

Academic Performance Index (API)

Median API Base, 2007-08	County	State
Elementary _____	794 _____	763 _____
Middle _____	768 _____	720 _____
High _____	748 _____	689 _____

■ 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.

Statewide ranking of Sonoma County schools

Percentage of schools by decile level, 2007-08

Above average _____	Deciles 10-7 _____	54%
Average _____	Deciles 6-5 _____	19%
Below average _____	Deciles 4-1 _____	27%

■ Each year, the state ranks public schools by dividing them into 10 levels (deciles). Sixty-three percent of Sonoma County schools are in the top five deciles, compared to 50% statewide.

Public school staffing

Employees by type, 2006-07

Administrators _____	346
Teachers _____	3,898
Para-professionals (teaching assistants) _____	1,422
Other certificated and classified staff _____	2,305
<i>Total</i> _____	7,971

Income for K-12 education

Countywide general fund income by source, 2006-07

State sources _____	\$ 276,641,724 _____	41%
Property taxes _____	\$ 239,240,063 _____	35%
Federal sources _____	\$ 46,556,870 _____	7%
Other sources _____	\$ 118,032,017 _____	17%
<i>Total</i> _____	\$ 680,470,674 _____	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

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Education Facts

2008-09

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Sonoma County Office of Education programs

Provided classroom instruction for 661 special education students, preschool through age 22

Offered instructional support services to 369 students in district schools who have visual impairments or who are deaf/hard of hearing

Operated alternative schools for 329 at-risk youth

Delivered daily instruction to 156 students in juvenile hall and 158 adults in county correctional facilities

Provided career education for 3,773 high school students

Delivered professional development to 3,734 educators

Provided recreation, leisure, and repositioning programs to 296 medically fragile adults residing at Sonoma Developmental Center

Processed financial transactions for 40 school districts, accounting for 680 million education dollars



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School districts in Sonoma County

Alexander Valley Union 120 students, K-6	Monte Rio Union 104 students, K-8
Bellevue Union 1,725 students, K-6	Montgomery 38 students, K-8
Bennett Valley Union 951 students, K-6	Oak Grove Union 722 students, K-8
Cinnabar 205 students, K-6	Old Adobe Union 1,832 students, K-6
Cloverdale Unified 1,520 students, K-12	Petaluma City 2,272 students, K-6
Cotati-Rohnert Park Unified 6,654 students, K-12	Petaluma Joint Union High 5,731 students, 7-12
Dunham 174 students, K-6	Piner-Olivet Union 1,683 students, K-11
Forestville Union 486 students, K-8	Rincon Valley Union 2,965 students, K-6
Fort Ross 40 students, K-8	Roseland 1,994 students, K-12
Geyserville Unified 273 students, K-12	Santa Rosa City 4,734 students, K-6
Gravenstein Union 508 students, K-8	Santa Rosa City High 11,964 students, 7-12
Guerneville 302 students, K-8	Sebastopol Union 1,173 students, K-8
Harmony Union 834 students, K-8	Sonoma Valley Unified 4,793 students, K-12
Healdsburg Unified 2,267 students, K-12	Twin Hills Union 908 students, K-8
Horicon 86 students, K-8	Two Rock Union 152 students, K-6
Kashia 11 students, K-8	Waugh 899 students, K-6
Kenwood 153 students, K-6	West Side Union 163 students, K-6
Liberty 635 students, K-6	West Sonoma County Union High 2,435 students, 9-12
Mark West Union 1,421 students, K-6	Wilmar Union 224 students, K-6
	Windsor Unified 5,344 students, K-12
	Wright 1,435 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	8
2,000 to 2,999	4
3,000 to 4,999	2
Over 5,000 students	4

Number of public schools

Elementary schools	89
Middle/junior high schools	17
High schools	15
Alternative schools	31
Charter schools	27
Total	179

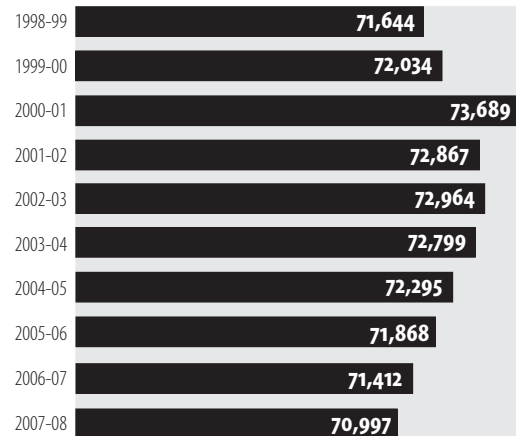
■ Alternative schools: 8 necessary small schools, 9 continuation schools, 7 community day schools, 2 independent study, 1 magnet school, 1 opportunity school, and 3 countywide programs.

