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# OPENING MESSAGE

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Dear Santa Clara County Community,

It is an honor and privilege to work alongside all of you in our great county. The State of Education theme of *Working Together for Youth* celebrates all that was accomplished together this past year.

Educating youth today to be prepared for tomorrow remains an essential goal for every educator in Santa Clara County. A student's basic needs, socio-emotional well-being, equity and inclusion all directly impact how well a student does in their educational journey. Investments in whole child initiatives are essential. I invite you to join us as we champion for each student and collaborate to ensure that every student gains the knowledge and has the support necessary to be successful in life.

This year we are focusing on highlights associated with student equity, student diversity, student engagement, and student well-being. Guided by our core principles of equity, diversity, inclusion, and partnership, we leverage our limited resources for the most impact.

Educators and partners across the county are hard at work motivating over 253,000 students as they become lifelong learners, and helping them to succeed in an evolving learning environment. Knowing we are working together to achieve this goal, and that we are a community who supports a shared vision of success for every student inspires me and gives me great hope for the coming year. As we continue to work together for youth, we are stronger together!

Be well,



**Mary Ann Dewan, Ph.D.**

County Superintendent of Schools

# ADDRESSING THE WHOLE CHILD

## Vaccination Clinics • PPE Distribution • Testing Kits Distribution Addressing the Health Needs of Students on Campus Fentanyl/Opioid Crisis • Mental Health Supports/Wellness Centers

The health, wellness and safety of students, staff and families remain a top priority. Strong partnerships with the California Department of Public Health, the State of California, Safeway Pharmacies, the Santa Clara County Public Health Department, and local partners have made COVID-19 testing kits, vaccinations, and personal protective equipment accessible to families. The Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) partnered with the County Public Health Department to share the importance of childhood vaccinations. Community health education coupled with proven safety strategies to reduce the spread of illnesses, including COVID-19, influenza, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), can improve school attendance.

Recognizing the mental health needs of students, the SCCOE supported schools across the county in establishing wellness centers and programs with support from the Mental Health Student Service Act (MHSSA) Grant and other funds. The SCCOE Student Wellness Advisory Group informed the program at every student. The Department of Youth Health and Wellness operates 19 wellness centers, which facilitated 7,000 student visits in the 2022-2023



school year. Youth with access to school-based mental health services are 21 times more likely than students without access to initiate a visit for mental health or substance use concerns.

According to a research brief released by the SCCOE, in the first year of the pandemic, substance related overdoses increased by 95%. In 2021, there were 154 opioid-related overdose deaths in Santa Clara County, 31 of which were youth aged 15-24 and 11 were youth aged 10-19. The partnership with Santa Clara County Behavioral Health Department, the County Board of Supervisors, and numerous other state and local agencies has brought educational resources and materials about fentanyl and the rising opioid epidemic to our communities.

In partnership with the Santa Clara County Behavioral Health Services Department and the Santa Clara County Opioid Overdose Prevention Program (SCCOOPP), 43 training events for districts, schools, and the greater community were held. As of December 2022, over 1,300 boxes of Narcan have been provided to over 103 Santa Clara County schools. Please visit <https://sccoe.to/NaloxoneTraining> for more information.



# A FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE

## Enrollment in Early Learning Programs • Universal Pre-Kindergarten Transitional Kindergarten • Steps To Success • Resource & Referral

Building the foundation for a lifelong learner begins with the county's youngest residents. Having access to high-quality learning opportunities has a direct effect on student development. Young scholars who attend early learning programs develop more social and emotional skills.

Licensed settings and family childcare homes in Santa Clara County have the capacity to serve approximately 69,000 children ages 3 to 5.

- Family Childcare Home: 15,106
- Center-Infant License: 4,302
- Center-Pre-school/Daycare License: 41,408
- Center-School Age License: 8,525

To increase enrollment and raise awareness of the importance of regular attendance in early learning programs, the Santa Clara County Office of Education's "Steps to Success" campaign removes barriers for families to access early learning and care services. Engaging students at a young age is critical in establishing the habits necessary for school success. 90% of a child's brain develops by age 5, which is why regularly attending early learning programs builds strong foundations for success in life and future careers.

