



Message from Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, County Superintendent of Schools

Dear Santa Clara County Community,

Research shows the benefits of spending time outdoors, including improved academic performance, enhanced physical and mental well-being, and increased creativity for both youth and adults.

Santa Clara County is fortunate to have many opportunities for outdoor exploration and learning. From hiking trails in our beautiful parks to nature education programs, there are activities suitable for all ages and interests.



Time spent in parks can contribute to attention restoration, reduce symptoms of attention deficit disorders, improve cognitive function, and reduce problem behaviors in young children.

Here are a few local resources to help you plan enriching outdoor experiences:

- Santa Clara County Parks: Explore the various parks and trails available for hiking, birdwatching, and nature study. Visit [Santa Clara County Parks](#) for more information.
- Environmental Education Programs: Discover educational programs offered by organizations like [Environmental Volunteers](#) and [Walden West](#) that focus on hands-on learning in natural settings.
- Community Gardens and Farms: Engage in gardening activities and farm visits to learn about sustainable agriculture and healthy eating habits at community gardens like the [Santa Clara Community Garden](#) or the [Morgan Hill Community Garden](#) or a community garden in your city.

Connecting with nature fosters an appreciation for the environment and promotes lifelong learning.

In community,

Mary Ann Dewan, Ph.D.

County Superintendent of Schools

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To ensure you don't miss out on any SCCOE job openings, sign up for our Jobs Bulletin: <https://sccoe.to/SCCOEJobsBulletin>

Certificated

- [Literacy Development and Language Education Specialist](#)

Classified

- [Manager - Health Education and Tobacco Prevention](#)

Substitute

- [Substitute Language Translator - English/Vietnamese](#)

Community News and Resources

Bay Area Geo Leads Consortium (BAGLC) Leading for Transformation Book Club



Book Club

The Bay Area Geo Leads Consortium is hosting a fall book study related to continuous improvement and leadership the first Tuesday of the month beginning October 1. To register, please visit <https://sccoe.to/GeoLeadsBookClub>



Classified Job Fair

Join the SCCOE on October 5 for the Classified Job Fair from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Learn about jobs and careers available in school districts and charter school sites. Roles to consider include:

- Paraeducators
- Food Service Workers
- Custodians
- Drivers (all levels)
- Clerical/Administrative Assistants
- Maintenance Workers
- Health Clerks/Health Aides
- Substitutes for various positions

To register, please visit <https://sccoe.to/ClassifiedJobFair>

What You'll Need To Complete the 2025–26 FAFSA® Form

Federal Student Aid



StudentAid.gov account (students and contributors must each have their own account)



Records of your assets, including any child support received; current balances of cash, savings, and checking accounts; and net worth of investments, businesses, and farms



Your Social Security number (unless you are a citizen of the Freely Associated States)



Your contributor's information, including their name, date of birth, Social Security number (if they have one), and email address



Your 2023 tax records



The list of schools you're applying to (if you're a high school senior) or your current school's name

FAFSA

Don't leave FAFSA preparation to the last minute. The 2025-26 form will be ready on or before December 1. College and career schools use the FAFSA form to determine how much financial aid students are eligible to receive in grants, scholarships, work-study funds, and loans. For more information, visit <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

SCCOE Events and Resources



Inclusion Journey Podcast

The Inclusion Journey Podcast features engaging conversations with educators, teachers, parents, and students actively advocating and implementing inclusive practices. Additionally, expert guests share valuable insights on creating equitable educational spaces. Join us as we

explore the firsthand experiences of those shaping inclusive environments and gain expert perspectives on fostering diversity, equity, and inclusion in education.

To view all the videos, visit <https://www.youtube.com/@SCCOEvideo>



School Nurse CoP

The SCCOE invites school nurses to enhance their professional practice through collaboration and shared learning. Our goal is to optimize student-centered nursing care using the key principles of NASN's School Nursing Practice Framework:

- Standards of Practice
- Quality Improvement
- Care Coordination
- Leadership
- Community/Public Health

The next meeting will be virtual on October 9 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

To learn more, visit <https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/newreg.php?eventid=812577&language=eng>



TUPE Parent Education Night

Parents, guardians, and care givers are invited to TUPE Parent Education Night, a special event designed to equip families with crucial information about the harmful effects of vaping and cannabis smoking on adolescent health.

- October 24 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the SCCOE, located at 1290 Ridder Park Drive in San Jose (English & Spanish)
- October 29 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the South County Annex, located at 9300 Wren Avenue in Gilroy

To learn more and register, visit <https://www.sccoe.org/tupe/Pages/Events.aspx>

District Resources



Educator's Day 2024



Educator's Day

Join the Superior Court of California County of Santa Clara for Educator's Day on October 24 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The event is dedicated to equipping school administrators, teachers, and counselors with tools to navigate complex issues affecting students and schools. This year's focus will be on understanding restraining orders and building healthy relationships, re-engaging juvenile justice youth, Civic Education and Engagement, and resources for students.

RSVP by October 10 by visiting <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/EducatorsDay24>



Looking for fall-inspired books? The Santa Clara County Library District has created a fall reading list for children and families. To view the reading list, visit https://sccl.bibliocommons.com/list/share/1820746729/2168756609?fbclid=IwY2xjawFgPc1leHRuA2FlbQlxMAABHVVheJ5mkHbPXwn-YiCgPoOp9d37LH_bOG2OaWOGBkeg0SM9PeFXdS1nuA_aem_azorJt7N1w2AdqMiPu38RQ

Health and Wellness

CHILDREN'S ONLINE SAFETY

Join the office of Senator Aisha Wahab to learn more about how you can defend your children and yourselves from harmful online exploitation.

 Friday, October 4th

 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

 **Sunnyvale Community Center**
550 E Remington Dr, Sunnyvale,
CA 94087

Online Safety

Learn about how you can prevent your family from harmful online exploitation by attending the Children's Online Safety workshop.

- Date: October 4
- Time: 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
- Location: Sunnyvale Community Center, 550 E. Remington Dr., Sunnyvale, CA 94087

To register, visit <https://sd10.senate.ca.gov/childrens-online-safety>

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About the Santa Clara County Office of Education

Working collaboratively with school and community partners, the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) is a regional service agency committed to serving, inspiring, and promoting student and public school success. The SCCOE is a premier service organization driven by the core principles of equity, diversity, inclusion, and partnership. For more information about the Santa Clara County Office of Education, please visit www.sccoe.org and follow us @SCCOE on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

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