



# **MARIN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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**A MESSAGE FROM  
THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF MARIN COUNTY**



**TO**

**PARENTS OF PRESCHOOL AGE CHILDREN**

Welcome to Marin County. As educators in what we believe are the best schools in Marin County, we look forward to having your children in our public schools very soon. (It will be sooner than we think, no matter how young they may be). In order to prepare and plan for their arrival in our classrooms, please take a minute and call your local school district office to let them know that you have moved into the community and give the names, address and ages of your children. Here are the numbers:

Bolinas-Stinson Union School District	868-1603
Dixie School District	492-3700
Kentfield School District	458-5130
Laguna Joint School District	(707)762-6051
Lagunitas School District	488-4118
Larkspur School District	927-6960 Ext. 3202
Lincoln School District	(707) 763-0045
Mill Valley School District	389-7700
Nicasio School District	662-2184
Novato Unified School District	897-4201
Reed Union School District	381-1112
Ross School District	457-2705
Ross Valley School District	454-2162
San Rafael City Schools	492-3200
Sausalito Marin City School District	332-3190
Shoreline Unified School District	(707) 878-2266
Tamalpais Union High School District	945-3720
Union Joint School District	(707) 762-2047

**If you are not sure in which school district you live, please call the Marin County Assessor's Office (415) 499-7215, give them your street address and ask them to verify the official school district location.**

Again, welcome to our school districts. We look forward to working with you in the education of your children. There is no more important work to be done. Call us today!



# FACTS ABOUT EDUCATION

## In Marin County Schools

The following information is designed to provide educators, legislators, the media and the general public with basic statistical information about kindergarten through twelfth grade education in Marin County. It has been prepared as a public service by the Marin County Office of Education (MCOE). The information was compiled by Marin County Office of Education staff using data from districts and the California Department of Education.

### Number of School Districts

Unified Districts (K - 12)	2
Elementary Districts (K - 8)	15
High School Districts (9 - 12)	<u>2</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19</b>

### Number of Public Schools

Elementary Schools (K - 8)	45
Middle/Junior High Schools (6 - 8)	11
High Schools (9 - 12)	9
Continuation Schools	2
Alternative Education, Independent Study	6
Charter Schools	<u>2</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>75</b>

## Number of Students in Regular Graded Programs Kindergarten - Grade 12

### Enrollment

<b>1994-95</b>	26,932	<b>2000-01</b>	28,703	<b>2006-07</b>	29,081
<b>1995-96</b>	28,966	<b>2001-02</b>	28,709	<b>2007-08</b>	29,100
<b>1996-97</b>	27,706	<b>2002-03</b>	28,597		
<b>1997-98</b>	28,179	<b>2003-04</b>	28,506		
<b>1998-99</b>	28,793	<b>2004-05</b>	28,443		
<b>1999-00</b>	28,789	<b>2005-06</b>	28,764		

Source: <http://data1.cde.ca.gov/dataquest> California Department of Education, Educational Demographics Unit

## Students in Public Schools - By Grade Level

	<u>2006-07</u>	<u>2007-08</u>		<u>2006-07</u>	<u>2007-08</u>
<b>Kindergarten</b>	2,409	2,522	<b>Grade 9</b>	2,375	2,218
<b>Grade 1</b>	2,296	2,339	<b>Grade 10</b>	2,374	2,295
<b>Grade 2</b>	2,218	2,320	<b>Grade 11</b>	2,319	2,251
<b>Grade 3</b>	2,129	2,237	<b>Grade 12</b>	2,261	2,206
<b>Grade 4</b>	2,087	2,178			
<b>Grade 5</b>	2,149	2,107	<b>Ungraded</b>	0	47
<b>Grade 6</b>	2,139	2,116			
<b>Grade 7</b>	2,129	2,150			
<b>Grade 8</b>	2,196	2,111			
			<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>29,081</b>	<b>29,100</b>

Source: <http://data1.cde.ca.gov/dataquest> California Department of Education, Educational Demographics Unit



## Racial / Ethnic Diversity Marin County Public School Students

	<u>2006-07</u>	<u>2007-2008</u>
Caucasian	64.4%	64.1%
Hispanic	19.8%	21.1%
Asian	5.3%	5.5%
African American	3.4%	3.3%
Pacific Islander	0.2%	0.3%
Filipino	0.5%	0.6%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.3%	0.2%
No Response	6.1%	4.8%

Source: <http://data1.cde.ca.gov/dataquest> California Department of Education, Educational Demographics Unit

### Graduation Rates Based on NCES\* Definition

	<u>Marin</u>	<u>State</u>
<b>2002-03</b>	95.8%	86.6%
<b>2003-04</b>	97.3%	85.1%
<b>2004-05</b>	96.8%	84.9%
<b>2005-06</b>	95.8%	83.1%
<b>2006-07</b>	95.0%	80.2%

Source: <http://data1.cde.ca.gov/dataquest> California Department of Education, Educational Demographics Unit  
\*NCES = National Center for Education Statistics

### One-Year Student Dropout Rate — Grades 9 - 12

	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
<b>2002-03</b>	0.7%	3.2%
<b>2003-04</b>	0.6%	3.3%
<b>2004-05</b>	0.6%	3.1%
<b>2005-06</b>	1.0%	3.6%
<b>2006-07</b>	1.0%	4.2%

Source: <http://data1.cde.ca.gov/dataquest>  
California Department of Education, Educational Demographics Unit

### Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) Scores

		<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
<b>2005-2006</b>	<b>Verbal:</b>	559	495
	<b>Math:</b>	567	516
<b>2006-2007</b>	<b>Verbal:</b>	556	493
	<b>Math:</b>	560	513

Sources: <http://data1.cde.ca.gov/dataquest>  
California Department of Education, Education Planning and Information Center



# MARIN COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

## Services And Programs

The Marin County Office of Education exists to provide leadership and service as a community asset that earns and enjoys the respect and support of our students, parents and community taxpayers. One of 58 county offices which form the intermediate level of California's education system, the Marin County Office of Education actively and effectively links state policy to local programs and needs. This link is made in several ways by:

- providing programs and services to prepare students to be productive citizens;
- establishing tangible, measurable criteria for the evaluation of all Marin County Office of Education's programs and services;
- insuring the quality of Marin County Office of Education's programs and services by comparative and analytical evaluation of student achievement;
- demonstrating the cost-efficient utilization of available resources by monitoring the balance between commitment and results;
- providing effective, centralized services to the districts and schools in Marin County; and
- advancing technology and telecommunications for Marin's students and the community.

The public served by the Marin County Office of Education voices its educational priorities through the election of the County Superintendent, who is the chief administrative officer and educational leader of the agency. A seven-member County Board of Education is elected by Trustee Areas to serve as educational and financial stewards for county voters and their communities.


## County Office Chief Administrative Officer

Mary Jane Burke, Marin County Superintendent of Schools

## County Board Of Education

Area 1 – Patricia A. Warren  
Area 2 – Patricia D. Garbarino  
Area 3 – David M. Hellman  
Area 4 – Frank R. Elliott  
Area 5 – Marilyn L. Nemzer  
Area 6 – Dr. Curtis Robinson, Vice President  
Area 7 – Clairette C. Wilson, President

Area 1 – part of Novato  
Area 2 – part of San Rafael  
Area 3 – Dixie, part of San Rafael  
Area 4 – Ross, Ross Valley, part of Kentfield, part of San Rafael  
Area 5 – Larkspur, Reed, part of Mill Valley, part of Kentfield  
Area 6 – Sausalito, part of Mill Valley  
Area 7 – Bolinas-Stinson, Shoreline, Lagunitas, Nicasio, Laguna, Lincoln, Union, part of Novato



For further information about the educational mission and programs included here, contact the Marin County Superintendent of Schools at (415) 499-5801. Office hours are Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## **County Programs And Services**

The Marin County Office of Education (MCOE) specializes in meeting the needs of local educators and students. In addition to offering a wide variety of services to meet the diversified needs of the county's school districts, the office also works closely with community groups and other educational agencies.

There are 19 public school districts in Marin County. Each district is governed by its own elected board of trustees, is supported by both local and state funds and is responsible for the policies and operations of the schools within its boundaries.

The Marin County Superintendent of Schools and the Marin County Office of Education work with the California Department of Education to assist Marin County school districts and students. This assistance is given through a variety of resources, support services and student programs.

Services and programs are provided only if they can meet the following criteria:

- Accountability
- Cost Effectiveness
- Leadership
- Quality
- Student-Centered

All services and programs provided have goals in each of these areas which are detailed in Action Plans that specify how the goal will be reached, the timeline, who is responsible and how evaluation of meeting the goal will be done. These Action Plans are available simply by calling the staff member listed under each program and requesting a copy or by emailing a request via the Marin County Office of Education webpage at <http://marin.k12.ca.us>.

There are ten (10) major services and programs offered by the Marin County Office of Education. They are described on the following pages.



## **Alternative Education**

Alternative Education includes several programs serving high-risk adolescents and incarcerated adults. The juvenile programs serve approximately 700 students a year through County Community School, ORACLE Independent Study, and Loma Alta School/Juvenile Hall and classroom instruction at Center Point Residential Treatment Program. Phoenix Academy, our charter school, serves students who have made a commitment to sobriety. Students are eligible for these programs if they are on probation, have been expelled from their district of residence, or have had chronic truancy and behavior problems. The education program at the Marin County Jail offers incarcerated adults an opportunity to complete their high school education through General Educational Development (GED).

For more information, contact Lisa Schwartz at (415) 499-5804.  
e-mail: [lisas@marin.k12.ca.us](mailto:lisas@marin.k12.ca.us)

## **Business Services**

Business Services provides a variety of business and technical support services for the Marin County Office of Education and to school districts throughout the county.

Internal Business Services provides payroll, accounting, budgeting, purchasing and other fiscal services for the Marin County Office of Education programs. The Marin County Office of Education budget is comprised of nine funds and totals approximately \$58.7 million for the 2008-09 fiscal year.

Business advisory and fiscal oversight services are provided to 19 school districts in Marin County. Reviews are performed on payroll and vendor warrants and retirement reporting. AB1200 fiscal oversight responsibilities and compliance reviews are performed four times annually for each school district in the county. In some situations, the Business Services staff provide intervention to districts and prepare in-depth analyses and recommended strategies for any necessary corrective measures. In addition, business services for three school districts are provided by Marin County Office of Education.

For more information, contact Karen Maloney at (415) 499-5805.  
e-mail: [kmaloney@marin.k12.ca.us](mailto:kmaloney@marin.k12.ca.us)

## **Education Services**

The Education Services Department supports all districts and schools in the county: approximately 3,200 public school administrators, certificated staff, classified personnel and approximately 28,500 students. Education Services provides professional development opportunities, assistance in program evaluation, advice to schools and districts on state and federal initiatives and offers leadership in the use of resources including instructional materials and technology. This is accomplished through a number of programs and activities including the Marin County New Teacher Collaborative (MCNTC), Categorical Program Monitoring (CPM), Teachers' Learning Cooperative (TLC), student academic competitions and school recognition programs. In addition, the Education Services Department facilitates the monthly meeting of the Countywide Learning Collaborative (CLC).

For more information contact, Susan Spain at (415) 499-5803.  
e-mail: [sspain@marin.k12.ca.us](mailto:sspain@marin.k12.ca.us)





## **General Services**

General Services provides support to all programs of the Marin County Office of Education at four owned sites, three rented facilities and numerous classrooms throughout Marin County. Nine staff members (senior administrative secretary, maintenance workers, custodians, maintenance custodian, office utility worker and director) are charged with the cleaning, maintenance, security and landscaping of all Marin County Office of Education-owned facilities and the three rental facilities. General Services builds specialized furniture, repairs furniture and equipment, modifies facilities in accordance with current needs and government regulations, and delivery service for business information and county mail. Staff coordinates annual Mandated Topics training for school district staff through the financial support of the Marin Schools Insurance Authority.

For more information, contact Karen Maloney at (415) 499-5805.  
e-mail: [kmaloney@marin.k12.ca.us](mailto:kmaloney@marin.k12.ca.us)

## **Personnel and Administration**

The Marin County Office of Education provides numerous administrative and personnel services to school districts. Both state and federal regulations and laws impact schools. Copies of bills that are pending before the legislature are available. Training in new requirements and interpretation of the Education Code is a constant activity. A Joint Legislative Advisory Committee comprised of superintendents and board members meets on a monthly basis and works with a lobbyist to advocate for Marin's schools on a wide variety of topics. Assistance is given in policy development, elections, appointment of board of trustee members, transfer of territory and general governance questions. Appeals of inter-district attendance issues and expulsions are heard by the Marin County Board of Education. Monthly superintendents' meetings are staffed by the Marin County Office of Education.

Personnel serves the 350 employees of the Marin County Office of Education by coordinating and monitoring employee benefits, workers' compensation and state disability claims. Included is responsibility for employment, resignations and retirements, evaluation tracking, notification of step and longevity increases, fingerprinting, TB testing notification, Personnel Commission, staffing for summer programs, employee assignment, transfer and leave requests.

A Credentials Analyst provides assistance in registration, application and renewals of the credentials for all public school teachers in Marin County. Maintenance and distribution of the Marin County substitute list is also provided by this office, as is monitoring of teacher credentials to assure they match teacher assignments.

The Marin County Office of Education convenes a countywide personnel meeting to discuss topics of common interest or to receive training in areas of need. Additionally, the personnel staff coordinates the fingerprinting of all new employees with the Marin County Sheriff's Office and the Department of Justice.

For more information about Personnel, contact Mary Batchelder at (415) 499-5854.  
e-mail: [maryb@marin.k12.ca.us](mailto:maryb@marin.k12.ca.us)

For more information about Administration, contact Susan Spain at (415) 499-5803.  
e-mail: [sspain@marin.k12.ca.us](mailto:sspain@marin.k12.ca.us)



## **Information Services**

Information Services provides business data processing to Marin County public school districts. These services include payroll, finance and personnel as well as the hosting and maintenance of student systems for scheduling, attendance and grading as well as mandated data tracking.

Information Services operates Marin County schools' e-mail system, web-hosting and other internet services as well as the support help desk for the Marin County Office of Education's local area network. It also manages a wide area network consisting of telecommunications services and associated equipment connecting 77 school sites countywide.

For more information, contact Dane Lancaster at (415) 499-5847.  
e-mail: dane@marin.k12.ca.us

## **Regional Occupational Program (ROP)**

The Regional Occupational Program provides career and technical training to enable students to succeed in a complex, rapidly changing, global economy. The ROP serves high school students and adults with programs ranging from automotive repair to video production. Instructors are experienced teachers who have a minimum of five years experience in the field in which they teach. Courses focus on real world applications of skills and are designed in collaboration with the business community to ensure that students are prepared for local employment opportunities.

The Marin County School to Career Partnership provides career exploration and education opportunities to the students of Marin County. In collaboration with Marin County school districts and more than 200 businesses and organizations, the Partnership takes learning beyond classroom walls and into the community through internships, job shadows and other programs connecting what students are studying to real experiences in the workplace.

For more information about ROP, contact Gene Abbott at (415) 491-6639 or 499-5860.  
e-mail: gabbott@marin.k12.ca.us  
Web site: <http://www.marinrop.org>

For more information about School to Career, contact Ken Lippi at (415) 499-5865.  
e-mail: klippi@marin.k12.ca.us  
Web site: <http://stc.marinschools.org/>

## **Special Education**

Special Education provides programs and services designed to meet the individual needs of students with disabilities, as required by state and federal law. The scope of services provided by the Marin County Office of Education includes operating special day class programs at 43 school sites within 19 school districts for approximately 789 students, birth through 22 years of age. Instructional programs at each of the school sites may reflect one of the following: preschool-aged children, school-aged children, and/or adults who are enrolled in post secondary programs located on high school or community college campuses. The Marin County Office of Education also provides designated instruction and services to students who need them in order to address speech impairments and language delays, visual impairments/blindness, deaf and hard of hearing, and orientation and mobility issues, among others.

For more information, contact Karen Steele at (415) 491-6612.  
e-mail: ksteele@marin.k12.ca.us



## **Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA)**

The Marin Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) includes all school districts located within Marin County and the Marin County Office of Education. The role of the SELPA is to ensure that students with disabilities receive a free, appropriate public education. The SELPA governance structure consists of the following elements:

- The Operational Steering Committee composed of six superintendents representing the various areas of Marin County;
- An Advisory Steering Committee composed of a special education representative from each district;
- A Special Education Advisory Committee comprised of 28 representatives including parents of regular and disabled students, teachers, agencies, administration and support staff;
- The Business Advisory Committee, consisting of District Business Officials from each local education agency; and,
- A Responsible Local Agency (RLA) which is the Marin County Board of Education.

For more information, contact John La Londe at (415) 499-5850.  
e-mail: [jlalonde@marin.k12.ca.us](mailto:jlalonde@marin.k12.ca.us)

## **Walker Creek Ranch**

Walker Creek Ranch is located in West Marin, encompassing 1,741 acres. The Ranch was deeded to the Marin County Office of Education by the Marin Community Foundation to operate as an Outdoor Education School and Conference Center. Classes and conferences began in April, 1990.

