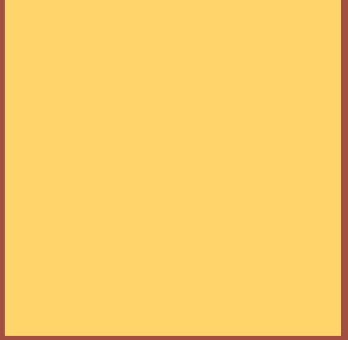
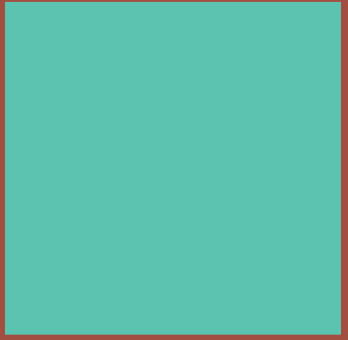
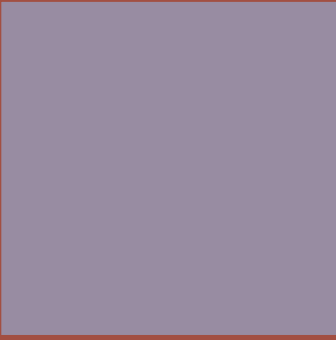
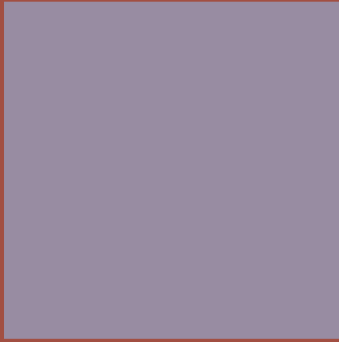
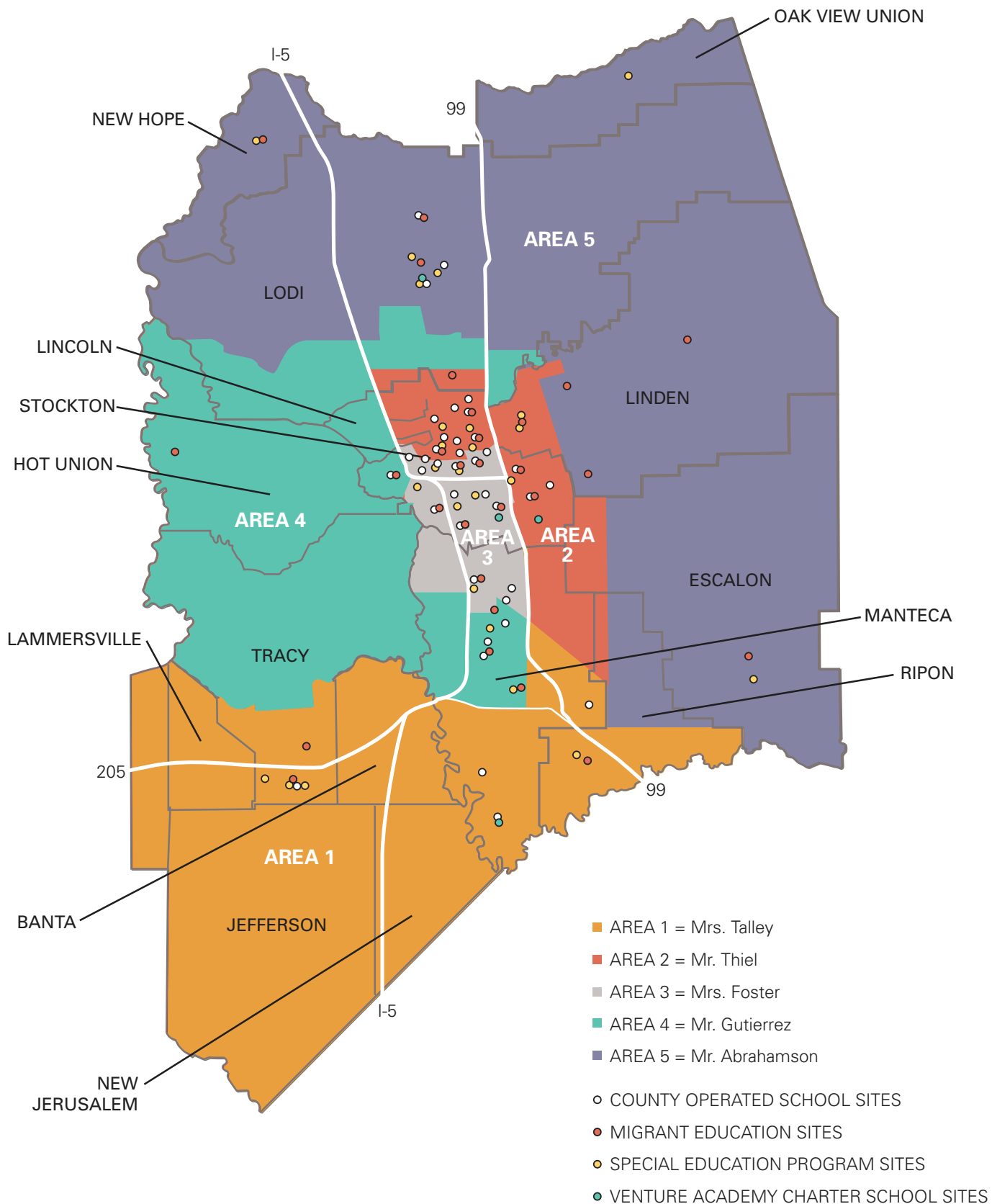


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Education for all



At the San Joaquin County Office of Education (SJCOE), we believe that every student regardless of circumstances, should have the opportunity of a quality education. SJCOE directly serves some of our most needy students – migrants, homeless, special needs, and at-risk youth – through our Special Education Department and community schools. A bounty of programs and services, ranging from outdoor education to fiscal management and oversight, benefit the students, teachers, and administrators of local school districts. SJCOE also administers joint power authorities providing local member districts with Internet connections and workers’ compensation insurance at significant savings.