■ Twenty-seven locally approved charter schools served students in 2007-08. One additional school, chartered in Nevada County, is also operating in Sonoma County.

■ In addition to the K-12 school system, Sonoma County is home to Santa Rosa Junior College and Sonoma State University. Five school districts operate adult education programs.

■ In 2006-07, there were 53 private schools in Sonoma County serving 6,276 students (just over 8% of the K-12 population).

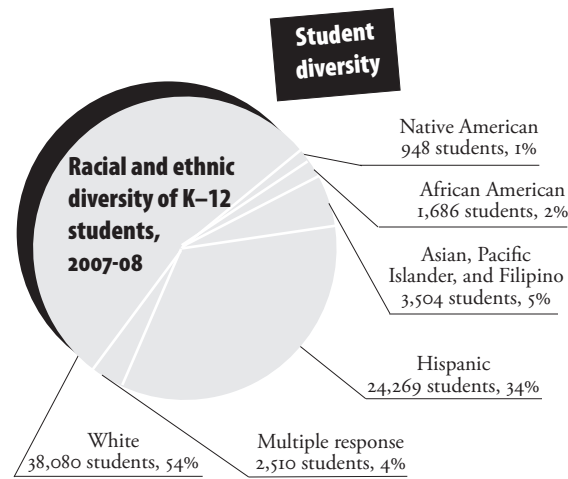
Number of K-12 public school students



Student enrollment

Number of students by grade level, 2007-08

Kindergarten	5,561	Grade 7	5,353
Grade 1	5,331	Grade 8	5,563
Grade 2	5,237	Grade 9	5,579
Grade 3	5,192	Grade 10	5,837
Grade 4	5,149	Grade 11	5,759
Grade 5	5,232	Grade 12	5,710
Grade 6	5,324	Ungraded	170
Total enrollment	70,997		



Students learning English	16,357	23%
Special education students	8,558	12%
Students in gifted programs	5,824	8%
Students in alternative programs	4,457	6%
Charter school students	6,800	10%
Receiving free/reduced price meals	22,355	31%

■ 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.

High school completion

Class of 2007 graduates

Grade 12 enrollment, October 2006	5,644
Grade 12 graduates, June 2007	4,488
Graduates meeting UC/CSU requirements	1,519

■ *Historical perspective:* In Sonoma County public schools, 82% of the "class of 2006" grade 12 students graduated from high school in their senior year. Sixty-four percent of the graduates went to public colleges in the fall (46% to community colleges and 18% to four-year colleges). The class of 2006 college-going rate to private institutions is not available.

High school graduates by ethnicity

Class of 2007 graduates

Native American	34	1%
African American	105	2%
Asian, Pacific Islander, Filipino	209	5%
Hispanic	805	18%
Multiple response	104	2%
White	3,231	72%

Enrollment in selected high school courses

Grade 9-12 enrollment, 2007-08

Intermediate algebra	3,402
Advanced mathematics	2,223
Chemistry	2,101
Physics	1,218

SAT scores of public school students, 2007

County	532	
State	493	
Nation	502	VERBAL
County	532	
State	491	
Nation	494	WRITING
County	541	
State	513	
Nation	515	MATH

California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE)

Grade 10 Mean Score, 2006-07	County	State
English-Language Arts	385	376
Mathematics	387	380

Grade 10 Percent Passing

English-Language Arts	82%	77%
Mathematics	82%	76%

■ *Historical perspective:* Ninety-eight percent of the Sonoma County students in the class of 2006 who met all credit requirements for graduation also passed the high school exit exam, compared to 89% statewide.