

Alisal Union Elementary School District

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Salinas, CA 93905-2831

Phone (831) 753-5700

Website: <http://www.alisal.org/>

12 Elementary Schools
Enrollment 7,742



Mission Statement

As a community committed to cultivating peace and the value of bilingualism, we will prepare all our students to be socially responsible and to attain academic excellence by engaging them in a world class multicultural education.

Profile

The Salinas Valley is perfectly situated 120 miles South of San Francisco, 55 miles South of San Jose and 320 miles North of Los Angeles. The long Valley expands from the Monterey Bay along Highway 101 and thousands of acres of agricultural land between the phenomenal Santa Lucia and Gabilan Mountain Ranges. Residents and visitors enjoy extremely mild temperatures year round and the luxury of being in close proximity to a beautiful coastline.

This picturesque valley is speckled with hundreds of growers, shippers, wineries and thousands of other businesses that support the vitality of active communities.

“Building a better community, one student at a time.”

Bradley Union Elementary School District

[224 Dixie St.](#)

Bradley, CA 93426-0060

Phone (805) 472-2310

Website: <http://schools.monterey.k12.ca.us/~bradley/>

1 Elementary School
Enrollment 27



Vision Statement

The Bradley Union School District vision is to prepare our diverse students to meet or exceed state standards, teach the skills to inspire students to become life-long learners, and support them in success in higher education, employment, and citizenship in partnership with students, families, teachers, and the community.

Mission Statement

Our school wide educational program will prepare our diverse students to meet or exceed state standards, teach the skills to inspire students to become life-long learners, and support them in success in higher education, employment, and citizenship in partnership with students, families, teachers, and the community.

Location

The Bradley Union School District is located at the southern end of Monterey County. It geographically covers a large area from San Miguel and Camp Roberts to Lake San Antonio. The main school house was constructed in the early 1900's with an addition in 1940. There is still a teacherage on the property. The site also includes a separate classroom for the intermediate class added on in 2000, a library added on in late 1999, and a community hall for assemblies, awards and community events.

The district is a K-8 district serving between 20-45 students a year. Small class sizes, three full-time teachers and an instructional aide give students vast opportunities for individualized instruction and success. The district utilizes state adopted curriculum and is in the process of aligning benchmark assessments with the California State Content Standards. The district is equipped with modern technology facilities including a digital video conferencing system, high speed internet services and computer availability for almost every student.

The Bradley Bulldogs compete with other south Monterey County school districts in a wide variety of sports. Students attend several educational field trips a year. This past year the students had the opportunity to attend science camp, California Polytechnic State University, Vandenberg Air Force Base, the Melodrama, Morro Bay Colonial Ships, and a hay ride through a pumpkin patch.

Carmel Unified School District

4380 Carmel Valley Rd.

Carmel, CA 93923-

Phone (831) 624-1546

<http://www.carmelunified.org/cusd/default.aspx>

3 Elementary Schools
1 Middle School
1 High School
1 Continuation School
Enrollment 2,132



Mission Statement

The Carmel Unified School District community produces lifelong learners who are prepared for the challenges of higher education, the workplace, and their role as citizens of an ever-changing global community.

Location

Carmel Unified School District (CUSD) is located 120 miles south of San Francisco adjacent to the historic and picturesque communities of the Monterey Bay. Its 594 square miles encompass some of the most scenic areas of the world, combining the unspoiled natural beauty with the cosmopolitan spirit of California's most famous peninsula. There are four distinctive population centers within the boundaries of CUSD: Carmel-by-the-Sea, Carmel Valley, Pebble Beach, and Big Sur.

The area offers a wealth of cultural, education and recreational activities.

The enjoyable climate is mild year-round. Citizens cherish the unique and historical features of the area, which give an extra dimension to the high quality of life. The population includes a large percentage of business and professional people and retired persons. They are proud of their school system and are devoted to maintaining its excellence.

