

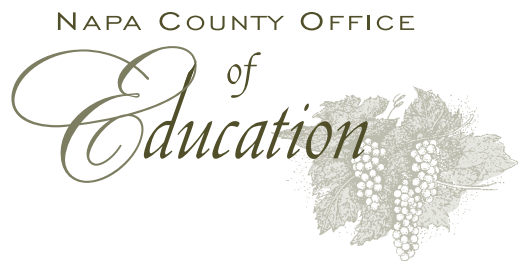
NAPA COUNTY OFFICE

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Education*



Our Report to the Community 2009-2010

Meeting the Needs of Our Students and Schools



About NCOE

The Napa County Office of Education (NCOE) complements the work of school districts by providing a wide variety of services including state-mandated oversight of districts' financial performance and professional credentials, and by supporting districts' school improvement activities.

NCOE also operates student programs that annually serve more than 2,300 students in vocational classrooms, 600 students in the Court and Community Schools, 350 children in infant and preschool special education services, 350 children in child development centers, and 4,000 children in after school programs.

Napa Schools Lead the State

Napa County children are 17% more likely to attend preschool than the state average.

Schools in Napa County have highly qualified teachers and support staff, all focused on student learning and development. 97% of teachers are fully credentialed, 24% have a Masters degree or higher, and on average teachers in Napa have 13 years of classroom experience.

There has been a steady increase, by an average of nearly 8% over the past four years, in the percentage of Napa students rated Proficient or Advanced on the English/Language Arts portion of the California Standards Test.

Each year 87% of all enrolled seniors graduate from local high schools. Of those seniors, 82% attend college the year after they graduate.



Our Teacher and District Services

The Napa County Office of Education provides leadership and support to all Napa County schools. This work includes state-mandated activities in many areas. Fiscal oversight ensures that districts remain fiscally solvent; verification of teacher and administrator credentials ensures that district personnel are qualified for their positions.

NCOE offers a broad range of additional discretionary services for school districts that include business and professional development services, technology support, school improvement planning, and more. For example, the county's Beginning Teacher Support and Assistance Program provides each beginning teacher three years of local mentoring and guidance from experienced teacher coaches. The SELPA Program works with administrators to insure each school has the resources and training they need to work with special education students.

NCOE houses the Bay Area's School and District Assistance Intervention Team, a group of trained experts hired by the state to help low-performing schools. In close collaboration with the state, this team has worked throughout the Bay Area and in local schools.

Our Student Programs and Services

The Early Childhood Services Department provides a wide variety of educational and child care opportunities to over 700 children each year. Programs include infant and preschool special education services, state funded preschool and child care services (ages 3-11), and administrative staffing for the Napa County Child Care Planning Council.

The Napa County Regional Occupational Program (ROP) brings together schools and the business community to offer more than 2,300 students opportunities to prepare for college, formulate career goals, and train for entry-level positions in the workforce. Classes are available in architecture, construction, computers, publishing, retail merchandising, marketing, biotechnology, forensics, nursing and many other areas.

The Court & Community Schools Department provides individualized education to over 900 students annually who have been expelled from local high schools, are on probation or incarcerated at Juvenile Hall. In addition to individually tailored instruction, a variety of support services are provided to students including counseling through Aldea and drug and alcohol services through the Wolfe Center. The Napa County Sheriff's Department and Juvenile Probation provide support staff on campus to ensure student and staff safety. Approximately 80% of seniors in the program graduate from high school each year.

Beyond Classroom Doors

Our School & Community Partnership Projects

The Napa County Office of Education's Community Partnership Projects Department works with community agencies and individuals to develop innovative programs that meet the needs of youth and families. NCOE has a rich history of successful coalitions and partnerships with community-based organizations and other governmental entities such as the Napa County Afterschool Partnership, the Safe Kids Coalition, Catalyst Coalition, Child Care Planning Council and the Asthma Coalition.

