



# SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY SCHOOLS

ANNUAL EDUCATION REPORT 2017-18



SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY  
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JAMES J. BRESCIA, ED. D., SUPERINTENDENT

# SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

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**Board of Education:** George Galvan, Paul Madonna, Floyd Moffatt, Joel Peterson, Diane Ward

**To promote student success by supporting the work of local school districts, delivering specialized student services, and providing county-wide leadership and advocacy for the needs of all children.**



Education has reached a decisive moment in time because of technological advancements, research development and online learning platforms. The possibilities to acquire knowledge, teach, and learn have profoundly changed since American politician and educator Horace Mann promoted the “normal school” model. Global forces have intensified competition requiring schools to provide a broad portfolio of technical and problem-solving skills to our graduates.

The San Luis Obispo County Office of Education has the opportunity to lead our local educational community in educating our future citizenry. We believe that education is a social justice issue, ensures our democracy, and is a fundamental right for everyone. Our office promotes student success by supporting the work of local school districts, delivering specialized student services and providing county-wide leadership and advocacy for the needs of all children.

James J. Brescia, Ed.D.  
County Superintendent of Schools

## QUICK FACTS

We support the educational needs of school districts throughout the county. We provide legally-mandated services, advocate for education, as well as implement non-mandated programs for schools and districts throughout our county. The San Luis Obispo County Office of Education works to build and maintain a responsive agency that meets the needs of the broader community by:

- Delivering high quality PK-12 educational services
- Administering mandated programs and services
- Tracking relevant education data
- Advocating for local, state and federal educational issues
- Partnering with local agencies
- Providing advance training and academic licensure

## SPOTLIGHT

The mission of the San Luis Obispo County Partners in Education (SLOPE) is to “Engage business partners and educators to align workforce and school systems creating seamless pathways for career and college readiness.” Our main purpose is to increase the percentage of students demonstrating 21st century career and college readiness by:

- Supporting the development and strengthening of quality educational pathways for all of our schools and districts
- Assisting industry and educators in research and development of systems to support career and college readiness
- Creating strategic workforce and educational partnerships
- Designing innovative pathways for students that reduce barriers to career and college readiness
- Incorporating key student-led organizations into developing systems of support

**\$12,803,406**  
TOTAL PAYROLL

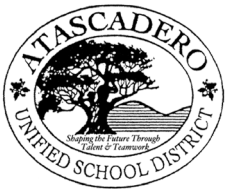
**230**  
TOTAL EMPLOYEES

**\$31,000,000**  
TOTAL ASSETS

**\$41,000,000**  
TOTAL EXPENSES

Source: 2015-16 Fiscal Year District Audit; Assets=Capital Assets; Expenses - Total Cost of All Programs and Services





# ATASCADERO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

5601 WEST MALL, ATASCADERO, CA 93422  
**805-462-4200 | [www.atasusd.org](http://www.atasusd.org)**

**Governing Board Trustees:** Ray Buban, Donn Clickard, Tami Gunther, Corinne Kuhnle,  
Mary Kay Mills, George Shoemaker, Terri Switzer

**Shaping Students for the Future through Talent and Teamwork —  
Preparing the Top Students in the Nation.**

## QUICK FACTS

- Academically high-performing school district
- Maintains high expectations for its students to be career, college and citizenship ready
- Achieves excellence in academics, agriculture, the arts and athletics
- Demonstrates effective teaching and learning for every student, in every class, every day
- Provides one-to-one technology for all elementary students

## SPOTLIGHT

At Atascadero USD, we strive for our students to be characterized by the following qualities:

Our graduates are critical thinkers. They observe, wonder, create, and have the ability to solve real world problems. They are effective communicators, conveying their thoughts and responses clearly and comprehensively. They have highly refined reading, writing, speaking and listening skills.

We emphasize the importance of being a team player, and instill in our graduates the value of collaboration. As self-directed individuals, students at Atascadero USD accept responsibility for their education. They work to their full potential and value learning as a lifelong skill. We push our graduates to be college and career-ready scholars, ready to navigate the pathways that connect education and employment to a productive, rewarding and secure life.

Finally, our graduates are responsible and contributing citizens who display integrity and civic responsibility, and positively contribute to their communities.



**W**elcome to Atascadero Unified School District (AUSD) where we are dedicated to students and committed to excellence. One of the unique strengths of AUSD is the talent and teamwork that is exemplified by our students and staff. Through this talent and teamwork we aim to produce the top students in the nation who are college, career, and citizenship ready. In addition to our world class graduate profile we also set high expectations for our students, staff, and parents through our core values:

- **Respect:** We respect the views of others and cultivate positive relationships built on trust and accountability.
- **Integrity:** We are honest and trustworthy. We aspire to the highest standards in all we do.
- **Teamwork:** We recognize the talent of our students, staff, and community to provide a world class education through talent and teamwork.
- **Excellence:** We aim for the highest levels of performance and academic achievement.

