including such areas as special education, juvenile court and community schools, migrant education, homeless education, arts education, vocational education, and child development programs.

Teachers: We provide staff development and support to teachers countywide, including such programs as teacher support and recognition programs, instructional media services, technology training and demonstration centers, credentials services, and access to worldwide information through the Internet.

Finance: We provide business, data processing, computer, and Internet services to 21 school districts, two community colleges, one Joint Powers Agreement, and internal services. Services include the approval and monitoring of budgets and school agencies accounts, and the processing of payroll and vendor payments.

The superintendent, who is elected to a four-year term, serves as chief administrator for the county office.



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Alphabetical listing of programs

AB 430 Administrator Training Program (Tier II)

This 160-hour program provides professional development to principals, vice principals, and those seeking their Tier II credential certification. The focus is on leadership skills, implementing a standards-based accountability system, school improvement strategies, technology for leaders, aligning resources, teacher supervision, and the effective implementation of adopted instructional materials.

AmeriCorps/AppleCorps

This program offers service to America through literacy, tutoring, emergency preparedness, and volunteer recruitment activities in targeted schools.

Author-Go-Round

This week-long winter event provides an opportunity for upper elementary and middle school students throughout the county to explore avenues of writing and illustrating with authors and illustrators of children's books.

Battle of the Books

This spring event is a reading incentive program through which students from throughout the county test their knowledge of 30 books selected for the event.

Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment (BTSA) Induction Program

This program provides structured professional education and individual guidance for first and second year teachers; two years of support and formative assessment provided by experienced teachers trained to coach on the use of the state-adopted academic content and performance levels for students; and the pathway from Preliminary Teaching Credential to Professional Teaching Credential.

Beyond Tolerance Center

The Beyond Tolerance Center is supported by donations from community members concerned about teaching tolerance. The Center brings educational programs to schools; sponsors students, teachers, and mentors to the Simon Wiesenthal Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles; and provides teacher inservices on tolerance curriculum materials.

Breakfast with the Authors

This fall event provides an opportunity for educators and community members to meet informally with authors of books for children and young adults. In 2002, the program celebrated its 50th anniversary.

California Alternative Payment Program (CAPP)

This program provides subsidized free or low-cost child care for children from birth to 12 years, throughout Santa Barbara County, whose parents are working toward self-sufficiency through employment, training, or job seeking. Families who received Child Protective Services or who are incapacitated are also served.

California School Age Families Education (Cal-SAFE)

Cal-SAFE programs provide child care, parenting education, and support services for expectant and parenting teens, enabling them to

complete their high school education. The programs are offered at Maple High School in Lompoc, Santa Maria High School, and Santa Ynez Valley Union High School. Both males and females are served.

California Technology Assistance Project (CTAP)

This project oversees the technology programs and grants funded by the State of California. It also provides technical assistance and professional development to schools and districts.

CalWORKs Stages Child Care Services (Stage 2 and Stage 3)

This program provides no-cost or sliding-scale child care services to families referred from the Department of Social Services. Parents may select the child care of their choice for children birth to 12 years throughout Santa Barbara County.

Center for Community Education

The center provides administration, technical assistance, and training for programs that promote school and community partnerships serving parents and children. Programs include:

- AmeriCorps/Service Learning
- Beyond Tolerance Center
- Children's Creative Project
- Computers for Families Sustainability Campaign
- Foster Youth Services/Group Home and Foster Home Tutoring Program
- Homeless Education/Liaison Project (HE/LP)
- Job Scholarships
- Spirit Awards
- Service Learning Collaboratives

Child Assistance Team Creating Hope (CATCH)

A team of school psychologists, teachers, and instructional assistants provide supports to preschool children who are exhibiting behavioral challenges in their preschool settings. Supports include on-site or in-home consultation with preschool staff and parents, *Second Step* (a mental health curriculum) training, and referrals to other services, as appropriate.

Child Care Food Program (CCFP)

This program reimburses licensed Family Child Care and Trustline Providers for nutritious meals served to children receiving child care services. Nutrition education and support services are given to participating providers.

