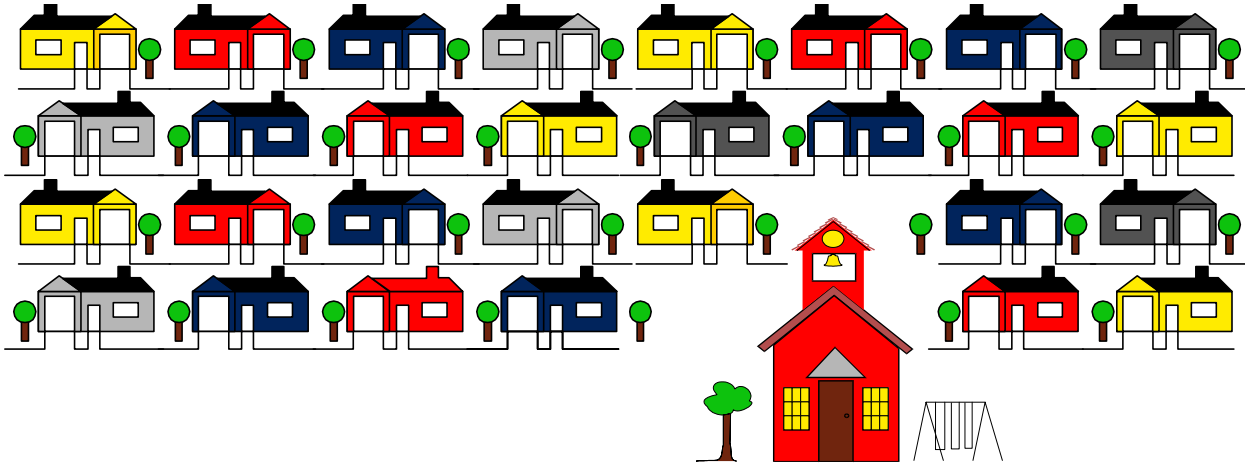


# MARIN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Services, Programs, and  
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# FACTS ABOUT EDUCATION IN MARIN COUNTY SCHOOLS

The following information is designed to provide educators, legislators, the media and the general public with basic statistical information about kindergarten through twelfth grade education in Marin County. It has been prepared as a public service by the Marin County Office of Education (MCOE). The information was compiled by Marin County Office of Education staff using data from districts and the California Department of Education.

## Number of School Districts

Unified Districts (K - 12)	2
Elementary Districts (K - 8)	15
High School Districts (9 - 12)	<u>2</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19</b>

## Number of Public Schools

Elementary Schools (K - 8)	45
Middle/Junior High Schools (6 - 8)	11
High Schools (9 - 12)	8
Continuation Schools	3
Alternative Education, Independent Study	6
Charter Schools	<u>4</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>77</b>

## Number of Students in Regular Graded Programs Kindergarten - Grade 12

### Enrollment

<b>1992-93</b>	26,858	<b>1998-99</b>	28,793
<b>1993-94</b>	26,534	<b>1999-00</b>	28,789
<b>1994-95</b>	26,932	<b>2000-01</b>	28,703
<b>1995-96</b>	28,966	<b>2001-02</b>	28,709
<b>1996-97</b>	27,706	<b>2002-03</b>	28,597
<b>1997-98</b>	28,179	<b>2003-04</b>	28,506

Source: <http://data1.cde.ca.gov/dataquest> California Department of Education, Educational Demographics Unit

## Students in Public Schools — By Grade Level

	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>2003-04</u>		<u>2002-03</u>	<u>2003-04</u>
<b>Kindergarten</b>	2,107	2,153	<b>Grade 9</b>	2,289	2,374
<b>Grade 1</b>	2,165	2,074	<b>Grade 10</b>	2,173	2,222
<b>Grade 2</b>	2,124	2,130	<b>Grade 11</b>	2,151	2,123
<b>Grade 3</b>	2,085	2,125	<b>Grade 12</b>	2,082	2,031
<b>Grade 4</b>	2,186	2,098			
<b>Grade 5</b>	2,253	2,181	<b>Ungraded</b>	104	88
<b>Grade 6</b>	2,223	2,265			
<b>Grade 7</b>	2,368	2,255			
<b>Grade 8</b>	2,287	2,398			
			<b>TOTAL:</b>	28,597	28,506

Source: <http://data1.cde.ca.gov/dataquest> California Department of Education, Educational Demographics Unit





# MARIN COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

## SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

The Marin County Office of Education exists to provide leadership and service as a community asset that earns and enjoys the respect and support of our students, parents and community taxpayers. One of 58 county offices which form the intermediate level of California’s education system, the Marin County Office of Education actively and effectively links state policy to local programs and needs. This link is made in several ways by:

- providing programs and services to prepare students to be productive citizens;
- establishing tangible, measurable criteria for the evaluation of all Marin County Office of Education’s programs and services;
- insuring the quality of Marin County Office of Education’s programs and services by comparative and analytical evaluation of student achievement;
- demonstrating the cost-efficient utilization of available resources by monitoring the balance between commitment and results;
- providing effective, centralized services to the districts and schools in Marin County; and
- advancing technology and telecommunications for Marin’s students and the community.

The public served by the Marin County Office of Education voices its educational priorities through the election of the County Superintendent, who is the chief administrative officer and educational leader of the agency. A seven-member County Board of Education is elected by Trustee Areas to serve as the educational and financial stewards for county voters and their communities.