Chualar Union Elementary School District

24285 Lincoln St.

Chualar, CA 93925-0188

Phone (831) 679-2504

Website: <http://www.monterey.k12.ca.us/~chualar/>

1 Elementary School
Enrollment 343



Mission Statement

The mission of Chualar School is to nurture an enthusiasm for learning and provide all students with a strong educational foundation which will enable them to reach their full potential as self-sufficient, responsible, and productive members of society.

Location

The unincorporated community of "Chualar", a term from the American Indian language meaning "pigweed", is located ten miles south from Salinas, Monterey County, off Highway 101, nestled between two mountain ranges, Gabilan and Santa Luc'a, and bordered by Chualar Canyon to the East. This small, rural, unincorporated community, consisting mainly of an Hispanic population of some 850 residents working in agricultural-related occupations, is home to Chualar Union Elementary School District.

The Chualar School District consists of one school, Chualar School, which was established in the 1800s. Six additional buildings were installed during the 1997-98 school year to operate specialty programs such as Healthy Start, Even Start, and Migrant Head Start. At present, the School enrolls approximately 300 students in grades Kindergarten to Eighth with 23 certificated and 14 full-time classified staff members.

Gonzales Unified School District

[600 Elko St.](http://www.gusd-district.com/GUSD/Welcome.html)

Gonzales, CA 93926-

Phone (831) 675-0100

<http://www.gusd-district.com/GUSD/Welcome.html>

1 Elementary School

1 Middle School

1 High School

1 Continuation School

Enrollment 2,281



Mission Statement

The Gonzales Unified School District has one singular focus, our mission, our goal: Maximize student academic achievement in a culture of caring. All of our resources, planning and preparation, instructional activities, homework, assessments, and curricular activities are designed to help us attain this goal. At GUSD we seek to provide our students with engaging and meaningful instructional activities that will maximize achievement and retention of the *California Content Standards*.

District Profile

The Gonzales Unified School District is a K-12 school system featuring a State Pre-School, one K-4 school, a 5-8 Middle school, a comprehensive high school, and an alternative high school. The district also provides independent study and adult education programs. Combined, we serve over 2300 students with 225 certificated and classified staff members.

Location

The City of Gonzales, the "Wine Capital of Monterey County", is located in the heart of the fertile, 90-mile long Salinas Valley. Situated between the scenic Santa Lucia and Gabilan Mountain ranges, the City is 30 miles southeast of the beautiful Monterey Peninsula and 18 miles south of Salinas. Gonzales is a growing community of over 8,500 residents, many of whom are young families that enjoy the friendly small-town ambiance, mild year-round weather and the safe community environment.

The temperate climate of Gonzales provides comfortable summer time temperatures ranging from 70-80 degrees. Winter ranges fall between 40-60 degrees.

Situated throughout the City are several public parks, a stable school system, and the recently renovated downtown area. The City's proximity to Salinas, the Monterey Peninsula, and the San Francisco Bay Area affords cultural and sporting opportunities within easy accessibility. Gonzales is proud of its small-town community environment, and its ability to maintain a fiscally-sound city government.

Graves Elementary School District
15 McFadden Rd.
Salinas, CA 93908-
Phone (831) 422-6392

1 Elementary School
Enrollment 34



District Profile

Graves District is a one school district of approximately 40 students. It is located three miles northwest of the city of Salinas. The area surrounding the school is all agricultural and adds to the rural setting with a view of the Gabilan Mountains. The original building is still serving as the primary classroom although the actual building has been moved from its original site. Student population over the last few years fluctuated slightly depending on the limited housing available in the district.

There are two classrooms at Graves covering grades K-3, and 4-8. The student population is 80% Hispanic and 20% Anglo. The two full-time instructors include a teaching principal at primary level. Other classified personnel include a full-time secretary, two full-time aides, one part-time music instructor, and a part-time custodian. The Board of Trustees consists of three members who meet once a month. Contracted personnel include a speech therapist, as well as a visiting nurse who updates records, does examinations and teachers human development.

Graves School is committed to providing a quality educational experience for all children regardless of their cultural, economic or language background.