Thomas Butler  
Superintendent

**\$29,661,950**  
TOTAL PAYROLL

**600**  
TOTAL EMPLOYEES

**\$89,000,000**  
TOTAL ASSETS

**\$52,000,000**  
TOTAL EXPENSES

Source: 2015-16 Fiscal Year District Audit; Assets=Capital Assets; Expenses - Total Cost of All Programs and Services

# CAYUCOS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

301 Cayucos Drive, Cayucos, CA 93430

805-995-3694 | [www.cayucosschool.org](http://www.cayucosschool.org)



**Governing Board Trustees:** Susan Brownell, Kerry Friend, Terry Throop, Ron Wilson, Val Wright

**Cayucos School includes families and the community to support individual potential and guide students to become critical thinkers in a global culture. In our safe, healthy, caring, and interactive environment, students are taught to respect themselves, others, and the planet.**



Cayucos School enjoys a positive partnership between students, faculty and community. Our students partner with community groups in order to help develop their individual sense of community belonging. Students serve the community through beautification activities which include Beach Cleanup Day and planting activities. The community also supports our school through various fundraising activities in order to supplement our enrichment programs. This partnership between school and community is central to the culture at Cayucos School. We believe that together we can help each other enjoy a more meaningful life.

Scott Smith  
Superintendent

## QUICK FACTS

- A small, single K-8 school community-funded district
- 1:1 Chromebook program in our middle school and 1:1 devices in 3rd through 5th grade
- Strong community support through partnerships with Rotary, Lions, Lionesses, Cayucos Square Dancers, and the Cayucos Education Foundation
- Active ASB program with beach cleanups, school-wide themed days, dances, No Place for Hate activities throughout the year, Peace Day assembly, weekly PAXIS awards, and a strong student government

## SPOTLIGHT

Cayucos Elementary School finds the gifts in every child. Through our art, music or drama enrichment classes, in our steel pan band, speech contest, writing short stories, working in the garden, playing sports, demonstrating strong technical skills, or achieving academically, all students shine. Elementary students have art, music, drama and physical education taught by specialist teachers. Middle school students choose between a wide array of elective courses such as yearbook, guitar, sculpture, home and garden, and drama.

Our students build relationships with our buddy program, school-wide ASB activities, and community events, such as the Appreciation Assembly where students perform songs and skits that highlight the contributions made by community groups and individuals who support our school.

Students culminate their time at Cayucos with the 8th grade Yosemite trip where students challenge themselves physically and emotionally. Students leave our school with a robust and enriched educational experience.

**\$1,728,994**  
TOTAL PAYROLL

**46**  
TOTAL EMPLOYEES

**\$16,000,000**  
TOTAL ASSETS

**\$4,000,000**  
TOTAL EXPENSES

Source: 2015-16 Fiscal Year District Audit; Assets=Capital Assets; Expenses - Total Cost of All Programs and Services



**Governing Board Trustees:** Del Clegg, Lee McFarland, Dennis Rightmer, Samuel Shalhoub, Tiffany Silva

**Coast Unified School District will commit their talents and resources everyday to promote and develop tomorrow's leaders today.**

### QUICK FACTS

In Coast Unified School District, we focus on preparing students for success in 21st Century college and career opportunities through the following strategic goals:

- Expand students' communication and critical thinking in literacy
- Accelerate students' academic outcomes in mathematics
- Advance students' college and career readiness

### SPOTLIGHT

To expand students' communication and critical thinking in literacy, all administrators, teachers and instructional aides in Coast Unified School District learn to apply instructional strategies in Close Reading and Argument Writing as part of professional learning. Furthermore, administrators and teacher leaders visit classrooms during instructional rounds, and teachers participate in co-planning/co-teaching sessions to learn about best teaching practices of Close Reading and Argument Writing.

Close Reading and Argument Writing helps students meet the following learning goals:

1. Find main ideas
2. Gather and evaluate evidence
3. Develop powerful explanations and interpretations
4. Build students' note-taking capacities
5. Improve students' writing
6. Develop students' habits of mind



Coast Unified School District has a strong commitment to preparing all students to be career-prepared and college-ready for the 21st century. We prepare our students for their future by providing an integration of technology in our educational programs, meaningful experiences in arts education, and ongoing opportunities to participate in athletics. Coast Union High School has two new pathways: an Agriculture Pathway that leads to a Veterinary Technician Certification; and an Arts, Multimedia and Entertainment Pathway that leads to an Adobe Certification Exam.

Our parents and community members are critical partners in the education of our students. We value the trust that parents have placed in our staff, and we accept the responsibility of ensuring that all students develop the skills necessary for success in a competitive global society.

We are especially pleased to offer our Coast Union High School graduates the "Cuesta Promise" and the "Cambria Promise," which allow students to attend Cuesta College for two years with no tuition cost, if they choose to enroll in Cuesta College after graduation!