Programs are not limited to operation within San Joaquin County. SJCOE’s successful track record of bringing innovative solutions to issues both inside and outside the classroom, has helped it become recognized throughout the state as an educational leader. Our Center for Educational Development and Research provides clients statewide with solutions to educational administrative needs by using the latest Internet technologies. Working with the California Department of Education, SJCOE’s Assessment Projects helps organize, develop, and distribute assistance packets related to the statewide STAR, CAHSEE, CELDT, Physical Fitness, NAEP, and CHSPE tests.

Two resources allow SJCOE to be successful.



The first is our community. It is because of the great partnerships we have with other community leaders that many of our programs get off the ground and sustain themselves. One example is our partnership with University of the Pacific to provide science education and administrative credentialing programs. We are able to provide student activities such as the County Spelling Bee, Academic Decathlon, Science Olympiad, and more because so many in our community generously give to the SJCOE Educational Foundation.



The second resource that allows SJCOE to succeed is our dedicated staff. All employees are encouraged and empowered to accomplish goals and find new ways to serve students. The result is a dynamic work-place culture that values diversity in all forms, embraces change when needed, and quickly grows to fill unmet needs.

I hope you will find this publication a useful guide to the programs offered by SJCOE. Please visit our website, <http://www.sjcoe.org>, or contact programs at the phone number listed to answer any questions you might have. Thank you for your interest and support of education in San Joaquin County.

Fredrick A. Wentworth  
Superintendent

# Business Services

The Business Services Division of SJCOE provides a wide range of technical and advisory services to local school districts and County Office of Education Programs. Joint power authority agreements are overseen by Business Services which also acts as a liaison between school districts and various state, federal and other local agencies.

## District Business Services (209) 468-4830

Local districts' financial needs are served by SJCOE District Business Services. The department maintains fiscal oversight for all K-12 school districts in San Joaquin County by providing budget reviews, year-end un-audited financial report reviews, annual audit reviews, vendor payment reviews, daily cash monitoring, month-end county treasury fund reconciliations, statewide accounting and financial updates, and state financial and ADA software support.

District Business Services also serves as the business office for five Direct Service School Districts by processing commercial warrants, conducting accounting and budget transactions, preparing financial reports, developing budgets, and maintaining position control.

## County Business Services (209) 468-4824

County Business Services provides budget, accounting, and payroll services to programs operated by SJCOE. The department consists of two offices. Budget and Accounting provides salary projections, payments to vendors, financial reporting, fiscal oversight, audit compliance, and budget services to County Office programs.

Payroll processes payroll, taxes, and retirement reports for SJCOE programs and five Direct Service School Districts. Payroll also provides district related payroll functions for local schools.



## Information Technology (209) 468-4869

Under a joint power authority agreement, SJCOE provides Internet services and technology support to Linden Unified, Escalon Unified, Ripon Unified, Manteca Unified, Tracy Unified, Lincoln Unified, Jefferson Elementary, Banta Elementary, Oakview Elementary, New Hope Elementary, New Jerusalem Elementary, and Lammersville Elementary districts.

Services provided include administrative software systems for payroll, finance, and student information, electronic transfer of information to and from financial institutions, county offices, state offices, and the federal government, desktop support for Windows based computers, a help desk call center, repair and support for 25,000 computers, software sales and installation, network services which provide high-speed Internet connections and web servers, e-mail for 4,000 teachers and staff, network wiring installation inside schools and connections to the County Office, and training on computer hardware and software systems.

## Operations & Support Services (209) 468-9061

The Operations and Support Services Department provides a wide variety of services to support County Office programs. Risk management, facility maintenance, building operation, new construction, and remodeling of existing structures are handled by Operations and Support Services. The department also maintains the purchasing process for SJCOE programs.

# Student Programs & Services

Student Programs and Services coordinates the efforts of SJCOE's Special Education, County Operated Schools and Programs, and Educational Services to provide direct services to students, professional growth opportunities for area educators, and curriculum development. To support the work done by SJCOE programs and local districts, Student Programs and Services is also home to the departments listed below.



## Center for Educational Development and Research (CEDR) (209) 468-5914

CEDR develops and hosts administrative tools that take full advantage of the latest advances in Internet Technology. The program works exclusively with public service institutions from across the nation to better understand and meet their unique needs.

Both internal and external clients are charged for services rendered. The group is self-supporting but provides all services with zero profit margin built into its fee structure.

One example of CEDR's impact has been transforming how the Individualized Education Plan (IEP) process is completed not just in San Joaquin County but throughout the region. Through a new Internet-based system, the process of completing IEPs for special education students has been streamlined giving teachers and counselors more time in the classroom with students.

## Education Foundation (209) 468-9061

The SJCOE Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3) registered non-profit organization which raises funds to support a variety of student activities. All gifts to the foundation are fully-tax deductible as allowed by law and 100 percent of each donation goes directly to student programs.

Through the generosity of the Foundation's donors, its board has been able to support a wide-variety of student programs including Science Camp, Academic Decathlon, County Spelling Bee, Science Olympiad, and more. Winners of county competitions receive grants from the foundation to support travel and entry into state and national events. The Record's popular Newspapers In Education program is also supported by donations to the foundation.