Greenfield Union Elementary School District

493 El Camino Real
Greenfield, CA 93927-
Phone (831) 674-2840

<http://www.greenfield.k12.ca.us/>

3 Elementary Schools
1 Middle School
Enrollment 2,449



**Greenfield Union
School District**

Mission Statement

The Greenfield Union School District is a child-centered District, committed to preparing its diverse student population with a quality education and providing the support necessary to maximize student's potential so that they become life-long learners and positive contributors to our global society.

Location

Located in the heart of the California's Salinas Valley, the City of Greenfield is approximately 135 miles south of San Francisco, 95 south of San Jose, and 60 miles north of Paso Robles. There are four interchanges that access the City of Greenfield from Highway 101 (El Camino Real, Oak St., Walnut St., and Thorne Rd.)

The City of Greenfield is located between the Gabilan mountain range to the east and the Santa Lucia range to the west. To the north, the City of Salinas acts as the major urban center for a number of rapidly growing communities along Highway 101. The communities to the north of Greenfield, include the Cities of Soledad and Gonzales, and to the south, the City of King City. All of these areas, including Greenfield have shown significant increases in population.

King City Union Elementary School District

800 Broadway

King City, CA 93930-2984

Phone (831) 385-1144

<http://www.kingcity.k12.ca.us/>

3 Elementary Schools

1 Middle School

Enrollment 2,505



Location

King City is situated on Highway 101 in South Monterey County in the heart of the California's Salinas Valley, King City is approximately 145 miles south of San Francisco, 105 south of San Jose, and 50 miles north of Paso Robles. The city's economic base is largely dependent upon agriculture with food processing and packing the primary sources of employment.

King City's economic outlook continues to be positive. The city is development friendly and continues to attract new businesses and residential housing projects that improve the quality of life in the community. The city council and business community will work diligently with potential investors to facilitate appropriate development projects.

King City Joint Union High School District

800 Broadway

King City, CA 93930-3326

Phone (831) 385-0606

<http://www.kingcity.k12.ca.us/>

2 High Schools

2 Continuation Schools

Enrollment 2,185



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Lagunita Elementary School District

975 San Juan Grade Rd.

Salinas, CA 93907-8438

Phone (831) 449-2800

1 Elementary School

Enrollment 82



Mission Statement

The mission of the Lagunita School District is to inspire students to excellence and to encourage all to use their minds and hearts well.

School Vision

The Lagunita Elementary School District believes that:

- Every student can learn and succeed.
- Every student has the right to an inspiring and safe learning environment.
- Every student and staff member has the right to be treated with respect.
- A high degree of cooperation and communication should take place between parents and school staff.
- Standardized test results can be above national, state, and local benchmarks.
- Teachers' abilities are extremely valuable and their behaviors have a significant impact on how our children learn.
- Teachers should be provided continuous professional development opportunities that focus on improving content and classroom practices.
- The fulfillment of this vision will result in lifelong learners and productive citizens in our ever-changing society.

District Profile

The Lagunita School District was established in 1897. The original "little red schoolhouse" was moved to the Boronda Adobe Historical Site and restored by the Historical Society in 1985. Our present building reflects the feeling and character of that original school as it was built to its specifications. Lagunita School District is a one-school school district, the second smallest in Monterey County and one of the smallest in California. Multigrade, individualized attention that epitomizes our early American education continues here. We are very proud to be celebrating our 110th year of quality education.

Mission Union Elementary School District
36825 Foothill Rd.
Soledad, CA 93960-9656
Phone (831) 678-3524

1 Elementary School
Enrollment 82



Profile

2006 API score: 754

Mission Union is a small rural school located in the agricultural community of Soledad. Located in the central Salinas Valley of Monterey County, the City of Soledad is approximately 130 miles south of San Francisco, 40 miles southeast of the Monterey Peninsula, 25 miles south of Salinas and 25 miles north of King City. Soledad is currently the fastest growing city within California, increasing at an average annual rate of 8% over the last five years. Our current population is 26,203, including the nearby state correctional facility, which is a part of the City.