Vicki Schumacher, Ph.D.  
Superintendent

**\$6,927,615**  
TOTAL PAYROLL

**117**  
TOTAL EMPLOYEES

**\$27,000,00**  
TOTAL ASSETS

**\$14,000,000**  
TOTAL EXPENSES

Source: 2015-16 Fiscal Year District Audit; Assets=Capital Assets; Expenses - Total Cost of All Programs and Services

# LUCIA MAR UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

602 ORCHARD STREET, ARROYO GRANDE, CA 93420

805-474-3000 | [www.luciamarschools.org](http://www.luciamarschools.org)



**Governing Board Trustees:** Vern Dahl, Colleen Martin, Vicki Meagher, Mark Millis, Chad Robertson, Dee Santos, Don Stewart

**To engage, challenge and inspire students through the power of learning.**



The education of our youth is our calling and our passion. The goals we have set - Student Achievement for All, Positive School Culture, Future Ready Technology & Facilities and Organizational Excellence - call us to focus on creating opportunities for our students to learn, to grow and to develop the capacity to embrace their future with hope and confidence.

In the Lucia Mar Unified School District, we call upon teachers, parents, staff, and community members to participate together to create an educational system that provides opportunities and insists on high standards for all students. We know test scores provide us with an important measure of a certain kind of success, and also believe it is about more than that. We look beyond test scores to advocacy for the whole child, where reading, writing and math are joined by creativity, communication, and integrity to produce citizens that can, and will, lead our future families, communities and country.

H. Jackson Brown, Jr. stated that, "Opportunity dances with those already on the dance floor." In Lucia Mar we proudly prepare our students to be on the many dance floors in their futures.

Raynee Daley, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

## QUICK FACTS

- 10,600+ students
- 18 schools, 550 square miles, serving southern SLO County
- Preparing all students to adapt and excel in a competitive global community
- Partnerships and programs that facilitate academic excellence
- Secure and supportive learning environments that promote integrity, teamwork, excellence, innovation and resilience

## SPOTLIGHT

The cornerstone of Lucia Mar USD is a commitment to student achievement and the programs it has in place to ensure student success. Strategies we have implemented to support this goal include:

- District-wide use of guided reading as an instructional practice to increase targeted reading at student instructional levels.
- Investment in the Fountas and Pinnell assessment and intervention system to provide a foundation that supports students needing more targeted assistance in their early literacy development.
- Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)-supported reading materials to build intervention libraries that support students at all reading levels.
- The district-wide application of Thinking Maps Writing.
- LCAP-supported Intervention Teachers at each school to provide support not readily available during the typical instructional day.

With these systems in place, we are seeing continuous improvement in reading at this critical age and find ourselves excited at the successes of our youngest students.

**\$64,477,023**  
TOTAL PAYROLL

**1,078**  
TOTAL EMPLOYEES

**\$129,000,000**  
TOTAL ASSETS

**\$115,000,000**  
TOTAL EXPENSES

Source: 2015-16 Fiscal Year District Audit; Assets=Capital Assets; Expenses - Total Cost of All Programs and Services





# PASO ROBLES JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

800 NIBLICK ROAD, PASO ROBLES, CA 93446

805-769-1000 | [www.pasoschools.org](http://www.pasoschools.org)

**Governing Board Trustees:** Chris Bausch, Tim Gearhart, Field Gibson, Dr. Kathleen Hall, Joel Peterson, Joan Summers

**Our mission is to deliver an exemplary education, in a safe environment, which empowers students with the skills, knowledge, and attitudes necessary for success in an ever-changing world.**

## QUICK FACTS

- Six elementary schools, including two magnets (visual and performing arts, and dual Spanish language immersion)
- Two middle schools - all students issued Chromebooks
- Paso Robles High School – Silver Medalist in U.S. News & World Report, 94% graduation rate, 71% college prep classes, largest Career Technical Education program in SLO County
- Paso Robles Online (PRO) Academy – free, online public school (grades 6-12)
- Early Learning Academy – district preschool program for children aged three to five
- \$95 million bond passed to upgrade schools with latest technology and focus on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, math)

## SPOTLIGHT

Paso Robles Joint Unified School District (PRJUSD) is proud of its educational technology. We have increased educational opportunities with the addition of an online school. The Paso Robles Online Academy offers college prep courses for students who need flexible scheduling in their academic careers. Our elementary students, as young as kindergarten, utilize either iPads or Chromebooks in their daily lessons. We successfully launched the first 1:1 rollout of Chromebooks for every middle school and PRO Academy student to use at school and at home.

We have invested in curricular programs to guarantee our students and staff have the best tools available. Teachers receive ongoing training in both digital curriculum and device-based programs.

As we continue the upgrades to our infrastructure, we are preparing our students for success in college, career, and community in a digital world.