## Human Resources (209) 468-4820

SJCOE Human Resources provides services for internal programs as well as credentialing services for teachers, substitutes, and other certificated educators throughout the County. Credential files are maintained and checked for compliance with state and federal requirements. The department also provides fingerprinting and background checks for new employees.

## Public Information Office (209) 468-4937

The Public Information Office guides the official communication efforts of the County Office and provides counsel to individual programs and local school districts. The office produces the monthly *Outlook* newsletter, annual report, and a variety of other publications in addition to handling media relations and community affairs.

## SJCOE Productions (209) 468-9166

SJCOE Productions produces two monthly television programs to share the latest news from the County Office and local schools. *Outlook: The Television Show* works with *Outlook* the newsletter to show the side of stories that can't be captured in a print publication. The show also features original content and features on SJCOE staff.

*Conversations* features some of the biggest names and ideas in education today. The half-hour show brings educational leaders to San Joaquin County to discuss everything from charter schools to education finance.

The department also produces video projects for SJCOE programs as marketing materials or as support for grant applications and reviews.

## Venture Academy (209) 468-9530

Chartered by the San Joaquin County Board of Education, Venture Academy is one of the largest charter schools in the area. Serving K-12 students, the school offers programs featuring flexible schedules and focus sites that develop students' academic progress and imaginations.

The school was originally developed to serve home-school students with structured support services. Home-school students continue to play an important role in Venture Academy relying on teachers for lesson plans, academic counseling, and extra curricular opportunities.

Focus sites house students enrolled in a modified daily attendance program which offers shorter hours than traditional school sites, enhanced focus areas, and plenty of learning outside the classroom.

# County Operated Schools and Programs (COSP)

County Operated Schools and Programs offers alternative education programs and job training for some of San Joaquin County's most needy students. Each of its programs is related to the others in some way, yet each is unique in its delivery of services.



## Alternative Education (209) 468-9210

SJCOE's Alternative Education Department serves students enrolled in one of the County Office's court or community schools. The program enables students to become productive members of the community by providing quality learning opportunities. Students develop an appreciation of self and others, individual talents, critical thinking and problem-solving skills, work-force readiness, and complete a course of study resulting in a high school diploma or GED.

Alternative Education uses an integrated, thematic approach to instruction. Subjects such as language arts and history are combined in an effort to make learning more relevant and to help students process and retain information more efficiently. Lessons, assignments, and projects are centered on bi-monthly themes that bring continuity to the learning experience.

## Direct Support Professional Training (209) 468-9105

Direct Support Professionals (DSP) are employees who provide guidance, support, and assistance in helping developmentally disabled consumers and family members. SJCOE's DSP Training program offers those employees training and testing opportunities needed to meet legal requirements. The program provides 35-hours of training for year one and two with regularly updated challenge tests.

## Outdoor Education (209) 468-4809

Since 1957 more than 360,000 elementary students have participated in SJCOE's Outdoor Education program, more commonly known as Science Camp. Students develop a good understanding of man's relationship to the environment as they experience science in the outdoors. Fully certified by the California Outdoor School Administrators, this valuable hands-on learning experience for 5th and 6th grade students is long remembered as the highlight of a student's education experience. The program has received Commendations of Excellence from the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

## Printing Services (209) 468-4814

SJCOE Printing Services offers a wide range of analog and digital printing. High speed black and white as well as full color copying is available in addition to a full line of finishing options including binding, booklet making, stapling, laminating, and bagging.

The print shop utilizes state of the art technology from leading manufacturers including Cannon and Xerox.

The in-house printing option provides SJCOE programs with an economical solution to their printing needs. The program is self-supporting and offers its services to other educational agencies for a fee.

## Regional Occupation Centers and Programs (ROC/P) (209) 468-9005

ROC/P courses in San Joaquin County serve more than 6000 students in 60+ occupational areas. Courses provide entry-level job skills, new skills, and retraining for students in every school district. Through industry, agency, and educational partnerships, students receive the most current education needed to be ready for work.

SJCOE ROC/P programs include cosmetology, business and computers, performing arts, medical office assistant and medical transcription, small business, and call center operations. CalWORKs programs include construction technology, food service, and warehouse training.

## Strategies for Crisis Intervention (209) 468-9105

The Strategies for Crisis Intervention program offered by SJCOE's Work Force Development provides proactive solutions to understanding challenging behaviors for all who work with developmentally disabled individuals.

Training meets Valley Mountain Regional Center requirements and awards 24 continuing education units. The program teaches staff and caregivers to recognize triggers, antecedents and setting events, and to take appropriate action to resolve critical issues.

Full certification is granted upon completion of a competency and skills test.

## Students Engaged in Responsible Volunteer Experience (SERVE) (209) 468-9131

This grant-based program serves expelled students from middle and high schools in four counties. Students are matched with mentors and placed in community service experiences. The program formed the first San Joaquin County Teen Court, a partnership between local districts offering expelled youth the opportunity to be judged by their peers. Expelled youth who go through the program are then required to serve on a jury for future participants.

## Student Services (209) 468-9144

The COSP Student Services department maintains student records for court and community schools, and regional occupational centers and programs. Support services also provided include enrollment maintenance, copies of student records, issuance of work permits, transcripts, attendance records, immunization requirements, vocational education information, and other student-related services.

## Teacher Resources (209) 468-4915

Teacher Resources provides direct instructional and administrative support to teachers, students, and administrators of SJCOE programs. All classroom supplies are provided to school sites through a stores system allowing teachers to order pencils, paper, and other items. Special order items are also available.

## Technology (209) 468-9093

Technology needs of SJCOE's court schools, community schools, and workforce development programs are handled by the COSP Technology Department. Support includes purchasing, installation, network, and maintenance of more than 500 computers and associated software at more than 40 locations throughout the county.