Child Development Programs

These programs provide child care, development, school readiness, education assistance, and support to 2,500 eligible children

birth to 12 years, their families, community agencies, and school districts countywide. See also:

- California Alternative Payment Program (CAPP)
- California School Age Families Education Program (Cal-SAFE)
- CalWORKs Stages Child Care (Stages 2 and 3)
- Child Care Food Program (CCFP)
- De Colores State Preschool Program
- Early Steps to Learning Preschool
- Health Linkages Program
- Just for Kids State Preschool
- The Learning Place State Preschool
- Lompoc School Readiness Program
- Los Alamos State Preschool
- La Honda State Preschool
- Santa Barbara Child Care Planning Council
- Santa Ynez State Preschool

Child Welfare and Attendance Services

This program facilitates the appeal process for students involved with formal district expulsions or interdistrict transfers. County school attendance review boards deal with student attendance and behavior problems.

Children’s Creative Project

Workshops in the visual and performing arts are conducted by resident artists for 30,000 students at 60 elementary school sites. Touring artists present educational and cultural performances for 60,000 students at 150 elementary and secondary school sites. An arts catalog is available which describes these and other specially funded arts education programs.

Communications

This department provides public information services, reprographics services, webmaster services, and video production. See listings under those titles.

Community Schools

Three community schools serve four types of students: those who are criminal law violators who may be transitioning back to district schools from Los Prietos Boys Camp, juvenile halls, or counseling and education centers; probation-referred status offenders; mandated district expulsions; and non-mandated district expulsions.

- El Puente Lompoc Community School**
- El Puente Santa Barbara Community School**
- Peter B. Fitzgerald Community School, Santa Maria**

Computer Center

Our Computer Center provides financial information systems services to school districts. These services include requirements definition, analysis, evaluation, selection/development of automated systems for district financial information management, and processing and employing new technologies as they become available. We also provide microcomputer support (hardware and software) to SBCEO departments, countywide email, and access to the Internet. See also Internet Services.

Computers for Families

This program provides free computers, low-cost Internet access, and training to low-income families. Donated computers are refurbished and upgraded in special vocational classes for distribution to students in classrooms where teachers have applied to participate. Homework and research assignments are then tailored to incorporate technology.

Consolidated Programs, County Cooperative Project

Our office manages distribution of state and federal funds to 12 school districts for categorical programs such as Title I, School Impact Aid, and bilingual education. We also provide technical assistance for consolidated applications, and we coordinate program quality and categorical program monitoring reviews.

Counseling and Education Centers

These schools, operated in probation facilities, serve criminal law violators who are adjudicated to attend by juvenile court judges. Students live at home or in group homes and are considered “pre-delinquent” and “pre-placement.”

Camino Segundo School, Santa Maria

Casa Floral School, Lompoc

Villa Esperanza School, Santa Barbara

Credentials and Teacher Placement

See Human Resources.

Curriculum and Instruction

This department provides professional development services focused on capacity building in schools and districts, based on the state’s Essential Program Components. This includes leadership development, classroom support to implement standards-based instruction, universal access for students, and instructional content focused on areas such as mathematics and the language arts. In addition, the department provides technical assistance services to support high priority schools, which include County Academic Achievement Team audits and SAIT-like audits for program improvement schools, External Entity services to program improvement districts, SAIT provider services, and site-based training.

De Colores State Preschool Program

This is a no-cost, part-day program for three hours in the morning or afternoon serving income-eligible children, three to five years old, at Clarence Ruth Elementary School in Lompoc. The purpose of the program is to prepare preschool-age children for school readiness in an environment which stimulates learning and is developmentally and individually appropriate. A nutritious snack is served daily.

Drug/Alcohol/Tobacco Education (DATE)

The program provides technical assistance and training for districts and county-operated programs on effective drug, alcohol, tobacco prevention education, safe and drug-free schools, and leadership in coordinating school/community prevention efforts.

Early Steps to Learning Preschool

The program serves 24 income-eligible children, ages two-and-a-half to five, in Lompoc, full-day, year-round. The program provides child care services for qualifying families and supports each child's readiness for school. Snacks and lunch are provided.

Educational Technology

This center provides teachers and administrators with the ability to preview and receive training on software and hardware designed to enhance educational programs and instructional systems.

English Learner Education and Special Services

Our office provides instructional support for teachers and administrators of some 12,500 language-minority students. In addition, our bilingual team works with teachers to implement curriculum requirements and strategies to support English learners.