A unified platform facilitates the enrollment process. More than 15,000 flyers have been distributed to community partners and families.

In 2022, the SCCOE Resource and Referral team received 1,001 referrals and 840 support requests for early education and childcare programs. The SCCOE Resource and Referral team provides licensing guidance, professional development, and training to childcare businesses.

More than 5,000 visitors, representing families looking to enroll their children in childcare and preschool programs, head start and state preschool, and school enrollment visited [enroll.santaclara.org](https://enroll.santaclara.org).

In the 2021-22 school year, 18,327 children were enrolled in TK and/or kindergarten at a public school. Currently, transitional kindergarten, or TK, serves about 100,000 children, primarily those who turn 5 between Sept. 2 and Dec. 2. New legislation through Assembly Bill 130 dedicates approximately \$2.7 billion to universal TK.

- This school year, children turning five between September 2 - February 2 are eligible
- Beginning in 2023-2024 school year - children turning five September 2 - April 2 are eligible
- Beginning in 2025-2026 school year - children turning four by September 1



# INCLUSION MEANS ACCEPTANCE

## Legislation • W2E Playbook • Inclusion Collaborative Arturo Ochoa Migrant Center Connectivity Project LGBTQ+ History Month Flag Raising • PRIDE • Queer Silicon Valley

The SCCOE sponsored two bills signed by Governor Newsom in 2022. SB 692 authored by Senator Dave Cortese, the Inclusion Act for All, acknowledges students participating in special education programs are first and foremost general education students. The Childcare and Developmental Services act prohibits suspension and expulsion in state-funded preschool and childcare programs. It strengthens early childhood mental health consultation as a means of providing supports to teachers, children, and families to promote positive mental health, buffer the effects of toxic stress and trauma, and bring out the most optimal development and learning of each child.

The SCCOE's Inclusion Collaborative released two supplements to the *Ways 2 Equity Playbook*. These supplements take a deeper dive at systematically supporting both African American students and early learners.



**(408) 453-6651 • [inclusionwarmline@sccoe.org](mailto:inclusionwarmline@sccoe.org)**

The Warmline is a thriving resource available to the community that assists with resources and answers questions.

A multi-year connectivity project was completed in 2022, bringing high-speed internet access to students residing at the Arturo Ochoa Migrant Center in Gilroy. Partners for this project included the County of Santa Clara, the City of Gilroy, the Gilroy Unified School District, the California Department



of Housing and Community Development, Hankins Information Technology, Charter Communications, Spectrum Enterprise, EAH Housing, the SCCOE's Migrant Services Department and Technology and Data Service Division, and the Gilroy Unified School District. Together, the Gilroy Unified School District, the SCCOE Technology and Data Service Division, and the California Housing and Community Development, worked to provide 275 Verizon Hotspots to students. In June 2022 in partnership with Charter Communications, 64 wireless access points were installed across the premises to ensure strong coverage to every resident. This project has been able to serve approximately 100 students at Ochoa who also attend school in the Gilroy Unified School District.

On October 3, 2022, the SCCOE hosted a flag-raising ceremony and resource fair in honor of LGBTQ+ History Month in October. The LGBTQ+ Youth Information Guidebook is available at <https://sccoe.to/LGBTQResources>. To further promote LGBTQ+ history and inclusive practices, the SCCOE hosted the Queer Silicon Valley History Project traveling exhibit, an LGBTQ+ history display curated by Dr. Ken Yeager. Additional resources on the Fair Act are available at <https://sccoe.to/TheFairAct>.

# ENGAGING FUTURE LEADERS

Voter Engagement • State Seal of Civic Engagement • Power of Democracy  
Environmental Literacy • Arbor Day Event

Outdoor classrooms enrich students' sense of wonder and curiosity, increase mental health and engagement levels, and explore their natural surroundings.

