



## IMPACT Weekly

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Teachers empower young minds, nurture creativity, and foster inclusive environments where every student can thrive. A single teacher can ignite a passion for science in a curious child or help a struggling student find confidence in their abilities, illustrating the profound influence that dedicated educators have on future generations.

Careers in education offer considerable benefits, including stability through options like tenure and pensions. With a growing demand for skilled educators, those entering the field can explore various pathways for career advancement. Opportunities extend beyond the classroom to roles in administration, curriculum design, and specialized educational areas, providing professionals with a dynamic and rewarding career.

In Santa Clara County, with more than 240,000 students, the need for passionate educators is ongoing. The Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) understands this urgency and is working in partnership with local organizations, coalitions, and institutions of higher education to develop supportive pathways for professionals who wish to serve and support children.

To promote student and public school success, the SCCOE has created a pipeline through its Educator Preparation Programs, which supports individuals seeking or clearing teaching credentials, pupil personnel services credentials, or administrative services credentials. As the deadlines for spring enrollment approach, aspiring educators are encouraged to take advantage of these opportunities.

Recently, the SCCOE launched the Early Childhood Careers Pathways webpage, providing career-seekers with information on requirements, advising services, and scholarship opportunities for over 20 career options in early childhood education. Early childhood educators work with children from birth through eight years old, in roles such as assistant teachers, lead teachers, administrators, and childcare business owners. A passionate early childhood educator can foster a love for learning in young children, setting the stage for their future academic success.

Efforts at every level are being made to recruit and retain educators. This summer, California Governor Gavin Newsom signed Senate Bill 153, removing testing barriers for individuals pursuing teaching careers. Now, aspiring teachers can enter the profession without creating additional barriers, simplifying the pathway into this vital field.

Recognizing that students thrive when they have diverse and highly skilled educators, these programs continue to be invaluable resources for both new and returning educators.

## Join the SCCOE Team

# Join our TEAM!

#WeAreSCCOE

WE ARE  
HIRING

Santa Clara County  Office of Education



BECOME A PART OF **OUR** STORY

Join our Team #WeAreSCCOE

Visit the [SCCOE Job Opportunities Page](#) for the latest information about job postings.

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

## Community News and Resources

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



*Bay Area Geo Leads Consortium: Leading for Transformation Book Club*

The Bay Area Geo Leads Consortium is hosting a fall book study related to continuous improvement and leadership on the first Tuesday of each month beginning October 1.

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

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*Walden West Volunteers*

Join us for a day in the gardens. Volunteer for the Walden West Garden Workday and work with Yarrow, the garden specialist. Tools and work gloves provided but feel free to bring your own!

- Date: November 2
- Time: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Location: Walden West Outdoor School, 15555 Sanborn Road, Saratoga, CA

To learn more or register, visit: <https://www.ultracamp.com/info/sessiondetail.aspx?idCamp=968&campCode=1mS&idSession=477049>

## SCCOE Events and Resources



*The Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Educators Network*

The Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Educators Network is committed to supporting inclusive, affirming, and equitable school environments for each and every AAPI student, family, and staff of our Santa Clara County districts and schools. The network supports educator development by providing professional learning opportunities that are culturally responsive and relevant.

Join us for our next network meeting for a discussion focused on Homeless Youth on November 6 from 4:15 - 5:45 p.m. at the SCCOE Ridder Park location, 1290 Ridder Park Drive, San Jose.

To learn more or register, visit: <https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=807948&>

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# School Safety Plan Webinar



*2024 School Safety Plan Webinar*

The 2024 School Safety Plan Webinar provides an overview of the current California mandates for school safety planning and provides strategies by sharing tools to integrate safety planning into all school improvement efforts. District and site administrators along with school safety planning and implementation staff are encouraged to attend. The webinar is on November 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

To register, please visit: <https://sccoe.to/school-safety-plan>

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The image is a promotional banner for the Statewide Residency Technical Assistance Center (SRTAC). On the left, a dark blue vertical panel contains the SRTAC logo at the top, which is a circular emblem with icons for a graduation cap, a star, a leaf, and a gear, surrounded by the text "STATEWIDE RESIDENCY" and "TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER". Below the logo, the text "Do You Have an Ongoing Need for Teachers or School Counselors?" is written in white. At the bottom of this panel is a yellow button with the text "LEARN MORE" and the URL "https://srtac.sccoe.org". To the right of the blue panel is a photograph of a smiling female teacher with dark hair, wearing a purple cardigan over a striped shirt, leaning over a desk to assist two young students, a girl in a yellow shirt and a boy in a pink shirt, who are both focused on their work with pencils.

*The Statewide Residency Technical Assistance Center (SRTAC)*

The Statewide Residency Technical Assistance Center (SRTAC) is led by Santa Clara County Office of Education. We are proud to serve Bay Area districts to initiate, expand, and sustain teacher and counselor residency programs that staff your hardest-to-fill positions and support future educator recruitment and retention. SRTAC assists you to secure grant funding through the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC), and both [Teacher Residency](#) and [School Counselor Grants](#) are currently available for application.

SRTAC is available to support your grant submission efforts. To read more about the support we offer, visit <https://srtac.sccoe.org>, and connect with Dr. Conni Campbell for more information about recruiting and retaining an effective educator workforce at [ccampbell@sccoe.org](mailto:ccampbell@sccoe.org).

## District Resources



*Leaders in Educational Administration Program (LEAP)*

Take the next step in your educational journey, Leaders in Educational Administration Program (LEAP) is designed to support aspiring school leaders. Obtain your Preliminary Administrative Services Credential (PASC) with the SCCOE.

The Preliminary Administrative Services Credential (PASC) application closes on **January 9, 2025**.

To register for an informational meeting, visit: <https://sccoe.to/epp-infomtg>

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*Education Specialist Instruction Credential Program (EPIC)*

Join our Education Specialist Instruction Credential Program (EPIC) and make a positive impact on students' lives. EPIC offers three specializations: Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE), Mild Moderate Support Needs (MMSN), and Extensive Support Needs (ESN).

Applications close on **December 1, 2024**.

To register for an informational meeting, visit: <https://sccoe.to/epp-infomtg>

**Health and Wellness**

# Protect youth mental health!



*The Mental Health America: Crisis Resource Center*

The Mental Health America has launched the Crisis Resource Center, a collection of information and resources designed to help you navigate difficult moments. Find tools to aid in coping and recovery of events like the aftermath of a disaster or navigating a mental health crisis.

To learn more, visit: <https://mhanational.org/crisis-resource-center?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=526f2b23-8b60-4f69-878f-d60c6762d34b>

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*My Turn*

Staying up to date on vaccines protects you and the people you love. Contact your health care provider to discuss and schedule vaccines that protect against respiratory viruses like flu, COVID-19 and RSV.

To schedule your flu and COVID-19 vaccine appointment, visit: [MyTurn.ca.gov](https://myturn.ca.gov)

### ***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](https://www.sccoe.org) and follow us @SCCOE on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

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