

Academic Performance Index (API)

Median Base API	County	State
Elementary _____	796 _____	774 _____
Middle _____	773 _____	739 _____
High _____	758 _____	702 _____

■ The API is a numeric index, ranging from 200 to 1000, that measures the academic progress of public schools. The state has set 800 as the performance target that all schools should meet.

School ranks

Percent of schools in the top five ranks

Statewide Ranks _____	59%
Similar School Ranks _____	35%

■ The state ranks public schools using two different ranking systems. Statewide Ranks place all schools in California in ten groups of equal size, called deciles, using Base API scores. Similar School Ranks compare each school's Base API to 100 schools with similar characteristics. Statewide, 50% of schools are in the top five ranks in each system.

Public school staffing

Employees by type

Administrators _____	355
Teachers _____	3,913
Para-professionals (teaching assistants) _____	1,407
Other certificated and classified staff _____	2,526
<i>Total</i> _____	8,201

Income for K-12 education

Countywide general fund income by source, 2007-08

State sources _____	\$ 272,498,156 _____	39%
Property taxes _____	\$ 253,208,787 _____	36%
Federal sources _____	\$ 47,472,334 _____	7%
Other sources _____	\$ 124,333,110 _____	18%
<i>Total</i> _____	\$ 697,512,387 _____	100%

About the Sonoma County Office of Education

The programs and services of the Sonoma County Office of Education (SCOE) are designed to help districts meet legal mandates and operate cost-effectively, assist in improving instruction and achievement, and bring increased educational resources to the county. SCOE provides financial oversight to districts and delivers student instruction via special education, alternative education, and career technical education programs. The office operates under the direction of the elected county superintendent of schools.

SIX EDUCATION PRIORITIES

These priorities were established by the Sonoma County Office of Education and are linked to efforts at schools and districts across the county

- **Standards:** Successfully implement the K-12 standards-based curriculum
- **English Learners:** Put strategies and initiatives in place to ensure that English-language learners are successful in school
- **Career Education:** Provide career education that is academically rigorous and aligned with local workforce development efforts
- **Finance:** Support sound financial decision-making at all levels of the education system
- **No Child Left Behind:** Respond to the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) legislation
- **Serving All Youth:** Work with the entire community to ensure that education and support services are accessible to all students and that no student is abandoned or ignored

Sonoma County Office of Education programs

Provided classroom instruction for 682 special education students, preschool through age 22

Offered instructional support services to 306 students in district schools who have visual impairments or who are deaf/hard of hearing

Operated alternative schools for 255 at-risk youth

Delivered daily instruction to 113 students in juvenile hall and 141 adults in county correctional facilities

Provided career education for 3,604 high school students

Delivered professional development to 3,408 educators

Provided recreation, leisure, and repositioning programs to 302 medically fragile adults residing at Sonoma Developmental Center

Processed financial transactions for 40 school districts, accounting for 698 million education dollars

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Education Facts

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School districts in Sonoma County

Alexander Valley Union 135 students, K-6	Monte Rio Union 98 students, K-8
Bellevue Union 1,760 students, K-6	Montgomery 41 students, K-8
Bennett Valley Union 936 students, K-6	Oak Grove Union 766 students, K-8
Cinnabar 204 students, K-6	Old Adobe Union 1,818 students, K-6
Cloverdale Unified 1,496 students, K-12	Petaluma City 2,298 students, K-6
Cotati-Rohnert Park Unified 6,429 students, K-12	Petaluma Joint Union High 5,655 students, 7-12
Dunham 180 students, K-6	Piner-Olivet Union 1,695 students, K-12
Forestville Union 448 students, K-8	Rincon Valley Union 3,035 students, K-6
Fort Ross 45 students, K-8	Roseland 2,073 students, K-12
Geyserville Unified 251 students, K-12	Santa Rosa City 4,916 students, K-6
Gravenstein Union 561 students, K-8	Santa Rosa City High 11,830 students, 7-12
Guerneville 304 students, K-8	Sebastopol Union 1,139 students, K-8
Harmony Union 779 students, K-8	Sonoma Valley Unified 4,742 students, K-12
Healdsburg Unified 2,161 students, K-12	Twin Hills Union 963 students, K-12
Horicon 92 students, K-8	Two Rock Union 183 students, K-6
Kashia 9 students, K-8	Waugh 917 students, K-6
Kenwood 152 students, K-6	West Side Union 163 students, K-6
Liberty 980 students, K-6	West Sonoma County Union High 2,398 students, 9-12
Mark West Union 1,412 students, K-8	Wilmar Union 230 students, K-6
	Windsor Unified 5,515 students, K-12
	Wright 1,409 students, K-6