## WorkStartYES\* (209) 468-5911

WorkStartYES\* provides pre-employment and career education to WIA-eligible youth ages 16-18. Career developers, in collaboration with WorkNet employment specialists, provide students with work experience opportunities while they complete their high school education.

The program is designed to provide the basic skills necessary to succeed in the workplace, develop an understanding of how school skills can be applied to a career, build responsible social attitudes and careers, encourage high school graduation, provide an opportunity to earn money, and provide follow-up services and mentoring for one year after graduation.

# Educational Services

*SJCOE's Educational Services supports educators and students through a variety of programs. The division offers professional development opportunities, teacher and administrator credentialing, and program support. Partnerships with community businesses and outside groups are key to the divisions success.*

## Administrator Training, AB 75

(209) 468-4967

The AB 75 Administrator Training program provides 80-hour institutes, with 80-hours of practicum follow-up activities, to assist administrators in implementing state adopted mathematics, reading and reading implementation curriculum. Training addresses the needs of K-6 leaders who are implementing Houghton Mifflin or Open Court reading curriculum. At the middle and high school levels, focus is placed on Algebra and the reading intervention programs which assist students who are reading below grade level.

The program is composed of three modules. The first module addresses curriculum areas; the second focuses on elements educational leaders must know and be able to administer; and the third looks at technology.

## Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID)

(209) 468-9189

SJCOE's AVID program coordinates the activities of AVID teachers throughout multiple districts in the county. Workshops and training seminars are provided to assist in delivery of AVID materials in the classroom. Schools participating in AVID must complete a self-study continuum based on a list of essential elements of a strong AVID program, receive technical assistance in addressing and looking for ways to improve their programs, and are recommended for AVID affiliate status.

AVID is a 5th through 12th grade program designed to prepare students for eligibility to a four-year college or university upon graduation from high school. The course is a regularly scheduled elective class based on writing as a tool of learning, collaborative group work, reading strategies, and inquiry methods of instruction.



## Artists-in-Schools

(209) 468-9264

The Artists-in-Schools program is designed to bring professional artists to county students, grades K-8. The program's goal is to improve arts education for teachers and students by encouraging collaboration between community art resources. Residences are available in the visual arts and performing arts.

Artists work with a minimum of eight classrooms. Lesson plans are developed according to the artist's area of expertise in conjunction with the California Visual and Performing Arts Standards.

After school programs, mural projects, and assembly programs are also available to local schools.

## Assessment Projects

(209) 468-9257

Assessment Projects works directly with the California Department of Education's Standards and Assessment Division to organize, develop, and distribute assistance packets and information related to statewide assessment programs including STAR, CAHSEE, CELDT, physical fitness, NAEP, and CHSPE. These assistance packets provide county offices, school districts, administrators, teachers, parents, students, and educational organizations with key information and guidance on administration, reporting, and staff development related to testing.

## Bilingual Teacher Training

(209) 468-4865

The Bilingual Teacher Training program prepares educators for the B/CLAD exam required for teachers of English Learners. Teachers may obtain the Bilingual/ Cross-cultural, Language, and Academic Development (B/CLAD) authorization through college coursework or by examination.

Through Bilingual Teacher Training sessions, teachers learn about and develop an understanding of appropriate teaching strategies as well as the linguistic and cultural backgrounds of their students. This regional program serves teachers in all California counties north of Merced and east of Interstate 5.

State Senate Bill 395 also allows educators to obtain CLAD authorization through local professional development and assessment. SJCOE is one of two providers approved in Northern California by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing to provide CLAD training.

## Comprehensive Health

(209) 468-4960

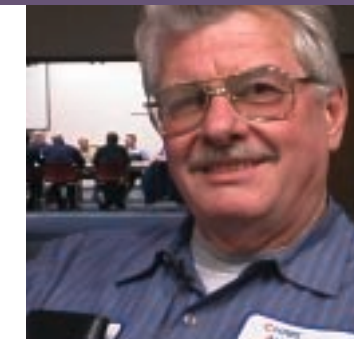
Comprehensive Health promotes prevention education in the curricular areas related to Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities, tobacco use prevention education, teen pregnancy prevention, family life education, HIV/AIDS prevention education, school violence prevention, school community policing partnership programs and school nursing services. Through a coordinated school programs model, Comprehensive Health Programs also works with community groups and San Joaquin County school districts to uniformly promote health and well-being of preschool through high school students. Comprehensive Health Programs also oversees the Medi-Cal LEA and Medi-Cal Administrative Activities Billing (MAA) maximizing federal reimbursement dollars for health services and outreach.

## Curriculum and Instructional Technology – Professional Development for Teachers and Administrators

(209) 468-4883

The Curriculum and Instructional Technology Department provides a wide variety of professional development opportunities for both teachers and administrators. In partnership with SJCOE's Teacher Development Program, interns and pre-interns are able to fulfill state mandated technology requirements. The training also serves to demonstrate how technology can be incorporated into daily classroom lessons.

Professional development for school staff is available to all districts in the region using designated staff development days. These technology training days can be customized to meet the specific needs of each organization.



## Curriculum and Instructional Technology – Community Connection

(209) 468-4883

The services and resources of the Curriculum and Instructional Technology Department at SJCOE are available for use by the community. The department has four state-of-the-art computer labs, a robotics lab, recording studio, video production studio, and a software preview center.

Evening technology classes offer adults and students courses on a wide range of topics from basic computing to computer animation. The department's Media Services offers media format conversion and archiving, video event coverage and documentation, videoconferencing, web site design and hosting, and duplication of CDs, tapes, and DVDs.

