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A Message from the Colusa County Superintendent of Schools





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Greetings Colusa County!

The Colusa County Office of Education is proud of the accomplishments that have been made this year, and even more so as it has been another challenging year for educators, students, and their families. The COVID-19 pandemic is something that many believed would be a distant memory by the 2021-2022 school year. This was not the case. We were instead faced with variants of the virus and masks back in the classrooms, among other daily stressors and difficulties that it caused.

However, in these challenging times, we found strength. We found creativity. We found opportunities for growth. Each and every one of our county's educators found a way to navigate this school year in heroic fashion. In each classroom, the highest caliber of instruction and the greatest amount of learning occurred as if the pandemic really was a distant memory.

The Colusa County Office of Education saw students graduate from its S. William Abel Academy, as well as from the various programs offered through the Colusa County Adult School. Children under age 5 experienced socialization and "learning through play" at its Children's Services Head Start and State Preschool sites, in addition to the numerous resources provided to county families through First 5 Colusa. SELPA began its participation in the CAPTAIN network, which was developed to support the understanding and use of evidence based practices for individuals on the autism spectrum across California. "And Literacy For All" provided thousands of books to county children in addition to implementing over 37,000 hours of literacy learning opportunities through the Footsteps2Brilliance platform. All of these accomplishments, and so many more, were possible because of the strength found not only within ourselves but within each other.

As we move into a new school year, and reflect upon the last, let us continue to uplift one another. A successful school year does not only mean excellent test scores or meeting state standards. Success can also be found in cordiality, kindness, and positivity. Let us continue to create atmospheres with these attributes. Let us continue to create opportunities for success for our students. Let us strive to make this the best school year yet!

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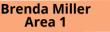


The County Superintendent of Schools is an elected official who administers the operation of the County Office of Education. Constitutional law designates an intermediate unit - the County Office of Education - between the California Department of Education and the school districts in the County to assure the most efficient use of taxpayer dollars. The County Superintendent serves as a facilitator in activities between other governmental and service agencies. Resources of neighboring counties are coordinated in an effort to expand all available services. The Superintendent works with federal and state legislators to assure maximum funding to provide additional service dollars for the children in Colusa County. As executive officer and ex-officio secretary to the Board of Education, the County Superintendent of Schools administers all policy set by the County Board of Education.

Meet Our Board of Education









Madison Martin Area 2



Charlie Morrow Area 3

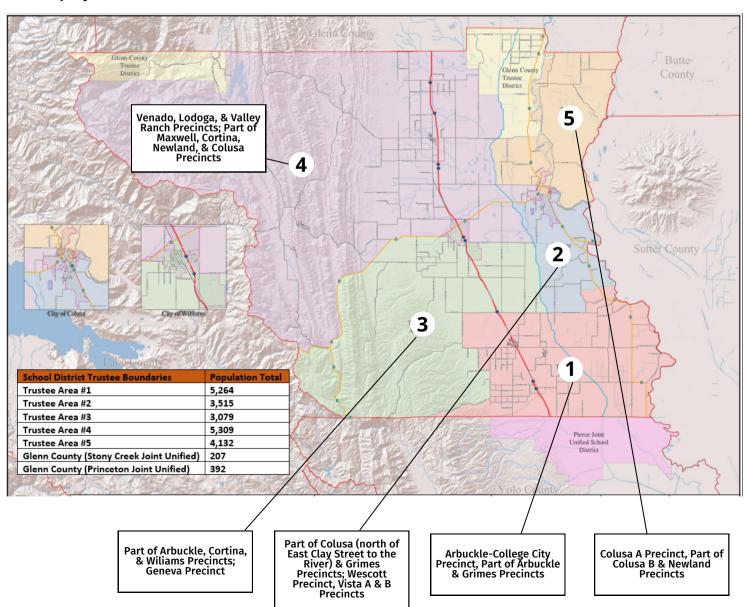


Cristy J. Edwards Area 4



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The County Board of Education is a policy-making body for the Colusa County Office of Education. The Board includes persons elected from five trustee areas representing Colusa County, and is responsible for instructional materials adoption for County Office schools, policy development, inter-district attendance appeals, budget approval, district expulsion appeals, and grant approval for state and federal projects.



Colusa County Office of Education

Mission

The County Office of Education is committed to assisting the local school districts through direct and indirect services. The County Office of Education provides a variety of services, including fiscal management, curriculum coordination, special schools and programs, health services, and coordination of state and federal projects.