In June of 2022, the SCCOE opened an outdoor classroom at the Magical Bridges Inclusive Playground in Morgan Hill. It is available to all students and educators in Santa Clara County. To reserve the outdoor classroom, please visit <https://bit.ly/mhmbsscoe>.

The SCCOE, Our City Forest and the County of Santa Clara Office of Sustainability partnered to plant at least 1,000 trees at schools throughout the county. This initiative kicked off with an Arbor Day celebration in which students, community members, and volunteers planted 27 saplings/trees at South County Annex. Trees reduce carbon monoxide emissions and increase oxygen, add beauty to school sites, and provide much-needed shade.



## THE POWER OF DEMOCRACY



Keeping students engaged and active in their communities is the cornerstone to the Seal of Civic Engagement. Pathways to earn the seal are available to K-12 students within the county. While high school students are eligible to receive the seal on their diplomas, younger students can explore volunteer opportunities, participate in democratic activities and learn about their communities. School districts are in the process of adopting local criteria for the seal. For additional information regarding the Seal of Civic Engagement and the Power of Democracy initiative, please visit <https://scoe.to/HistorySS>.

# WORKING TOGETHER FOR YOUTH

## California School Dashboard • EPIC and LEAP Step Into Teaching • Classified Job Fair

Recent California School Dashboard data shows 61% of Santa Clara County students met or exceeded standards in the English Language Arts (ELA) and 51% of students met or exceeded standards in mathematics. All districts in the county have Local Control Accountability Plan goals and actions related to ELA and 87% have math-related goals and actions.

The chronic absenteeism rate for Santa Clara County was 19% compared to the statewide percentage of 30. The state average for suspensions was 3.2%; while Santa Clara County reported 2.3%. The four-year cohort graduation rate for the county was 88.9% above the state average.

The SCCOE is leading the California Collaborative for Learning Acceleration (CCLA); maximizing student wellness on school campuses through the Youth Wellness Initiative; assisting schools with the implementation of expanded learning opportunities; expanding access to high-quality early learning through the Resource and Referral Network, Steps to Success, and the Universal Pre-Kindergarten Initiative; and providing training for educators in evidence-based instructional practices.

Together with partners, we are working to eliminate barriers to entering and sustaining the workforce; and, expand the diversity of school staff.



The SCCOE Educator Preparation programs provide innovative ways for future teachers and administrators to enter new careers in education. With the continued expansion of Educators Preparation Programs like EPIC and LEAP — special education teachers and leaders are prepared to enter the profession with support throughout the credentialing process.

New programs such as Educator Workforce Pathways provide educator candidates access points to pursue and complete a teaching credential in a desired area. The programs will offer Multiple Subject Credentials and Single Subject Science Credentials. Please visit <https://sccoe.to/EducatorPrepPrograms> for more information.

Last year Educator Preparation Programs issued 130 Preliminary Education Specialist Credentials, 83 Preliminary Administrative Services Credentials, 32 Administrative Services Credentials, and 11 teacher inductions. For the 2021-22 fiscal year there were 32 Golden State Teacher Grant recipients in the program. Currently, over 90% of the participants in preliminary credentialing programs are grant recipients and paying no tuition fees. Additional information for the Golden State Teacher Grant can be found at <https://gstg.csac.ca.gov/>.



# AWARDS & SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

## Golden Bell • CalSPRA • NSPRA • Teacher Recognition Celebration



The SCCOE was awarded a 2022 Golden Bell Award from the California School Boards Association (CSBA) for its Silicon Valley Reads program. In its 43rd year, the Golden Bell Awards highlight excellence in public education. The Silicon Valley Reads program is presented annually with the Santa Clara County Library District, the SCCOE, and the San Jose Public Library, in partnership with other public libraries, community colleges and universities, and community organizations. The countywide reading engagement program will celebrate 20 years in 2023, with free special events at schools, libraries, and local organizations. These events include author talks, panel discussions, educational events, demonstrations, performances, adult classes, student activities, story-times, and art shows.



