SBCEO Highlights

PROVIDING SERVICE & LEADERSHIP IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

The Santa Barbara County Education Office (SBCEO) provides service and leadership to 20 public school districts, charter schools, educators, staff, and nearly 70,000 students in Santa Barbara County. SBCEO serves as an intermediary between the California Department of Education (CDE) and the school districts.

SBCEO’s wide range of programs and services support professional learning, leadership, and continuous improvement in our local districts and schools. SBCEO facilitates classroom instructional support to special populations of students, and offers support to educators and administrators countywide. Business and information technology services are also provided to our 20 school districts, one Joint Powers Agency and our own departments.

85% of our budget supports Students, Educators and Districts

Student support: 71%
Representative Programs:
- Child Development
- College and Career Readiness
- Juvenile Court & Community Schools
- Special Education

District support: 11%
- Curriculum & Instruction
- Information Technology Services
- Local Control and Accountability Plan
- School Business Advisory Services

Educator support: 3%
- Curriculum Workshops
- Educational Technology Services
- Teacher Induction Program
- Teacher Programs

Internal support: 7%
- Fiscal Services
- Human Resources
- Maintenance and Operations

Excess property tax transfer: 8%*  
* Returned to state

SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

Special Education provides education for students with disabilities, primarily:
- Special education students in several districts with 900 or fewer pupils
- Children with severe disabilities
- Preschool or infant children with disabilities
- Children with disabilities in juvenile court and community schools
- Children with low incidence disabilities including deafness, blindness, and orthopedic impairment

More than 700 students receive services, including:
- Direct classroom or supplemental instruction
- Speech and language services
- Adapted physical education
- Occupational and physical therapy
- Instruction for students who have visual or hearing impairments
- Group or individual counseling

College and Career Readiness/Career Technical Education facilitates collaboration among schools, colleges, regional businesses and community partners to ensure students are ready for college and career success through participation in learning experiences that integrate rigorous academics and career preparation.

Child Development and Early Education Programs provide valuable child-care, early learning, school readiness, and health support to 5,000 eligible children from birth to 12 years, their families, community agencies, and school districts countywide. This includes the California School Age Families Education (CalSAFE) program, Child Care Food Program, California Alternative Payment Program (APP), CalWORKs Stages 2 and 3 Child Care Services and State Preschool Programs. SBCEO also oversees the Early Care and Education Services program, which includes the Santa Barbara County Child Care Planning Council, and the Quality Counts Santa Barbara Partnership, that collaborates with countywide partners in planning, coordinating, and advocating for high quality, affordable, and accessible early care and education countywide.

Juvenile Court and Community Schools serve some 315 students at Santa Maria Juvenile Hall, Los Prietos Boys Camp and Peter B. FitzGerald Community School. These at-promise youth are provided with individualized support in a restorative environment.

Nurses and psychologists support students in special education programs and in juvenile court schools. Our office provides vision, hearing, and scoliosis screenings, access to Epipens for emergency use by staff and students, and other health-related services.

Transitional Youth Services (TYS) in partnership with schools, districts, and community agencies throughout the county, works to remove barriers to academic achievement for children and youth who are experiencing homelessness or are in foster care. TYS serves as a countywide resource for information and referrals to ensure that students receive the services they need to achieve their goals.
SERVICES FOR EDUCATORS

- Credential services, Preliminary Administrative Services Credential (PASC), Clear Administrative Services Credential (CASC), and Teacher Induction Program (TIP)
- Curriculum Council provides information on the latest state and national policy, research, legislation, and practice
- Educational Technology Services collaborates with and guides schools in the integration of technology, including Computer Science, in order to increase student access to 21st century learning
- Technical assistance for accountability and continuous improvement

- Professional development, professional learning networks, and programs for teachers and administrators to support the improvement of student learning
- Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) support and approval
- Support for Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) implementation
- Teacher support and recognition programs including competitive grants, recognition events, and the Santa Barbara County Teacher of the Year program
- Standards, frameworks, and assessment implementation

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Colors represent high school district service areas

SERVICES FOR DISTRICTS

SBCEO reviews and supports districts in the development and review of their Local Control and Accountability Plans (LCAP) and helps districts build and implement equitable, excellent instructional programs for all students in their local contexts. We also review district budgets, provide financial oversight to promote fiscal solvency, and provide information technology services.

SBCEO also coordinates a variety of professional networks to assist district operations and educators, oversees grants for both classified employees and certificated employees throughout the county, and provides mental health supports for districts.

EVENTS, PROGRAMS & NON-PROFITS

Our events reach thousands of students, teachers, parents, and community members. These programs include:

- A Salute to Teachers
- Author-Go-Round
- Battle of the Books
- Breakfast with the Authors
- Children and Family Resource Services
- Children’s Creative Project
- Computers for Families
- Education Celebration
- Health Linkages
- I Madonnari
- Math Superbowl
- Mock Trial
- Partners in Education
- Principal for a Day
- Spelling Bee

Santa Ynez Valley Union High School District

1. Ballard School District (TK-6)
2. Buellton Union School District (TK-8)
3. College School District (TK-8)
4. Los Olivos School District (TK-8)
5. Santa Ynez Valley Union High School District (9-12)
6. Solvang School District (TK-8)
7. Vista del Mar Union School District (TK-8) (6th-8th grade students are served by Buellton Union School District)

Lompoc Unified School District

8. Lompoc Unified School District (TK-12)

Santa Barbara Unified School District

9. Cold Spring School District (TK-6)
10. Hope School District (TK-6)
11. Goleta Union School District (TK-6)
12. Montecito Union School District (TK-6)
13. Santa Barbara Unified School District (TK-12)

Carpinteria Unified School District

14. Carpinteria Unified School District (TK-12)

Cuyama Joint Unified School District

15. Cuyama Joint Unified School District (TK-12)

Santa Maria Joint Union High School District

16. Blochman Union School District (TK-8)
17. Guadalupe Union School District (TK-8)
18. Orcutt Union School District (TK-12)
19. Santa Maria-Bonita School District (TK-8)
20. Santa Maria Joint Union High School District (9-12)

Public Charter Schools

1. Adelante Charter School (TK-6)
2. CA Connections Academy-Central Coast (TK-12)
3. Family Partnership Charter School (TK-12)
4. Manzanita Public Charter School (TK-6)
5. Olive Grove Charter School (TK-12)
6. Orcutt Academy Elementary School (TK-6)
7. Orcutt Academy High School (9-12)
8. Peabody Charter School (TK-6)
9. Santa Barbara Charter School (TK-8)
10. Santa Ynez Valley Charter School (TK-8)
11. Trivium Charter School (TK-12)