Foster Youth Services (FYS) / Group Home and Foster Home Tutoring Program

Foster Youth Services assists children and youth in foster care with school records and transfers, educational case management and support, and supplemental tutoring services in group homes and foster homes throughout the county.

Health Linkages Program

This program provides health and safety consultation and support services to the Early Care and Education Community throughout Santa Barbara County. Health Advocates work with State Preschools, Cal-SAFE programs, School Readiness Initiatives, and Family Child Care Homes. They provide education to parents, teachers, staff, and students and health screenings and follow-up to assist families in accessing health and social services.

Homeless Education/Liaison Project (HE/LP)

This program helps children who are homeless with school enrollment, transfers, or other specialized education needs, and provides after-school tutoring at five local shelters or community sites. Support is also given through school supplies, health and hygiene items, clothing, and transportation vouchers.

Human Resources

In addition to administering our office's certificated and classified personnel functions, this division registers credentials for county teachers and provides assistance to applicants for renewals or new credentials. We manage a fingerprint-records cooperative for school districts for multiple-district substitutes. We also help school districts with legal and policy issues relating to school district employment.

Instructional Media Services

Our library circulates more than 100,000 student books and kits annually, and provides more than 8,500 professional library materials and learning resources to educators. In addition, schools borrow more than 7,400 state standards-aligned videos and DVDs. The library, media collections, and other online resources are available through the SBCEO portal, www.sbceoportal.org. Video conferencing and satellite facilities are also available. State-adopted materials through the Learning Resource Display Center (LRDC) are housed at UCSB. Technology resources for the LRDC are at SBCEO.

Internal Services/Operations/Fiscal Services

This department serves as the business office for the SBCEO. Services include accounting, reporting, budget preparation and monitoring, payroll and fringe benefit services, accounts payable and receivable processing, and facilities services. The office provides accurate and timely record-keeping of all revenues and disbursements; preparation of multi-year budget and cash flow projections; financial reports to the California Department of Education; accounting and budget training and assistance to program managers; purchase orders, travel claims, and supplies processing; and grounds, custodial, and facilities maintenance.

Internet Services

Our office offers Internet access to public and private schools. The SBCEO Network routinely enhances its Internet access capabilities as an Internet Service Provider (ISP) for the educational community in the county. Users have full and unlimited use of all services on the network, including email, free Internet technical support, email virus and spam protection, and filtered service to block inappropriate sites for children. Web space is available to every school in

Santa Barbara County for school-managed homepage development and for posting on the Internet.

Just for Kids State Preschool

This is a no-cost, part-day program for three hours in the morning or afternoon serving income-eligible children, three to five years old, at Arthur Hapgood Elementary School in Lompoc. The purpose of the program is to prepare preschool-age children for school readiness in an environment which stimulates learning and is developmentally and individually appropriate. A nutritious snack is served daily.

Juvenile Court and Community Schools

See: Community Schools, Counseling and Education Centers, Residential Court Schools.

La Honda State Preschool

This is a no-cost, part-day program for three hours in the morning or afternoon serving income-eligible children, three to five years old, at La Honda School in Lompoc. The purpose of the program is to prepare preschool-age children for school readiness in an environment which stimulates learning and is developmentally and individually appropriate. A nutritious snack is served daily.

The Learning Place State Preschool

This is a no-cost, part-day program for three hours in the afternoon serving income-eligible children, three to five years old, at Crestview Elementary School in Lompoc. The purpose of the program is to prepare preschool-age children for school readiness in an environment which stimulates learning and is developmentally and individually appropriate. A nutritious snack is served daily.

Lompoc School Readiness Program

This program provides school readiness support services to parents and children who will attend Hapgood or Clarence Ruth elementary schools for kindergarten. The program also provides parenting education and offers both adult education and Allan Hancock College school readiness courses for parents, child care providers, and other early childhood education professionals.

Los Alamos State Preschool

This is a no-cost, part-day program for three hours in the morning serving income-eligible children, three to five years old, at Los Alamos School in Lompoc. The purpose of the program is to prepare preschool-age children for school readiness in an environment which stimulates learning and is developmentally and individually appropriate. A nutritious snack is served daily.