The school program provides a 4 and 5-day residential outdoor science school program to about 5,800 fifth and sixth grade students annually from over 100 schools in Alameda, Calaveras, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, Sonoma and Yolo Counties. The Conference Center serves approximately 6,000 guests per year through 120 or more individual conferences.

The Ranch also offers a 5-day residential summer camp program for kids ages 9-12, Camp Soulajule, which operates three to four weeks throughout the month of July. Camp Soulajule also provides opportunities for kids 13 to 18 to participate as Counselors, Counselors in Training (CIT's) or Junior CIT's.

For more information, contact Mike Grant at (415) 491-6600.  
e-mail: [mgrant@marin.k12.ca.us](mailto:mgrant@marin.k12.ca.us)  
Web site: <http://walkercreekranch.org/>



## ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

<b>MARIN COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL</b>		<b>MARIN COUNTY CHARTER SCHOOL Phoenix Academy</b>
<p>Hours: 8:00 to 3:30 Ages: 12 - 18 years Population: 3 classes Up to 25 students per class</p> <p>Students of the Marin County Community School are those who have demonstrated the need for a small, highly supportive and closely supervised educational environment to address their behavior and/or attendance.</p> <p>The Marin County Community School provides a complete board-approved curriculum to meet each student's abilities and goals. Students are eligible for the program if they are on probation, have been expelled from their school district, or have been referred by the school district's School Attendance Review Board for chronic truancy and/or behavioral problems. ♦</p>	<p>In addition to self-contained classrooms providing individualized academic programs, students also may receive a wide variety of support services including mental health counseling, vocational assessment and education, computer literacy, visual arts classes, and special education services.</p> <p>Most students transition back to their regular district programs when the truancy/behavioral issues are resolved. Students may earn a high school diploma and graduate from County Community School. ♦</p>	<p>Hours: 8:00 to 3:30 Ages: 14 - 18 years Population: 2 classes Up to 25 students</p> <p>Phoenix Academy provides a safe educational environment where chemically dependent students can develop a drug- and alcohol-free lifestyle, make significant academic progress, identify and address emotional issues, and make sound career and vocational decisions in a highly structured and closely supervised setting. Instruction is provided in a variety of forms: completely individualized, small groups, project-based and whole group.</p> <p>Referrals to Phoenix Academy are made by school districts, the Probation Department, parents and therapists in Marin County. After referral, students and parents are interviewed as part of the intake process. Students whose needs can be addressed by Phoenix Academy are then asked to sign a contract committing to the program. ♦</p>

**Luke McCann, Assistant Superintendent**  
**Lisa Schwartz, Director**  
**Alternative Education**



## ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

<b>ORACLE INDEPENDENT STUDY</b>	<b>LOMA ALTA/JUVENILE HALL</b>
<p>Hours: 8:00 to 4:00 Ages: 12 to 18 years Population: Up to 150 Students</p> <p>ORACLE Independent Study is an alternative to classroom instruction for students whose educational needs cannot be met through traditional programs. Students are referred by the Juvenile Probation Department, School Attendance Review Boards or their local school district.</p> <p>ORACLE provides a complete board-approved curriculum, individualized to each student's abilities and goals. Students earn high school credits by completing academic assignments and meeting with certificated teaching staff at weekly appointments. They use community resources for special research projects, field trips and volunteer work. Additional support is provided through a Study Hall program and individual math tutoring. A special curriculum is offered for pregnant and parenting teens. ♦</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Deborah Hemphill</b> <b>Program Manager</b> ORACLE Independent Study (415) 491-0792</p>	<p>Hours: 9:00 to 3:00 Ages: 8 to 19 years Population: Varies</p> <p>The Loma Alta educational program at Marin County Juvenile Hall serves all youth during their periods of incarceration. Students in the Loma Alta program range in age from 8-19 years and have been incarcerated for delinquent behaviors in the community. The Loma Alta program allows these students to continue their schooling throughout their period of incarceration.</p> <p>Students receive individual and group instruction in the basic academic areas. Additional school services include independent living skills curriculum, English as a Second Language materials and Special Education services as needed. Eligible students may also study for the General Education Development certificate (GED).</p> <p>Outcomes for the students in the Loma Alta program are determined by Juvenile Court. They may return to their home school district or they may be placed out of their homes. ♦</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lisa Schwartz</b> <b>Director</b> Loma Alta/Juvenile Hall (415) 499-5804</p>

**Luke McCann, Assistant Superintendent**  
**Lisa Schwartz, Director**  
**Alternative Education**



## CAREER AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

### REGIONAL OCCUPATIONAL PROGRAM

3,098 students annually  
24 programs  
140 Business and Advisory Partnerships

The Marin Regional Occupational Program (ROP) is an integral part of Marin County's public education system. The ROP provides career and technical training to enable students to succeed in a complex, rapidly changing, global economy.

The ROP serves high school students and adults with programs ranging from automotive repair to video production. The ROP instructors are experienced teachers, having a minimum of five years' experience in the field in which they teach. State-of-the-industry equipment is used in the ROP programs. Courses focus on real world applications of skills and are designed in collaboration with the business community to ensure that students are prepared for local employment opportunities. Day and evening classes are available.

The ROP is free for high school students; adult students are charged a nominal fee. High school students receive high school credit for their ROP course work. Some ROP classes are approved for advanced placement credit at College of Marin. ♦

**Dan Zaich, Coordinator**  
Regional Occupational Program

**Gene Abbott, Director**  
Regional Occupational Program  
(415) 491-6639 or 499-4860

### SCHOOL TO CAREER PARTNERSHIP

Schools and employers in our community are working together to create exciting educational opportunities for students through the Marin County School to Career Partnership. The Partnership focuses on providing career exploration and awareness programs for students. The Partnership also collaborates with schools planning and implementing career pathways, academies and work-based learning projects for students. The Program has enjoyed strong community-wide support and has been successful in building effective working relationships among schools, businesses and organizations, and civic and community groups.

The Marin County School to Career Partnership enables employers to provide students with on-the-job learning experiences that build the skills necessary for success in the workplace.

All Marin County high school districts have School to Career programs underway. During the past year, over 3,000 students participated in activities such as internships, workplace visits, job shadowing and guest speaker programs. Marin County employers also engage in School to Career activities through participation on advisory boards and by providing professional development opportunities for educators. With strong support from the community, the School to Career Partnership is helping to ensure that all students are better prepared for college, careers and life. ♦

**Ken Lippi, Executive Director**  
Marin County  
School to Career Partnership  
(415) 499-5865



## SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Special Day Classes (SDC)</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Resource Specialist Programs (RSP)</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Designated Instruction And Services (DIS)</b></li> </ul> <p>364 students (0 - 5 years old) 425 students (6 - 22 years old) 43 school sites in 19 districts throughout Marin County</p> <p>Special education programs are designed to meet the individual needs of students with handicapping conditions that affect their ability to learn in a general education program. Programs are designed to provide remediation, teach focused skill building and develop accommodation or adaptation skills based on each student's needs.</p> <p>Students served include those who are hearing impaired, learning disabled, mentally retarded, orthopedically handicapped, speech and language impaired, visually handicapped, multi-handicapped, seriously emotionally disturbed, autistic, traumatic brain injured or other health impaired.</p> <p>Birth through five-year old children are served through the Early Intervention Program. ♦</p>	<p>Services for visually, orthopedically and hearing impaired children up to age 3 have a family-centered focus emphasizing the parents as primary teacher of their own child. A range of services for preschoolers (3-5 years) is provided to address the intensity of needs. When families have arranged for their child's care or enrichment through a private center-based program, arrangements are made to supplement those experiences by delivery of special education services at their preschool location or through focused language and learning groups.</p> <p>School-based special education programs for students aged 5 to 22 years include special day classes, resource specialist programs and designated instruction and services. Students in Special Day Classes (SDC) spend the majority of their instructional day in a special education class. Conversely, students spending the majority of the day in general education classes receive scheduled remedial instruction through the Resource Specialist Program (RSP) or Designated Instruction and Services (DIS) program. ♦</p>	<p>The goal for each student in special education is to maximize learning potential and to independently apply the skills acquired.</p> <p>Although not all services are provided for all handicapping conditions at each school site, there is a strong commitment to educating students in their home or neighboring district whenever possible. When centralization of service delivery is the most practical utilization of resources due to the relatively low incidence of student needs, the home school district provides for the transportation of school age students to the school of attendance. Certificated classroom teachers are supported by instructional assistants who work with small groups of students on individualized instruction. When no appropriate public school program is available to meet the needs of a handicapped student, placement is made in a certified non-public school (NPS). ♦</p>
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**John LaLonde, Assistant Superintendent**

**Karen Steele, Director**

Special Day Classes (SDC)

Resource Specialist Programs (RSP)

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## **BOLINAS-STINSON UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**



The Bolinas-Stinson Union School District is a K-8 elementary district serving the West Marin communities of Bolinas and Stinson Beach. The district has two campuses. The Stinson Beach campus serves kindergarten through second graders. The Bolinas campus houses grades 3-8 as well as the district office, library, cafeteria, learning center and nationally recognized "Art Shop." District enrollment is 100 students. Class sizes average 15 students. Bolinas-Stinson Union School District students also reside in the Tamalpais Union High School District. The office of the Bolinas-Stinson Union School District is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### **Support Services**

The Bolinas-Stinson Union School District has a resource specialist, part-time aides, a librarian and special support aides for kindergarten through eighth grades. The Marin County Office of Education provides a part-time speech therapist, a psychologist and a nurse. In addition, our school provides the services of two part-time counseling interns.

### **Student Achievement**

Students are assessed through observation, tests and periodic review of collected work. All students receive report cards that rely on teacher comments and non-traditional grades in grades K-5 and traditional grades in grades 6-8. The California Standards Tests (CSTs) are utilized as one indicator of student performance in reading, language arts, mathematics, history/social science and science for grades 2-8. According to Tamalpais High School personnel, students from the Bolinas-Stinson School are well prepared for the academic rigors of the secondary school. STAR results are available at the district office or online at the California Department of Education's website: <http://star.cde.ca.gov>

### **Community Involvement**

The Bolinas-Stinson Union School District benefits from strong parent and community support. Parents volunteer in the classroom, provide transportation for field trips and contribute their expertise in specific areas of instruction. Parents, graduates, teachers, community members and organizations support the local school through financial contributions and participation in a variety of school-related programs and after school sports.

**Lawrence H. Enos, Superintendent**  
**Leo Kostelnik, Principal**  
Bolinas-Stinson Union School District  
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**BOLINAS-STINSON SCHOOL**

Grades: Kindergarten - 8

100 students

School hours:

Bolinas campus:

8:25 to 3:00 (Grades 3 - 8)

Stinson Beach campus:

9:00 to 3:00 (Kindergarten)

8:25 to 3:00 (Grades 1 - 2)

Library hours:

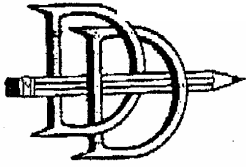
8:00 to 3:00

Bolinas-Stinson School is located on two sites. The Bolinas campus serves grades 3-8. The Stinson site, situated one mile north of Stinson Beach, offers elementary education for kindergarten through 2nd grade.

The sites share a common literature-based curriculum that includes language arts/reading, mathematics, science, health, history/social studies, physical education, art, crafts, music and computer education. The staff includes 9 certificated teachers and 5 part-time classroom aides. Classes average 15 students for 2006-2007. ♦

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# DIXIE SCHOOL DISTRICT



The Dixie School District is an elementary district serving the northern San Rafael communities of Terra Linda, Marinwood, Lucas Valley and a portion of Contempo Marin. It was founded in 1864, making it one of the oldest school districts in Marin County. Dixie School District includes three elementary schools for kindergarten through fifth grades: Dixie School, Vallecito School and Mary E. Silveira School. Sixth through eighth graders attend Miller Creek Middle School. District enrollment is approximately 1,770. Class sizes in

2008/09 average 20 students in kindergarten through third grade, 25 students in grades four and five, and 25 students in grades six through eight. Dixie School District is within the San Rafael High School District and most Miller Creek graduates attend Terra Linda High School. The Dixie School District office is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## Support Services

The Dixie School District provides a full complement of special education support services. Each school has a special education resource specialist, library assistant or librarian, a counselor and a shared certificated nurse. The district also offers programs for English Language learners and Gifted and Talented Education (GATE). Specialists in physical education, art, music and technology enhance the educational experience at various sites. School bus transportation is available at parent expense.

## Student Achievement

In 2007/08, Dixie District students, grades 2-8, were administered the CAT/6 (California Achievement Test) and CST (California Standards Tests) as part of the state STAR (Standardized Testing and Reporting) program. Data from the *2008 Accountability Progress Report (CDE)* shown here demonstrates our district-wide commitment to continued growth and improvement for all students each year. STAR results are available at the district office or online at the California Department of Education's website: <http://star.cde.ca.gov>

District/ School	Met AYP Criteria for API*	2008 API	2007 API	2008 Growth Target**
Dixie District Overall:	YES	876	871	n/a
Dixie Elementary	YES	917	924	A
Mary Silveira Elementary	YES	866	868	A
Vallecito Elementary	YES	885	902	A
Miller Creek Middle	YES	883	869	A

\* AYP (Average Yearly Progress) and API (Academic Performance Index)

\*\* "A" means the school scored at or above the Statewide Performance Target of 800 in 2008.

## Community Involvement

The Dixie School District forms partnerships with parents for the benefit of students and encourages involvement through participation in the PTA, School Site Councils, Home and School Clubs and classroom volunteer programs. Parents, community members and local businesses support schools in the district through contributions to the Dixie Children's Fund, a non-profit organization.

**Dr. Thomas J. Lohwasser, Superintendent**

Dixie School District

380 Nova Albion Way

San Rafael, CA 94903

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<http://dixiesd.marin.k12.ca.us/>



### **DIXIE SCHOOL**

Grades: Kindergarten – 5

400 students

School hours:

8:14 to 11:50 (Kindergarten)

11:50 to 1:45 One day per week,  
Extended Day (Kindergarten)

8:14 to 2:35 (Grades 1 - 5)

Library hours:

8:15 to 2:35

Dixie School, selected as a California Distinguished School in 2002 and National Blue Ribbon School in 2004, is located in the Lucas Valley area of San Rafael. The school facility includes a library and turf playing field. A new multi-purpose room was completed in 1997. Modernization was recently funded through a local bond measure and completed at the end of 2003.

The mission of the Dixie School community is to promote academic excellence, to nurture learning as a lifelong process and to support all students as they become informed, productive, contributing members of society. Dixie School provides a rigorous and positive learning environment that promotes the success and welfare of each student. The principal and staff are committed to working in full partnership with parents and the broader community.

On site, parent-paid childcare, provided by the City of San Rafael, is available before and after school. ♦

**Patricia Flynn, Principal  
Dixie School**

1175 Idylberry Road  
San Rafael, CA 94903  
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### **MARY E. SILVEIRA SCHOOL**

Grades: Kindergarten – 5

385 students

School hours:

8:14 to 1:20 (Kindergarten)

8:14 to 2:35 (Grades 1 - 5)

Library hours:

8:15 to 2:35

Mary E. Silveira School, selected as a California Distinguished School in 2000, is situated in San Rafael's Marinwood area. The school facility includes a library, multi-purpose room and a turf playing field. Modernization was funded through a local bond measure and was completed in 2001.

Silveira's vision is that it is a place where children want to be. This vision has helped the school implement innovative programs such as a longer kindergarten day, an early intervention literacy program, EcoStar project-based environmental education and a school-wide student job program. Silveira School provides a rigorous and positive learning environment that promotes the success and welfare of each student. The principal and staff are committed to working in full partnership with parents and the broader community.

On site, parent-paid childcare, provided by the City of San Rafael, is available before and after school. ♦

**Jeanne Casella, Principal  
Mary E. Silveira School**

375 Blackstone Drive  
San Rafael, CA 94903  
(415) 492-3741



**VALLECITO SCHOOL**

Grades: Kindergarten – 5

380 students

School hours:

8:14 to 1:25 (Kindergarten)

8:14 to 2:35 (Grades 1 - 5)

Library hours:

8:15 to 2:35

Vallecito School, selected as a California Distinguished School in 2006, is located in the Terra Linda area of San Rafael. The school facility includes a library, multi-purpose room, kitchen and playing field. Modernization was recently funded through a local bond measure and completed in 2002.

Vallecito School has a strong and engaged teaching and support staff as well as a strong community base. The mission of Vallecito School is to educate students in academic concepts and skills and to promote social and emotional growth. Vallecito will achieve this by developing a model of elementary education at its best.

On site, parent-paid childcare, provided by the City of San Rafael, is available before and after school. ♦

**Betty Jordan, Principal**  
**Vallecito School**  
50 Nova Albion Way  
San Rafael, CA 94903  
(415) 492-3750

**MILLER CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Grades: 6 – 8

605 students

School hours:

8:00 to 2:56

Library hours:

M/T/Th/F: 7:40 to 3:15

W: 7:40 to 2:00

Miller Creek Middle School, selected as a California Distinguished School in 2001 and 2005, is situated in the Lucas Valley area of San Rafael. Modernization was recently funded through a local bond measure and was completed in 2001.