Soledad is a great place to live and visit. It has affordable housing, good schools, a safe, family environment and all the services required by its citizens. From Soledad, visitors can easily enjoy and access fine wine tasting, the Pinnacles National Monument, recreational and boating activities at Nacimiento and San Antonio Lakes, the Arroyo Seco Wilderness Area, the county government center in Salinas, the Monterey Peninsula beaches and tourist attractions and the beautiful coastline of Big Sur. The Climate in Soledad is relatively mild and enjoyable year round.

Monterey County Office of Education

901 Blanco Cir.

Salinas, CA 93912-0851

Phone (831) 755-0300

<http://www.monterey.k12.ca.us/>



1 K-12 School
1 Special Education School
1 Juvenile Court School
1 County Community School
Enrollment 1,580

Mission Statement

We believe that quality education is a priority for Monterey County. Educated citizens are equipped to evaluate issues, think critically and creatively, and work cooperatively so that their families, and the entire community, will prosper and achieve the common good.

District Profile

The Monterey County Office of Education (MCOE) provides leadership to galvanize our community around support for the public's educational system. We work to encourage our citizens to join our schools in a coherent educational endeavor.

The Monterey County Office of Education works closely with our 24 school districts, the local institutions of higher education, and the many diverse communities of interest around us, by providing service, leadership, and support designed to advance education in Monterey County to world-class standards.

We work so that students will be equipped to thrive in the global economy, to enrich the cultural and intellectual resources of their community and state, and to contribute to a strong and democratic American society.

Monterey County has many world-renowned resources. And, of them all, our children are our most precious resource and hope for the future.

Monterey Peninsula Unified School District

700 Pacific St.

Monterey, CA 93942-1031

Phone (831) 645-1200

<http://www.mpusd.k12.ca.us/>

14 Elementary School
2 Middle Schools
4 High Schools
1 Continuation

Enrollment 11,546



Welcome to the

**MONTEREY PENINSULA
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

"...passionately seeking the challenges of the future."

Profile

The Monterey Peninsula Unified School District has five diverse communities with one thing in common: children clearly come first, ALL children. We have a healthy diversity throughout the District -- ethnically, socially, and financially. Through a broadly supported strategic planning process, we are continually improving our entire system so we can assure that all the children given into our care have "... the intellectual, social, and personal knowledge to passionately seek the challenges of the future," and fully participate in our democratic society.

We recognize the need to grow and learn as we face the challenges of an ever more diverse community moving into the 21st century. An essential part of "opportunity for all students" is a learning environment that supports optimum learning for adults and for our children. There is strong community support for upgrading our facilities in the next few years. We have a strong tradition of volunteerism: parents, community members, and local business and industry employees give tens of thousands of hours of their time and money to help with every aspect of school life.

Mission Statement

Through dynamic, engaging learning experiences and collaborative partnerships within our diverse Coastal community, the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District ensures that each student will attain the intellectual, social and personal knowledge to passionately seek the challenges of the future.

North Monterey County Unified School District

8142 Moss Landing Rd.
Moss Landing, CA 95039-0049
Phone (831) 633-3343
<http://www.nmcusd.org/>



4 Elementary Schools
1 Middle School
1 High School
1 Continuation School
1 Alternative School
Enrollment 4,919

Mission Statement

An innovative community school system, we equip Preschool to Adult students with the skills, knowledge and attitudes they will need to pursue their life goals responsibly and creatively in a radically changing society.

District Profile

Welcome to the North Monterey County Unified School District, an innovative school system, equipping preschool to adult students with the skills and knowledge needed to pursue their life goals. The district consists of approximately 5,000 student and 500 staff, representing the rich diversity within the community. Together the certificated and classified staff is creating tomorrow through the youth of today.

All of our school instructional programs are standards based, as established by the State of California. Our instructional program is designed to improve student achievement, utilizing specific assessments to focus instruction as well as academic interventions to ensure that all students meet challenging content standards.