The Mountain View Whisman School District, Sunnyvale Elementary School District, and the SCCOE received multiple awards from the National School Public Relations Association (NSPRA) for excellent work in communications. The national organization recognized Santa Clara County School Districts and the SCCOE for the NSPRA Golden Achievement Awards and NSPRA's Publications and Digital Media Excellence Awards.

The SCCOE hosted its 52nd Teacher Recognition Celebration on October 24, at the Campbell Heritage Theatre. Forty teachers were honored at the event. In the fall, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tony Thurmond, named five exceptional educators as the 2023 California Teachers of the Year which includes Lauren Camarillo, a Spanish teacher and advisor for the Mountain View High Ambassador Program in the Mountain View Los Altos Union High School District.

In addition, 10 teachers throughout the county were recognized as special award honorees.



# AWARDS & SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

## Santa Clara County's 2022 Teachers of the Year

- **Milton Hernandez**, Alum Rock Union School District
- **Diana Dao-Martinez**, Berryessa Union School District
- **Stacey Bibo**, Cambrian School District
- **Marie-Julie Murray**, Campbell Union High School District
- **Gloria McGriff**, Campbell Union School District
- **Joan Orvick**, Cupertino Union School District
- **Elizabeth Fong**, Evergreen Elementary School District
- **Alie Victorine**, Franklin-McKinley School District
- **Elizabeth Louie**, Fremont Union High School District
- **Jean Davis**, Gilroy Unified School District
- **Heather Wingfield**, Lakeside Joint School District
- **Janis Riccomini**, Loma Prieta Joint Union School District
- **Mollie Kesselring**, Los Altos School District
- **Jennifer Splaine**, Los Gatos Union School District
- **Brian Elliott**, Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High School District
- **Alicia Torres**, Luis Valdez Leadership Academy
- **Diana Benavides**, Luther Burbank School District
- **Bill Collins**, Metropolitan Education District
- **Kimberly Miller**, Moreland School District
- **Francesca Kellett**, Morgan Hill Unified School District
- **Christine Okada-Seike**, Mt. Pleasant Elementary School District
- **Lauren Camarillo**, Mountain View Los Altos Union High School District
- **Jessica Rodriguez**, Mountain View Whisman School District
- **Fariba Roberts**, Oak Grove School District
- **Rebecca Taub**, San Jose Unified School District
- **Claudia Lopez**, Santa Clara Unified School District
- **Kevin Jacks**, Santa Clara County Office Of Education
- **Ann Borgia-Camp**, Saratoga Union School District
- **Lindsay Choi**, Sunnyvale School District
- **Shawn Miller**, Union School District

## Special Award Honorees

### ARTS LEADERSHIP AWARD

**William Burkhead**, Campbell Union High School District

### ARTS LEADERSHIP AWARD

**Jonathan Souza**, Gilroy Unified School District

### ARTS LEADERSHIP AWARD

**Deanne Ortiz-McLendon**, Union School District

### CIVICS LEADERSHIP AWARD

**Julie Graham**, Gilroy Unified School District

### CIVICS LEADERSHIP AWARD

**Pilar Svendsen**, Santa Clara Unified School District

### CIVICS LEADERSHIP AWARD

**Amber Bruce-Peter**, Gilroy Unified School District

### STEM AWARD | BOLDNESS

**Julie McKinley Reed**, Moreland School District

### STEM AWARD | COLLABORATION

**Chelsea Alvarez**, Moreland School District

### STEM AWARD | CURIOSITY

**Jim Burnham**, Metropolitan Education District

### STEM AWARD | EMPATHY

**Mariah Flanagan**, Moreland School District



# AWARDS & SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

## Patriot Award • Zarcone Classroom Naming

The SCCOE's Manager of Applications Support, Lydia Cabrera, received the Patriot Award by the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), a Department of Defense (DOD) office. Lydia was nominated by Airman First Class Alexandr Nosenko, 45th Aerial Port Squadron, 349th Air Mobility Wing. Nosenko is an Applications Systems Analyst for the SCCOE's Applications, Business, and Web Systems Development Department within the Technology & Data Services Division. Alexandr nominated Lydia for her support which enabled him to fulfill his military commitments while remaining an SCCOE employee.