The mission of Miller Creek is to foster lifelong learners who are healthy, caring, ethical and environmentally responsible citizens. Our school promotes creativity and independent thinking in all students. Miller Creek provides a rigorous and positive learning environment that promotes the success and welfare of each student. The administration and staff are committed to working in full partnership with parents and the broader community.

The Miller Creek Home and School Club is committed to parent involvement and support of middle school staff and students. The Club actively supports many school-wide enrichment programs. ♦

**Greg Johnson, Principal**  
**Miller Creek Middle School**  
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San Rafael, CA 94903  
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# KENTFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT



The Kentfield School District serves the central Marin communities of Greenbrae and Kentfield. The district includes two schools: Anthony G. Bacich Elementary School (K-4) and Adaline E. Kent Middle School (5-8). District enrollment is 1,009 students, with class sizes from 18 to 25. Most Kentfield School District graduates attend Redwood High School in the Tamalpais Union High School District. The district office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## Support Services

Both schools in the Kentfield School District offer a variety of excellent support programs. In the past fifteen years the Kentfield School District has received eleven countywide awards in recognition of outstanding student programs.

## Student Achievement

Kindergarten teachers hold parent conferences at least twice a year. For grades 1-5, parent-teacher conferences are held and progress reports are sent home. Students in grades 6-8 receive quarterly letter grade report cards. All students in grades 2-8 take the California Standards Tests as well as performance-based tests at various levels through the Education Task Force. STAR results are available at the district office or online at the California Department of Education's website: <http://star.cde.ca.gov>. Essential standards are identified for grades K-8. Ongoing formative assessments guide instruction. K-8 teachers meet in Professional Learning Communities weekly to improve teacher practice.

## Community Involvement

Parents, community members and local businesses support local schools through a parcel tax assessment and direct contributions to the Kentfield Schools Foundation, a non-profit public benefit corporation which raises funds to help meet basic educational needs within the district. The Kentfield Schools Foundation has funded support for a wide range of programs including purchase of computers, software and related equipment for a Technology Use Group at both schools in the district. The business community pledges support through participation in an Adopt-A-School Program.

**Mary Jo Pettegrew, Superintendent**

Kentfield School District

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<http://kentfieldschools.org>



**ANTHONY G. BACICH  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Grades: Kindergarten – 4

578 students

School hours:

8:15 to 2:00 (Kindergarten)

8:15 to 2:20 (Grades 1 and 2)

8:15 to 2:53 (Grades 3 and 4)

Library hours:

8:15 to 3:15

Bacich Elementary School is located in Kentfield, adjacent to a tidal creek and fronting a creek side marsh. A restoration project of the marsh, managed by The Environmental Forum of Marin provides an outside learning environment for Bacich students.

Teachers are supported by teacher aides and supplementary instructors in art, music, Spanish, physical education and computers.

Bacich has been named a California Distinguished School in recognition of the students' outstanding academic performance. ♦

**Sally Peck, Principal  
Bacich Elementary School**  
25 McAllister Avenue  
Kentfield, CA 94904  
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**A. E. KENT MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Grades: 5 – 8

431 students

School hours:

8:30 to 3:28

Library hours:

Fridays and Minimum Days:

8:15 to 3:40

Monday – Thursday:

8:10 to 4:00

Kent Middle School is situated near the business center of Kentfield and across from the College of Marin campus.

A challenging academic program provides the basic foundation for a curriculum that also offers extensive enrichment instruction.

The Kentfield Technology Use Group provides students with access to state-of-the-art electronic tools and equipment to meet the needs of students in the years ahead.

Kent Middle School is recognized as a California Distinguished School, the state's highest honor for overall academic excellence. ♦

**Skip Kniesche, Principal  
Kent Middle School**  
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Kentfield, CA 94904  
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# LAGUNITAS SCHOOL DISTRICT



The Lagunitas School District is a kindergarten through 8th grade district on two adjoining campuses: Lagunitas Elementary School and San Geronimo Valley Elementary School. Both sites are located in the center of the San Geronimo Valley, which includes the towns of Forest Knolls, Lagunitas, San Geronimo and Woodacre. District enrollment is 288 students. Class sizes average 20 students per teacher in grades K-3 and 28 or fewer in grades 4-8. Lagunitas School District students reside in the Tamalpais Union High School District. The Lagunitas School District office is open Monday to Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## Support Services

The Lagunitas School District offers parents a choice of three educational programs for elementary age children: Public Montessori (K-5), the Open Classroom (K-6) and the Waldorf-Inspired Program (K-4). The programs differ in their philosophical approach but contain the same core curriculum. The Middle School integrates children from both elementary programs. Support staff includes resource specialists, a counselor, classroom aides and office personnel. The Marin County Office of Education also provides a part-time speech and language specialist, educational psychologist and a school nurse. Special Education services are available for students with special needs. A Healthy Community Collaborative program helps to coordinate school-based community services.

## Student Achievement

Achievement for elementary grades is evaluated and reported in a different manner for each of the academic programs. Middle School students receive letter grades and portfolio assessment. Lagunitas is part of the MTN and participates in MTN assessments to monitor student achievement. STAR results are available at the district office or online at the California Department of Education's website: <http://star.cde.ca.gov>

## Community Involvement

Parents in the district participate through School Site Council, steering committees, board meetings and as volunteers in classrooms, libraries and with special activities. Parents, community members and local businesses support the schools through a parcel assessment, sponsorships and contributions of time and money. Parcel tax revenues fund programs in music, art, foreign language, science, physical education and technology.

**Larry Enos, Superintendent**

Lagunitas School District

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<http://lagunitas.marin.k12.ca.us/>



**LAGUNITAS SCHOOL**

Grades: Kindergarten – 8

143 students

School hours:

The hours vary for each program and grade level.

Library hours:

Arranged by classroom teachers

Lagunitas School houses the Public Montessori Program (K-5) and the Middle School for the district.

In the Public Montessori Program, teachers, parents and other adults work together to structure environments for the children's self-development. Cooperation, community, responsibility, respect, self-discipline and problem-solving are emphasized. Students receive written narrative evaluation of their academic effort.

The Middle School Program offers a small, personalized approach to education. Students rotate through several teachers for their core curriculum, a variety of electives and enrichment activities. Emphasis is placed on the development of self-confidence and a heightened sense of self-esteem. ♦

**Goldie Curry, Principal**  
**Lagunitas School**  
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San Geronimo, CA 94963  
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**SAN GERONIMO VALLEY  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Grades: Kindergarten – 6

145 students

School hours:

The hours vary for each program and grade level.

Library hours:

Arranged by classroom teachers

San Geronimo Valley School houses the Open Classroom (K-6) and the Waldorf-Inspired Program (K-4).

The Open Classroom is a thriving 30-year-old public school alternative program. Children realize their dreams in an educational setting that promotes confidence, self-esteem, social justice and emotional growth in a friendly and positive environment.

The Open Classroom is a parent participation program that emphasizes individual learning styles and freedom of choice. Parents share in curriculum decisions and help in the classroom. Teachers conference with parents several times a year. Emphasis is placed on the development of self-confidence and a heightened sense of self-esteem.

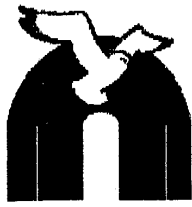
The Waldorf-Inspired Program currently has kindergarten through fourth grade classes. This program uses the natural world, art and music to teach state standards and more through a unique child development model inspired by Waldorf education and a whole child philosophy with the aim of fostering an active love of learning, a reverence for the natural world and our place in it and respect for all peoples and cultures. ♦

**Goldie Curry, Principal**  
**San Geronimo Valley School**  
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## LARKSPUR SCHOOL DISTRICT



The Larkspur School District serves the communities of Larkspur and Corte Madera. The district has two schools: Neil Cummins Elementary School, for kindergarten through 4th grade students and Henry Hall Middle School for grades 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>. District enrollment is 1,268 students. Classes average 24 students per teacher, with grades K-3 averaging 20 or fewer. Larkspur School District students reside in the Tamalpais Union High School District. The Larkspur School District office, 230 Doherty Drive, Larkspur, is usually open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### Support Services

The Larkspur School District employs 150 certificated, para-professional and classified individuals. Special needs of students are supported by a full-time Academic Support and Resource Specialist at each school and by the services of a school psychologist, nurse, speech therapist, librarian, English as a Second Language (ESL) specialist and two full time counselors. Transportation is available by public bus before and after school. A full array of after school programs is offered through a partnership with the Parks and Recreation Departments of the City of Larkspur and the Town of Corte Madera.

### Student Achievement

Progress reports and report cards are sent home to all kindergarten through 8th grade students. Grades 5-8 receive letter grade report cards. Individual student STAR results are mailed to every parent/guardian and district-wide scores are available online at <http://www.larkspurschools.org> and at the California Department of Education's website: <http://star.cde.ca.gov>

### Community Involvement

Parents participate in shaping the goals of the schools through school Site Councils, PTA-sponsored activities, and school board meetings. Parents, community members and local businesses support the district's schools arts and technology programs as well as small class sizes through a parcel assessment and through contributions to the Corte Madera-Larkspur Schools Foundation.

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<http://www.larkspurschools.org/>



**NEIL CUMMINS SCHOOL**

Grades: Kindergarten - 4

750 students

School hours:

8:10 to 12:25\* (Kindergarten)

8:10 to 2:20 (Grades 1 - 2)

8:10 to 2:50 (Grades 3 - 4)

Check website for early release days

Library hours: 8:00 to 4:00

\*plus one extended day a week ending at 1:10

Neil Cummins School is located in Corte Madera adjacent to Town Park. The school has enrichment programs that include vocal and instrumental music, art, science lab, library, technology lab, physical education and motor skills. Our school wide average class size is 20 students: 18+ in K-3 and 23+ in grade 4.

The staff includes 60 full-time and part-time certificated employees, plus instructional classroom aides, a principal and assistant principal, speech and occupational therapists, psychologist, nurse and counselor. Neil Cummins was honored in 1989 and 1997 as a California Distinguished School, the state's highest honor for overall program excellence. ♦

**Marilyn Clark, Principal  
Neil Cummins School**  
58 Mohawk Avenue  
Corte Madera, CA 94925  
(415) 927-6965

**HALL MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Grades: 6 - 8

518 students

School hours:

8:25 to 3:05

Wednesdays: Early release – 1:50

Library hours: 8:00 to 4:00

Hall Middle School offers a transitional program from a self-contained core of instruction in the 5th grade to a fully departmentalized program in the 8th grade. The academic curriculum includes language arts, social studies, mathematics, algebra, science, Spanish, health and physical education. Enrichment courses are offered in computers, woodshop, fine arts, vocal and instrumental music, and Quest.

The staff includes 35 full- and part-time certificated employees, plus a principal and assistant principal, resource specialists, a counselor and school secretaries.

Hall Middle School was recognized in 1986, 1990, 1992, 1996 and 2006 as a California Distinguished School, the state's highest honor for overall program excellence. In 1998, Hall Middle School was designated a National Blue Ribbon School, the nation's top award. ♦

**Daniel Norbutas, Principal  
Hall Middle School**  
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# MILL VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT



The Mill Valley School District is an elementary school district serving Mill Valley and the unincorporated areas of Alto, Strawberry Point, Tamalpais Valley, Muir Beach, Panoramic Ridge and Homestead Valley. The District includes five kindergarten through fifth grade schools: Edna Maguire, Old Mill, Park, Strawberry Point and Tamalpais Valley. Sixth through eighth graders attend Mill Valley Middle School. District enrollment is 2,490 students. Class Size Reduction has been implemented in grades 1-3 and most kindergarten classes. Class size average in grades K-8 is 22.4 students. Mill Valley School District students reside in the Tamalpais Union

High School District, with most attending Tamalpais High School. The Mill Valley School District Office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (closed between 12-1 daily).

## Support Services

With the support of PTAs and Kiddo! (our education foundation), students have the opportunity to participate in K-8 art, music, drama, poetry, dance and enrichment programs. Both educational partners also support the funding of technology hardware. There are also services and/or programs for students who need additional academic help and programs for English Language learners and gifted students, as well as special education services for identified students. In addition to the counselors for our middle school students, there are district-wide counselors serving all K-5 schools.

## Student Achievement

As part of the Marin Teaching Network (MTN), grades 4-8 students participate in performance assessments. Students in grades 2-8 participate in the mandatory state STAR program, which includes the California Standards Test (CST) and the nationally normed California Achievement Test (CAT/6) in grades 3 and 7. Progress reports, which reflect progress toward curriculum standards and skills, are completed and sent home each trimester. STAR results are available online at the California Department of Education's website: <http://star.cde.ca.gov>

## Community Involvement

Parents, community members and local businesses support local schools through a parcel assessment estimated at \$4.4 million annually and contributions to Kiddo! and local PTAs augment a broad range of school programs, including the arts and technology. PTAs and school site councils provide many opportunities for parent participation. The Mill Valley Parks and Recreation Department provides optional after school programs for interested students. Before and after school childcare is available at most elementary schools.

**Ken Benny, Superintendent**

Mill Valley School District

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[www.mvschools.org/](http://www.mvschools.org/)



**EDNA MAGUIRE SCHOOL**

Grades: Kindergarten – 5

414 students

School hours:

8:30 to 1:30 (Kindergarten)

8:30 to 2:50 (Grades 1 - 5)

Library hours:

M/T/W/Th: 8:30 to 2:50

F: 9:30 to 2:50

Edna Maguire School is a California Distinguished School. It is situated in a residential area on 11 acres of land at the foot of surrounding hills. It features "The Children's Garden," a two thirds acre fenced plot of land with individual classroom garden beds, an orchard and a pumpkin patch. Edna Maguire is also an "Eco-literacy" school where the principles of ecology are integrated across the curriculum. Student Green Teams promote the 5 R's – re-think, reduce, recycle, reuse and rot throughout the school.

The school offers additional assistance to students who speak English as a second language. Reading and math teachers, along with instructional assistants work with small groups of students in order to individualize instruction. Mobile laptop carts with 30 iMacs are used in each classroom on a rotating basis. Individual classrooms have desktop computers and LCD projectors. Our mobile laptop carts allow students to integrate the use of technology into their studies.

Two large fields established at the site were donated to the school by the Mill Valley Soccer and Little League Associations.

On site daycare is available before and after school.

School website: [www.ednamaguire.org](http://www.ednamaguire.org)

**Lisa Zimmer, Principal**  
**Edna Maguire School**  
80 Lomita Drive  
Mill Valley, CA 94941  
(415) 389-7733

**OLD MILL SCHOOL**

Grades: Kindergarten – 5

305 students

School hours:

8:40 to 1:40 (Kindergarten)

8:30 to 2:50 (Grades 1 - 5)

Library hours:

M/Th: 9:00 to 2:50

W: 9:00 to 10:00

F: 9:00 to 11:00

Old Mill School, the district's oldest elementary school building, is a California Distinguished School. This modernized facility incorporates computer technology and internet access in all of its classrooms and the library/media center. The school is three blocks from Mill Valley's business district and across from Old Mill Park and the Mill Valley Public Library. The facility has a large auditorium and 14 classrooms. Old Mill provides students with a well-balanced academic program integrating thematic instruction and project-based learning activities. Students and teachers use Cascade Creek in nearby Old Mill Park and the proximity of Mt. Tamalpais as an outside learning environment. Part-time instructional aides assist teachers and work with small groups and individual students. Parents are encouraged to participate in their children's education through a variety of volunteer opportunities.

Mill Valley Parks and Recreation-sponsored after school programs are offered daily. On site childcare is available before and after school.

School website: [www.oldmillschool.org](http://www.oldmillschool.org)

**Jane McDonough, Principal**  
**Old Mill School**  
352 Throckmorton Avenue  
Mill Valley, CA 94941  
(415) 389-7727



**PARK SCHOOL**

Grades: Kindergarten – 5

330 students

School hours:

8:30 to 1:30 (Kindergarten)

8:30 to 2:50 (Grades 1 - 5)

Library hours:

M: 9:30 to 2:30

T/W/Th: 8:30 to 2:30

Park School is the second oldest school building in the Mill Valley School District. It is located in the geographic center of Mill Valley across from Boyle Park and the municipal tennis courts. The school has 16 classrooms, a large auditorium, a media lab, an art room and our "Children's Garden," which serves as an outdoor learning lab.

The students at Park School are provided with a rich and engaging curriculum that combines academic, socio-emotional and artistic learning. The entire community celebrates student learning through annual events such as the Fall Potluck and Carnival, Oceans Week, Earth Day Celebration, Variety Show and the Art Show. Park is also an "Eco-literacy" school where the principles of ecology are interwoven throughout the curriculum. Several teachers work with Bay Area environmental groups where students become involved with local watershed restoration efforts. Students are also in charge of our lunchtime recycling and compost program. Part-time instructional assistants work with classroom teachers and students to assist in the implementation of the educational program. After school care is provided on campus.