## Curriculum and Instructional Technology – Training for Students

(209) 468-4883

What started as one-day fieldtrips allowing students to study computer applications quickly blossomed into technology academies. Academies offer courses on computers and robotics held one day a week throughout a semester. The robotics lab and related courses are a huge hit with students. Participants get to build, program, and troubleshoot robots to solve various problems that simulate real world situations.

Students throughout California are also taking advantage of Fire Up Your Future curriculum. This online, comprehensive eight-week career exploration package is designed for students in grades 7-12.

## Educational Services Continued

### Early Childhood Education (209) 468-9031

SJCOE's Early Childhood Education takes the lead role in a variety of projects including early education/child care professional development and retention, school readiness, and pre-K guidelines. The program also helps develop a website, [www.lccpc.org](http://www.lccpc.org), and the Centralized Eligibility List, an extensive countywide child care needs assessment and resource directory.

The program also provides coordination for the Children's Services Coordinating Commission and Local Child Care Planning Council, two legislatively mandated bodies operated through grants from the State Department of Social Services and Department of Education respectively.

### High Intensity Language Program – Spanish (HILT) (209) 468-4865

The High Intensity Language Program is a 90-hour program of Spanish language instruction. It is presented in a summer camp format with participants spending seven days at Camp ECCO in Oakhurst. Once there, they learn Spanish through direct instruction, culture, dance, science, children's and adult literature, nature hikes, cooking, and campfire activities. The pace is intense and enjoyable.

Classes are provided at six levels of Spanish language proficiency from no previous experience to highly proficient. A strand of instruction is provided for teachers who possess bilingual authorizations and are interested in increasing their academic proficiency. Language classes are also available throughout the year.

### K-12 Alliance (209) 468-9164

The K-12 Alliance is a statewide professional development network affiliated with the National Science Foundation, California Department of Education, institutions of higher education, businesses, and K-12 schools. It is a program of WestEd's Science and Mathematics unit which provides high quality professional development programs.

### Language Arts (209) 468-9177

The SJCOE Language Arts office provides workshops and professional development to local districts when adopting new curriculum. The office also partners with Great Valley Writing to support teachers and their writing curriculum.



### Mathematics (209) 468-9177

SJCOE's Mathematics Department provides support to districts within five counties by developing regional leadership in math, providing assistance to schools in implementing local, state, and federal mathematics professional development initiatives, and disseminating information as it pertains to professional development funding and opportunities.

The Department also offers an on-going Mathematics Professional Development Leadership Series, designed specifically for math coaches, curriculum directors, department chairs, lead teachers, and district and site administrators.

### Math Smart Tutoring (209) 468-9021

Math Smart Tutoring provides free tutoring to 6th through 12th grade students struggling with math. Tutors share their enthusiasm and expertise while offering individual attention and encouragement. The program takes place at the MK Troke Library on West Benjamin Holt Drive in Stockton.

### Migrant Education (209) 468-9200

Region 23 Migrant Education serves San Joaquin and Contra Costa Counties to promote the educational advancement of all migrant youth. For many students, this means college and scholarships while for others it involves learning English, acquiring a GED, or job training.

In cooperation with local districts, Migrant Education develops supplemental academic programs and services to meet the educational needs of migrant students. Health and social service needs also play an important role in a student's success. To make sure those needs are met, Migrant Education staff conduct a variety of workshops to connect parents with resources.

### Multilingual Education (209) 468-4865

Multilingual Education supports the education of English Learners in San Joaquin County and throughout the surrounding counties to the east and north. The program provides professional development activities that assist educators at all levels to learn new skills and enhance their abilities. The focus is on long-term professional development that assists teachers and paraprofessionals in their classroom work.

The department also serves as support for all districts in delivering the California English Language Development Test that is administered annually to all English Learners. Multilingual Education provides technical assistance to districts in the development and implementation of programs for English Learners and supports the development of foreign language programs in San Joaquin County schools.

### National Board Certification (209) 468-4967

The SJCOE National Board Program supports candidates who plan to measure themselves against a national set of standards used to qualify teachers as highly qualified. Candidates prepare portfolios of their work and take tests at the assessment center. Each participant must demonstrate that they meet state, national, and National Board standards with a focus on using skills to support student achievement in the classroom.

### Native American Indian Education (209) 468-4865

This federally-funded program for students of Native American heritage assists students in attaining California's high academic standards within the context of the cultural traditions. Students are supported through afterschool tutoring and may also attend evening classes which deliver academic standards through cultural presentations. The program includes a high degree of parent involvement.

### Reading First Regional Technical Assistance Center (209) 468-4868

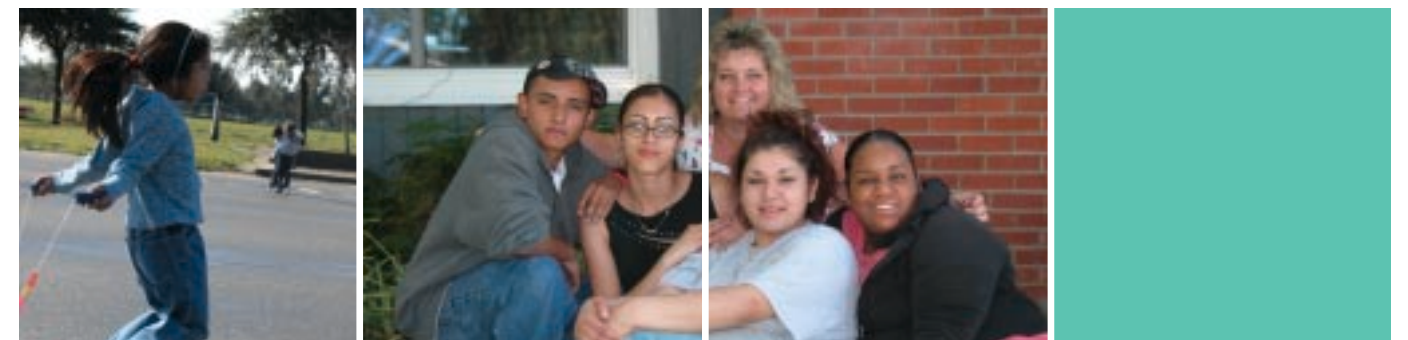
The Read First initiative is aimed at improving reading instruction to K-3 classrooms and ensure that all students can read in English by the end of the third grade. The Reading First Regional Technical Assistance Center housed at SJCOE is one of nine in California. The program serves 11 districts located in San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Fresno, and Tulare counties.