I am extremely excited to start the new school year. PRJUSD is one of the fastest-growing districts in the county, and represents a diverse student population and community. Our schools have continued to excel academically, athletically, and within our visual and performing arts programs. We are proud of our state- and nationally-recognized educational programs in PRJUSD:

- Visual and Performing Arts Plan providing specific weekly instruction in arts, music, PE, and dance for every student in grades TK-5
- Comprehensive GATE program that aligns instruction in 1st – 12th grades. Includes academic opportunities beyond the classroom for all grade levels and honors/advanced placement courses for secondary students
- District-led, competitive, after-school athletics in 3rd – 12th grades
- All-day kindergarten with an instructional aide for six hours per day in the classroom
- District-wide Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) System which provides a behavior framework and promotes positivity in all aspects of the student day

Chris Williams  
Superintendent

**\$43,293,548**  
TOTAL PAYROLL

**790**  
TOTAL EMPLOYEES

**\$92,000,000**  
TOTAL ASSETS

**\$74,000,000**  
TOTAL EXPENSES

Source: 2015-16 Fiscal Year District Audit; Assets=Capital Assets; Expenses - Total Cost of All Programs and Services

# PLEASANT VALLEY JOINT UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

2025 RANCHITA CANYON ROAD, SAN MIGUEL, CA 93451

805-467-3453 | [www.pleasant-valley-school.org](http://www.pleasant-valley-school.org)



**Governing Board Trustees:** Aaron Borden, Julie Kirby, Rebecca New, Joseph Parker, Christina Reid

**To develop responsible students to think clearly and independently, and function socially in a rapidly changing, highly competitive world.**



On behalf of the Pleasant Valley Joint Union Elementary School District Board of Trustees, staff and myself, we have worked diligently to prepare for the opening of the school year. This includes classroom preparation, materials ordered, and participating in professional learning opportunities. It is through this collective dedication and commitment that we all strive to provide optimal learning environments for all of our students.

Our faculty and staff are highly qualified, caring professionals who promote a warm, safe, and family-oriented atmosphere. They value pride in education and life-long learning. A rigorous curriculum, based on the California Common Core Standards, is emphasized for all students and encompasses all areas of study. We will continue to focus on academic achievement and school culture.

We look forward to another successful school year at Pleasant Valley School, and we are truly honored to have your precious children in our school.

Wendy Nielsen  
Superintendent/Principal

## QUICK FACTS

- Safe and nurturing environment
- Small class sizes with instructional aide support
- One-to-one Chromebook access for grades 3-8 and full-class computer lab
- Well-established family engagement and involvement
- Peaceful rural setting

## SPOTLIGHT

Pleasant Valley Elementary School is a little school with dozens of unique enrichment opportunities for students. Along with the excellent academic program, throughout the school year on Early-Release Wednesdays, students have the opportunity to take art, cooking, computer skills, dance, drama, Spanish-language and other enrichment courses. The school has a very productive school garden that grows dozens of different types of fruits, vegetables, herbs and other plants for both winter and summer crops. At least three different sports are offered each school year in which the students compete with other local small school districts. At the school's Open House and Science Night, parents, students and community members participate in bottle rocket and egg drop competitions.

These activities, along with our stellar academic program, prepare our students to succeed. The school's small classroom sizes, along with an additional instructional aide in all of the classes for much of the day, help to provide a nurturing and supportive environment for the students.

**\$695,660**  
TOTAL PAYROLL

**21**  
TOTAL EMPLOYEES

**\$2,100,000**  
TOTAL ASSETS

**\$1,300,000**  
TOTAL EXPENSES

Source: 2015-16 Fiscal Year District Audit; Assets=Capital Assets; Expenses - Total Cost of All Programs and Services





# SAN LUIS COASTAL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

1500 LIZZIE STREET, SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA 93401

805-549-1200 | [www.slcsud.org](http://www.slcsud.org)

**Governing Board Trustees:** Mark Buchman, Kathryn Eisendrath-Rogers, Walt Millar,  
Jim Quesenberry, Marilyn Rodger, Ellen Sheffer, Chris Ungar

**To educate students to become self-sufficient individuals capable of making significant contributions to society and managing change.**

## QUICK FACTS

- \$80 million annual budget
- 900 employees
- 17 schools

San Luis Coastal Unified School District (SLCUSD) is one of California's few community-funded school districts, supported by local property taxes. The announced closure of PG&E's Diablo Canyon plant means an \$8 million annual revenue loss. We are making adjustments to ensure our district remains competitive and continues to offer high-quality programs.

Our voters approved a \$177 million facility bond to address necessary changes in our schools. Morro Bay and San Luis Obispo high schools, will receive the lion's share of funds in an effort to transform these critical learning environments.

## SPOTLIGHT

In 1996-97 Pacheco School introduced a 50:50 language immersion program, alternating English and Spanish learning. They recently transitioned to a 90:10 model. Kindergarten students receive 90% of their instruction in Spanish and 10% in English. Each year, more English is incorporated until they reach a 50:50 design, balancing English and Spanish throughout the day. Teachers are encouraged by the new model and expect student achievement to thrive.

The benefits of Pacheco's dual immersion program are not just language acquisition. Rather, students learn how to value different cultures and bring that understanding out to the broader community, benefiting us all.



**S**LCUSD educates students from preschool through 12th grade in small schools, reflecting our core belief in relationships and knowing students on a personal level. Our district has a proud tradition of success with numerous state and national accolades. Our schools are dynamic, student-centered learning communities where students thrive through exploration, discovery and engaging their unique potentials.

Our conscious path is to provide authentic opportunities for students to discover their individual talents. Success for All requires many hands, networks of thoughtful people and an expectation that every child can achieve to their fullest potential.

Through evolving partnerships with Cuesta College & California Polytechnic University, we journey towards understanding, innovation & achievement.