School website: [www.parkschool.mv.org](http://www.parkschool.mv.org)

**Peg Katz, Principal  
Park School**

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Mill Valley, CA 94941  
(415) 389-7735

**TAMALPAIS VALLEY SCHOOL**

Grades: Kindergarten – 5

390 students

School hours:

8:30 to 1:30 (Kindergarten)

8:30 to 2:50 (Grades 1 - 5)

Library hours:

M/Th/F: 8:15 to 3:00

Tu: 1:00 to 3:00

W: 8:15 to 2:00

Tamalpais Valley School is at the southernmost boundary of Mill Valley on eight acres. Located at the edge of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, its beautiful natural setting provides vast opportunities for environmental studies. School facilities include a large turf field, rooms for teaching art and music, a computer lab, a large multi-purpose room, two teaching gardens and a well-equipped library.

Tam Valley's Learning Center offers an innovative approach to meeting the needs of special education students.

Average class size is 20 students in grades K-3 and 27 students in grades 4-5. Parents are encouraged to participate in their children's education through a variety of volunteer opportunities. After school enrichment classes are sponsored by the Mill Valley Park and Recreation Department daily.

Before and after school childcare is provided on site.

School website: [www.mvschools.org/tv/](http://www.mvschools.org/tv/)

**Gail van Adelsberg, Principal  
Tamalpais Valley School**

350 Bell Lane  
Mill Valley, CA 94941  
(415) 389-7731



## **MILL VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Grades: 6 – 8

700 students

School hours: 8:40 to 3:00

Library hours:

M/T/Th: 8:40 to 4:00

W: 8:15 to 3:00

F: 8:40 to 3:30

Mill Valley Middle School is adjacent to the Bay Front Park and the Mill Valley Community Center. Each grade level is housed in a separate wing of the building. The large library serves as the school's central core.

Mill Valley Middle School offers an academic program that includes English, mathematics, social studies and science. Credentialed teachers teach art, technology and physical education classes. Additionally, orchestra, band and choral music are offered to all students.

Foreign language is offered to all 7th and 8th grade students. Wheel is offered to 6th graders instead of foreign language. Wheel is a trimester-based elective program where each student takes a trimester of technology, art exploration and character education.

Counseling service is available full-time at Mill Valley Middle School. An extensive orientation for parents and students prepares them for the transition from primary to middle school and from 8th grade to high school. After school enrichment classes are available through Parks and Recreation.

School website: [www.ms.mvschools.org](http://www.ms.mvschools.org)

**Matt Huxley, Principal**  
**Mill Valley Middle School**  
425 Sycamore Avenue  
Mill Valley, CA 94941  
(415) 389-7711

## **STRAWBERRY POINT SCHOOL**

Grades: Kindergarten – 5

323 students

School hours:

8:45 to 1:55 (Kindergarten)

8:45 to 3:05 (Grades 1-5)

Library hours:

M/F: 8:45 to 3:15

T/Th: 8:45 to 3:15

W: 8:45 to 2:00

Strawberry Point School re-opened in August 2000 after having been closed for ten years. The school has been completely renovated and expanded to accommodate future growth in our district. We now have a thoroughly modern school facility that incorporates a state-of-the-art data/communications network with access points in all instructional and administrative areas.

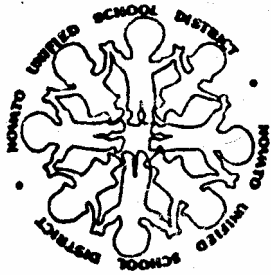
Strawberry Point School provides students a well-balanced academic program. The school is situated on Richardson Bay and includes a play field, seasonal and tidal wetlands, and a garden, all adjacent to bay access. Our instructional programs utilize our on site naturalist to meaningfully integrate environmental awareness and education into the core curriculum. Computers and other technologies are integrated throughout the curriculum. Visual and performing arts programs are provided at all grade levels. Special education and other support services are available to students at all grade levels. Part-time instructional assistants work with teachers to support student learning.

On site childcare is available before and after school. A variety of enrichment classes are offered through Mill Valley Parks and Recreation.

School website: [www.mvschools.org/sp/](http://www.mvschools.org/sp/)

**Leslie Thornton, Principal**  
**Strawberry Point School**  
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Mill Valley, CA 94941  
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# NOVATO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT



## “Achievement for All - Our Call to Action”

The Novato Unified School District serves students in kindergarten through grade 12 in northern Marin. The district includes eight elementary schools, three middle schools, two high schools, one necessary small high school, an independent study program for K-12 (NOVA), a community day school (Nexus), one K-8 charter, and the Marin School of the Arts (MSA) at Novato High. September 2008 district enrollment is 8,062 students. The Novato Unified School District Education Center is open Monday through

Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## Support Services

The Novato Unified School District has approximately 840 certificated and classified personnel. Schools share the services of speech therapists, library media specialists, psychologists and nurses. Counselors are on staff at each secondary school. All schools offer assistance to English language learners. Classes for gifted and talented students are offered in grades 4-8 and the high schools offer honors and advanced placement classes. Every elementary school has privately operated on-site childcare. School bus transportation is available for a fee.

## Student Achievement

Report cards are sent home at the trimester to students in grades K-5. Report cards are sent home to students in grades 6-12 at the semester. Parent-teacher conferences are held in the fall at all elementary schools and are available upon request in grades 6-12. Approximately 93% of the high school graduates attend colleges and universities. Instruction for all grades is based on California State Standards using state/district adopted materials. Student assessments include the annual administration of the State STAR testing program, CELDT, CAHSEE, Fitness Gram and Spanish tests of basic skills (Aprenda). STAR results are available online at <http://www.nusd.org> and at the California Department of Education's website: <http://star.cde.ca.gov>.

## Community Involvement

PTA activities, booster clubs, leadership teams, The Novato Foundation for Public Education (School Fuel), and classroom programs provide opportunities for parent participation in shaping the quality of instruction. Parents, community members and local businesses support the district through a parcel tax assessment, A+ for Kids, and The Novato Foundation for Public Education. The district also benefits from collaborative partnerships with several businesses, community agencies, the Novato Community Hospital, and the Marin Community Foundation. In November 2001, the community passed a \$107 million facilities improvement bond to enable the district to repair and renovate its facilities. A parcel tax was passed in March 2005, to support visual and performing arts, class size reduction, counseling and library services. Improvement projects are ongoing and focus on safety and upgrading facilities.

**Dr. Jan LaTorre-Derby, Superintendent**

Novato Unified School District

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<http://www.nusd.org/>



**HAMILTON SCHOOL**

Grades: Kindergarten – 5

506 students

School hours:

Kindergartens:

8:50 to 1:50

Grades 1 - 2: 8:30 to 2:55

Grades 3 - 5: 8:30 to 3:00

Grades 1 - 5: 8:30 to 1:50 (Wed. early day)

Library hours:

8:30 to 11:45 and 12:15 to 3:00

*Vision: Learning has no limits.*

Hamilton Elementary School includes two campuses: the former Meadow Park School and Hamilton School. The combined campus occupies 18 acres and has a library, multi-use room and turf playing fields.

The overriding goal of preparing students for the 21<sup>st</sup> century guides our work in curriculum and instruction and our interaction with children and parents. Staff and parents work in consort to provide a meaningful education in a nurturing and inclusive environment to maximize learning for a diverse population. Students participate as leaders on Student Council and as Conflict Managers. They also participate in Character Counts. They also study Mega skills and Bully Proofing social skills programs. Accelerated 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes are provided for students who qualify.

Hamilton is one of 5 schools participating in School Linked Services, offering counseling and Family Outreach. ♦

**Ruthanne Bexton, Principal**  
**Steve Hospodar, Assistant Principal**  
**Hamilton School**  
1 Main Gate Road  
Novato, CA 94949  
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**LOMA VERDE SCHOOL**

Grades: Kindergarten – 5

394 students

School hours: 8:30 – 2:50

Kindergarten Hours:

8:30 to 1:00 **or** 9:45 to 2:15

W: 8:30 to 1:15

Grades 1 - 5: M/T/Th/F: 8:30 to 2:50

Grades 1 – 2: M/T/Th/F: 8:35 to 2:50

Grades 1 – 5: Wed. 8:30 to 1:50

Library hours: 8:30 to 3:00

*Mission: Education Is A Team Effort*

Loma Verde Elementary School is located on 12 acres and has a multi-use room, computer/science lab, library and turf playing field.

The school reflects a commitment to an academic focus. The staff uses a variety of teaching strategies to meet the needs of all students, such as team teaching with the support staff, cooperative and paired learning and cross-age tutoring. Recognizing positive behavior is an important part of the development of the students' self-esteem. Students participate in Leadership Council, conflict management, and Bully Proofing.

Parent participation is strong and focuses on supporting all our students through the Parent Teacher Association, Leadership Team, Site English Language Acquisition Committee, and volunteer opportunities. Loma Verde Elementary was selected a California Distinguished School in 1999 and was a Title I Achievement Award recipient in 2007. ♦

**Eileen Smith, Principal**  
**Loma Verde School**  
399 Alameda de la Loma  
Novato, CA 94949  
(415) 883-4681





**LU SUTTON SCHOOL**

Grades: Kindergarten – 5

420 students

School hours:

Kindergartens:

Aug. to Oct.: 8:30 to 11:55

Nov. 3 – June 11

Early: 8:25 to 1:15

Late: 9:15 to 2:00

Grades 1 - 2: 8:30 to 2:45

Grade 3: 8:30 to 2:55

Grades 4 - 5: 8:30 to 2:50

Library hours:

8:30 to 12:00 and 12:30 to 3:00

*Mission: Educating all students to become life-long learners who are independent, responsible and productive citizens in our diverse society.*

Students participate in a rigorous standards-based program with an instructional focus on language, math and science. Involving the family as a partner in learning is the cornerstone of our program. Teachers incorporate hands-on projects integrating the entire curriculum.

To further enhance our instructional program, students benefit from a strong Student Council program (grades 3-5), a conflict manager program (grades 4-5), as well as our Mega Skills program that promotes strong character and citizenship.

Our very supportive PTA supports Lu Sutton in a variety of ways, including art docent presentations, numerous field trips, assemblies and the beautification of the school campus.

Lu Sutton is one of four Novato schools that have received a Readiness grant through First Five of Marin to provide a summer Kinder Academy. Lu Sutton was selected as a California Distinguished School in 2008, and received a Golden Bell in 2008 for their “Caught Being Green” environmental program. ♦

**Suzanne Thompson, Principal**

**Lu Sutton School**

1800 Center Road

Novato, CA 94947

(415) 897-3196

**LYNWOOD SCHOOL**

Grades: Kindergarten – 5

392 students

School hours:

Kindergartens:

8:30 to 1:20, 9:10 to 2:00

Grades 1 - 3: 8:30 to 2:55

Grades 4 - 5: 8:30 to 2:00

Library hours:

8:30 to 12:00 and 12:30 to 3:00

*Vision Statement: Faculty and staff provide a standards-based comprehensive curriculum that addresses and meets the needs of all students in a safe and nurturing environment.*

Literacy is a school focus. We offer a number of programs to meet the needs of our students. Our instructional assistants and volunteers read with the students daily. Teachers and support staff work in grade level teams to provide a strong core program for students. This is the third year of our Lynwood Family Literacy Program, which addresses preschool, adult ESL, and parent education.

This is the second year of our efforts to integrate the visual and performing arts into the curriculum, enhanced this year by our partnership with the Marin School of the Arts. Lynwood has an excellent counseling program as part of its School Linked Services project.

Lynwood will begin its second year of an afterschool grant (Lynwood Elementary After School Program) LEAP, which provides academic, enrichment, and recreation classes until 6:00 daily for 84 students in grades 2-5.

Lynwood is one of four Novato schools that have received a Readiness grant through First Five of Marin which includes a summer Kinder Academy. ♦

**Ivy Morritt, Principal**

**Lynwood School**

1320 Lynwood Drive

Novato, CA 94947

(415) 897-4161



### **OLIVE SCHOOL**

Grades: Kindergarten – 5

408 students

School hours: Kindergartens:

M/T/Th/F: 8:30 to 1:30

W: 8:30 to 11:55

Grades 1 - 5:

M/T/Th/F: 8:30 to 2:50

W: 8:30 to 1:50

Library hours: 8:15 to 3:15

*Mission: We are committed to providing a challenging standards-based instructional program that focuses on developing the knowledge and skills in students required for them to become responsible and resilient learners in a rapidly changing world.*

Olive School is located on nine acres and has four classroom wings, a multi-use room, library, computer lab and turf playing fields.

Students engage in a rigorous standards based program with an instructional focus on English Language arts and Mathematics. Parents work in collaboration with the school through Site Leadership Team, PTA, ELAC, and volunteerism. To further enhance our instructional program, students benefit from a strong Student Council program (grades 3-5), art docent lectures and numerous field trips and assemblies. We are committed to supporting all students to ensure they reach their academic potential. Fourth and fifth grade students who qualify participate in an accelerated academic program. ♦

**Raquel Rose, Principal**  
**Olive School**  
629 Plum Street  
Novato, CA 94945  
(415) 897-2131

### **PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL**

Grades: Kindergarten – 5

382 students

School hours:

Kindergartens:

8:15 to 11:40 or 11:35 to 2:55

Grades 1 - 2: 8:30 to 2:45

Grades 3 - 5: 8:30 to 2:50

Library hours:

8:30 to 3:00

*Mission: Dedicated to building a community of learners where students strive to reach their full potential academically, socially and emotionally.*

Pleasant Valley School is located on 12 acres and has a library, community center, turf playing fields and a well-equipped computer lab.

Staff and parents work in partnership to provide a safe and stimulating learning environment. There is a high level of parent involvement. The standards-based academic program is enriched with such activities as field trips and assemblies. Technology is integrated into the curriculum of all classes. Positive social skills are encouraged through class meetings, a conflict managers program, peer buddies, and a life-skills group.

The PTA supports the school in many ways, including the beautification of the school campus. Pleasant Valley was named a California Distinguished School in 1993 and again in 2002 and received a Marin County Golden Bell Award in 2002 for the Book In A Bag program. ♦

**Terry Gavin-Brown, Principal**  
**Pleasant Valley School**  
755 Sutro Avenue  
Novato, CA 94947  
(415) 897-5104



**RANCHO SCHOOL**

Grades: Kindergarten – 5

500 students

School hours:

Kindergartens:

8:05 to 11:30 or 11:35 to 3:00

Grades 1 - 5: 8:30 to 3:00

Library hours:

8:30 to 11:45 and 12:15 to 3:00

*Mission: Rancho is dedicated to providing a challenging learning environment that promotes excellence and motivates students to develop to their fullest and become productive and compassionate citizens.*

Rancho School is located on 11 acres. It has a remodeled library, computer lab, multi-use room and 2 playgrounds.

Rancho School is the home of the Essentialist Program, a more structured approach to education, with an emphasis on basic academic skills and subjects and establishment of good study habits. Rancho is a magnet school serving students from throughout the Novato Unified School District..

Rancho provides a variety of activities for students, many sponsored by the PTA. An Eagle Card program serves as an incentive for academic achievement, good behavior and helpfulness. The school has a high level of parent support.

Rancho received the California Distinguished School Award in May 1989 and May 2008, received the Governor's Reading Award and received a Golden Bell in 2002 for their "Ranchoberg" project. ♦

**Kandee Adams, Principal**  
**Rancho School**  
1430 Johnson Street  
Novato, CA 94947  
(415) 897-3101

**SAN RAMON SCHOOL**

Grades: Kindergarten – 5

451 students

School hours:

Kindergartens:

8:30 to 1:30

Grades 1 - 2: 8:30 to 2:45

Grades 3 - 5: 8:30 to 2:55

Library hours:

8:30 to 12:00 and 12:30 to 3:00

*Mission: Children, parents and staff work cooperatively at San Ramon in a safe and caring environment where all children can learn, be successful and prepare themselves to live in and contribute to, a changing world.*

San Ramon Elementary School is located on 7 acres. It consists of three buildings clustered around a library. Kindergarten classes are held in a separate cluster. All classrooms and the library are newly remodeled. The school is surrounded by turfed playing fields.

San Ramon focuses on educating the whole child while emphasizing rigorous academic achievement. The instructional approach is to involve students with decision-making and problem solving in a cooperative setting. Flexible grouping and clustering is implemented to address the various academic levels of the students. It is recognized as a model program balancing rigorous academic content standards with enriched student appropriate curriculum.

The San Ramon community provides outstanding support to the school through classroom volunteering, one-to-one tutoring, and fundraising. A number of after school enrichment activities are provided through PTA. ♦

**Mary Pritchard, Principal**  
**San Ramon School**  
45 San Ramon Way  
Novato, CA 94945  
(415) 897-1196



## HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Grades: 6 – 8

570 students

School hours:

M/T/W/Th: 8:00 to 2:25

F: 9:00 to 2:25

Library hours: 7:40 to 3:30

*Mission: Maximize student success through academic achievement and social development.*

Hill Middle School was completely remodeled in 1991 when it opened as a middle school. The school facilities include a multi-use room, gym, two computer labs, research lab, media center, library, science labs, art room and television studio.

Hill's commitment to student learning is reflected in its emphasis on the whole child. Whether it is in the core curriculum, student activities, performing arts, physical fitness, foreign language, computer education, counseling or peer educators, the emphasis is on the student. A well-established positive reward system for academics and behavior is in place. Regular student of the month assemblies are celebrated. Small World Week takes place each January. Civil War Days occur in May. Hill Middle televises news every Friday to each classroom.