Values

Communicate Effectively | Collaborate Cooperatively Operate Efficiently | Educate Totally

Who We Serve

4 School Districts 34 Schools

Students Enrolled 5,013 in 2021-22

Enrollment data obtained from CDE DataQuest & internal CCOE documentation





Colusa County Office of Education

> www.ccoe.net

Enrollment: 305



Colusa Unified School District

www.colusa.k12.ca.us

Enrollment: 1.531



Maxwell Unified School District

maxwell-ca.schoolloop.com

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Enrollment: 344



Pierce Joint Unified School District

www.pierce.k12.ca.us

Enrollment: 1,496

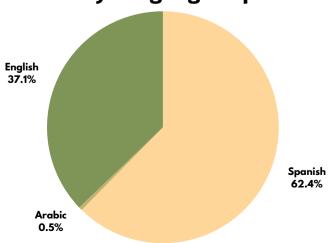


Williams Unified School District

www.williamsusd.net

Enrollment: 1,337

Primary Languages Spoken



Enrollment by Ethnicity





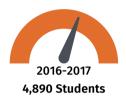
Colusa County Schools Demographics

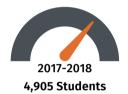
School Name	Enrollment	English Learners	Free & Reduced-Price Meals
Arbuckle Alternative High School	13	7	12
Arbuckle Elementary School	603	284	445
Coastal Buttes Academy	17	4	13
Colusa Alternative High School	24	8	17
Colusa Alternative Home School	66	9	41
Colusa High School	430	84	226
George T. Egling Middle School	555	193	355
Grand Island Elementary School	52	38	42
James M. Burchfield Primary School	456	186	250
Lloyd G. Johnson Junior High School	328	106	232
Maxwell Elementary School	154	53	98
Maxwell Middle School	91	32	51
Maxwell Senior High School	99	20	65
Mid Valley High School	18	8	18
Nonpublic, Nonsectarian Schools	1	0	1
Pierce High School	499	99	325
S. William Abel Academy	10	2	9
Williams Junior/Senior High School	622	233	566
Williams Primary Elementary School	400	294	358
Williams Upper Elementary School Table data obtained from CDE DataOu	297	220	273

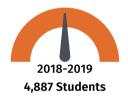
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History of K-12 Public School Enrollment in Colusa County

Data obtained from Education Data Partnership

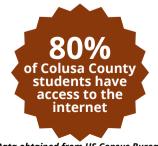












CCOE Departments



Aaron Heinz
Deputy Superintendent of
Administrative Services



Chuck Wayman

Chuck Wayman
Deputy Superintendent of
Student Services

<u>Administrative</u> Services

Business Services

- Provides financial services to school districts to help them satisfy state financial accountability requirements under AB 1200, and subsequent and current legislative updates.
- Analyzes and reviews districts' budget and interim financial reports.
- Reviews multi-year revenue and expenditure projections to determine school districts' financial solvency.
- Provides AB 3627 audit resolution, oversight, and follow-up.
- Collects and reports ADA (average daily attendance).
- Audits and processes all districts' payments including payroll and vendor payment.
- Acts as liaison between the California Department of Education and school districts.
- Provides technical and financial analysis and support for the financial system.
- Prepares accounting and reporting to State Teacher's Retirement System (STRS), Public Employee's Retirement System (CalPERS), and other payroll related agencies.

Angelina Guizar Director of Business Services (530) 458-0350

Food Services

Prepares and delivers nutritious meals for CCOE-enrolled K-12 students at CCOE sites both during the school year and summer break.

Angela Fulcher Food Services Supervisor (530) 473-1<u>350</u>

Communications & Public Relations

- Develops, implements, evaluates, and maintains a comprehensive communications and marketing strategy plan that integrates the needs of CCOE as a whole and raises the visibility of the organization.
- Creates content, design and layout for the CCOE web site, social media, and print publications; ensures continual updates and accessibility.
- Writes news releases, articles, newsletters, and reports for publication. Alissa Maas

Director of Communications & Public Relations (530) 458-0350

Technology Services

Provides the following:

- County-wide technology plan
- Local and wide area networks
- Staff development activities to incorporate technology into instructional practices and administrative support
- Cyber security and threat assessments
- Design and deployment of network expansion and integration
- Support Services
 - Computer Help Desk
 - Phone support
 - Video Camera Support (Verkada)
- Colusa Educators Wide Area Network (CEWAN) Consortium
 - District WAN Infrastructure Support
 - District Support for Technology Plans
 - Coordination of Consortium
 - Licensing
 - Aeries Support
 - Veeam File Server Backup Support

Alex Evans Director of Technology (530) 458-0350

"And Literacy For All"

Colusa County Office of Education's "And Literacy for All" initiative was created as a county-wide literacy project to promote bilingual reading and writing skills to all Colusa County residents utilizing mobile technology through Footsteps2Brilliance. This project provides early learners with increased access to high-quality literacy programming and exposure to digital and print books at school and at home. Literacy is promoted in the home through increased family engagement in literacy activities, such as parent training, interactive book reading, and book sharing routines. Literacy is also encouraged in

routines. Literacy is also encouraged in schools and libraries by improving literacy programming and book access, and expanding professional development opportunities for our early childhood educators. Our primary goal is to have all children reading at or above grade level by the end of 3rd grade.

Stefani Silvas Santana Interim Project Director (530) 458-0350

Human Resources

Provides personnel management and collaboration in the following ways:

- Credential assignment monitoring and application assistance.
- Information and support regarding interpretation and implementation of local, state, and federal employment laws, policies, and procedures.