Eric Prater, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

**\$56,858,180**  
TOTAL PAYROLL

**894**  
TOTAL EMPLOYEES

**\$155,000,000**  
TOTAL ASSETS

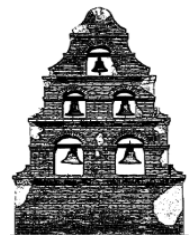
**\$99,000,000**  
TOTAL EXPENSES

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# SAN MIGUEL JOINT UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

1601 L STREET, SAN MIGUEL, CA 93451

805-467-3216 | [www.sanmiguelsschools.org](http://www.sanmiguelsschools.org)



**Governing Board Trustees:** Mary Jo Del Campo, Jean Hoffmann, Randy Kwiatkowski, Jan Lynch, Mike Sanders

**We are dedicated to the beliefs that all students shall achieve world-class academic standards, all staff shall maintain an effective school environment for all, and we shall develop productive and responsible citizens for our community.**



Cappy Culver and Lillian Larsen Schools offer small class sizes taught by highly qualified teachers, supported by exceptional aides. The strength of our schools is in our staff, and the way they treat our students. We set an example of dealing with our kids the way we would want our own children treated. This includes providing numerous opportunities for enrichment and acceleration in our schools, including 1:1 computing devices, coding, art, woodworking, agriculture and sports. Our test scores compare favorably to our neighbors. Our graduates excel in high school and beyond. Our facilities are clean and safe and will be improved using our recently passed bond. I would proudly have my own eight grandkids attend either of our schools, and encourage all parents to come by for a personal tour.

Curt Dubost Ed.D.  
Superintendent

## QUICK FACTS

- The San Miguel Joint Union School District operates two schools, Lillian Larsen Elementary in San Miguel, and Cappy Culver Elementary at Heritage Ranch.
- Each school offers Preschool, Transitional Kindergarten and Grades K-8.
- A total of 615 students are enrolled in San Miguel (259 at Cappy Culver and 356 at Lillian Larsen).
- The schools are staffed by dedicated teachers, paraprofessionals and support staff.
- The teaching staff includes highly qualified instructors, all of whom possess credentials appropriate to their assignment.
- Our schools are very safe, secure places to excel academically, and develop good citizenship.

## SPOTLIGHT

The district is dedicated to academic excellence and improved achievement for all students. We strive to develop life-long learners who will positively contribute to our society at both Lillian Larsen and Cappy Culver. At Lillian Larsen, we are proud to offer an exemplary TK-8th grade educational program which meets all students' needs. Students are offered differentiated instruction at all grade levels, including opportunities for intervention and enrichment with low class sizes in all grades, and a departmentalized middle school with all teachers fully-credentialed in their academic discipline. Our school also features a strong athletic program and a modern gymnasium. Our reclassification rate for English-language learners is the highest in the area.

**\$4,337,967**  
TOTAL PAYROLL

**101**  
TOTAL EMPLOYEES

**\$18,000,000**  
TOTAL ASSETS

**\$8,000,000**  
TOTAL EXPENSES

Source: 2015-16 Fiscal Year District Audit; Assets=Capital Assets; Expenses - Total Cost of All Programs and Services





# SHANDON JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

101 SOUTH FIRST STREET, SHANDON, CA 93461

805-238-0286 | [www.shandonschools.org](http://www.shandonschools.org)

**Governing Board Trustees:** Jennifer Moe, Shannon Plaisted, Marlene Thomason, Kate Twisselman, Robert Van Parlet

**We are committed to providing a quality education in a safe environment, which empowers students with the skills, knowledge, and attitudes necessary for success.**

## QUICK FACTS

- The District encompasses approximately 600 square miles of north-eastern San Luis Obispo County and south-eastern Monterey County. The communities of Parkfield and Shandon lie within its boundaries. Both communities are rural, surrounded by agriculture industry such as cattle ranching, grape production, dry land grain farming, and irrigated crop production.
- Parents and community members play an integral role in the success of the district by participating in a number of activities offered throughout the year, including Family Night, drama productions, sporting events, and fund raising events; as well as volunteering in the classrooms and school improvement projects.
- The YMCA offers afterschool educational and sports programs to students throughout the year, while Cuesta College offers English Language classes for community members.

## SPOTLIGHT

One of the most exciting additions to Shandon's rapidly expanding Career Technical Education (CTE) program is the American Government and Cyber Security course which began last fall. This course focuses on technology in modern society and how our government deals with the challenges that an ever-changing evolution of technology will bring. The engagement level and enthusiasm of students can clearly be observed as they learn to utilize top-of-the-line technology, from document cameras, to state-of-the-art smart boards. Undoubtedly, completion of this course will help students reach the goal of being college *and* career ready. Providing challenging opportunities for our students has invigorated their learning.



**T**he Shandon Joint Unified School District is a unique, small, rural district that can offer an individualized learning experience in a safe, family-like environment. Strong community support of the district was evident last fall with the passage of the Measure K Bond, with one of the highest approval rates in the state. The Bond Measure will provide funds to rebuild the infrastructure of the school, as well as modernize classrooms with the latest technology available to enhance student learning.

