



IMPACT Weekly

May 21, 2025

Gun violence and the threat of incidents on school campuses continue to affect the sense of safety for students and staff.

Raising awareness and promoting gun safety can help save lives. The Santa Clara County Office of Education joins communities nationwide in recognizing Gun Violence Awareness Day on June 6. We invite you to participate in the Wear Orange campaign to show your commitment to preventing gun violence and supporting safer communities. The [Wear Orange](#) campaign embodies our shared dedication to end gun-related harm.

Community members can help by:

- Familiarizing yourself with the [BeSmart](#) campaign
 - S - Secure all firearms
 - M - Model responsible behavior around firearms
 - A - Ask about the presence of unsecured firearms in homes
 - R - Recognize the role of firearms in suicide
 - T - Tell your peers to be S-M-A-R-T
- Reviewing and sharing the [Safe Storage Fact Sheet](#)
- [Voluntarily surrendering firearms to the Sheriff's Office](#)

Together, the community can create environments where young individuals can flourish, assured of their safety.

Community News and Resources



INNOVATIONS COLLABORATIVE

Save the date! The 12th Annual Innovation Collaborative Conference will return on October 20-22, 2025.

For more information, visit: <https://sccoe.to/2025ICSC>



Unity Youth Conference 2025

The Unity Youth Conference 2025: Rewriting Our Stars is a youth-led event designed to empower, uplift, and inspire young people to take control of their futures and become change-makers in their communities. Through interactive workshops and peer-led discussions, the conference provides a platform for youth to explore identity, wellness, leadership, and advocacy. This year's theme emphasizes the power young people have to reshape their narratives, break cycles, and define success on their own terms.

The Unity Youth Conference is set to take place at SCCOE Ridder Park on June 7 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

To register, visit: <https://sccoe.to/uyc2025>

SCCOE Events and Resources



EdTech for Innovation Conference

The SCCOE invites you to the EdTech for Innovation Conference on July 25, 2025, from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM at the Santa Clara County Office of Education. This free event is open to all TK–12 educators and offers a day of innovation, collaboration, and hands-on learning. Join us for a keynote address by Dee Lanier, Lead Experience Designer and co-author of *Promises and Perils of AI* in Education. The event will feature educator-led sessions focused on real-world STEM integration, as well as opportunities to reimagine what's possible in your classroom. Connect with leading tech organizations and explore interactive stations with hands-on STEM activities.

For more information or to register, visit: <https://sccoe.to/EdTech4Innovation>



Attendance Matters

Regular attendance ensures continuous learning. Children who miss 18 days or more in the school year are considered chronically absent.

Learn more about the positive impacts of consistent attendance: <https://sccoe.to/Iny>.

District Resources



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INVEST IN YOUR FUTURE

Through the School Employee to Teacher Program

Receive a **\$4,000 scholarship per year** to complete your bachelor's degree and earn a preliminary teaching credential.

ELIGIBILITY

Current and former classified employees in Santa Clara and Alameda counties.

LEARN MORE & APPLY NOW!

EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS

<https://sccoe.to/school-employee-to-teacher> 

Classified Grant 2025

Are you a current or former classified employee in Santa Clara or Alameda County? If you're pursuing or planning to enroll in a Preliminary Teaching Credential program, you may be eligible for a \$4,000 annual scholarship to support your journey!

Take the next step in your educational career and make a lasting impact on students!

Learn more and apply now: <https://sccoe.to/school-employee-to-teacher>



GRANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATORS



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Grant Opportunities

Educators are encouraged to view the grant opportunities available to them.

To view them, visit: <https://sccoe.to/GrantOpportunitiesforEducators>

**Do you take care of a
child with Medi-Cal?**

**Medi-Cal renewals
happen every year.**



Medi-Cal Coverage Renewal

Do you take care of a child with Medi-Cal? All Medi-Cal members have their eligibility reviewed every year. If you get a yellow renewal envelope in the mail, reply to stay covered.

Learn more at [Medi-Cal.dhcs.ca.gov](https://www.Medi-Cal.dhcs.ca.gov)

*Let your child know
they can “bother”
you with whatever’s
weighing them down.*



**Never a
Bother**



Never a Bother

Learn how to support a youth in your care's mental health by visiting NeveraBother.org. You can read more about helping before a crisis, during a crisis, and after a crisis. #NeveraBother

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 core values: students first, collaboration, and innovation.* 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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