Hill has been awarded a Marin County Golden Bell Award three times for outstanding after school support programs, student involved garden projects and support core classes for our EL students. Hill has been named a California Distinguished School twice. ♦

**Pam Conklin, Principal**  
**Hill Middle School**  
720 Diablo Avenue  
Novato, CA 94947  
(415) 893-1557

## SAN JOSE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Grades: 6 – 8

522 students

School hours: 8:00 to 2:10

Library hours: T/Th/F:

8:30 to 12:00 and 12:30 to 4:00

*Mission: Where children learn and grow in a supportive environment.*

San Jose Middle School is located on 18 acres. Special facilities include a library, gymnasium, new computer/multi-media lab, band and chorus room, a wood shop and several turfing playing fields.

San Jose's staff provides a safe, inviting environment for students where social and emotional growth is valued. All students in English language arts, history, social science, science and physical education take a common core curriculum. Math and science are offered in heterogeneous groups. Elective exploratory courses allow students to pursue areas of interest. A variety of elective courses are offered, including exploratory, Spanish I, publication, music, drama, woodshop, art, leadership and various support classes.

The instructional approach encourages independent thinking, integration of content, cooperative learning and infusion of technology. Student activities are numerous. San Jose received a Marin County Golden Bell Award in 2002 for its school-wide project, is a California Distinguished School and is the first recipient of a Hewlett / Annenberg Grant in Marin County. ♦

**Dale Ravazzini, Principal**  
**San Jose Middle School**  
1000 Sunset Parkway  
Novato, CA 94949  
(415) 883-7831



## **SINALOA MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Grades: 6 – 8

631 students

School hours: 8:20 to 2:30

Library hours: 8:30 to 3:30

*Mission: Sinaloa Middle School is a supportive community where students are challenged to acquire the knowledge and skills to live as responsible individuals in a world of change.*

Sinaloa Middle School is located on a 25-acre wooded site and has facilities that include a library, gymnasium, computer lab, woodshop, band, art and drama rooms and several large turfed playing fields. Spanish is offered in the eighth grade.

Sinaloa offers multiple avenues for students to develop a sound educational foundation through emphasis on study skills and critical thinking. A guidance program in educational planning, goal setting and decision-making assists students in becoming independent and self-confident. Peer tutoring matches students who help each other with schoolwork. Students in grades 7 and 8 are trained to act as buddies for incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders. All standard middle school required courses and electives are offered.

Special events and activities are part of Sinaloa's daily routine. Student clubs are primarily oriented toward community and school service. Sinaloa won a Marin County Golden Bell for its student activities program and was named a California Distinguished Middle School in 2003. ♦

**Kit Gabbard, Principal**  
**Sinaloa Middle School**  
2045 Vineyard Road  
Novato, CA 94947  
(415) 897-2111

## **MARIN OAKS HIGH SCHOOL**

Grades: 9 – 12

67 students

School hours: 8:25 to 2:12

*Mission: "Promote resilient, compassionate and responsible young adults" in a small community where students actively participate in both the learning and the decision-making.*

Marin Oaks High School is the district's alternative high school located on the Novato High School campus. This location gives students an opportunity to enroll in elective classes at Novato High School in addition to their assigned core curriculum.

Marin Oaks High School continues to offer an alternative program for students looking for a smaller learning environment with greater flexibility. Students enrolled have the opportunity to make up lost credits while working to improve basic skills. A counseling program is part of the basic curriculum with each student developing an Individual Learning Plan.

In addition to offering individual instruction and counseling support, Marin Oaks' students are able to take advantage of a variety of instructional strategies including small classroom instruction, computer assisted instruction, project-based curriculum, Regional Occupational Program classes and local community college courses. ♦

**Kessa Early, Assistant Principal**  
**Marin Oaks High School**  
611 Arthur Street  
Novato, CA 94947  
(415) 892-8733



**NOVA INDEPENDENT STUDY**

Grades: Kindergarten – 12

72 students

Center hours: 8:00 to 3:30

*Mission: NOVA Independent Studies School is committed to assisting students and parents in designing individualized learning programs that are aligned with state and district standards. The NOVA program empowers students by encouraging them to pursue their interests as an integral part of their school curricula, resulting in an individualized education that is broader and deeper than it would be in a traditional setting. It is our belief that when students are part of the education planning and design process, they are motivated, they take the initiative for independent investigation, they assume responsibility, and they make connections between what they learn and the real world.*

NOVA Independent Study, the only K-12 independent study program in Marin County, is located on the Hill Middle School site on the left side of the campus.

NOVA is an alternative program that offers self-directed and individualized learning experiences for elementary and secondary school students. A wide variety of standards-based resources are available for students. Instruction is collaborative between the student and the teacher. NOVA requires the same number of credits for graduation as required by all Novato schools at the 8th and 12th grade levels.

The Western Association of Schools and Colleges commended NOVA Independent Study for its standards-based academic program and extended the school's accreditation through June, 2010.

**Rudy Tassano, Principal  
NOVA**

740 Diablo Avenue  
Novato, CA 94945  
(415) 897-7653

**NOVATO HIGH SCHOOL**

Grades: 9 – 12

1,237 students

School hours: 8:20 to 2:30

Optional period: 7:20

Library hours: 7:30 to 3:00

plus 1.5 additional hours one day a week

*Mission: The mission of Novato High School is to create a safe and positive environment in which to educate and inspire our students, instill in them respect for self and others, and foster an appreciation for learning. Novato High School will prepare students for post-secondary education, economic self-sufficiency and effective citizenship in a culturally diverse society.*

Novato High School is situated on 38 acres, with 56 classrooms, labs, a lecture hall, career center, library, music room, three computer labs and two gymnasiums. Outdoor facilities include tennis and basketball courts, softball and baseball diamonds, a football stadium and a swimming pool.

Novato High School provides students with many opportunities to develop their personal interaction skills. Critical thinking and problem-solving skills are an integral part of student assignments. The academic program covers college preparatory courses (honors/advanced placement), vocational and general education, art, music, technology, business, and industrial arts. Novato is home to the Marin School of the Arts, a general arts-based magnet school. An array of co-curricular activities is available. Novato High has won the Marin County Academic Decathlon nine years in a row. The faculty is comprised of professional educators who are fully credentialed and in some cases possess advanced degrees. ♦

**Rey Mayoral, Principal  
Novato High School**

625 Arthur Street  
Novato, CA 94947  
(415) 898-2125



## **SAN MARIN HIGH SCHOOL**

Grades: 9 – 12

1,051 students

School hours: 8:20 to 2:30

Optional period: 7:25

Library hours: 7:30 to 3:30

*Mission: Provide a supportive environment where each student can attain his or her potential.*

San Marin High School is located on 39.6 acres. It has a gymnasium, student center, career center, science lecture room, and computer and photo labs. Its athletic facilities include tennis and basketball courts, a baseball diamond and a newly refurbished football field and all-weather track.

San Marin has established educational objectives aimed at providing students with challenging learning experiences in academics, in making future career and educational choices, in appreciating arts, in developing an understanding of the world community, the role of citizenship and personal responsibility, and in promoting desirable leisure-time activities.

San Marin has an award-winning band and choir and an assortment of clubs to meet the wide range of student interests.

Over 80% of our students are involved in athletic or performing arts, which represent their involvement and pride in San Marin High School. In 2002, San Marin High School received a Marin County Golden Bell Award for its Communications and Multi-media Academy. ♦

**Dr. Robert Vieth, Principal  
San Marin High School**

15 San Marin Drive  
Novato, CA 94945  
(415) 898-2121

## **NOVATO CHARTER SCHOOL**

Grades: Kindergarten – 8

237 students

School hours:

Kindergarten: 8:45 to 12:45

Grades 1 - 5:

M/T/W/F: 8:50 to 3:00

Th: 8:30 to 1:00

*School vision: Committed to educating the whole child through a Waldorf-Inspired curriculum.*

Novato Charter School is a public charter school in which teachers use educational methods that nurture and inspire creativity, critical thinking and motivated learning. As an institution committed to educating the whole child, the school endeavors to foster the unfolding of each child's full potential. Using a Waldorf-method's curriculum integrated with current best educational practices and state standards, our teachers nurture the imagination in the early years in order to build a foundation for abstract thinking. The child's intellect is appropriately challenged in the middle years and through 8th grade. This education places equal emphasis on a solid academic foundation, artistic expression and social/emotional development.

Novato Charter School offers visual and performing arts, foreign language, music programs, handwork, woodworking, gardening and environmental education, games and celebration of seasonal festivities. ♦

**Rachael Bishop, Director  
Novato Charter School**

940 C Street  
Novato, CA 94949  
(415) 883-4254







## REED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT



The Reed Union School District (RUSD) is an elementary district serving the southern Marin communities of Belvedere, Tiburon and a portion of East Corte Madera. The three school sites are located in Tiburon: Reed School for kindergarten through 2nd; Bel Aire School for grades 3, 4 and 5; and Del Mar Middle School for grades 6, 7 and 8. District enrollment is approximately 1,160 students. Last year's average class size was 19.9. RUSD students are in the Tamalpais Union High School District and usually attend Redwood High School. The District Office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### Support Services

RUSD schools share the services of a psychologist, counselor, school librarians, reading specialists, classroom aides, speech and language therapist, Director of Technology and technicians, part-time aides for limited English-speaking students, a school nurse and a district health specialist. Each school is assigned a special education resource specialist. The schools also offer intervention and enrichment programs. Parent-paid school bus transportation is available for the three sites.

### Student Achievement

Progress reports are sent home tri-annually for all students. Teachers hold conferences with parents annually and as needed and assemble portfolios of student work. Students participated in the California Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program in April 2008. STAR results are available on the district web site: [www.reedschools.org](http://www.reedschools.org) and online at the California Department of Education's website: <http://star.cde.ca.gov>. The District's performance levels continue to be strong and well above the state average. API scores were well above 800, the state cutoff for high-achieving schools. For 2007-2008, Del Mar's API score was 936, Bel Aire's was 953 and Reed's was 920.

### Community Involvement

Parents participate in PTA-sponsored activities and assist in the classrooms, libraries and other school site locations. They also serve on the school site councils and the Board of Trustees. Parents, community members and local businesses support the District's schools through a parcel assessment, school bonds to renovate all of the facilities, and through contributions to The Foundation for Reed Schools, which funds Spanish, technology, art, music, PE, other programs and site enhancements. After-school programs are available through the recreation departments in Tiburon and Corte Madera and through Tiburon Peninsula's Soccer League, Tiburon Girls' Softball and Tiburon Peninsula Little League. After school daycare is available through the Belvedere-Tiburon Child Care Center.

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Reed Union School District  
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[www.reedschools.org](http://www.reedschools.org)



**REED SCHOOL**

Grades: Kindergarten – 2

400 Students

Schools hours:

Kindergarten: 8:20 to 1:00

Grades 1 – 2: 8:20 to 2:30, Thursday dismissal: 1:30

Library Hours: 8:30 to 3:00

Reed School offers a nurturing and challenging climate for the primary age student. In addition to a full academic program, there is a school-wide focus on developmentally appropriate programs, positive reinforcement, integration of art into the curriculum, beginning computer education and a special motor development program. The school facilities include a multi-purpose room, library, music and art room and turf athletic field. The average class size is 19.2.

Each class has a full-time teacher and a 1½ hour instructional assistant. The staff also includes a principal, reading specialist, media specialist, music, art, physical education teachers, a learning center teacher, a technology teacher and office staff. A childcare center adjacent to Reed School is available for parent-paid before and after school care.

Reed has been named a California Distinguished School (2002) in recognition of its academic excellence and meeting the needs of all students. ♦

**Lexie Sifford, Principal  
Reed School  
1199 Tiburon Boulevard  
Tiburon, CA 94920  
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**BEL AIRE SCHOOL**

Grades: 3 – 5

380 Students

School hours:

8:05 to 2:40

Thursday dismissal: 1:50

Library Hours: 8:30 to 3:00

Bel Aire offers an academic curriculum in language arts, math, history/social studies, science and Spanish. The school facility includes a new multi-purpose room, library, multi-media center, music and art room and turf athletic field. The average class size is 20.2.

Each class has a full-time teacher and a 1½ hour assistant. The staff also includes a principal, reading specialist, librarian, teachers for music, physical education, computers and art, a technology specialist, 2 Spanish teachers, Learning Center Learning Academy teachers and office staff.

The student program is enriched by an active student council, a Gold Rush Country overnight, an environmental studies outdoor education program, integrated technology, and Spanish 4 days/week at all grades. Parent-paid, onsite childcare is available before and after school.

Fourth and fifth grade students each have a District-provided laptop computer to use at school to support classroom learning.

Bel Aire has been named a California Distinguished School (2000) and a National Blue Ribbon School (2001) in recognition of its academic excellence and meeting the individual needs of students. ♦

**Patti Purcell, Principal  
Bel Aire School  
277 Karen Way  
Tiburon, CA 94920  
(415) 388-7100**



## **DEL MAR SCHOOL**

Grades: 6 – 8

360 Students

School Hours:

8:10 to 3:00

Thursday dismissal: 1:46

Library Hours: 8:15 to 3:15

Del Mar provides a daily academic program in language arts, math, science, history/ social studies and physical education, with electives in art, music, journalism, yearbook, steel band and Spanish. Class size in academic subjects ranges from 20 to 22. There is also a “Project Academy” designed to assist small groups of students in reading and math. All students are issued their own laptop computer for use 24/7 throughout the school year.

The school facility includes a newly constructed gymnasium, library, cyberlounge, music/drama room, snack bar and turf athletic field. On staff are 25 teachers, a principal, assistant principal, librarian, counselor, resource technology facilitator and office staff. There is also a County Special Day Classroom located on the campus.

All 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are provided a laptop computer to be used at school and home to support learning.

Del Mar has been named a California Distinguished Middle School in 2003 for the third time since 1994, in recognition of its academic excellence, peer counseling and leadership programs. ♦

**Kit Pappenheimer, Principal**  
**Del Mar School**

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## ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT



Ross School is a unique single school K-8 district serving 378 children on one campus. Located in the heart of the town of Ross, in Marin County, the school serves the students of Ross and includes sections of Kentfield and San Anselmo, which border the town boundaries. Class sizes in K-8 average less than 20 students. Ross School students reside in the Tamalpais Union High School District. The school office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### Support Services

It is the expectation of the Ross School District and learning community that all students be provided with opportunities for success. The underlying belief is that “all students can learn and that we are the adults responsible for providing these opportunities.”

Unique to the Ross School is a Learning Lab Program, which provides extra practice for students needing help in specific skill areas. The district employs the services of a Learning Lab teacher, resource specialist, psychologist, speech therapist, school nurse and computer technician. Classroom teachers are supported by credentialed specialists in art, music, musical theater and Spanish. The Ross School Library provides a credentialed librarian and full-time library clerk. Students also have physical education classes taught by a specialist. The Ross School faculty has been trained in Mel Levine’s Schools Attuned strategies to better understand how children learn.

### Student Achievement

The Ross School District uses the STAR (Standardized Testing and Reporting) to measure student achievement in English/Language Arts and mathematics. The school’s API (Academic Performance Index) is consistently over 900 and their Similar Schools Rank is consistently 10, the highest ranking. STAR results are available at the district office or online at the California Department of Education’s website: <http://star.cde.ca.gov>

### Community Involvement

Members of the Ross School Learning Community are key to the successes of our program. Parents, community members and local businesses support the Ross School District through a parcel tax and contributions to the PTA, Friends of the Library and the Ross School Foundation. These groups provide funds for additional teachers to reduce class size and for the Learning Lab, Spanish, fine arts, library and technology programs. Students in the middle school complete community service projects to demonstrate understanding and respect for themselves, others and the diversity of the world and the importance of service beyond self.

**Tammy Murphy, Superintendent**  
Ross School District  
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[www.rossschool.net](http://www.rossschool.net)



## **ROSS SCHOOL**

Grades: Kindergarten – 8

378 students

School hours:

Kindergarten: 8:30 to 12:30

Grades 1 - 3: 8:30 to 2:30

Grades 4 - 8: 8:30 to 3:00

Library hours:

8:00 to 3:30 daily

The Mission of Ross School is as follows:

We are a K-8 community public school dedicated to excellence. Our mission is to build a solid educational foundation for all students while inspiring, guiding and challenging them to learn and reach out to the world with compassion, integrity and courage.

Our vision is to be an inspiring, supportive and safe learning community that will foster the education and development of our students in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Ross School has been recognized three times as a California Distinguished School, the state's highest honor for overall academic excellence. ♦

**Carole Ramsey, Interim Principal**  
**Greg Myers, Assistant Principal**  
**Ross School**

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## ROSS VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT



The Ross Valley School District is an elementary/middle school district serving the central Marin communities of San Anselmo and Fairfax. The district includes four schools: Brookside Elementary School, Manor Elementary School and Wade Thomas School for kindergarten through 5th grades and White Hill School for grades 6th, 7th and 8th. District enrollment is 1,880. Most Ross Valley graduates attend Sir Francis Drake High School in the Tamalpais Union High School District. The Ross Valley School District Office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### Strategic Plan

The Ross Valley School District completed a two year strategic planning process in the spring of 2007 with the board adopting the District Strategic Plan. The purpose of the plan is to create a vision, guiding beliefs and mission to guide the District in the years ahead. The Strategic Plan Task Force composed of more than 60 people, included teachers, administrators, staff, board members, students and parent and community members. The Strategic Plan addresses the critical topics of engaged student learning and standards; governance and communications; technology in support of excellence in education; and social/emotional development of our students. Major goals and strategies of the Strategic Plan provide guidance and direction for action plans developed each year. Highest priority strategies for initial implementation were identified by the Strategic Plan Task Force. This plan strongly guides the District's annual planning, priority-setting and allocation of critical resources – human, physical, facilities and goodwill.