A formal naming ceremony for the Zarcone Classroom located at Saratoga Pediatric Subacute was held in May 2022. The classroom is named after pharmacist Michael "Mike" Zarcone, the founder of the Subacute Saratoga Hospital. Mike championed state legislation



to pass Assembly Bill 36, which created a category of pediatric subacute, allowing funding that supported the rehabilitation of children. In his advocacy, Mike was adamant that the hospital's young patients needed schooling as well. He approached the SCCOE and local school districts, resulting in the opening of a classroom on the Saratoga Pediatric Subacute campus in 2004.



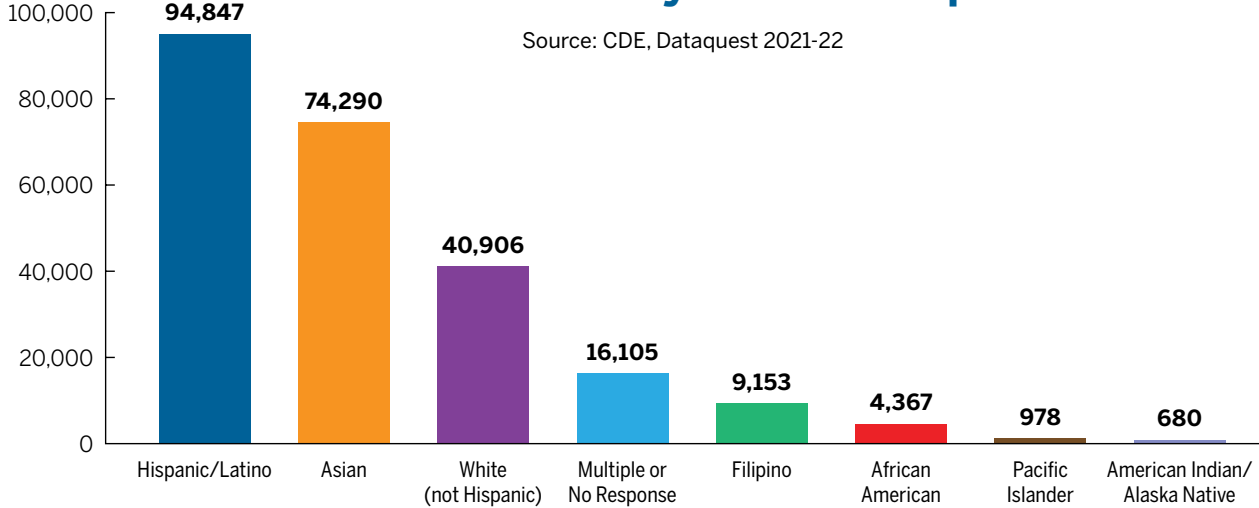
# SANTA CLARA COUNTY

## Santa Clara County by the Numbers

LEAs	Total Enrollment	Number of Schools
32	241,326	408

Source: CDE, Dataquest 2021-22

## Enrollment By Ethnic Group



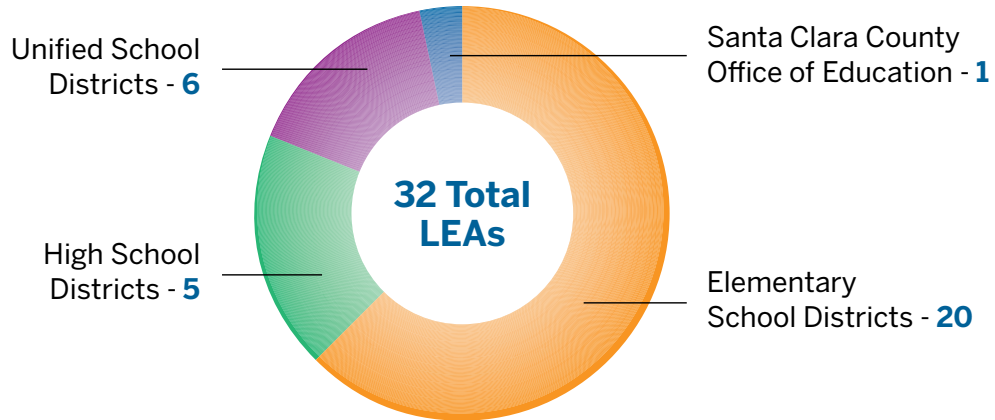
## Student Groups

	Number of Students	%
Special Education	27,642	11%
Homeless	3,068	1%
Foster Youth	398	.2%
Migrant	547	.2%
Socioeconomic Disadvantaged	86,760	36%
English Learners	54,266	22%