Three-year renewable grants of \$6,500 per classroom are awarded to support professional development in reading. Grant funds must be spent on professional development, coaching, monitoring the implementation of state approved curriculum, internal evaluation, and content-related training.

### Reading Implementation Center, AB 466 (209) 468-4967

The Reading Implementation Center provides 40-hour institutes for teachers and administrators to learn about implementing the reading curriculum of Houghton Mifflin or Open Court. Participants begin with the 'new' level of training which introduces the reading curriculum and assists in planning a cohesive program to meet diverse student learning needs. Participants also complete 80-hours of 'passport activities' which assist with implementation of concepts from the institute.

The advanced and mastery levels of training build upon the foundation and experience of previous institutes to provide participants with intensive, on-going training.



## Educational Services Continued

### Regional Service Learning (209) 468-9021

Service learning is a teaching strategy that integrates meaningful service to the community into school curriculum. This experiential method gets students out of the classroom and into the community-at-large where they are given an opportunity to use academic knowledge to address real world needs.

The Regional Service Learning office at SJCOE provides learning workshops, mini-grant and outreach programs, a newsletter, and the Service Learning Coaches Program. Efforts are funded by the Corporation for National and Community Service, Learn and Serve America, and the California Department of Education's CalServe Office.

### Regional System of District & School Support (RSDSS) (209) 468-9056

RSDSS develops focused investigative audit tools to analyze district practices at schools identified as Program Improvement sites under the federal No Child Left Behind Act. The office's assessments are similar to those used in the state mandated School Assistance Intervention Team reviews of school sites but are elevated to the district level. Practices that may hinder student mastery of state adopted content and performance standards, specifically in English/Language Arts and Mathematics, are identified by the assessment.

### School Assistance and Intervention Team (SAIT) (209) 468-4967

The SAIT program is designed to work with schools and districts to analyze nine essential program components which research has shown are necessary to promote student achievement. A team of ten educators work with district and school officials to determine how schools have addressed the nine components. After several site visits, the SAIT team develops a report of findings with recommendations for corrective action. The team then continues working with school site staff to address needs over the next 18 months.

### Science – Biotechnology Consortium (209) 468-9096

In partnership with Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, SJCOE's Biotechnology Consortium enables teachers to provide quality standards based science lessons with the latest labs and equipment. The program helps prepare students for careers in the biotechnology field as both scientists and lab assistants.

Curriculum provided is interdisciplinary and consists of teacher developed lessons in math, science, English, and social studies, each focused on the topic of biotechnology. Training for teachers involves the use of equipment, speakers on the latest research, and procedures for borrowing \$50,000 worth of equipment provided to consortium members. The program is funded by a modest annual school fee that covers equipment maintenance and teacher training.

### Science – Capitol Area Science Education Leaders (CASEL) (209) 468-9096

Started in 1998, CASEL is designed to provide science education advocacy and information for teachers and schools. It sponsors information sessions for educators and holds an annual conference at California State University Sacramento. The SJCOE Office of Science and Special Projects has been a sponsor of the CASEL conference several times and provides fiscal oversight for the organization's funds.

### Science – California Regional Environmental Education Community Network (CREEC) (209) 468-4880

The CREEC network is a statewide group of educators who have banded together to support environmental education. The organization's mission is to develop a communication network which provides educators with access to high quality environmental education resources.

SJCOE is home to the Region 6A CREEC office which serves the counties of Amador, Calaveras and San Joaquin.

### Science – Delta Educators for Learning, Teaching and Action (DELTA Studies) (209) 468-4880

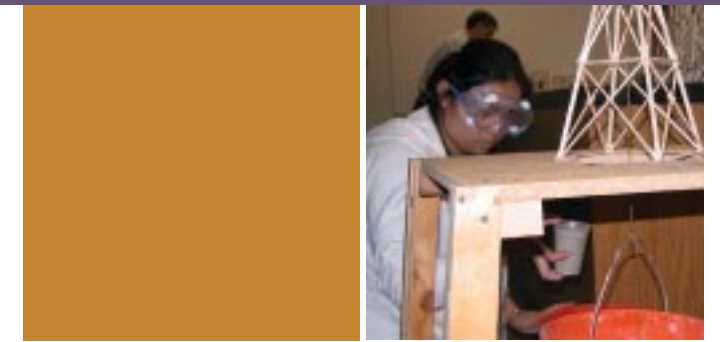
Armed with a \$300,000 grant, local teachers and scientists joined together and developed the DELTA Studies Curriculum. This innovative new material brings one of California's greatest natural resources, the Delta waterways, into classrooms around the state. After completing a summer institute and follow-up training, teachers utilizing the curriculum are provided with standards based material which is age and grade level appropriate.

Each unit of the curriculum utilizes an engaging lesson format that has been teacher tested. Literature connections, hands-on learning, and place-based learning are just a few of the features in each unit.