Mailroom

We operate a full-service mailroom, including a UPS station.

Migrant Education Program

Our office is the Local Education Agency for migrant programs operating in 18 school districts in Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties. It provides 7,000 migrant students and families with supplemental instruction, health support and referral, and parent involvement services that support and supplement existing programs at district school sites.

Nurses and psychologists

Our office provides school nurses and psychologists to pupils in special education, juvenile court and community schools, and child development programs, and in elementary districts of 900 or fewer students. We serve more than 5,500 pupils with vision, hearing, and scoliosis screening and other health-related services.

Peer Assistance and Review Program (PAR)

This program is designed to provide support and assistance for teachers to meet and exceed California Standards of the Teaching Profession.

Personnel Services

See Human Resources.

Preliminary Administrative Services Credential Program (Tier I)

Santa Barbara County Education Office offers a Tier I Preliminary Administrative Services Credential program for teacher leaders and aspiring administrators. The program is approved by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC) and is designed to prepare exemplary leaders who can manage and leverage proven strategies that promote excellence in teaching and learning. Successful completion of the program satisfies the requirements for Tier I of the administrative services credential. An optional master's degree is available through California Lutheran University.

Print Shop

See Reprographics.

Public Information and Communications

This department responds to community requests for information regarding public schools countywide. It also disseminates information to the media, the school districts, and the community regarding programs and issues in public education through press releases,

commentaries, newsletters, and specialized publications, and produces radio commentaries that air countywide. *Innovations in Education*, a monthly television program, is produced to highlight innovative curriculum programs. See also Reprographics and Webmaster.

Reading First Regional Technical Assistance Center (R-TAC)

This program is part of a national effort funded under the No Child Left Behind Act to improve the reading success of students in kindergarten through third grade. The center director provides technical assistance to districts with Reading First programs in Santa Barbara, Ventura, Kern, and San Luis Obispo counties.

Regional Occupational Programs

These programs offer state-of-the-art occupational training classes to area residents who are 16 years of age or older. All ROP classes count for high school graduation credit. Many count for community college credit, and some ROP classes count for UC entrance credit. Program graduates receive a certificate that details the occupational skills they have mastered during their course of study. Approximately 4,000 students per semester enroll in ROP classes.

Reprographics

Our print shop and duplicating services areas print more than three million impressions a year, creating teaching guides, student workbooks, flyers, booklets, newsletters, forms, and letterhead for our office, for countywide programs, and for school districts. Services include the full range of black and white printing, color copying, and bindery services, plus graphics artist services.

Residential Court Schools

These programs operate for criminal law violators who have been removed from the home by the court. Students live at the school within probation facilities.

Los Robles High School at Los Prietos Boys Camp
La Posada School at Santa Barbara Juvenile Hall
Dos Puertas School at Santa Maria Juvenile Hall

Santa Barbara County Child Care Planning Council

The SBCEO leads and collaborates in planning, coordinating, and advocating for high quality, affordable, and accessible early care and education for all children in Santa Barbara County.

Santa Ynez State Preschool

This is a no-cost, part-day program for three hours in the morning or afternoon serving income-eligible children, three to five years old, at College School in Santa Ynez. The purpose of the program is to

prepare preschool-age children for school readiness in an environment which stimulates learning and is developmentally and individually appropriate. A nutritious snack is served daily.

School Business Advisory Services

Our office helps school districts in preparing, adopting, and revising school district budgets. We approve budgets for 23 school districts and one JPA in the county, totalling more than \$643 million in 234 funds. We provide accurate and timely record-keeping of all district revenues and expenses. We also perform budget analyses, and review budgets and interim reports against specific criteria to provide mandated oversight in monitoring fiscal solvency.

On an annual basis, we process more than 84,139 warrants and more than 132,400 payroll warrants. In addition, we provide advice and support functions in areas such as elections, unemployment insurance administration, payroll and retirement tax reporting, cooperative purchasing, mandated cost claims, risk management, revenue limit and categorical funding, and attendance accounting, to reduce costs and improve services to individual districts.

School Accountability and Support Services

This department assists schools and districts with the improvement of leadership, teaching, and learning through County Academic Achievement Team (CAAT) school audits, administrator and leadership team coaching to success, and technical support services to assist with the implementation issues surrounding the No Child Left Behind Act.