### Support Services

The Ross Valley School District provides a full continuum of special education programs and services. Each site has resource specialist services, occupational therapy services, speech/language services and other services as identified by the Individual Education Planning (IEP) teams. The district has information literacy/library specialist services, counseling services and school nurse services, and Multi Age Program (MAP). The district also offers an alternative education program, Title I, a program for gifted and talented (GATE) students and services for homeless, foster youth, and students with 504 plans.

### Student Achievement

Standards-based progress reports, report cards and parent conferences are used to report student progress in grades K-5. Letter grade progress reports, report cards and parent conferences are used to report student progress in grades 6-8. The STAR (Standard Testing and Reporting) assesses student knowledge of grade level content as well as state content standards. Students in grades 4 and 7 participate in a STAR writing test and students in grades 2-11 participate in a STAR multiple choice test. STAR results are available at the district office or online at the California Department of Education's website: <http://star.cde.ca.gov>. The Physical Fitness Assessment, completed by students in the spring of their 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade years provided information that can be used by students to assess and plan personal fitness programs, by teachers to design the curriculum of physical education programs, and by parents/guardians to understand their children's fitness levels. Ross Valley also offers other local measures of achievement.



## **Community Involvement**

Parent participation is encouraged through Parent Clubs, PTAs, School Site Councils, many district committees, volunteer work at the schools and ongoing dialogue. Parents, community members and local businesses support the schools through a parcel assessment, bond measures and contributions to the YES Foundation. The YES Foundation provides supplemental funding for district programs, such as art, music and technology as well as after school enrichment classes and musical theater.

### **Bryce Sumnick, Superintendent**

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BROOKSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL</b></p> <p><b>LOWER CAMPUS</b> Grades: Kindergarten – 2</p> <p>324 students School hours: Kindergarten: 8:30 to 1:55 Grades 1 and 2 Slip Session: M/T/Th/F: 8:30 to 1:55 (or) M/T/Th/F: 9:30 to 3:05 W: 8:30 to 1:55 Library hours: 8:30 to 3:00</p> <p><b>UPPER CAMPUS</b> Grades: 2 – 5</p> <p>286 students School hours: M/T/Th/F: 8:20 to 2:50 W: 8:20- 1:45 Library hours: 8:00 to 3:30</p> <p>Brookside School, a California Distinguished School, is housed on two separate sites in suburban San Anselmo.</p> <p>Facilities at both sites include modernized/new classrooms, dedicated music and art rooms, school gardens, multi-use rooms and playing fields. Both campuses provide after school child care programs.</p>	<p>Brookside prides itself on providing students with a balanced education that focuses on the academic, social and emotional growth of its students. The school’s goal is to provide students with creative and innovative learning opportunities that promote critical thinking.</p> <p>Community service is emphasized through ecology projects and a wide array of philanthropic events that take place throughout the school year.</p> <p>Brookside has an exceptional Parent Club organization that supports the school and its staff in many ways. Parents are seen as vital partners in educating the children and are welcome to participate in classrooms. ♦</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>David Finnane, Principal Lower Campus Brookside Elementary School</b> 116 Butterfield Road San Anselmo, CA 94960 (415) 453-2948</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tracy Smith, Principal Upper Campus Brookside Elementary School</b> 46 Green Valley Court San Anselmo, CA 94960 (415) 454-7409</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MANOR SCHOOL</b> Grades: Kindergarten – 5</p> <p>361 students School hours: Kindergarten: M/T/W/Th/F: 8:30 to 1:55 M/T/W/Th/F (MAP): 8:30 to 1:00 Grades 1 - 2: M/T/Th/F: 8:30 to 1:55 or 9:30 to 3:05 M/T/Th/F (MAP): 8:30 to 3:05 W: 8:30 to 1:55 Grades 3 - 5: M/T/Th/F: 8:30 to 3:05 W: 8:30 to 1:55 Library hours: 8:30 to 3:30</p> <p>Manor School is situated in the Oak Manor neighborhood of Fairfax. Student learning is extended through our library, art room, computer lab, music room, multi-purpose room, as well as two playgrounds, a nature trail and a school garden.</p> <p>Manor offers two exceptional programs: the K-5 and Multi-Age Program (MAP). These programs are designed to serve the diversity of the community. Each has their own uniqueness in providing an instructional program specific to their students while also sharing the culture of Manor School. Manor has been recognized nationally for its educational programs that focus on the environment and efficient ways to save energy. ♦</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Catalina Nocon, Principal Manor School</b> 150 Oak Manor Drive Fairfax, CA 94930 (415) 453-1544</p>
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## **WADE THOMAS SCHOOL**

Grades: Kindergarten - 5

322 students

School hours:

Kindergarten: 8:30 to 1:55

Grades 1 - 2:

M/T/Th/F: 8:30 to 1:55 or 9:30 to 3:05

W: 8:30 to 1:55

Grades 3 - 5:

M/T/Th/F: 8:30 to 3:05

W: 8:30 to 1:55

Library hours: 8:30 to 3:00

Wade Thomas, twice selected as a California Distinguished School, is located in one of San Anselmo's oldest residential neighborhoods and is built on the site of the very first school in San Anselmo. The school facility includes a computer lab, music room and art room plus a multi-use room and playgrounds, which are used extensively by the community during non-school hours.

The core curriculum is based on state standards and includes hands-on projects and activities to engage students in their own learning. The district-adopted curricula in reading and math provide continuity for student learning K-5. Wade Thomas has a school-wide program to promote strong values, a sense of respect, responsibility and cooperation. Our district YES Foundation provides enrichment programs in music, art, technology and poetry. Students and parents are actively involved in community activities, ecology and site improvements. Student Council sponsors several projects as part of an all-school community outreach. The Parent Association and community members volunteer many hours in the classrooms and on school improvement projects. ♦

**Chad Carvey, Principal**  
**Wade Thomas School**  
150 Ross Avenue  
San Anselmo, CA 94960  
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## **WHITE HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Grades: 6 - 8

587 students

School hours:

8:00 to 8:45 (Pre-period)

8:50 to 3:15

Library hours: 8:00 to 4:00

Office hours: 8:00 to 4:00

White Hill Middle School, located on a 22-acre site at the base of White's Hill in Fairfax, is the middle school for three elementary feeder schools in the Ross Valley School District. In June 2001, White Hill Middle School received recognition as a California Distinguished School.

The core academic program is challenging, offering a breadth of opportunity in elective classes and an enrichment wheel and is supplemented by an active student activities program. In addition, credentialed instructors teach music, fine arts, foreign language and physical education courses. Thirty-three teachers, two administrators and fourteen support staff, supported by an active and generous community, implement the rigorous educational program at White Hill Middle School. A full-time counselor provides extensive group and individual service.

White Hill uses a block schedule to encourage in-depth project-based learning. During the 2006-2007 school year, the White Hill Work Group sub-committee completed the Ross Valley Strategic Plan relating to deepening curriculum, improving instruction, increasing personalization, and better meeting the needs of under-performing students. ♦

**Michele M. Patterson, Principal**  
**Nancy Wasserman, Asst. Principal**  
**White Hill School**  
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## **RURAL SCHOOLS OF MARIN COUNTY**

Four rural school districts serve the agricultural communities in the central corridor of Marin County. Each district has only one school. Laguna, Lincoln and Union Joint School Districts provide an educational program for kindergarten through sixth grade. Students entering grades seven, eight and high school are served by the Petaluma Joint Union High School District. The Nicasio School District, the largest of the four schools, has combination classrooms and provides an education program for kindergarten through eighth grade. These students reside in the Tamalpais Union High School District. The four rural school districts have a combined enrollment of approximately 125 students.

### **Support Services**

Each school receives the services of a special education resource specialist, speech and language teacher, psychologist and nurse provided by the Marin County Office of Education. Instructional resources, technology support and staff development classes are also available from the Marin County Office of Education.

### **Student Achievement**

Due to the unique nature of each school community, individual student progress is primarily assessed through classroom assignments, portfolios, projects and individual learning plans as well as standardized tests. Teachers hold conferences with parents and send home progress reports cards on a regularly scheduled basis. Students in grades 2-11 also participate in the STAR (State Testing and Reporting) Program. STAR results are available at each district office or online at the California Department of Education's website: <http://star.cde.ca.gov>

### **Community Involvement**

Teachers, students, parents and board members work together throughout the year to provide activities that create a sense of community.



**LAGUNA JOINT SCHOOL  
AND DISTRICT**

Grades: Kindergarten – 6

35 students

School hours:

Kindergarten: 8:30 to 12:00

Grades 1 - 6: 8:30 to 2:30

Library hours:

8:30 to 2:30

The Laguna Joint School District was organized in 1867 as a part of the San Antonio Township. It is served by Laguna School.

The one-room school offers a full academic program with an emphasis on English language arts development, use of math manipulatives, hands-on science, creative writing and technology. Laguna School employs one principal/teacher, one full-time and one half-time credentialed teachers and one part-time bilingual aide. Instructional strategies include small group learning and one-to-one teaching. The Bookmobile supplies bilingual reading materials, cassette tapes and a full complement of library books.

Student portfolios are maintained to assess student progress. Kindergarten students are assessed twice a year. K-6 students receive report cards quarterly. Parents work closely with the teachers. Conferences are scheduled at the end of the first quarter and as needed. ♦

**Pamela Brambila  
Principal/Teacher  
Laguna School**

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<http://mcoeweb.marin.k12.ca.us/rurals/laguna>

**LINCOLN SCHOOL  
AND DISTRICT**

Grades: Kindergarten – 6

15 students

School hours:

Kindergarten: 8:30 to 12:30

Grades 1 - 6:

M/T/W/F: 8:30 to 2:45

Th: 8:30 to 1:30

Lincoln School is located six miles west of Petaluma. The one-room school district was established in 1872.

Lincoln School offers a full academic program in all curriculum areas. Instruction also includes computer science, health and current events. The Bookmobile supplies bilingual reading materials, cassette tapes and a full complement of library books. The school employs a credentialed teacher, who also serves as principal, and a part-time instructional assistant.

Effort grades are given to kindergarten through grade 4. Grades 5 and 6 receive letter grade report cards. Parent conferences for all students are held during the first semester and again in the spring when needed. ♦

**Sandra Doyle  
Principal/Teacher  
Lincoln School**

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**NICASIO SCHOOL  
AND DISTRICT**  
Grades: Kindergarten – 8

61 students  
 School hours:  
   Kindergarten: 8:40 to 1:30  
   Grades 1 - 8: 8:40 to 3:00  
 Library hours:  
   8:40 to 3:00

Nicasio School is the largest of the four rural school districts in Marin County.

Nicasio School has four fully credentialed teachers with classes for grades K/1/2, 3/4/5, and 6/7/8. Students also receive Spanish, music, drama, P.E. and art instruction from subject area specialists.

Bond funds have been used to modernize and build "new" facilities, including a library and technology lab, science and art rooms plus a large multi-use room.

An outdoor area for garden/environmental science study is available for students, volunteers and staff from funds donated by the community.

Strong parent support and participation, a thriving school foundation along with an extremely dedicated staff make Nicasio School an excellent student learning environment. ♦

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**Principal/Teacher**  
**Nicasio School**  
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 Nicasio, CA 94946  
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**UNION JOINT SCHOOL  
AND DISTRICT**  
Grades: Kindergarten – 6

15 students  
 School hours:  
   Kindergarten: 8:20 to 1:00  
   Grades 1 - 6: 8:20 to 2:30  
 Library hours:  
   8:30 to 2:30

The Union Joint School District is situated in the rural area just west of Petaluma in Marin County. One school, Union Elementary, serves the kindergarten through sixth grade children of this district.

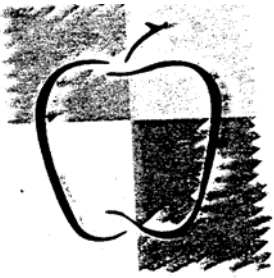
Union School provides an integrated academic program. There is one full time credentialed teacher who also serves as the principal, and an instructional assistant providing a comprehensive school program. Themes are pursued across the curriculum, tying together the studies of literature, social studies, music, and art and making connections between math, science, history and current events. The Bookmobile comes to Union School weekly.

All students receive detailed progress reports through parent conferences and quarterly report cards. Parents work closely with the school. Monthly parent meetings provide a forum for discussing school programs and issues. ♦

**Cynthia Haydon**  
**Principal/Teacher**  
**Union School**  
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## SAN RAFAEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT



The San Rafael Elementary School District serves neighborhoods within the central Marin community of San Rafael. The district has six elementary schools, one K-8 school and one middle school. The schools for kindergarten through fifth grade are Bahia Vista, Coleman, Glenwood, Laurel Dell, San Pedro and Sun Valley Elementary Schools. Venetia Valley is the kindergarten through eighth grade school. James B. Davidson Middle School serves students in grades 6-8. District enrollment is 3750 students. Students of the San Rafael Elementary School District are also in the San Rafael High School District. The district office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### Support Services

The San Rafael Elementary School District has approximately 190 full-time equivalent teachers, 11 site administrators and 75 classified staff. Special needs students are supported by the services of resource specialists, speech and language specialists, school counselors, school psychologists, nurses and a librarian. Schools in the district offer a GATE program for gifted and talented students, enrichment and advanced learning programs as well as high-quality music and art instruction and engaging technology-based experiences.

### Student Achievement

San Rafael schools have adopted rigorous and challenging content and performance standards. During the fall parent conferences, personal learning goals are established for each child. These goals are designed to challenge the student to meet or exceed state and district standards. Spring conferences are used to assess student progress. Grades 4-8 receive letter grade report cards. The schools use the California Standards Tests as well as district-developed assessment tests to monitor individual student progress and measure school program effectiveness. STAR results are available at the district office or online at the California Department of Education's website: <http://star.cde.ca.gov>

### Community Involvement

Parent volunteer participation within the district takes many forms. Parents assist in the classrooms and in PTA-sponsored programs that enrich the core curriculum and raise funds for student programs. Members of the business and residential community support the San Rafael Elementary School District through contributions to the San Rafael Public Education Foundation. Several community organizations and local businesses provide volunteers who assist in the classrooms or offer after-school tutorial training.

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## **BAHIA VISTA SCHOOL**

Grades: Kindergarten – 5

468 students

School hours:

Extended Kindergarten: 8:15 to 1:10

Grades 1 - 5: 8:15 to 2:40

Early Dismissal on Wednesdays at 1:45

Library Hours: 8:00 to 2:00

Bahia Vista School serves the communities east of Highway 101 and south of the San Rafael Canal, including Larkspur Landing.

In the fall of 2006, students and staff of Bahia Vista were welcomed into an entirely new school built on the location of the former school building. The new facility consists of two, two-story buildings that can accommodate approximately 450 students.

Bahia Vista School has a strong focus on literacy and uses “Success for All,” a phonics-based reading program developed at Johns Hopkins University. Student achievement of fundamental skills is stressed and measured through standardized tests, benchmark assessments, portfolios of student work and teacher observation. English learning students also receive daily structured, systematic instruction in English Language Development.

The school community celebrates student cultural and ethnic diversity. The Bahia Vista Family Center (BVFC) serves students and their families by providing access to a variety of services and after school programs. The BVFC is a Healthy Start Program. The school also has a Family Literacy program as well as an extensive after school program through grant funding. ♦

**Juan Rodriguez, Principal**

**Bahia Vista School**

125 Bahia Way

San Rafael, CA 94901

(415) 485-2415

## **COLEMAN SCHOOL**

Grades: Kindergarten – 5

341 students

School hours:

Extended Kindergarten: 8:35 to 1:30

Grades 1 - 5: 8:55 to 3:15

Early Dismissal on Wednesdays at 1:55

Library Hours: 9:00 to 3:00

Coleman School, located east of Highway 101 near Central San Rafael, serves the Dominican neighborhood and downtown San Rafael. It is an entirely new school facility, constructed in 2004. Classrooms are arranged around the library, which serves as a focal point on the campus. A separate kindergarten building is located at the front of the campus to provide easy access for students and their families. The campus also includes a multi-purpose building and soccer field.

Coleman School has a literacy coordinator who provides resources, staff development and support in the reading program. Technology supports learning across the curriculum and in the library resource center. Also, every classroom has access to state-of-the-art technology. In addition to the core curriculum, Coleman offers music, yoga, physical education, creative arts instruction, school tutorials and after school enrichment and support classes.