Number of school districts in Sonoma County

Elementary	31
High School	3
Unified	6
Total	40

Size of school districts

Under 500 students	15
500 to 999	7
1,000 to 1,999	7
2,000 to 2,999	4
3,000 to 4,999	3
Over 5,000 students	4

Number of public schools

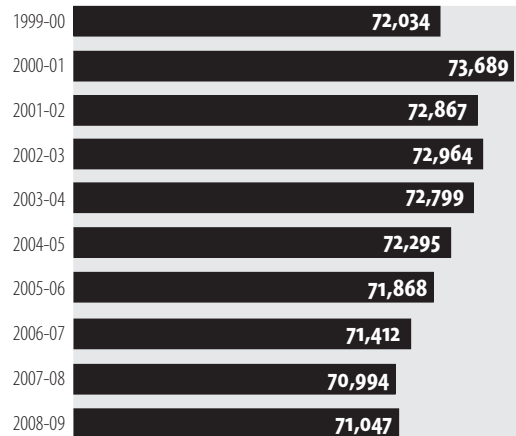
Elementary schools	99
Middle/junior high schools	24
High schools	21
Alternative schools	29
Independent study schools	6
Total	179

■ In 2008-09, there were 28 locally approved charter schools in Sonoma County: 12 elementary schools, 7 middle/junior high schools, 5 high schools, and 4 independent study schools. These public schools are included in the 179 schools listed above.

■ Alternative schools include 9 continuation high schools, 8 community day schools, 8 necessary small schools, 1 opportunity school, and 3 countywide programs.

■ In 2008-09, there were 59 private schools in Sonoma County serving 5,787 students (8% of the K-12 population).

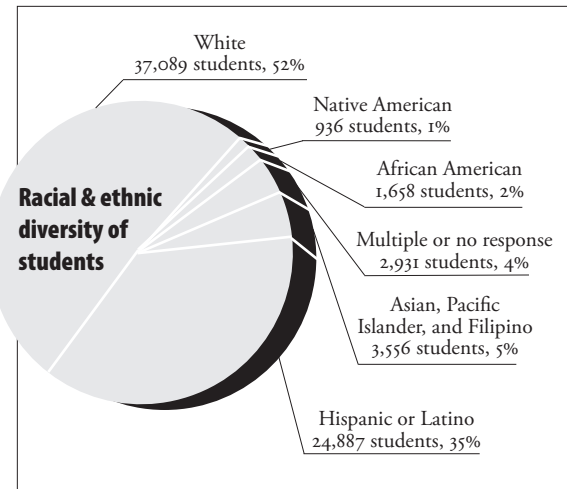
Number of K-12 public school students



Student enrollment

Number of students by grade level

Kindergarten	5,677	Grade 7	5,407
Grade 1	5,448	Grade 8	5,376
Grade 2	5,299	Grade 9	5,813
Grade 3	5,270	Grade 10	5,615
Grade 4	5,241	Grade 11	5,753
Grade 5	5,171	Grade 12	5,657
Grade 6	5,308	Ungraded	12
Total enrollment	71,047		



Students learning English	16,617	23%
Special education students	8,640	12%
Students in gifted programs	6,006	8%
Charter school students	7,638	11%
Receiving free/reduced-price meals	26,452	37%

■ Thirty-one of the county's 40 school districts have GATE programs for gifted and talented students. Each district establishes its own process for selecting students for these programs.

Achievement gap

Grade 2-6 English-language arts, proficient or above

White students	65%
Hispanic or Latino students	31%
Economically disadvantaged students	31%
English learners	22%

Grade 2-6 mathematics, proficient or above

White students	65%
Hispanic or Latino students	41%
Economically disadvantaged students	41%
English learners	37%

High school completion

Class of 2008

Grade 9 enrollment, October 2004	6,181
Grade 12 enrollment, October 2007	5,711
Grade 12 graduates, June 2008	4,662
Graduates meeting UC/CSU requirements	1,222

High school graduates by ethnicity

Class of 2008 graduates

Native American	39	1%
African American	85	2%
Multiple or no response	124	3%
Asian, Pacific Islander, Filipino	231	5%
Hispanic or Latino	1,002	21%
White	3,181	68%

SAT scores of public school students

County	530	
State	494	
Nation	497	CRITICAL READING
County	542	
State	513	
Nation	510	MATHEMATICS
County	529	
State	493	
Nation	488	WRITING

California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE)

<i>Grade 10 mean score, 2007-08</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>
English-Language Arts	389	379
Mathematics	389	382

Grade 10 percent passing, 2007-08

English-Language Arts	85%	79%
Mathematics	84%	78%

■ All public school students are required to pass this exam to earn a high school diploma. Students take the test for the first time in grade 10. Those students who do not pass may re-take the exam during grades 11 and 12. Approximately 98% of Sonoma County students pass the exam prior to the end of their senior year.