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

Dear Santa Clara County Community,

With the first day of school fast approaching, preparing youth for the academic year is top of mind for families. Whether families are inquiring for information about childcare, early education, or support for youth with or without disabilities, resources are available through the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE).

- The Steps to Success & Early Learning Initiative has resources for enrollment and regular attendance in early learning, TK, and Kindergarten - [www.enrollsantaclara.org](http://www.enrollsantaclara.org)
- The Childcare Resources and Referral Program offers support and information for access to childcare - [www.childcarescc.org](http://www.childcarescc.org)
- The Inclusion Collaborative provides information, training, and guidance for families, community, and educators - [www.inclusioncollaborative.org](http://www.inclusioncollaborative.org)

The saying, “It takes a village …” rings true to ensure positive outcomes for every child. Below are community resources that support children and families before, during, and after their first day of school:

- Santa Clara County Library District - [https://sccld.org/kinderreadiness/](https://sccld.org/kinderreadiness/)
- Center for Disease Control and Prevention - [https://www.cdc.gov/healthyschools/bam/child-development/back-to-school-resources.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/healthyschools/bam/child-development/back-to-school-resources.htm)
- PBS - [https://www.pbs.org/parents/back-to-school](https://www.pbs.org/parents/back-to-school)
- California Health and Human Services Agency - [https://www.chhs.ca.gov/back-to-school-resources/](https://www.chhs.ca.gov/back-to-school-resources/)
As a community, we can work together to ensure the success of youth in our communities by supporting the whole student and their healthy development this new school year.

We are #StrongerTogether.

Be well,

Mary Ann Dewan, Ph.D.
County Superintendent of Schools

SCCOE News

Visit the SCCOE Newsroom for the latest news and updates.

- SCCOE News Minute - August 11

Community News and Resources

Step into an Education Career

Saturday, August 19, 2023

Step into an Education Career

Join us for the SCCOE’s Step into an Education Career Event to help you learn and prepare for the joys of a career in education.

- Discover what is needed to become a teacher, counselor, school nurse, speech-language pathologist, and audiologist.
- Learn how to navigate the credentialing process.
- Talk with representatives from local universities and teaching programs.
- Learn about compensation, benefits, financial aid, and retirement.

To learn more or register, visit: www.sccoe.org/stepintoteaching
SCCOE Paraeducator Recruitment Fair

The SCCOE is hosting a paraeducator recruitment fair on August 22 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. This is an opportunity to learn more about the qualifications to become a paraeducator and to apply.

To learn more, visit: www.sccoe.to/pararecruit

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Silicon Valley Pride

Join the SCCOE at the Silicon Valley Pride Parade and Festival on August 27. The event has a variety of festivities on August 26 and August 27 and is a celebration of LGBTQ+ friends, family, and community members.

To learn more visit: https://www.svpride.com/

See you there!
The Inclusion Collaborative State Conference is a hybrid, 3-day professional development opportunity focused on creating or enhancing equity, diversity, and inclusive practices. It is focused on all individuals involved in the care and education of individuals up to age 24, with or without disabilities.


The County of Santa Clara is recruiting two youth advocates for the Santa Clara County Sustainability Commission. In this role, you will help provide guidance on the County’s efforts around climate change and sustainability. Youth ages 14 to 22 are encouraged to apply.

To apply, visit: [https://santaclaracounty.primegov.com/public/committees](https://santaclaracounty.primegov.com/public/committees)
ArtsEdConnect Grant

The ArtsEdConnect program awards grants available for teachers in public and charter schools to take students on arts field trips, bring artists into the classrooms, fund student performances, and create various art projects that foster creativity, innovation exploration, self-expression, and social and emotional learning.

Educators from all 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.

This year, the program offers three grant options:
- Arts Experiences Grant – up to $2,500 per teacher,
- Arts Materials and Supplies Grant – up to $500 per teacher, and
- Arts Experiences & Materials Grant – up to $3,000 per teacher.

Applications will be accepted between September 7 - October 10

For more information about the grants and eligibility, and to apply, please visit: www.sccoe.org/arts/artsedconnect

EdTech Playground

The Teacher Innovation Network will host EdTech Playground meetings in the 2023-2024 school year. These virtual events are an opportunity to experience technology for the classroom to see if it is appropriate for your classrooms.
Health and Wellness

FREE TDAP & VARICELLA VACCINE CLINIC

Tdap & Varicella are required for 7th grade. Get your vaccines before school starts!

Tdap available for children ages 7-18 years.

Bay Area Community Health Story Road Clinic

Santa Clara County Public Health and Bay Area Community Health are partnering for a vaccine event on September 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 2880 Story Road, San Jose. There will be other health services available, like, health exams, child wellness checks, and other immunizations.

Appointments are available. Call (408) 729-9700 to schedule an appointment or to learn more.

Social Media and Youth Mental Health Q&A Portal

The American Academy of Pediatrics is hosting an online Q&A regarding social media and youth mental health. This portal contains questions submitted by others for all age groups and it contains an opportunity for individuals to submit their own questions.
CalFresh recipients can now receive up to $60 each month to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables at select locations. Moving forward, this will be added directly to CalFresh EBT cards.

To learn more about this program, visit: [https://www.doubleupca.org/](https://www.doubleupca.org/)

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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](http://www.sccoe.org) and follow us @SCCOE on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn.

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