The school/parent community is actively involved as volunteers on SSC, PTA and SELAC Committees. Parent-paid after school daycare is available on site. ♦

**Ruth Reynolds, Principal**

**Coleman School**

800 Belle Avenue

San Rafael, CA 94901

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## **DAVIDSON MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Grades: 6-8

848 students

School hours: 8:00 to 3:15 Mon-Wed  
8:00 to 2:00 Thu-Fri

Library hours: 7:30 to 3:30

Davidson Middle School, a culturally diverse grade 6-8 school serving San Rafael, offers a comprehensive academic and enrichment program for students both during and after the school day. Our Core program offers advanced and on-level classes in Language Arts, Social Studies, Math and Science. Physical Education and an extensive elective program are also part of the curriculum. Through a block schedule, students are able to successfully achieve the state standards at an appropriate pace. GATE, ELL and Special Education classes are offered, as well as a comprehensive after school program. A strong counseling program is also provided. An intensive intramural program complements the school day activity.

Having recently completed a \$19.5 million renovation of the campus, students are provided with the most up-to-date facilities, classrooms, technology, textbooks and materials.

Working together with a strong PTA and other community agencies, Davidson offers a unique and comprehensive program for each child in order to insure student achievement and preparation for high school. ♦

**Harriet MacLean, Principal**  
**Davidson Middle School**  
280 Woodland Avenue  
San Rafael, CA 94901  
(415) 485-2400

## **GLENWOOD SCHOOL**

Grades: Kindergarten – 5

368 students

School hours:

Extended Kindergarten: 8:45 to 1:20

Grades 1 - 5: 8:30 to 2:45

Early Dismissal on Wednesdays at 1:40

Library hours: 8:45 to 3:00

Glenwood School, a National Blue Ribbon School, located east of Central San Rafael, serves the area from Bayside Acres east to Peacock Gap. Glenwood School has a multipurpose building, state-of-the-art computer lab, new art and science building, a large library and baseball diamond and soccer fields. The school's access to a marsh provides for a seasonal environmental studies program.

Glenwood school provides standards-based instruction and enrichment programs that lead to a high level of academic excellence. Parent involvement and an emphasis on family activities are vital components of the Glenwood School program. The many volunteer hours given by parents (approximately 6,000 hours per year) greatly benefit the school.

The school community is culturally diverse, representing many countries. Education workshops help parents integrate learning into family life. Active parent participation is evident and welcomed throughout the school.

Before and after school programs include Scout troops, sports and classes in Spanish, French, writing, chess and art. Daycare is available before and after school. ♦

**Elizabeth Blcok, Principal**  
**Glenwood School**  
25 Castlewood Drive  
San Rafael, CA 94901  
(415) 485-2430



## **LAUREL DELL SCHOOL**

Grades: Kindergarten – 5

179 students

School hours:

Extended Kindergarten: 8:25 to 1:25

Grades 1 - 5: 8:25 to 2:45

Early Dismissal on Wednesdays at 1:35

Library hours: 10:00-12:00 Mon./Fri.

Laurel Dell School, the district's smallest school, opened its doors in 1996. Laurel Dell serves students both in the Bret Harte and east Gerstle Park neighborhoods, and throughout the district. The school has seven classrooms, a library and a computer lab, an outdoor amphitheater, and a beautiful school garden.

Laurel Dell offers students a challenging classroom experience and an extended-day kindergarten program. The curriculum is delivered through developmentally appropriate practices that meet the needs of the school's diverse population. All classroom teachers provide quality, standards-based programs in literacy, mathematics, science, and social studies.

Laurel Dell enjoys a diversity of cultures among the student body. The PTA/SELAC is very active and supports the school community, sponsoring special events and coordinating parent efforts such as creating a school garden, the Harvest Festival, Dollar Days, and Fiesta del Sol.

After school programs include SNAP, Cub Academy, art, science, YMCA sports and academic tutoring. ♦

**Robert Marcucci, Principal**  
**Laurel Dell School**  
225 Woodland Avenue  
San Rafael, CA 94901  
(415) 485-2317

## **SAN PEDRO SCHOOL**

Grades: Kindergarten – 5

412 students

School hours:

Extended Kindergarten: 8:30 to 1:25

Grades 1 - 5: 8:30 to 2:50

Early Dismissal on Wednesdays at 1:15

Library hours: 9:00 to 3:00

San Pedro School is located in the Loch Lomond neighborhood east of downtown San Rafael. It serves the communities east of Highway 10, the area south of the San Rafael Canal, and the Loch Lomond neighborhood. San Pedro is now enjoying recent renovation with a new multi-purpose building, library, computer lab and classroom wing. The sports fields have also been restored.

San Pedro implements standards-based, district-adopted curriculum in all subject areas and provides intense reading and English language intervention through three different research-based programs.

Enrichment programs include 4th and 5th grade music (vocal and beginning instrumental instruction), 3rd-grade string exposure, K-3 grade music (vocal and rhythm instruction), and 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade poetry workshops. Fifth-grade students participate in the Walker Creek Outdoor Education Program.

Additional academic support and enrichment is provided for all 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders and some 3<sup>rd</sup> graders in an extensive after-school program. ♦

**Kathryn Gibney, Principal**  
**San Pedro School**  
498 Point San Pedro Road  
San Rafael, CA 94901  
(415) 485-2450





**SUN VALLEY SCHOOL**

Grades: Kindergarten – 5

433 students

School hours:

Kindergarten: 8:15 to 1:15

Grades 1 - 5: 8:15 to 2:35

Early Dismissal on Wednesdays at 1:15

Library hours: 8:30 to 2:45

Sun Valley School is located at the western end of San Rafael adjacent to rolling hills and acres of open space. The school serves the western portion of San Rafael including the Gerstle Park and Spring Grove areas. Sun Valley School has a new multipurpose building, library, soccer field and school garden and continues to enjoy the newly renovated school facility.

The curriculum at Sun Valley is delivered through developmentally appropriate single-grade and multi-age instructional practices that meet the needs of the children. Both multi-age and single-grade classrooms provide quality standards-based programs in literacy, mathematics, science and social science. Fifth grade students participate in outdoor education.

The Block enrichment Program includes weekly art and music, bi-weekly P.E. and a rotation of science, computers and garden taught by appropriate consultants.

After school activities include art, foreign language, sports and scout troops. A plethora of after school classes are provided by San Rafael Community Services. On-site day care is available after school. ♦

**Julie Harris, Principal**  
**Sun Valley School**  
75 Happy Lane  
San Rafael, CA 94901  
(415) 485-2440

**VENETIA VALLEY SCHOOL**

Grades: Kindergarten - 8

683 students

School hours:

Kindergarten: 8:15 to 1:10

Grades 1– 5: 8:15 to 2:45

Grades 6– 8: 8:30 to 3:00

Early Dismissal on Wednesdays at 1:35

Library Hours: 8:30 to 3:30

Venetia Valley School is a K-8 school serving the communities of Los Ranchitos and Santa Venetia. It is located in northeast San Rafael near Marin County Civic Center. The school buildings have recently been remodeled and modernized.

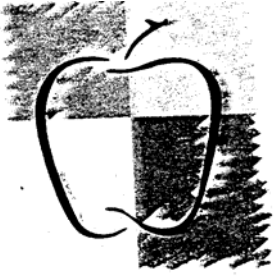
Venetia Valley School emphasizes a curriculum that challenges each child to excel in reading, writing, mathematics and science, as well as art, music, gardening, and special physical education programs. Classroom technology enhances student learning. Students in grades K-5 may opt to participate in an English/Spanish dual language program that develops student literacy in both languages by the 5th grade.

The 6-8 grade program consists of two to three classes at each grade level, offering a full range of challenging, academic instruction. Flexible grouping is used to address student needs and interests. ♦

**Pepe Gonzalez, Principal**  
**Venetia Valley School**  
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San Rafael, CA 94903  
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## SAN RAFAEL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT



The San Rafael High School District provides secondary education to students residing in two elementary districts of central Marin: Dixie School District and San Rafael Elementary School District. District students also reside in the Marin Community College District. The San Rafael High School District has two comprehensive high schools, San Rafael High and Terra Linda High, an alternative high school, Madrone, and an adult education program for those wishing to learn English. District enrollment is 2,158 students. The district office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### Support Services

The district has approximately 102 full-time equivalent teachers, 7 site administrators and 70 classified staff. Class size reduction support from state and federal programs has assisted in reducing the student to teacher ratio. Teacher support is offered through the Curriculum Department and the Peer Assistance and Review Program (PAR). Each school site offers new teacher support through departments. The English Language Development (ELD) program offers a strong language acquisition experience to integrate English learners into the academic core curriculum. The comprehensive high schools offer advanced placement, honors and college preparation courses and intensive assistance for students with learning disabilities. Counseling and career services help students assess job skills and arrange for internships.

### Student Achievement

Academic performance for San Rafael District students is measured by a variety of indicators. The Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) results, which measure student aptitude for college performance, are consistently higher than California averages. The 2006-07 District Average SAT results were: math 551, verbal 544 and writing 542, with California averages of math 513, verbal 493 and writing 491 (includes public and private results). The 2007-08 SAT results are not available at this writing. Student achievement is also measured by the California STAR testing program and district-developed assessment instruments. STAR results are available at the district office or online at the California Department of Education's website: <http://star.cde.ca.gov>

### Community Involvement

Parents, community members and local businesses support the district's schools through contributions to the San Rafael Public Education Foundation. Parents take an active role in the district by volunteering with classroom activities, PTA and Home and School Club programs, site leadership teams and booster clubs. The local business community supports the district by contributing matching donations and serving on school advisory committees.

**Michael R. Watenpaugh, Ed. D., Superintendent**

San Rafael High School District

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<http://www.srcs.org/>



## **SAN RAFAEL HIGH SCHOOL**

Grades: 9 – 12

1,131 students

School hours: 8:00 to 3:35

Library hours: 7:30 to 3:30

San Rafael High School is a 118 year old institution occupying 33 acres in central San Rafael. The school has an auditorium, theater, wood and metal shops, five computer labs, a swimming pool, three gyms, six tennis courts, a radio station and an all-weather track and lighted athletic field. The school was recently modernized.

San Rafael High offers college preparatory instruction and more than 20 honors/advancement placement courses in math, English, foreign language, social studies, fine arts and science. San Rafael High offers courses in technology, business, industrial arts, computer networking and other vocations. Along with the award winning music program, courses are also offered in theatre and fine arts. A rigorous English Language Development program serves a student population representing 30 countries. Wiring for classrooms has been completed since San Rafael's status as a Digital High School.

### 2007 Scholastic Aptitude Test

	SRHS	CA	US
Math	545	521	520
Verbal	543	499	508

The staff includes 53 certificated teachers, two assistant principals and three counselors to assist the principal. Approximately 80% of the students enter college each year. ♦

**Judith B. Colton, Principal**  
**San Rafael High School**  
185 Mission Avenue  
San Rafael, CA 94901  
(415) 485-2330

## **TERRA LINDA HIGH SCHOOL**

Grades: 9 – 12

975 students

School hours: 8:00 to 3:10

Library hours: 7:45 to 3:15

Terra Linda High School, a 2005 Distinguished School, provides comprehensive 9-12 grade education on a well-equipped and spacious campus in northern San Rafael. TLHS has a library computer lab and media center, a journalism lab, a Computer Assisted Design lab and science, math and English labs. Athletic facilities include a gymnasium, pool, a new all-weather track and football and soccer field, lacrosse and baseball fields. The school was recently modernized and added a new Performing Arts Center.

TLHS offers more than 20 honors and advanced placement courses in English, math, science, social studies and foreign language. TLHS provides technical preparation in catering and small business design, design and construction and auto mechanics. Quality drama, music and athletic programs are also offered.

### 2007 Scholastic Aptitude Test

	TLHS	CA	US
Math	568	521	520
Verbal	567	499	508

A well-trained and highly qualified group of professionals staff TLHS. More than 90% of the graduates enter post-secondary educational institutions. The staff includes 58 certificated teachers, two assistant principals and three counselors. ♦

**Lars Christensen, Principal**  
**Terra Linda High School**  
320 Nova Albion Way  
San Rafael, CA 94903  
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**MADRONE CONTINUATION  
HIGH SCHOOL**

Grades: 10 – 12

55 students  
School hours: 8:30 to 1:00  
Office hours: 8:00 to 4:00  
Library hours:  
San Rafael High School:  
7:30 to 3:30

Madrone Continuation High School provides an alternative secondary education for students in the San Rafael High School District. The school is currently undergoing modernization and students and programs have been re-located to the Davidson annex property for the 2006-2007 school year.

Students receive individualized attention in classes that emphasize academics, self-discipline, self-esteem and accountability. Each student is assigned a school counselor. Technology is integrated into the coursework, with a ratio of one computer per every two students. The average class size is 17 students. Student achievement is measured on a pass/fail grading system. Students participate in the Statewide Assessment Program (STAR).

Students may earn a diploma at Madrone or return to the comprehensive high school program. Graduation requirements are consistent with those of the comprehensive high school program. ♦

**Karen Levin Allen, Principal  
Madrone Continuation High**  
150 Lovell Street  
San Rafael, CA 94901  
(415) 485-22435

**SAN RAFAEL ADULT  
EDUCATION**

250 students  
Monday through Friday mornings:  
8:30 to 11:30  
Monday and Wednesday evenings:  
7:00 to 9:00  
Tuesday and Thursday evenings:  
6:30 to 8:30  
For more information call: 492-3226

San Rafael Adult Education is an independent program offering classes in metalworking, steel pan drums and Spanish, as well as English as a Second Language (ESL) for limited and non-English speaking students.

ESL classes are held Monday through Friday mornings from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Bahia Vista School and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Venetia Valley School (formerly Gallinas). Student creativity is developed through Metalworking and Intermediate Spanish classes, held on Tuesday evenings at San Rafael High. Steel Pan Band class is held Tuesday evenings at Davidson Middle School.

San Rafael Adult Education operates independently with its own administration and students. ♦

**Karen Levin Allen, Principal  
San Rafael Adult Education**  
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# SAUSALITO MARIN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Building Tomorrow Today*



The Sausalito Marin City School District (SMCSD) is an elementary (K-8) district drawing its student population from Sausalito and Marin City. The district has three schools: Bayside Elementary, Martin Luther King, Jr. Academy and Willow Creek Academy, a charter school. District enrollment is 320 students. Class size averages 15 students. SMCSD students attend high school in the Tamalpais Union High School District.

## **Mission Statement**

The Sausalito Marin City School District is committed to providing a rigorous and challenging academic program for all children in a safe environment that values diversity. The district is committed to a climate of mutual respect. All services in the SMCSD focus on furthering student academic achievement and developing responsible citizens.

## **Academic Program**

The Sausalito Marin City School District employs 17 teachers, a part-time clinical psychologist and a part-time certified nurse. State special education, counseling and Title I services are provided for students with special needs. The Bay Model Association and The Headlands Institute, the district schools are provided with enrichment programs in the visual and performing arts and physical sciences. In partnership with Youth in Arts, which has been providing arts education to students in the Bay Area since 1970, the district also offers quality instruction in visual and performing arts, literacy and recreational sports. STAR results are available at the district office or online at the California Department of Education's website: <http://star.cde.ca.gov>

## **Parent/Community Support**

The Sausalito Marin City School District supports an active Parents Students Teacher Association helping to foster relationships between families, school administration, businesses, and community service organizations. The SMCSD actively participates in community events such as the Caledonia Street Fair, Jazz & Blues by the Bay and Halloween festivities. Sausalito Rotary Club members participate weekly; tutoring individual students and parents assist in the classrooms. Such liaisons contribute to the quality of life in the wider community by involving students, parents and community members in community-service projects and enable school personnel to maximize resources, but they also increase public commitment and support for education and the Sausalito Marin City Schools.

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Sausalito Marin City School District  
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## **BAYSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Grades: Traditional K – 6

Students: 133

School Hours: M/T/Th/F: 8:10 to 2:00,  
Kindergarten

M/T/Th/F: 8:10 to 3:00,

Grades 1-6

W: 8:10 to 1:40

Twilight After School Program:

M/T/Th/F: 3:00 to 6:00

W: 2:00 to 6:00

Bayside is located on a hillside overlooking Richardson Bay in central Sausalito. In 2008, we unveiled our brand new 5,500-square-foot classroom facility, which includes a conference room in addition to the contemporary classroom space. Additional facilities include computer and visual arts, music and multipurpose rooms. A parent-teacher conference room, playground and a two-story library round out our campus.

We recognize today's society as multicultural and global, the families in our community represent a cross section of socio-economic levels and our staff and faculty celebrate the rich cultural diversity of our student population.

Preparing our young learners to become future leaders, we recognize the importance of technology and emphasize the use of technological resources to support and augment classroom instruction.

In addition to a dynamic standards-based interdisciplinary curriculum, we offer our students a comprehensive after school program facilitated by Youth in Arts, which has been providing arts education to students in the Bay Area since 1970. Our Twilight After School Program offers quality instruction in visual and performing arts, literacy and recreational sports.