One of the highest priorities of the district is to better prepare students for both college *and* career success. Recent Career Technical Education (CTE) Grants awarded to the district have provided funds to expand the already strong CTE offerings, and provide state-of-the-art equipment, including technology. Last fall *all* 9th grade students were enrolled in both the AVID College Preparations Program and Success 101, a Cuesta College Career Planning Dual Enrollment course.

Shandon Joint Unified School District and its students are looking forward to a bright future.

Teresa Taylor  
Superintendent

**\$2,366,617**  
TOTAL PAYROLL

**48**  
TOTAL EMPLOYEES

**\$5,000,000**  
TOTAL ASSETS

**\$4,500,000**  
TOTAL EXPENSES

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# TEMPLETON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

960 OLD COUNTY ROAD, TEMPLETON, CA 93456

805-434-5800 | [www.tusd.ca.schoolloop.com](http://www.tusd.ca.schoolloop.com)



**Governing Board Trustees:** Ted Dubost, Brenda Gray, Katrina Merson, Jan Nimick, Nelson Yamagata

**Templeton Unified School District exists to engage and work collaboratively with students, families and the community to create systems which develop character, academics, global awareness as well as economic, artistic, civic, digital and health literacy, allowing our youth numerous options in the pursuit of an ethical and successful life in the 21st Century. With relationships as our foundation, we provide timely and caring feedback which guides progress and ensures success.**



Templeton Unified School District is known for academic success. I am equally proud of our success with at-risk students. In less than three years we have nearly eliminated course failure in the freshmen year. This data point is correlated with drop-out rates, drug use and adult incarceration. This past year, the freshman class passed 1526 of the 1528 courses without lowering standards or expectations!

We have launched two new programs designed to further enhance our success. The Academic Achievement Academy (Triple A) helps students attend top notch universities such as Harvard, Stanford, and Cal Poly. Triple A serves students in grades K-12. The Design and Engineering Employment Program (DEEP) places students in internships and employment opportunities with local tech and engineering firms. DEEP serves students in grades 3-12, culminating with a three-course sequence at Templeton High School. Limited space is available in the Triple A and DEEP programs for students who reside outside district boundaries.

Joe Koski, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

## QUICK FACTS

- Serving 2350 students in grades TK – 12 in traditional and independent student formats
- California Gold Ribbon awards in elementary, middle and high school setting
- Templeton Elementary School awarded California Gold Ribbons for Fine Arts and Closing the Achievement Gap
- Nearly 99% attendance rate and 100% graduation rate
- Launched two new programs in 2017-18: Academic Achievement Academy (grades kindergarten – 12) and Design and Engineering Employment Program (grades 6-12)

## SPOTLIGHT

When schools across the state cut programs, Templeton Unified School District created the highly successful STEM Academy, allowing students to focus on specific science strands requiring a senior research project. Representatives from local businesses and Cal Poly help ensure our graduates are prepared for college and career. Engineering students study different forms of alternative energy through hands-on projects. The students built their own batteries, solar cars, wind turbines, and electric motors. Students converted a motor vehicle to run on vegetable oil fuel, built a waste oil filtration system, and synthesized biodiesel. The program culminates with the annual Makers Faire, where students make radios, hovercrafts and motorcycles, and robots are showcased. The program has received numerous awards, and was featured in CTA's *Educator Magazine*, with many students earning scholarships.

**\$14,936,829**  
TOTAL PAYROLL

**277**  
TOTAL EMPLOYEES

**\$54,000,000**  
TOTAL ASSETS

**\$26,000,000**  
TOTAL EXPENSES

Source: 2015-16 Fiscal Year District Audit; Assets=Capital Assets; Expenses - Total Cost of All Programs and Services



# CHARTER SCHOOLS

Grizzly Youth Academy | [www.grizzlyyouthacademy.org](http://www.grizzlyyouthacademy.org)

Bellevue-Santa Fe Charter School | [www.bsfcfs.org](http://www.bsfcfs.org)

Almond Acres Charter Academy | [www.aacacademy.com](http://www.aacacademy.com)

## QUICK FACTS

A public charter school is a publicly-funded school that is typically governed by a group or organization under a legislative contract (or charter) with the state or jurisdiction. The charter exempts the school from certain state or local rules and regulations. In return for flexibility and autonomy, the charter school must meet the accountability standards outlined in its charter. California maintains the largest number of students enrolled in charter schools (513,400, representing 8 percent of total public population in the state.) San Luis Obispo County holds the charter for three separate campuses; Grizzly Youth Academy, Bellevue-Santa Fe and Almond Acres. There are additional charters operating in San Luis Obispo County that are chartered in other counties.

### Grizzly ChalleNGe Charter School

The Grizzly Youth Academy is a partnership between the California National Guard and the Grizzly ChalleNGe Charter School (chartered by the San Luis Obispo County Office of Education). The program is designed to serve youth between the ages of 16 and 18 who have dropped out of high school or are at risk of dropping out of school. Grizzly offers a highly structured environment that promotes leadership, cooperation, academic skills, self-esteem, pride and confidence. Grizzly Youth Academy is designed for students with a history of school failure who are ready to learn and change. Students who struggle in school often lack the social and emotional skills to succeed academically and in the workplace. We provide these students with the skills they need to change course and succeed in school, work, and their relationships.