### Science – Delta Sierra Subject Matter Project (209) 468-4880

The Delta Sierra Subject Matter Project is one of 22 subject matter projects for science that are grant funded through the University of California Office of the President. In partnership with University of the Pacific, SJCOE serves as a local provider of quality, in-depth science content, pedagogy, and leadership for area teachers. Nearly 50 teachers receive a stipend annually and receive more than 80 hours of instruction in standards based science.

The Delta Sierra Science Project is a unique program in the state as it matches retired scientists with elementary schools through the local Teaching Opportunities for Partners in Science program. Each year, a different content area is targeted, either physical, Earth, or life science. Yearlong trainings are offered that include attention to English language learners and science, technology, and strategies for content area literacy.



### Science – Great Explorations in Math & Science (GEMS) (209) 468-9096

GEMS is a supplemental hands-on, inquiry based science curriculum published and distributed by the Lawrence Hall of Science at University of California, Berkeley. SJCOE is a GEMS training site, providing ongoing training on the 68 units of science curriculum contained within the program.

### Science – Health = Winning Investigations for Students and Elders (HealthWISE) (209) 468-9096

HealthWISE is the only project of its kind in the nation. The program seeks to improve science education in elementary 2nd and 5th grade classrooms through teacher training, quality supplemental curricula, and the placement of a pharmacy school student in a classroom.

Students from University of the Pacific's Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences are matched with elementary schools to form partnerships that provide classroom lessons, help teachers with science content knowledge, and assist with a HealthWISE Family Science Event at the school utilizing grant developed materials.

The project has received extensive evaluation from the University of California, Los Angeles School of Public Health, and has been determined to be successful in improving science education as well as raising student interest in science.



## Educational Services Continued

### Science – SPACE Consortium (209) 468-9096

The San Joaquin County SPACE Consortium assists schools with implementation of California Science standards through the provision of three portable STAR-LAB planetariums along with training and support to implement astronomy education. The STARLABs, constantly maintained by SJCOE staff, are inflatable domes capable of accommodating up to 35 students or 25 adults. Inside the dome, a cylinder projector is not only able to show the night sky, but the sky as it looks in both California and the far end of the Australian Outback.

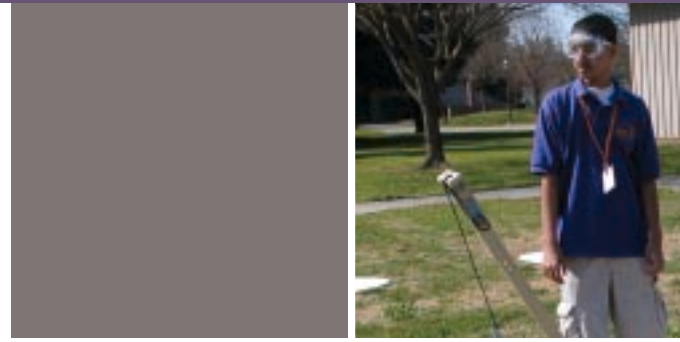
Schools who join the SPACE Consortium benefit from training on how to use and care for the labs and are offered the opportunity to checkout a STARLAB system for one week during the year.

### Science – Small District Professional Development Consortium (209) 468-4880

The San Joaquin County Small District Consortium is designed to forward professional development for teachers in the five districts of Banta Elementary, New Jerusalem Elementary, Holt Elementary, Jefferson Elementary and New Hope Elementary through support and information provided by the SJCOE office of Science and Special Projects. The consortium is funded through school district member fees and grants. Efforts are made to keep the small districts up to date on science issues and general professional development projects at an affordable rate.

### State and Federal Programs (209) 468-9177

State and Federal Programs staff attend Regional Assessment Network meetings to create dialogue between officials with regards to state tests such as the STAR, CAHSEE, and CELDT. The office also provides assistance to meet state and federal No Child Left Behind requirements by offering LEA Plan workshops and paraprofessional training. Other services offered includes CALWORKS matching of students to districts and consolidated application assistance for coordinated compliance reviews.



### Student Activities & Events (209) 468-4866

SJCOE coordinates academic events and competitions for interested students in public and private schools throughout the county. Annual events include the Academic Decathlon, Science Olympiad, Fine Arts Day, County Spelling Bee, Academic Pentathlon, and Mock Trial.

Events are made possible thanks to generous donations made to the SJCOE Education Foundation. Foundation grants enhance events like Fine Arts Day by providing a live performance symphony and allow for trophies and medals to be awarded to participants. The SJCOE Foundation also pays to send the winners of county competitions to state and national tournaments.

### Teacher Development – Administrative Credential (209) 468-9116

In partnership with University of the Pacific, SJCOE offers local educators an opportunity to obtain an administrative credential and a masters degree in only 14 months. The program uses a cohort structure allowing participants to attend all coursework together. Assistance is also offered to complete all paperwork requirements and gain access to materials and technology. Participants receive the schedule for the entire program at orientation allowing for a predictable schedule. Graduates benefit from job placement assistance.



### Teacher Development – Induction Program (209) 468-9116

Induction is a pathway from a preliminary teaching credential to a professional clear credential. Teachers who have a preliminary teaching credential, teachers who were prepared out of state and have less than five years of experience, and special education teachers who have a Level One Special Education Credential are eligible to participate in SJCOE's Induction Program.

The program is tied to California Standards for the Teaching Profession, the state-adopted academic content standards, frameworks, and performance levels for students. Beginning teachers receive support from veteran teachers, attend professional development sessions, have no-cost access to SJCOE coursework, develop knowledge and skills using the California Standards for Teaching Profession framework, and learn to use a formative assessment system to reflect on their teaching practices.