All grade level curriculum has a specific emphasis on Language Arts and Math. We also promote the arts and sciences at all grade levels. Our middle and high school band, sports, and other extracurricular programs are exemplary.

Parent involvement is an important part of NMCUSD. Parents are encouraged to be part of the school through the School Site Council, Parent Teacher Group, the Bilingual Advisory Committee, or helping in the classroom. You are an integral part of our instructional program.

We are proud of the cultural diversity in our school community. We foster this diversity and believe it is an important instructional asset for the 21st Century.

Pacific Grove Unified School District

555 Sinex Ave.

Pacific Grove, CA 93950-4320

Phone (831) 646-6520

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

2 Elementary Schools
1 Middle School
1 High School
1 Continuation School
Enrollment 1,756



Mission Statement

The mission of the Pacific Grove Unified School District, in partnership with home and community, is to challenge every student to learn the skills, acquire the knowledge, and develop the insight and character necessary for a productive and rewarding life through a quality instructional program, a positive, safe, and stimulating environment, with a clear commitment to the worth of every individual.

Pacific Unified School District

1 Pacific Valley

Big Sur, CA 93920-

Phone (805) 927-4507

<http://www.pacificvalleyschool.com/>



Pacific Elementary School The Foundation for our Future

1 Elementary School
Enrollment 25

Mission Statement

Pacific School's mission is to prepare children for life through experiential learning that addresses the needs of the whole child. We create a safe and secure school environment that promotes social and academic growth and develops an enthusiasm for learning, a positive self-image, and cross-cultural understanding.

District Profile

Pacific School, located in the rural community of Davenport is Santa Cruz County's smallest single school district. The school serves children from the town of Davenport and from the surrounding north coast area. District boundaries extend north along the Pacific coast to the San Mateo county line.

This year, Pacific School will celebrate its one hundred year anniversary! The school has served the north coast population since the early 1900's. The first school building was a one-room schoolhouse, built in 1906. Pacific School District consolidated with Swanton's Seaside School District in 1963. Until 1978, Pacific School was housed in a two-classroom building on the present site. The current school building was constructed in 1978 when the existing school building failed to conform to the Field Act.

The local community has a long history of support for its unique, single school district. Many of the school's students have parents and grandparents who attended Pacific School, however, new families, attracted by Pacific School's successful programs and environment add to the rich diversity of the school's population.

Salinas City Elementary School District

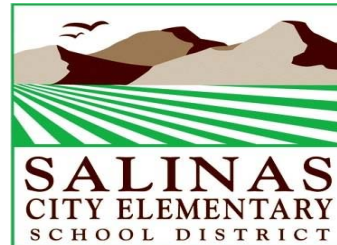
[840 South Main St.](#)

Salinas, CA 93901-1624

Phone (831) 753-5600

<http://schools.monterey.k12.ca.us/~salcity/>

12 Elementary Schools
Enrollment 7,954



District Mission

The District slogan is “Students are the focus of our work”. Our children are the hope for the future. We are asking you to help us provide the skills and support the talents of today’s children to ensure a bright tomorrow.

Salinas Profile

Salinas is located on the Central California Coast and is known as the "Salad Bowl of the World." Salinas has over 150,000 residents and our community is one of California's jewels. Surrounded by agriculture on all sides, with the El Gabilan Mountains overlooking the City from the east, Salinas is a beautiful place with an active and diverse citizenry. A mere 12 miles from the Pacific Ocean and Monterey Bay, Salinas serves as the county seat of Monterey County where agriculture is a \$2.2 billion-dollar industry. Salinas is committed to preserving agriculture as our major industry and maintaining our community's high quality of life.

Salinas Union High School District

431 West Alisal St.

Salinas, CA 93901-1624

Phone (831) 796-7000

<http://www.salinas.k12.ca.us/sites/DO/Index.htm>

4 Middle Schools

4 High Schools

1 Continuation School

1 Community Day School

Enrollment 13,578



Mission Statement

The Salinas Union High School District develops educated learners to the highest standards, preparing them to achieve their life's aspirations and to be productive citizens in a global society.