School-Public Health Nurse Day

The Annual School-Public Health Nurse Day is a one-day professional development conference bringing together the health professionals who work with the children and youth in Santa Barbara County. Physicians, clinicians, and health support service providers present to the nurses the latest information on children's health needs, care, and resources. It is co-sponsored by the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department.

Service-Learning Collaborative

Service-learning training workshops, conferences, and seminars are offered throughout Region 8, along with the training of certified service-learning coaches who provide assistance to schools wishing to develop and enhance service-learning activities, and the connecting of students to Youth Service California, an organization that provides youth with opportunities to strengthen their communities and take part in leadership activities. Service learning is a teaching method that combines curriculum with service to the community.

Special Education

This division provides education for students with disabilities residing in districts with 900 or fewer pupils, students with more severe or profound disabilities throughout the county, and more than 700 preschool and infant children with developmental delays. Services include speech/language instruction; orientation/mobility instruction; adapted physical education, counseling; and specialized instruction in regular, resource, or special education classrooms.

Spirit Awards

The Spirit Awards are held annually in June at a North County site (Nightingale School) and a South County site (SBCEO). Each school in the county is invited to nominate a student who has demonstrated great courage, perseverance, and dedication to education, often in the face of adversity or serious life challenges. At the awards ceremony, attended by family and friends, the school representative making the nomination speaks a tribute to the spirit of the student and his or her contribution as a role model to others.

STRS Regional Counseling Service

(State Teachers' Retirement System)

Pre-retirement counseling is available by appointment to all STRS members.

Summit High School

This is a non-residential public high school dedicated to providing Santa Barbara County adolescents recovering from alcohol and drug abuse with a safe and supportive school in a chemically free environment. It is designed to be about much more than sobriety and academic subjects. It is about learning to be in healthy relationships and how to enjoy them while clean and sober. Developing self-awareness and self-esteem is an important step in the process of recovery and sobriety. This model program is based on love, respect, dignity, and education.

Teacher Recognition and Support Programs

Various activities and events occur throughout the school year that are designed to recognize and support teachers. These include The Teachers Network, Care and Share philanthropy grants, Teacher Innovation Grants, Teacher of the Year, Distinguished Educators, Venoco Crystal Apple Educator Awards, and other teacher support services.

The Teachers Network

This program is part of a national organization that supports public school teachers. The basic structure of the program recognizes, rewards, and networks outstanding teachers who exemplify professionalism and creativity. Local business partners award grants to

teachers who have created innovative and effective curriculum projects. These projects are published in an annual catalog distributed to teachers throughout the county. Local teachers also participate in national Teachers Network projects involving leadership, policy, and technology.

Tier I

See Preliminary Administrative Services Credential Program.

Video Production

The office produces several television programs including *Innovations in Education*, *Talking with Teachers*, *Cirone on Schools*, and *Schools of Thought*.

Webmaster

Services in this area include homepage design and maintenance, district consultations, listserv maintenance, and web-related projects.

Regional Programs, Services, and Joint Powers Agencies

The Santa Barbara County Education Office serves as Local Education Agency (LEA), regional agency, or participant in the following programs and joint powers agreements:

Drug/Alcohol/Tobacco Education (DATE)

This program provides services to districts countywide.

Industry Education Councils

Three of these councils countywide serve to strengthen business/school partnerships through such programs as Adopt-A-School and Career Days.

Lompoc Valley Industry Education Council

Santa Barbara Partners in Education

Santa Maria Valley Industry Education Council

Learning Resources Display Center (LRDC)

State-adopted materials are available through the Learning Resource Display Center (LRDC). Text materials are housed at UCSB and technology resources are at the SBCEO.

Regional Educational Television Advisory Council (RETAC)

This serves districts with educational television.

Santa Barbara County Self Insurance Program for Employees (SIPE)

This Joint Powers Agency is a self-insurance vehicle for workers compensation benefits and involves most school districts in Santa Barbara County.

Self Insured Schools of California (SISC)

This Joint Powers Agency provides for self-insured medical and dental benefits, and property and liability coverage. Most districts in Santa Barbara County participate in SISC.

Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA)

This is a Joint Powers Agency governing education services for students with disabilities.