### Bellevue-Santa Fe Charter School

Chartered by the San Luis Coastal Unified School District, Bellevue-Santa Fe is nestled among the apple orchards and wooded coastal hills of the Avila Valley. Learning opportunities such as historical simulations are emblematic of Bellevue's commitment to hands-on teaching. From medieval knights and maidens, to gold miners, to children in a one-room pioneer schoolhouse, and members of a Mesopotamian clan, students are given the opportunity to fully adopt the roles of historical characters, enhancing their concept of time and deepening their understanding of the societal trends and events that have shaped our world. Using the California content standards as a guide, we utilize project-based learning in all areas of study to strike a balance between skill acquisition and application.

### Almond Acres Charter School

Chartered by the San Miguel Joint Union School District, Almond Acres Charter Academy's (AACA) central goal is to build a vibrant learning community. AACA has created a culture of parental empowerment and "ownership" of the school. Cooperation and regular communication between the home and school are central values of AACA. Through this community model students are expected to help each other excel, both within each classroom and across the grade levels. AACA believes this formula of high expectations of all members of the learning community is crucial to the success of each student entrusted to their school.



**\$2,932,113**

TOTAL COMBINED PAYROLL

**87**

TOTAL COMBINED EMPLOYEES

Source: San Luis Obispo County Office of Education and Charter Schools 2015-16 Fiscal Year

# CUESTA COLLEGE

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Cuesta College is in the midst of exciting times. Both the San Luis Obispo Campus and North County Campus are under construction with the first two Measure-L funded buildings taking shape. The college continues to break down financial barriers to higher education via the Cuesta Promise Scholarship and now the Cambria Promise, offering a second year of fee-free education to Coast Unified School District high school graduates. Adults in the community can enjoy life-long learning opportunities for free by enrolling in our Emeritus College courses. And new academic programs – including a transfer degree in Agriculture Business and a certificate in Nuclear Energy Systems – are providing more career training opportunities for our students. I invite you to visit our website ([www.cuesta.edu](http://www.cuesta.edu)) for more exciting updates.

Cuesta College continues to respond to the needs of the local community, and ensure that Cuesta remains your community's college.

Gilbert H. Stork, Ed.D.  
Superintendent/President

## MEASURE L UPDATE

The San Luis Obispo Campus is currently constructing a 32,000-square-foot, two-story instructional building, that will include eight high-capacity, multi-discipline classrooms capable of serving up to 45 students; one large forum-size classroom with full capacity of 90 students; plus faculty offices and meeting rooms.

A new campus center is also under construction on the North County Campus. The 43,000-square-foot, two-story structure will house a variety of student services, such as counseling, admissions and records, financial aid, and more.

Both will be completed at the end of 2017 and open for business in the spring of 2018.

Measure L is a \$275 million general obligation bond passed by the voters of San Luis Obispo County in November of 2014. For project details, photos, maps and more, visit [www.cuestacollegebond.info](http://www.cuestacollegebond.info).



North County Campus Center



SLO Campus Instructional Building

**\$68,087,639**  
TOTAL ANNUAL BUDGET

**755**  
TOTAL EMPLOYEES

**\$40,973,692**  
TOTAL ANNUAL PAYROLL

**\$201,094,362**  
TOTAL ASSETS

Sources: San Luis Obispo County Office Of Education, K-12 School Districts, Charter Schools and Cuesta College 2015-2016 Figures



## QUICK FACTS

- Cuesta College serves approximately 10,000 students at its three locations – the San Luis Obispo Campus, North County Campus in Paso Robles and South County Center in Arroyo Grande – and via Emeritus courses throughout the county, dual enrollment courses at local high schools, and online courses.
- In spring 2016, the college saw an 11% increase in students graduating (1,013) and a nearly 14% increase in degrees awarded (1,301).
- Cuesta College transfers more students to Cal Poly SLO than any other college – 21%, totaling 192 in fall 2016.
- In spring 2016, a total of 590 transfer degrees were awarded, amounting to an increase of nearly 128%. Cuesta College offers 25 transfer degrees guaranteeing admission to the California State University system.



## SPOTLIGHT

Cuesta College's Promise Scholarship – providing a fee-free first year to all SLO County high school graduates – saw a successful fall 2016 with 728 local students entering Cuesta College on the Promise Scholarship.

In 2016, Cuesta College launched the Cambria Promise, providing a fee-free second year to all Coast Unified School District high school grads.

With the proven success of the Cambria Promise, the college recently announced efforts to add a second year of fee-free education to the Promise Scholarship.



## NEW AT CUESTA COLLEGE

In 2016, the college launched the following new services and opportunities for students.

### •Free Emeritus College Courses

Designed for adults, the Emeritus College aims to provide a free source for lifelong learning, vocational education, and cultural development for community members through the college's Community Programs.

### •\$1.3 million Basic Skills Transformation Grant

The grant is helping the college to expand programs to better prepare students for college level classes, and close the high school achievement gap.