District Profile

The Salinas Union High School District has an enrollment of over 13,509 students in grades 7 through 12. The District includes four middle schools, four high schools, a continuation high school, and adult school and ROP facilities. The student population is 78% Hispanic, 12% White, 4% Filipino, 2% Asian, 3% Black, and the other 1% are American Indian and Pacific Islanders.

Location

The Salinas Union High School District is located in Salinas, California where natural beauties are only a part of its charm. Nestled between coastal mountain ranges in the fertile Salinas Valley, the City of Salinas enjoys a mild year-round climate and an easy-going western ambiance.

Just 15 miles west of Salinas are the beaches and dunes of Monterey Bay and nearby scenic wonders of the Monterey Peninsula. Within a 60-mile radius of Salinas, a weekend wanderer may explore Big Sur, hike through a fern-laced redwood grove in the Santa Cruz mountains, dive into a marine sanctuary, or see major sporting events and top name entertainment.

Three universities are nearby—University of California, Santa Cruz; California State University, Monterey Bay; and San Jose State University. Local private institutions include Chapman University and National University. The Salinas Union High School District cooperates with these institutions in programs for students, as well as staff enrichment opportunities and interchange of ideas.

San Antonio Union Elementary School District

67550 Lockwood/Jolon Rd.

Lockwood, CA 93932-5000

Phone (831) 385-3051

<http://schools.monterey.k12.ca.us/~santonio/>

1 Elementary School
Enrollment 188



Mission Statement

We are committed to provide a balanced, quality education through a positive, safe and nurturing environment for our students and staff.

District Profile

San Antonio Elementary is one of one elementary school in the San Antonio Union Elementary School District. We currently average approximately 200 students, grades K-8. The history of our school dates back to around 1860. Several very small districts joined together in the very early years to form our single school district. Our current school site was built in 1974 and houses the Bryson-Pleyto school bell, which was donated when transportation became available in the early 1960's and the Bryson-Pleyto students began attending San Antonio School.

Curriculum is focused on California State Standards. The school supports cultural awareness on a daily basis through its diverse literature selections and interactive programs such as; Family Day, sports, classroom curriculum, etc.

Location

Our school is located in the San Antonio Valley, between San Antonio Lake and Fort Hunter Liggett, in the very small town of Lockwood. The community surrounding our area consists of vineyards, old family homes on acreage, a military base, some mobile home parks, a couple of little stores, an apple farm, the river and the lake. Many ranches have cattle, horses and other livestock, and the 4-H Club is very active

San Ardo Union Elementary School District

62428 Center St.

San Ardo, CA 93450-0170

Phone (831) 627-2520

<http://schools.monterey.k12.ca.us/%7Esanardo/>

1 Elementary School
Enrollment 112



San Ardo Elementary
Home of the Falcons

Mission Statement

We believe that all students in San Ardo School should develop to their fullest potential academically, socially, physically, and emotionally. We are committed to providing our students with a quality instructional program, a balanced curriculum, and a caring environment. We will support staff, parents, and the community with the information and tools needed to best support student achievement.

District Profile

San Ardo Union Elementary School District is located in the small rural town of San Ardo, about 20 miles south of King City on Highway 101, in southern Monterey County. Located in the agriculturally rich Salinas Valley, San Ardo's primary industries are farming and ranching, and the town is the hub of Monterey County's oil industry. San Ardo, which takes its name from the San Bernardo Ranch on which it was established in 1886, is a community of nearly 600 residents with culturally diverse backgrounds.

San Ardo Elementary School is a Title One School Wide Program educating approximately one hundred twenty students, kindergarten through eighth grade. Student population is composed of 9% Caucasian, 1% African American, and 90% Hispanic. 90% of students qualify for the free or reduced lunch program. We currently have 6% who qualify for Special Education and 83% are designated as English Language Learners. We use multiple funds (general, SIP and Title One) to employ seven teachers, four paraprofessionals and a ½ time reading resource teacher.