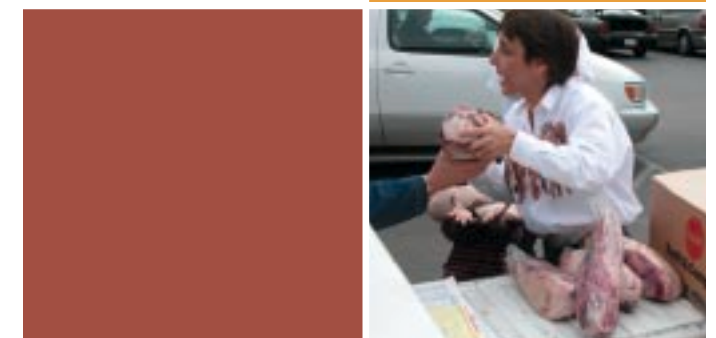
### Teacher Development – Pre-Intern Program (209) 468-9116

The SJCOE Pre-Intern Program provides training and support for novice teachers. The program allows those who do not meet eligibility requirements for an internship to begin working toward a credential. As a Pre-Intern, the teacher can teach full-time while receiving assistance to pass required subject matter competency exams.

The program is aligned with the California Standards for the teaching Profession and provides Pre-Interns with an introduction to teaching, on-going support including a peer coach, assistance with transitioning into a full Intern or traditional credential program.

### Teacher Development – District Intern Credential Program (IMPACT) (209) 468-9116

Project IMPACT is a California Commission on Teacher Credentialing accredited, district intern program sponsored by a consortium of local school districts and coordinated by SJCOE. Local districts employ candidates as teachers who then join the program, process district intern credentials, and attend classes. Participants are able to earn their teaching credential through Project IMPACT while they work full-time. Credential programs vary in length from two to three years.





# Special Education

SJCOE's Special Education Division provides direct instruction and support to students with special needs. The San Joaquin County Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) includes students served directly by SJCOE and those in Manteca Unified, Tracy Unified, Lincoln Unified, Escalon Unified, Ripon Unified, Linden Unified, Banta Elementary, Jefferson Elementary, New Jerusalem Elementary, Lammersville Elementary, and Holt Elementary school districts.



## Special Education (209) 468-9281

The Special Education department focuses on serving students with severe disabilities and low incidence needs, e.g., visual impairment, deaf, orthopedic impairment. Students in the county program range from birth to age 22. Those with severe emotional needs are also served by SJCOE in collaboration with Children's Mental Health.

SJCOE operates two campuses, Redwood School and John McFall School, for special education students. Redwood school is a specialized center east of Stockton emphasizing functional curriculum with an independent living, vocational education, and community based instruction. John McFall School is an early childhood environment which also houses an autism program. Sites are also operated at local schools in cooperation with districts.

## Educational Specialists' Support (209) 468-4907

Educational Specialists' Support provides consultation with teachers and administrators on individual students. Technical assistance is provided regarding individualized education program or individual transition plans development, behavioral interventions, curricular resources, and program recommendations.

Networking and staff development are major components of the program and are provided at the district, local, and regional levels. A variety of training workshops are held each year in addition to monthly community advisory committee meetings which offer parents an opportunity to explore a variety of topics.

## Psychological Services (209) 468-9270

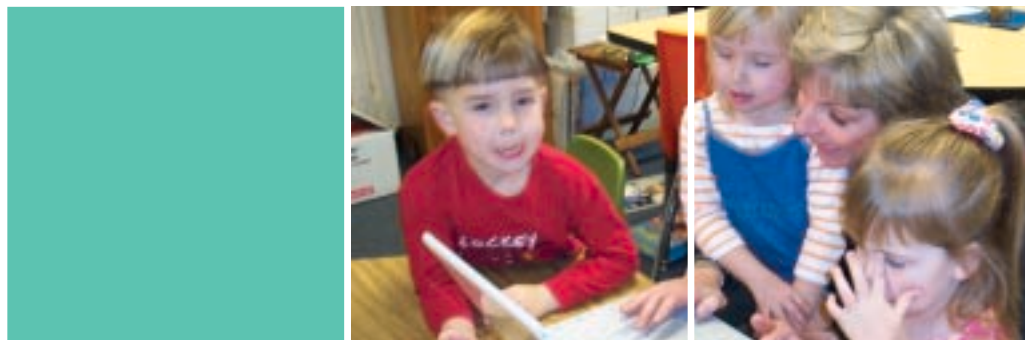
The SJCOE Psychological services department is comprised of credentialed school psychologists with a variety of expertise. Due to the broad band of needs of the students served, psychological services offers counseling to students, consultation to district school psychologists, collaboration with district personnel, and psychological evaluations.

Counseling services are provided as a component of the weekly schedule for identified students in the county. Consultation with district psychologists can vary from accessing the SJCOE lending library to discussions regarding a certain type of disability such as autism or neurological and mental illnesses.

## SELPA WorkAbility I (209) 468-4914

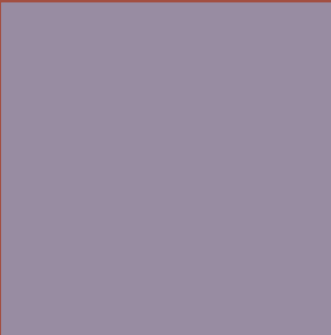
WorkAbility I is a grant-based program offering career assessments, skills verifications, and subsidized work-based learning opportunities to an array of high school aged special needs students. WorkAbility staff partner with parents, teachers, employers, and agencies to provide job preparation, job search skills, job retention skills, placement services, job coaching, and follow-along services so that each participating student has the ability to gain the skills they need to become a valued employee.

The program also offers a middle school component offering skill assessment, career awareness, and social skill development.



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