### •Hispanic Serving Institution Designation

The designation allows the college to apply for grants to expand educational opportunities for Latino/a students.

### •Military Friendly® School Designation

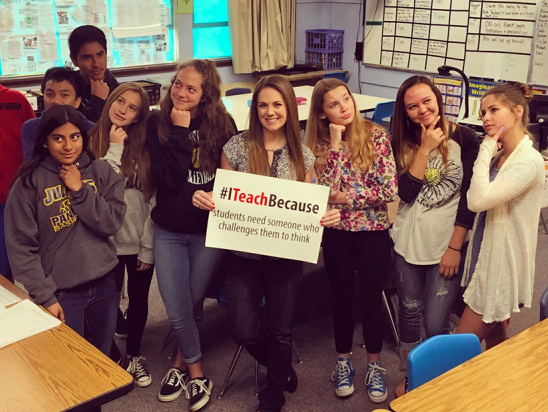
Cuesta College was once again designated a Military Friendly® School, recognizing the college's efforts to support military students.

### •New Academic Programs

- o The college now offers a new **Certificate of Specialization in Nuclear Energy Systems** that will help to address the anticipated employment needs of the nuclear workforce nationwide, including Diablo Canyon Power Plant.
- o Cuesta College and Cal State University of Monterey Bay launched a concurrent **Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) to Bachelor's Science in Nursing Degree (BSN)** enrollment pathway. The partnership essentially allows Cuesta College's Registered Nursing students the opportunity to get a BSN degree in about three years.
- o **Six Associate Degrees for Transfer** are now exclusively offered from the North County Campus in the areas of Administration of Justice, Agriculture Business, Business Administration, Communication, Psychology, and Sociology.

**Cuesta College is dedicated to accessible, high-quality education for the support and enhancement of student success, professional development, and the community we serve.**





## SCHOOLS IN SLO COUNTY

### Almond Acres Charter Academy

### Atascadero Unified School District

Atascadero Home School  
Atascadero Fine Arts Academy  
Atascadero High School  
Atascadero Middle School  
Carrisa Plains Elementary School  
Creston Elementary School  
Del Rio Continuation High School  
Home and Hospital  
Monterey Road Elementary School  
San Benito Elementary School  
San Gabriel Elementary School  
Santa Margarita Elementary School  
Santa Rosa Academic Academy  
West Mall Alternative High School

### Bellevue Santa-Fe Charter School

### Cayucos Elementary School District

Cayucos Elementary School

### Grizzly ChalleNGe Charter School

### Coast Unified School District

Cambria Community Day School  
Cambria Grammar School  
Coast Union High School  
Leffingwell Continuation High School  
Santa Lucia Middle School

### Lucia Mar Unified School District

Arroyo Grande High School  
Branch Elementary School  
Central Coast New Tech High School  
Dana Elementary School  
Dorothea Lange Elementary School  
Fairgrove Elementary School

Grover Beach Elementary School  
Grover Heights Elementary School  
Harloe Elementary School  
Judkins Middle School  
Lopez Continuation High School  
Lucia Mar Adult Education  
Mesa Middle School  
Nipomo Elementary School  
Nipomo High School  
Ocean View Elementary School  
Oceano Elementary School  
Paulding Middle School  
Shell Beach Elementary School

### Paso Robles Joint Unified School District

Arts Academy at Bauer Speck Elementary School (Arts Magnet)  
Culinary Arts Academy  
Daniel E. Lewis Middle School  
George H Flamson Middle School  
Georgia Brown Elementary School (Dual Language Immersion Magnet)  
Independence High School  
Kermit King Elementary School  
Lewis Middle School  
Liberty Continuation High School  
Paso Robles High School  
Paso Robles Online Academy  
Pat Butler Elementary School  
Virginia Peterson Elementary School  
Winifred Pifer Elementary School

### Pleasant Valley Joint Union Elementary School District

Pleasant Valley Elementary School

### San Luis Coastal Unified School District

Baywood Elementary School  
Bishops Peak Elementary School  
C.L. Smith Elementary School

Del Mar Elementary School  
Hawthorne Elementary School  
Laguna Middle School  
Los Osos Middle School  
Los Ranchos Elementary School  
Monarch Grove Elementary School  
Morro Bay High School  
Pacheco Elementary School (Dual Language Immersion)  
Pacific Beach High School  
San Luis Obispo Adult Education  
San Luis Obispo High School  
Sinsheimer Elementary School  
Teach Elementary School

### County Office of Education

Juvenile Court School  
Loma Vista Community School  
Preschool Programs  
Rancho El Chorro Outdoor School  
Special Education Programs

### San Miguel Joint Union School District

Cappy Culver Elementary School  
Lillian Larsen Elementary School

### Shandon Joint Unified School District

Parkfield Elementary School  
Shandon Elementary School  
Shandon High School

### Templeton Unified School District

Eagle Canyon High School  
Templeton Elementary (K-2)  
Templeton High School  
★ Templeton Home School  
Templeton Independent Study High School  
Templeton Middle School  
Vineyard Elementary School (3-5)



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