Students at San Ardo School have access to more than 3,000 books in near by Monterey County Library. In addition, a new on-site library has just been completed, providing over 5,000 titles directly relating to student reading levels, State Standards and adopted curriculum.

San Ardo School uses the Standards Based Report Card and offers 320 instructional minutes per day for students in grades K-8. Every Wednesday is designated as an early release day for staff meetings, collaborations, and staff development. In addition, there are 8 scheduled minimum days per year for grading and parent conferences. The school year consists of 180 days. We also offer an Extended Day Program offering additional academic help to those who are targeted for extra support.

San Lucas Union Elementary School District

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San Lucas, CA 93954-9999

Phone (831) 382-4426

<http://schools.monterey.k12.ca.us/~sanlucas/>

1 Elementary School
Enrollment 97



District Profile

Our school is in Southern Monterey County in a rural, agricultural area. The school is located approximately 39 miles north of Paso Robles and 10 miles south of King City. The district was established in 1900, and the main building was constructed in the mid-1930s, with other additions completed in the mid-to-late- 1950s. The main building was modernized in 1992-1993, with the last building project taking place in 2000.

The current school facilities include a main building, which consists of two classrooms, a computer lab, a library media center, multipurpose room, kitchen and school office; seven portable classrooms which house additional classrooms and a county Headstart Program.

The cooperation, collaboration, and active involvement of teachers, support staff, and parents are the foundational base of our exceptional learning environment for our students. With parents and the school staff working together as a team, toward the same goal, every child will succeed. We encourage positive communication and appreciate the active involvement of our parent community.

We are involved with integrating modern technology into the educational program as we provide a balanced, quality education to all our students. We continue to explore research based educational trends in our efforts to continuously improve our effectiveness with children.

Mission Statement

The San Lucas Union Elementary School District's highly trained and effective staff, in partnership with our students, their parents, and the community, will provide each student with the most appropriate educational opportunities in a safe, secure environment so that all students can achieve their full potential as contributing members of society both locally and globally.

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Santa Rita Union Elementary School District

57 Russell Rd.

Salinas, CA 93906-4325

Phone (831) 443-7200

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

4 Elementary Schools

1 Middle School

Enrollment 3,071



Mission Statement

The Mission of the Santa Rita Union School District, a dynamic educational organization, is to assure that all students will be provided an appropriate, challenging instructional program, enabling students to become contributing members of a global community, by providing opportunities to develop academic and social skills in a nurturing environment.

"Improving the World with Every Student"

Statement of Beliefs

- A communities influence is an important part of a child's life.
- Humanity is strengthened by diverse talents and abilities.
- The ability to deal effectively with change is essential.
- Morals, ethics, and/or behaviors are rooted in basic spiritual and philosophical beliefs.
- It is essential to raise children in a safe and nurturing environment.
- Parents have a shared responsibility with schools for the education of children.
- All individuals benefit from an appropriate acknowledgment for their achievements.
- Individuals benefit by being treated with respect.
- Education has the power to enable individuals to maximize their unique abilities.
- A supportive community enhances success for all.
- High expectations challenge students to strive for excellence.

Soledad Unified School District

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Phone (831) 678-3987

<http://soledad.monterey.k12.ca.us/>

Soledad Unified School District

4 Elementary Schools
1 Middle School
1 High School
1 Alternative School
1 Continuation School
Enrollment 4,096



Mission Statement

Soledad Unified School District students will demonstrate high levels of literacy in all academic fields, use effective thinking and productive organizational skills, show positive and healthy personal and civic responsibility, express the ability to be both independent and cooperative, appreciate diverse cultures, and develop meaningful and rewarding social relationships. Our students will achieve their best and be a source of pride for themselves, their parents, their community, and the world.