NCOE operates programs in the schools to prevent pregnancy; violence; gang involvement; alcohol, drug and tobacco use, and other risky behaviors.

Assistance is given to schools and students to support the academic success of homeless and foster youth through mentoring, tutoring and support services.

A Ropes Course supports youth development and leadership, and is available to all teachers and community members.

Youth safety and wellness programs sponsored by the federal Department of Safe and Drug Free Schools include Safe Routes to School, Readiness and Emergency Response of Schools, and various other programs.

NCOE funds more than 25 after school programs that serve 4,000 youth across Napa, Sonoma and Mendocino counties. In some cases NCOE directly operates these programs and in others it contracts with local agencies such as the Boys and Girls Club and the City Recreation Department.

NCOE provides character education programs in 23 schools in the region, and operates mentoring programs for more than 600 students, in collaboration with local non profits and schools.

The Preschool Book Club with the Silverado Trails Wineries provides a book and letter to parents monthly to more than 300 children.

Our Adopt-a-School Program with the Napa Valley Vintners pairs schools with a supportive business partner.

Our State and National Projects

NCOE's State & National Projects Department administers a large volume of state and national grants focused on research, training and technical assistance important for the future of education.

The Desired Results Access Project assists the California Department of Education to measure the developmental progress of preschool-age children with special needs.

The CalSTAT Project works with school districts across the state offering professional development programs for educators and support for disability-related family organizations.

The SpecialQuest Program works with 500 Early Head Start and Head Start programs across the nation to deliver training on the inclusion of preschoolers with special needs in local Early Head Start Programs.

The Autistic Spectrum Disorders: Guidelines for Effective Interventions Project is producing documented guidelines for effective research-based interventions with autistic and spectrum disorder youth.

NCOE's AmeriCorps staff delivers after school programs in 10 locations and provides professional development programs across California.



Our Changing School Population

Schools in Napa County are serving an increasingly diverse student population.

While a decade ago 67% of Napa students were White, today 40% are classified this way and 44% are Hispanic. In addition, Asian, Filipino, and African American students attend Napa schools in large numbers.

24% of Napa students are classified as English Learners, meaning they need focused help in learning to speak and write in English. More than 4,000 of these students are native Spanish speakers.

40% of Napa students qualify for free or reduced lunches due to their family's low income level.



Quick Facts About Napa Schools

👉 51 schools

👉 20,370 K-12 students

👉 1,146 teachers

👉 987 staff members

Our Commitment to Learning

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“Education is not the filling of a pail but the lighting of a fire.”

– William Butler Yeats

The Napa County Office of Education (NCOE) exists to provide educational leadership, resources and services to the five school districts in our county, to provide a wide range of direct services to over 6,000 children each year, and to serve as a liaison between the California Department of Education and local school districts on a variety of state-mandated accountability measures. This mission is accomplished through partnership efforts involving school districts, community agencies, teachers, families, and communities; through direct instructional programs and administrative services; and through coordination with the California Department of Education and other agencies.

Many challenges now confront public schools, including deep budget cuts stemming for the state's fiscal crisis. This is resulting in larger classes, fewer support services, and reduced administrative support. We at NCOE are committed to doing all we can to help local educators to weather this situation. We have created a school improvement program that works with local school personnel to increase student achievement and have greatly upgraded our capacity to provide business-related support services to districts.

The student population in Napa County is rapidly becoming more linguistically diverse. In response, we have expanded our preschool services to help prepare more English language learners for success in school. In addition, we have upgraded our career technical training classes to better prepare high school students for success in the new global economy, and expanded our community school program to address the academic and social needs of the growing number of children who are on probation and/or are being expelled from district classrooms due to misbehavior.

NCOE is absolutely committed to being proactive in meeting the needs of our socially, economically, and culturally diverse community. We will actively collaborate with school districts and other agencies to assure effective service delivery in response to changing community needs.

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