

Panama-Buena Vista Union School District

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16 Elementary Schools

4 Middle Schools

1 Junior High School

Enrollment 15,792

Mission Statement

The mission of the Panama-Buena Vista Union School District is to efficiently and equitably prepare all students for the successful continuance of their education leading to productive citizenship in our society. Toward that end, the District is committed to the development of an academically challenging curriculum, delivered in a safe environment and focused on the promotion of intellectual, ethical, cultural, emotional and physical growth in accordance with the needs of individual students.

District Profile

The Panama-Buena Vista Union School District is located in the rapidly growing southwest portion of Bakersfield, California. Established in 1875, the original district housed a mere 11 students in makeshift lean-to structures at various locations. Today, the student population numbers approximately 16,000, and pupils from kindergarten through eighth grade receive instruction in the most modern of facilities.

The Panama-Buena Vista Union School District takes pride in its motto, "Excellence in Education." The district employs a staff of dedicated, energetic, and highly qualified teachers who respect and enjoy working with students. Applicants who are concerned with the educational needs of children, and whose rapport with students enhances learning, are encouraged to contact the district regarding employment opportunities.

Bakersfield is ideally located in the southern portion of central California. To the south is Los Angeles, a two-hour drive over a scenic mountain highway known as "The Grapevine". Three hundred miles to the north is the "Golden Gate City", San Francisco. Morro Bay and the beautiful Pacific coastline are a short two and one-half hour drive to the west. Sequoia and Yosemite National Parks are also within driving distance. The popular Lake Isabella recreational area is less than an hour's drive through the majestic Kern River Canyon. Just about every imaginable outdoor sport or recreational activity is available year round.