Sabrina Myers Director of Human Resources (530) 458-0350

Facilities Services

Provides maintenance and custodial services to CCOE sites throughout the county.

Jared Robinett Facilities Supervisor (530) 473-1350



Student Services

Children's Services

To provide early education and development opportunities that promotes an optimal learning foundation for voung children.

- Early Learning Programs
 High quality learning centers designed to offer daily exploration and individual development across areas of social-emotional, linguistic, cognition, perceptual, motor, and physical development.
- Indoor and outdoor environments present intentional activities such as math, science, dramatic play, and literacy to prompt positive peer interactions and problem-solving skills.
- Staff engage young children in predictable daily routines and facilitate play-based learning opportunities through a comprehensive research-based curriculum.
- **Administration for Children & Families** and California Department of Education define the criteria for eligibility for subsidized services.
- Proudly promoting early literacy in partnership with Footsteps2Brilliance.
- Early Head Start services through weekly home visiting and learning centers. Head Start, State Preschool & Migrant Programs are available in both part and full day options.

- childcare options
- Recruit child care providers and provide professional development opportunities
- **Alternative Payment Program** supports child care subsidies
- Child and Adult Care Food Program

Local Child Care Planning Council

Advocate and plan for child care and development services based on the needs of the community

Vicki Markss **Director of Children's Services** (530) 458-0350

First 5 Colusa Children & **Families Commission**

First 5 Colusa is committed to enhancing the lives of all children, prenatal through age 5, through education, outreach, and systems change.

Ginger Harlow Director of First 5 Colusa (530) 458-5555

Educational Services

The goal of the Educational Services Department is to improve student achievement and provide educational services to learner's of all ages in Colusa County through the building of partnerships. To become a partner, we must establish a legacy of trust by:

Building positive and sustainable relationships in the community with key individuals, groups, and organizations.

Demonstrating sensitivity to community concerns and issues.

Designing and implementing community programs that improve the quality of life based on community needs and recommendations.

PROGRAMS

Curriculum & Instruction

- Local Control Accountability Plan
- **Differentiated Assistance**
- Comprehensive Support and Improvement
- **School Improvement Grant**
- **Expanded Learning Program**
- Professional Learning Network
- State Assessments
- **English Learner Roadmap**
- Federal Program Monitoring
- **Communities of Practice**
- State Seal of Biliteracy
- Health Education Framework
- **Migrant Education**

<u>Farm to School</u> This program promotes agriculture and educates students of S. William Abel Academy with "hands-on" Next Generation Science Standards. Educators research and adopt strategies for integrating health and nutrition education into core curricula. Partnerships are developed and community support is garnered through outreach and promotion.

Foster and Homeless Programs

- Help in identifying foster and homeless students
- Monthly district liaison meetings
- Quarterly Foster EAC meetings
- **Foster Youth Mentor**
- Provide trainings to schools and the community on the rights of Foster and
- Homeless students Training on how to use Foster Focus

S. William Abel Academy

An accredited alternative school primarily designed to serve expelled and at-promise youth. We admit expelled students from county school districts, SARB/DART referrals, and students needing a more structured environment.

Adult Education

- Career Technical Education
- **English as a Second Language**
- Citizenship
- HiSET/GED/High School Diploma
- Inmate Education
- **Basic Wildland Fire Academy**

Early Mental Health Initiative

Second Step provides a fully integrated framework for protecting elementary school students and promoting their social, emotional, and academic success.

<u>Tobacco Use Prevention Education (TUPE)</u> The Tobacco Use Prevention Education program is focused on reducing youth tobacco use by helping students make healthful tobacco related decisions. We provide instruction and activities that build knowledge, social skills, and other youth developmental assets. We also provide an alternative to suspension programs and a Brief Intervention Program (BIP) that can help assist students with potential substance abuse issues. These programs can be combined with or as an alternative to Out of School Suspension (OSS), In School Suspension (ISS), and other disciplinary actions.

John Ithurburn **Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services** (530) 473-1350

SELPA

Colusa County Special Education provides classes, programs, and services to meet the needs of students, birth through 22 years, who qualify for services within the four school districts. Special Education programs operate in homes, preschools, school sites, and a community-based transition class. Classroom instruction is provided by teachers with specialized teaching credentials. Students are served in general education settings, with special education support, as designated by an Individualized Education Plan (IEP). Specialized services include speech and language, counseling, adapted physical education, physical and occupational therapy, as well as programs for visually impaired, hearing impaired and orthopedically impaired infants. SELPA also oversees the Workability program, which prepares junior high and high school special education students for the world of work. It provides pre-employment training and placement in jobs in the community. Our mission is to teach skills and provide connecting activities that will prepare our students to "Take Charge of Their Futures." We do this using an integrated transition curriculum that teaches students to Get a Plan, Get a Job, and Get a Life.

Jessica Galloway Haney **Director of SÉLPA** (530) 473-1350