Source: CDE, Dataquest 2021-22

# SANTA CLARA COUNTY

## Local Education Agencies



## Public School Sites

Traditional Schools*	
Elementary	253
Intermediate/Middle	60
Junior High	5
High School	56
K - 12	5
Charter **	63
<b>Total</b>	<b>379</b>

Source: CDE, Dataquest 2021-22

Non-Traditional Schools/Programs	
Alternative	12
Community Day	2
Continuation	11
Metro Ed	1
Other ***	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>29</b>

**All Schools 471**

Source: CDE, Dataquest 2021-22

\* Traditional Schools total excludes: Continuation, Community Day, Alternative, Special Education, and other types of non-traditional schools

\*\* Included in elementary, middle, and high school counts

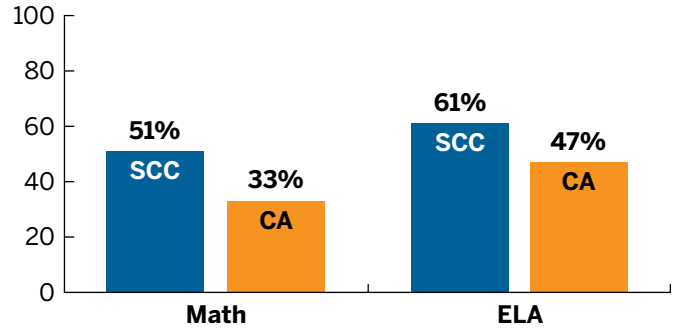
\*\*\* Other schools include: County Community, Juvenile Court School, and Special Education

# SANTA CLARA COUNTY

## California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress

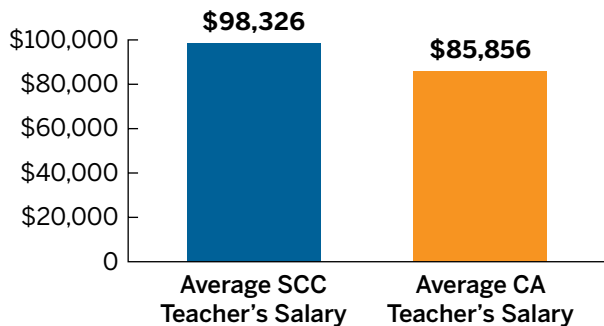
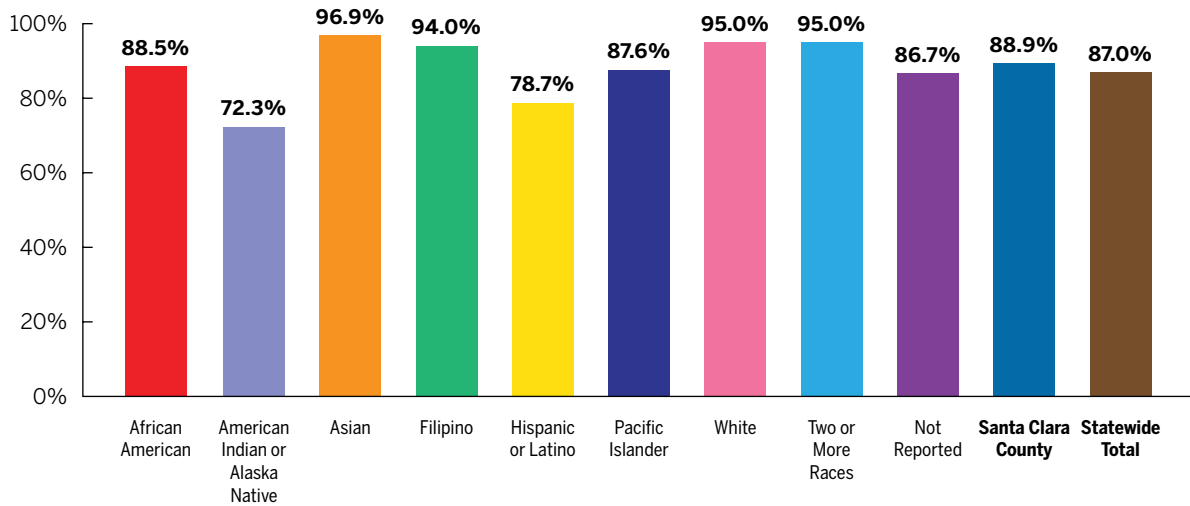
Students meeting or exceeding state standards in 2021-22