District Profile

The district serves approximately 3,900 students in grades K-12. There are 4 elementary schools, 1 middle school, 1 comprehensive high school and 1 community education center which houses a variety of alternative programs. These programs include adult education, regional occupational program (ROP), independent study, and a continuation high school.

Since Soledad has a growing population, the district has built three new schools over the past 6 years, and it is in the process of building its newest school, Jack Francioni Elementary which is slated to open in the 2006-2007 school year.

Sixty-two percent (62%) of the district's students are English Language Learners (ELL) with Spanish being the primary language. The district is comprised of the following ethnic groups: Hispanic or Latino (91%), White (3.9%), Filipino (1.6%), and Other (3%). Eighty-nine percent (89%) of the district's students participate in the federal government's Free & Reduced Lunch Program. Eighty-seven percent of the teachers are fully credentialed.

Location

The Soledad Unified School District is located in Monterey County in the heart of the Salinas Valley. It is nestled between two coastal mountain ranges, the Santa Lucia to the west and the Gabilan to the east. Highway 101 runs through Soledad providing easy access to the cities of Salinas and Monterey to the north and King City and Paso Robles to the south.

Spreckels Union Elementary School District

130 Railroad Ave.

Spreckels, CA 93962-

Phone (831) 455-2550

<http://schools.monterey.k12.ca.us/~sprckldo/#>

1 Elementary School
1 Middle School
Enrollment 882



Mission Statement

The mission of the Spreckels union School District is to provide an educational environment in which students acquire knowledge, skills and values that enhance an enjoyment of learning, a respect for themselves and others, and the ability to function as responsible members of society.

District Profile

The Spreckels Union School District is largely rural with geographical boundaries extending the Chualar bridge to the south and Fort Ord to the north. Toro Regional Park to the west and the City of Salinas to the east. The District includes two schools: Spreckels Elementary School (grades K through 5), located in the town of Spreckels; and Buena Vista Middle School (grades 6 through 8), located in the Las Palmas II housing development off River Road. The District Office is also located in the town of Spreckels.

Since Las Palmas II was built in the late 1990's, the Spreckels District has grown tremendously. The elementary school and the middle school, which opened in 1998, have undergone extensive modernization and construction with the passage of Measure D in the fall of 2002. The District has focused on maintaining safe and technologically advanced facilities for all students, as well as having enough classrooms to participate in the Class Size Reduction Program to keep K-3 classes at under 20 students.

There are approximately 600 students enrolled at Spreckels Elementary and 340 students enrolled at Buena Vista. Most students come from single-family homes in a suburban or rural setting. Approximately 4% of the students are Limited English Proficient and 3% have been identified as Title I in grades 2 and 3, while 4% of the students are Migrant. District students represent a variety of ethnic groups. 66% Caucasian, 23% Hispanic, 7% Asian, 1% Native American, 1% African American, and 2% other. District employees number 83, including 45 certificated teachers.

Washington Union Elementary School District

43 San Benancio Rd.

Salinas, CA 93908-

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Washington Union School District ●

2 Elementary Schools

1 Middle School

Enrollment 963



Mission Statement

The mission of Washington Union School District is to create a friendly, dynamic learning environment, to promote excellence in student achievement appropriate to the ability of each student, and to nurture positive personal, social and intellectual growth.

District Profile

The Washington Union School District, established in 1868, has a long history of academic excellence and high expectations for students. The district's committed staff, its supportive parent community, and its high-achieving students all contribute to the district's success.

The Board of Trustees has demonstrated a commitment to small class size, a rigorous and enriching academic program, and a focus on respect and personal responsibility for all students. The staff at the three schools in the district work together to see that every student is involved in engaging yet challenging instruction. As a result, our students receive a strong foundation in all academic subjects and are well-prepared to assume the challenges of high school.

To maintain our high standards, the district is engaged in ongoing monitoring and evaluation of the instructional program through the strategic planning process which includes a Washington Union School District Strategic Plan. We are proud of our accomplishments and are continually striving to improve and enhance the educational programs we offer students in our district.