



SCCOE Connects

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Dear subscribers,

Thank you for staying up to date on the latest opportunities and resources offered by the SCCOE.

We're excited to introduce our new name: **SCCOE Connects**. While our name has changed, our commitment to providing valuable content for educators, school employees, and community changemakers remains the same.

For more than five years, our readers have been at the heart of this publication. Within SCCOE Connects, you'll continue to find professional learning opportunities, trainings, workshops, events, and resources offered by SCCOE and our partners. We will also continue to highlight opportunities for professional growth, valuable resources for educators and school districts, and inspiring stories that celebrate the achievements of students, teachers, and school communities across Santa Clara County.

This school year, we're also looking forward to creating even more opportunities for engagement through reader polls and educational spotlights submitted by our community. To explore the types of stories we love to share, we invite you to browse our [News Minute](#) playlist on YouTube.

Subscriber Poll

When do you usually read SCCOE Connects (formally Impact Weekly)?

Professional Development



THE RESIDENCY LAB

2026 SRTAC Regional Residency *Kick-Off* Event

SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

EVENT LOCATIONS BY REGION:

- Bay Area
- Capital
- Central California
- Northern California
- Southern California

Now Open for Registration!

Learn More & Register



Bay Area residency partners are invited to join the 2026–27 SRTAC Kickoff, held locally at the Santa Clara County Office of Education. Connect, collaborate, and plan for a successful year ahead!

Learn more: <https://srtac.sccoe.org/events/2026-regional-kickoffs>

A banner for a UDL 3.0 event. The top half features a blurred image of students in a classroom with their hands raised. The bottom half is a solid dark blue rectangle with white and yellow text. In the top right corner of the banner, the Santa Clara County Office of Education logo is displayed.

Santa Clara County
Office of Education

UDL 3.0 for All Learners

How can we reduce barriers to learning while increasing access and engagement for every student?

Learning Cycle

September 16 | 3:00–4:30PM: Webinar – UDL 3.0 for All Learners
September 24 | 3:00–4:00PM: Continuous Improvement Network Part I
October 15 | 3:00–4:00PM: Continuous Improvement Network Part II

Explore UDL 3.0 as a proactive design framework, identify how barriers can emerge within learning experiences, and apply a simple process for redesigning one instructional element to improve access, engagement, and learner agency. Participants will examine examples, identify a barrier from their own context, and select one practical design move to explore further during the Continuous Improvement Network cycle.

Register at: https://sccoe.to/STACS_UDL

Important Dates and Reminders



Teacher Recognition Celebration: Sponsored Award Applications

Preparations for the annual Teacher Recognition Celebration are in full swing.

We are accepting nominations for the Mirastar Federal Credit Union Civic and Arts Leadership Awards to recognize educators who inspire students to enjoy and excel in their subjects, and the Tech Interactive STEM Awards, or “Innies,” to recognize educators who embody the key principles of STEM: Boldness, Curiosity, Collaboration, Empathy, and Perseverance.

[2026 Arts Leadership Award](#)
[2026 Civic Leadership Award](#)
[2026 Innovation in STEM Awards](#)

Nominations are due **September 4**.



State Seal of Civic Engagement Information Session

Join us to learn more about the CA State Seal of Civic Engagement: why is it important for students, how it will show up on the dashboard and how you can support students in earning it!

Date: September 9 at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom

Register: <https://scoec.to/SSCEInfo>



Teachers and Tacos

Join fellow educators for an afternoon of hands-on STEM activities, opportunities to explore how first responders use STEM in their work, networking, free classroom resources, and of course, delicious tacos. Come learn, connect, recharge, and have some fun with colleagues from across the county

Date: September 11 from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Register: <https://outreach-foundation.org/programs/teachers-tacos/>

Upcoming Events

2026 California Student

Mock Election, October 6, 2026

Register by September 9, 2026

Vietnamese American Experiences

Model Curriculum (VAEMC) Fall Institute

September 18-19, 2026

ROOTS & WINGS: Celebrating Asian American Youth

Youth Symposium

September 19, 2026

2026 SCCOE Classified

Job Fair

October 3, 2026

California Collaborative for Learning

Acceleration (CCLA) Summit

Call for Presenters

Deadline to Submit: October 9, 2026

COE Grant Professionals Network

Conference

October 15 - 16, 2026

United Against Hate Week

Call for Local Civic Action

October 18 - 24, 2026

California Collaborative for Learning

Acceleration (CCLA)

Summit

January 28-29- 2026

New Resources



ARTS GRANTS
For Santa Clara County Teachers

Eligible educators from all levels and content areas are invited to apply!

Accepting Applications: August 20, 2026 - September 25, 2026

ARTSEd CONNECT

Santa Clara County Office of Education

CREATES

The banner features a purple and white color scheme with a stylized 'ARTSEd CONNECT' logo. It includes two small images: one showing a hand holding a stack of colorful cards, and another showing a person standing next to a sign that says 'Attitude'. Logos for the Santa Clara County Office of Education and CREATES are also present.

The ArtsEdConnect program awards grants to eligible teachers and classrooms in public and charter schools in Santa Clara County to support arts education programming in our schools.

Eligible educators (see eligibility requirements in the application information) from all grade levels and content areas are invited to create projects that support stand-alone arts experiences in the five arts disciplines (music, visual art, media art, dance, theater) or integrate science, technology, history, literature, or social sciences with the arts.

Grant Applications: <https://www.sccoe.org/arts/artsedconnect/Pages/default.aspx>

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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