Source: CDE, Dataquest 2021-22



## Santa Clara County Graduation Rates by Ethnicity/Race 2022

Source: CDE, Dataquest 2021-22



## Santa Clara County Teachers

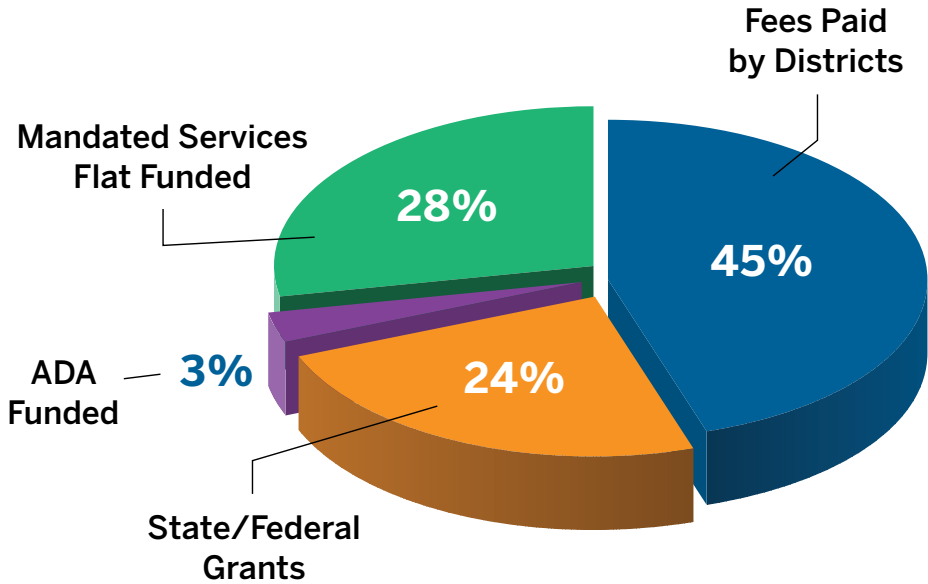
Number of full-time teachers – 10,545

Source: CDE, Dataquest 2020-21

# COUNTY SCHOOLS SERVICES FUND

## Revenue Sources

Fiscal Year 2021-22 Revenue = \$291,719,169 (County School Service Fund)



- Fees Paid by Districts (Special Education, Technology-External, Walden West, Teacher Credentialing)
- Mandated Services Flat Funded for County Operations (District Business Advisory Services, Internal Business Services, Maintenance & Operations, Technology-Internal, Human Resources, Charter School Department)
- State/Federal Grants for Head Start, Early Start, Safe & Drug Free Schools, Migrant Education, other Categorical Programs
- Average Daily Attendance (ADA) Funded for the attendance of pupils in Opportunity Youth Academy Charter and Alternative Education



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