In 2008, Bayside Elementary School became a California Distinguished School. Awarded and honored by The California Department of Education as one of the State's most exemplary and inspiring public schools. Bayside also received the Title I Academic Achievement Award consecutively in 2007 and 2008 thus becoming one of 48 schools in the State of California recognized with distinction as a Double Winner School. ♦

### **Cherisse C. Baatin, Principal Bayside Elementary School**

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**Martin Luther King, Jr. Academy**  
**Grades: Traditional 7-8**

Students: 37

School Hours: M/T/Th/F: 8:00 to 3:00  
W: 8:00 to 1:40

Twilight After School Program:  
M/T/Th/F: 3:00 to 6:00  
W: 2:00 to 6:00

Martin Luther King Jr. Academy is located on a sunny 11-acre site in Marin City. Construction has begun and we are anxiously awaiting the completion of a new 21,621-square-foot, two-story facility slated for completion Spring of 2009. The new school will be comprised of six classrooms, a science lab, a large multipurpose room, and administrative offices.

We recognize today's society as multicultural and global, the families in our community represent a cross section of socio-economic levels and our staff and faculty celebrate the rich cultural diversity of our student population.

Recognizing literacy is vital to individual empowerment; our interdisciplinary curriculum is standards-based, student centered active learning in a physically and emotionally safe atmosphere to promote the maximum growth and achievement for each student. Our commitment to high educational standards provides clear and concise goals, preparing our young learners to continue on into higher education and become leaders in the new millennium through an educational system characterized by state-of-the-art technology programs.

We offer our students a comprehensive after school program facilitated by Youth in Arts, which has been providing arts education to students in the Bay Area since 1970. Our Twilight After School Program offers quality instruction in visual and performing arts, literacy and recreational sports.

Preparing our student body to embark on a lifelong quest for learning and achievement, our faculty and staff is extremely qualified, professionally skilled and dedicated to academic excellence. We offer students of MLK Jr. Academy leadership and support in a nurturing environment through which students can learn and are challenged to achieve their highest potential. ♦

**Cherisse Baatin, Principle**  
**Martin Luther King, Jr. Academy**

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**WILLOW CREEK ACADEMY**

Grades: K – 5

Students: 142

School hours:

M/T/Th/F: 8:15 to 3:00

W: 8:15 to 2:00

Willow Creek Academy is a public charter school created by parents and community to provide students with an integrated project-based curriculum with a strong academic core. Students receive a rigorous curriculum in language arts, mathematics, social studies and science with extensive work in the arts, foreign language and environmental studies.

Parents are a vital part of the Willow Creek family, by providing at least 50 hours of volunteer time per year and signing a contract promising that students come to school ready to learn. Students also sign contracts with teachers to take responsibility for their work. ♦

**Carol Cooper, Headmistress**  
**Willow Creek Academy**

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## SHORELINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT



The Shoreline Unified School District is a K-12 school district serving the West Marin communities along Bodega Bay and Tomales Bay. The district includes four elementary schools: Bodega Bay Elementary School, Inverness Elementary School, Tomales Elementary School, West Marin Elementary School; a high school, Tomales High School, and Shoreline Independent Study School. District enrollment is 575 students. The average class size is 18 students per teacher. The district office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### Support Services

Schools in the Shoreline Unified School District share the services of a psychologist and nurse provided by the Marin County Office of Education. In addition, special funding provides for a resource specialist and a program for Special Day and limited English-speaking students. The schools offer Title I, English Language Development (ELD) support (K-12), independent study and a program for gifted and talented (GATE) students. District school bus transportation to and from the schools is available.

### Student Achievement

Students in kindergarten through 12th grade receive progress reports three or four times per year. STAR results are available at the district office or online at the California Department of Education's website: <http://star.cde.ca.gov>

### Community Involvement

Parent participation is encouraged through parent clubs, school site councils and volunteer work at the schools. Members of the business and residential community fund support services and the visual and performing arts for the Shoreline Unified School District through a parcel assessment (Measure A). The district has been successful in grant applications to augment instructional and support programs. The community has passed a \$7,000,000 bond measure for facility improvements district-wide in November of 2000. Facility improvements have occurred on each campus.

### **Dr. Stephen Rosenthal, Superintendent**

Shoreline Unified School District  
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**BODEGA BAY  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Grades: Kindergarten – 5

39 students

School hours:

Kindergarten: 8:30 to 2:50

Grades 1 - 5: 8:30 to 2:50

Library hours:

90 minutes per day

Bodega Bay Elementary School uses a comprehensive literacy plan and the wealth of local resources for core subject study. The average class size at Bodega Bay Elementary School is 21 students.

On staff are a part-time principal, two credentialed teachers and four support personnel. The parcel tax funds the services of a counselor, library and computer aide and a music instructor. There is a seminar program for gifted students.

Bodega Bay Elementary School has been recognized as a California Distinguished School and an Honorable Mention School by the California Department of Education for overall program excellence. ♦

**Jane Realon, Principal  
Bodega Bay Elementary**  
1200 Canon Street  
Bodega Bay, CA 94923  
(707) 875-2724

**INVERNESS  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Grades: Kindergarten – 1

43 students

School hours:

Kindergarten: 8:45 to 12:10

Grade 1: 8:45 to 2:45

Library hours:

90 minutes per day

Inverness Elementary School offers developmentally appropriate education for primary age children.

Inverness Elementary School has two credentialed teachers and two teacher aides.

Average class size is 18 students. ♦

**Anne Harris, Principal  
Inverness Elementary School**  
Bayview and Mesa Street  
Point Reyes Station, CA 94956  
(415) 669-1018



**TOMALES  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Grades: Kindergarten – 8

183 students

School hours:

Kindergarten: 8:30 to 12:30

Grades 1 - 8: 8:30 to 2:50

Library hours:

8:30 to 3:00

Proficiency for each student in every subject area is the goal at Tomales Elementary School. The average class size is 20 students.

The staff includes 11 classroom credentialed teachers, a resource specialist, a special day class teacher, an administrator, a counselor and nine support staff. Parcel tax funds provide programs in music, drama, library, art and computers and for counseling and instructional assistants. ♦

**Jane Realon, Principal  
Tomales Elementary School**

40 John Street  
Tomales, CA 94971  
(707) 878-2214

**WEST MARIN  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Grades: 2 – 8

134 students

School hours:

8:35 to 3:00

Library hours:

8:30 to 3:00

Reading, language arts, English as a Second Language and physical education are the focus of curriculum improvement at West Marin Elementary School. Grades 2-3 average 19 students per teacher. Grades 4-8 grade average 19 students.

The West Marin staff includes eight credentialed teachers, a special day class teacher, an administrator, a counselor and 14 support personnel. The school has daily Title I and English as a Second Language programs as well as the services of a resource specialist. Parcel assessment funding provides teachers and instructional materials for art, science, computer and music classes. ♦

**Anne Harris, Principal  
West Marin Elementary**

11550 State Route 1  
Point Reyes Station, CA 94956  
(415) 663-1014



**TOMALES  
HIGH SCHOOL**

Grades: 9 – 12

173 students  
School hours:  
8:10 to 3:00  
Library hours:  
8:30 to 3:00

Curriculum improvement is an ongoing part of the daily academic program at Tomales High School. The average class size is 14 students per teacher. The staff includes 20 credentialed teachers, an administrator, a full-time counselor and 11 support personnel.

Funds from the parcel assessment are allocated to expanding library resources and instructional programs for art, science, computers and music. One teacher is assigned several periods per day to provide student support to each class. ♦

**Dino Battaglini, Principal  
Tomales High School**

Irvin Road  
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**SHORELINE  
INDEPENDENT STUDY  
SCHOOL**

Grades: 8 – 12

School hours:  
8:15 to 5:00

Shoreline Independent Study School provides the district's independent studies curriculum program for grades K-12.

Curriculum improvement and development is an ongoing part of the academic program designed to meet state standards. ♦

**Dino Battaglini, Principal  
Shoreline IS School**

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# TAMALPAIS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT



The Tamalpais Union High School District provides secondary school education to students residing in ten elementary districts in central and southern Marin: Bolinas-Stinson Union, Kentfield, Lagunitas, Larkspur, Mill Valley, Nicasio, Reed Union, Ross, Ross Valley and Sausalito Marin City School Districts. The Tamalpais Union High School District includes three comprehensive high schools: Redwood, Sir Francis Drake and Tamalpais, all of which are California Distinguished Schools, and two alternative schools, San Andreas and Tamiscal Independent Study. District enrollment is 3,908 students. Tamalpais Union High School

District students also reside in the Marin Community College District. The Tamalpais Union High School District office is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## Support Services

The elementary districts sending students on to the Tamalpais Union High School District participate in the Education Task Force (ETF). This consortium establishes consistency in the program objectives, curriculum and instructional materials among its member schools and ensures a smooth transition from middle to high school. Schools in the Tamalpais Union High School District align their curriculum, instruction and assessment in the basic subject areas. For the 2005-2006 school year, the district has approximately 240 teachers and five mentor teachers who offer training to new and experienced teachers and support curriculum development.

## Student Achievement

The Tamalpais district graduates approximately 98% of all students, including alternative school students. Of these graduates, 91% continue directly to post-secondary education. Academic performance is consistently high on a wide variety of indicators. In 2004-05, the district's mean verbal and math scores were 581 and 582 respectively, well above the national mean scores of 508 and 520. In 2004-05, 78% of the advanced placement exams taken had scores of three or better. STAR results are available at the district office or online at the California Department of Education's website: <http://star.cde.ca.gov>

## Community Involvement

Parents, community members and local businesses support the district through a parcel tax assessment and contributions to their local schools. Site governance bodies, parent clubs and partnerships with businesses provide opportunities for participation in shaping the quality of instruction.

**Bob Ferguson, Superintendent**  
Tamalpais Union High School District  
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## **REDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL**

Grades: 9 – 12

1,482 students

School hours:

8:00 to 3:10

Library hours:

7:30 to 4:00

Redwood High School occupies 57 acres in a residential area of Larkspur. As one of northern California's top academic high schools, Redwood offers an outstanding college preparatory curriculum which includes honors and advanced placement classes as well as the opportunity for individual study and research through a Senior Project program. In addition, students in need of academic or emotional support are provided individualized programs that address particular needs.

Extra-curricular activities are an important part of the Redwood experience, with two-thirds of the student body participating in athletics. Leadership classes for student officers and others interested in planning school activities and a variety of student clubs round out the opportunities.

In 1990, 1996 and 2003, Redwood was selected as a California Distinguished School. ♦

### **Nancy Neu, Principal Redwood High School**

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[www.redwood.org](http://www.redwood.org)

## **SAN ANDREAS HIGH SCHOOL**

Grades: 9 – 12

132 students

School hours:

8:00 to 12:40

Library hours: N/A

San Andreas High School offers a student-centered program for high school students who experience difficulty in a large school setting. San Andreas recently had the distinction of being awarded state recognition as a Model Continuation School.

San Andreas has a maximum enrollment of 140 students. Students come to San Andreas from other high schools throughout the district.

The school offers a rich curriculum aligned with the district and state graduation requirements. There are classes in all levels of English, science, math, social studies, fine art, physical education, computer education, shop and agro ecology. San Andreas has an excellent art studio, student garden, and computer, science, woodshop and photo labs. Class sizes are small (average 15) and emphasis is placed on the students' individual needs. ♦

### **Gerald Austin, Principal San Andreas High School**

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**SIR FRANCIS DRAKE  
HIGH SCHOOL**

Grades: 9 – 12

1,076 students

School hours:

8:00 to 3:20

Library hours:

7:30 to 4:00

Sir Francis Drake High School is located in a residential section of San Anselmo in the Ross Valley. The facilities consist of a series of one-story buildings, a large gymnasium, pool, tennis courts, playing fields and art studios in a nicely landscaped environment.

Drake High School has a mix of renowned integrated curricula and rigorous traditional and honors courses that focus on preparing students for college and life in a rapidly changing world.

Parental involvement and community perception of the school, the staff and programs are exceptional.

In 1999 and again in 2005, Sir Francis Drake High School was recognized as a California Distinguished School. ♦

**Don Drake, Principal  
Sir Francis Drake High School**

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San Anselmo, CA 94960

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## **TAMALPAIS HIGH SCHOOL**

Grades: 9 – 12

1,149 students

School hours:

8:00 to 4:00

Library hours:

Monday - Friday: 7:30 to 7:00

Tamalpais High School, founded in 1908, is the oldest school in the Tamalpais Union High School District. The school is renowned for the beauty of its college-style campus featuring clusters of classroom buildings surrounded by landscaped grounds, art studios, computer labs, a media center in the library, two pools, two gymnasiums and expansive athletic fields.

With 91% of graduates entering college, Tamalpais High School offers a strong college preparatory program including honors and advanced placement and features unique programs integrating English and social studies and the sciences. Tamalpais High School enhances foreign language instruction with a state-of-the-art digital language lab.

Student activities include more than 30 athletic teams, clubs, a leadership program and a nationally recognized drama program. ♦

In 1999 and 2005, Tamalpais High School was recognized as a California Distinguished School. ♦

**Chris Holleran, Principal  
Tamalpais High School**

700 Miller Avenue at Camino Alto  
Mill Valley, CA 94941  
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## **TAMISCAL HIGH SCHOOL**

Grades: 9 – 12

113 students

Office hours:

8:00 to 4:00

Library hours: N/A

Tamiscal High School is a fully accredited alternative independent study secondary school providing opportunities for students to complete high school courses through self-directed individualized study. The school was established in 1990, is adjacent to San Andreas High School and operates independently.

Tamiscal offers a full range of courses in mathematics, English, social studies, science, foreign language, fine arts, technology and physical education leading to high school graduation and college entrance.

Tamiscal also offers a small experiential program, TEAM, for about 25 students, primarily juniors, which includes workplace learning, community service and wilderness experience.

Tamiscal students can access all the educational resources available to students within the Tamalpais Union High School District. ♦

**John Carroll, Interim Principal  
Tamiscal High School**

305 Doherty Drive  
Larkspur, CA 94939  
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## MARIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

### COLLEGE OF MARIN

College of Marin has been providing exceptional educational opportunities since 1926. The College has earned a reputation as a quality educational institution that provides a pathway for achievement and success for students of all ages.

Each semester about 6,600 students are enrolled in over 1,048 credit classes on the Kentfield and Indian Valley campuses. Approximately 200 international students participate in College of Marin's International Student Program, making for a culturally diverse educational experience. Nearly 5,000 students take advantage of the College's many outstanding community education and services classes.

With the extensive support provided by College of Marin faculty, staff and guidance counselors, College of Marin's students are achieving outstanding academic success. To facilitate students' transfer to the four-year institution of their choice, the College has established approximately 200 transfer agreements with the University of California, California State University and private colleges. When measured as a percentage of full-time students, the number of College of Marin students who transfer to four-year institutions is among the highest in the state. In addition, studies have shown that College of Marin students often outperform those students who enter four-year institutions directly from high school.

Completing lower division studies at College of Marin can save students thousands of dollars a year over the cost of a university. Fees for credit classes are \$20 per unit. Some non-credit classes are free, while others vary.

Campuses are busy days, evenings and weekends. Performing arts and cultural events draw crowds throughout the year. Residents of the county attend classes, participate in seminars and workshops, use the athletic facilities and enjoy the beautiful grounds of the campuses.

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## COLLEGE OF MARIN

### Your Partner in Building the Future

#### Supportive Learning Environment

- Distinguished faculty dedicated to teaching
- Small classes and personal attention
- Special support services for students
- Two beautiful campuses with more than 200 acres of open space
- A well-regarded English as a Second Language program

#### Excellence in University Transfer

- High rate of transfer to UC system
- Strong record of student success at UC, CSU and other four year institutions
- Wide array of transferable university parallel courses

#### Courses and Degrees

- Associate degrees in more than 40 areas of study
- More than 400 degrees and certificates awarded annually in May

#### Partnerships with Schools and Business

- Instructional planning coordinated with local high school districts
- Courses to upgrade and re-train the work force

#### Services For All Ages

- Average age of full-time students is 25, part-time is 37
- College-level concurrent enrollment for high school students
- Emeritus College with stimulating programs for adults 55 and older

#### Community Resources

- Beautiful facilities on both campuses available to rent for meetings, conferences, seminars, workshops, performances and more
- Award winning programs in art, drama, film, music, and dance
- Year round performing and visual art presentations

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## **KENTFIELD CAMPUS**

### Library Hours

Monday - Thursday:  
8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Friday:  
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

College of Marin has been providing exceptional educational opportunities since 1926. Known as Marin Junior College, the first Associate Degree was granted in the spring of 1929. In 1948 the College was renamed College of Marin.

On the Kentfield campus one can view a 20-foot, six-million-year-old fossil whale on display in the Austin Science Center, picnic in the grove of giant Redwoods or visit the current art exhibit in the Fine Arts gallery.

The College is noted for its drama, dance and musical performances in the Fine Arts Theater. Other excellent offerings include a nationally accredited Nursing Program, a science field program and competitive athletic teams. ♦

## **INDIAN VALLEY CAMPUS**

The Indian Valley campus opened in 1975 after five years of holding classes at various sites in North Marin. The 333-acre site includes 200 acres of open space, an Olympic-size swimming pool and many hiking trails.

Programs in Environmental Landscape and Design, Solar Technology, Auto Technology, Machine and Metals Technology, Court Reporting and Medical Assisting are located at the Indian Valley campus.

Multi-media courses are offered through the Credit program as well as Community Education and Services. ♦

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