## COUNTY OFFICE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Mary Jane Burke, Marin County Superintendent of Schools

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- Area 2 - part of San Rafael
- Area 3 - Dixie, part of San Rafael
- Area 4 - Ross, Ross Valley, part of Kentfield, part of San Rafael
- Area 5 - Larkspur, Reed, part of Mill Valley, part of Kentfield
- Area 6 - Sausalito, part of Mill Valley
- Area 7 - Bolinas-Stinson, Shoreline, Lagunitas, Nicasio, Laguna, Lincoln, Union, part of Novato



For further information about the educational mission and programs included here, contact the Marin County Superintendent of Schools at (415) 499-5801. Office hours are Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## **COUNTY PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

The Marin County Office of Education (MCOE) specializes in meeting the needs of local educators and students. In addition to offering a wide variety of services to meet the diversified needs of the county's school districts, the office also works closely with community groups and other educational agencies.

There are 19 public school districts in Marin County. Each district is governed by its own elected board of trustees, is supported by both local and state funds and is responsible for the policies and operations of the schools within its boundaries.

The Marin County Superintendent of Schools and the Marin County Office of Education work with the California Department of Education to assist Marin County school districts and students. This assistance is given through a variety of resources, support services and student programs.

Services and programs are provided only if they can meet the following criteria:

- Accountability
- Cost Effectiveness
- Quality
- Leadership
- Student-Centered

All services and programs provided have goals in each of these areas which are detailed in Action Plans that specify how the goal will be reached, the timeline, who is responsible and how evaluation of meeting the goal will be done. These Action Plans are available simply by calling the staff member listed under each program and requesting a copy or by emailing a request via the Marin County Office of Education webpage at <http://marin.k12.ca.us>.

There are ten (10) major services and programs offered by the Marin County Office of Education. They are described on the following pages.



## **ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION**

Alternative Education includes several programs serving high-risk adolescents and incarcerated adults. The juvenile programs serve 800 to 1,000 students a year through County Community School, ORACLE Independent Study, Loma Alta School/Juvenile Hall and classroom instruction at Center Point Residential Treatment Program. Phoenix Academy, our charter school, serves students who have made a commitment to sobriety. Students are eligible for these programs if they are on probation, have been expelled from their home school districts, or have had chronic truancy and behavior problems. The education program at the Marin County Jail offers incarcerated adults an opportunity to complete their high school education through General Educational Development (GED).

For more information, contact Lisa Schwartz at (415) 491-0581.  
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## **BUSINESS SERVICES**

Business Services provides accounting, budgeting and advisory support, both internally to Marin County Office of Education programs and externally to all the school districts in Marin County.

The Marin County Office of Education budget is comprised of nine funds and totals \$45.6 million for 2003-2004. Approximately 85% of the budget is expended directly on instructional programs with the remaining 15% spent on support of those instructional programs.

Advisory services and fiscal oversight are provided to 19 school districts in Marin County. These services include assistance with financial calculations, budget development and accounting. Reviews are performed on payroll and vendor warrants and retirement reporting. AB1200 fiscal oversight responsibilities and compliance reviews are performed four times annually for each school district in the county. In some situations, the Business Services staff provides intervention to districts and prepares in-depth analysis and recommended strategies for any necessary corrective measures.

In addition, six school districts' business services are performed at the Marin County Office of Education.

For more information, contact Sandra Peck at (415) 499-5805.  
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## **EDUCATION SERVICES**

The Education Services Department supports all districts and schools in the county; approximately 3,300 public school administrators, certificated staff, classified personnel and 29,000 students. Education Services provides professional development opportunities, assistance in program evaluation, advice to schools and districts on state and federal initiatives and offers leadership in the use of resources including instructional materials and technology. This is accomplished through a number of programs and activities including the Teachers' Learning Cooperative (TLC), Instructional Media Center (IMC), Marin County New Teacher Collaboration (MCNTC), Coordinated Compliance Review (CCR), student academic competitions and school recognition programs. In addition, the Education Services Department facilitates a variety of monthly meetings such as the Curriculum and Instruction Collaborative (CIC), principal and support staff networks.

For more information contact:  
Mary Buttler, at (415) 499-5879.  
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## **GENERAL SERVICES**

General Services provides support to all programs of the Marin County Office of Education at four owned sites, three rented facilities and numerous classrooms throughout Marin County. Seven staff (senior administrative secretary, maintenance workers, custodians, maintenance custodian, office utility worker and director) are charged with the cleaning, maintenance, security and landscaping of all Marin County Office of Education owned facilities and the three rental facilities. General Services builds specialized furniture, repairs furniture and equipment, modifies facilities in accordance with current needs and government regulations and provides delivery service for business information and county mail. Staff coordinates annual Mandated Topics training for school district staff through the financial support of the Marin Schools Insurance Authority.

For more information, contact Dane Lancaster at (415) 499-5857.  
e-mail: dane@marin.k12.ca.us

## **PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION**

The Marin County Office of Education provides numerous administrative and personnel services to school districts. Both state and federal regulations and laws impact schools. Copies of bills that are pending before the legislature are available. Training in new requirements and interpretation of the Education Code is a constant activity. A Legal Consortium is coordinated for negotiators and superintendents to share information and discuss pertinent issues. Assistance is given in policy development, elections, appointment of board of trustee members, transfer of territory and general governance questions. Appeals of interdistrict attendance issues and expulsions are heard by the Marin County Board of Education. Monthly meetings of superintendents are staffed by the Marin County Office of Education.

Personnel serves the 350 employees of the Marin County Office of Education by coordinating and monitoring employee benefits, workers' compensation and state disability claims. Included is responsibility for employment, resignations and retirements, evaluation tracking, notification of step and longevity increases, fingerprinting, TB testing notification, Personnel Commission, staffing for summer programs, employee assignment, transfer and leave requests.

The Marin County Office of Education Personnel Department employs a credentials analyst who is responsible for registration, application and renewal of the credentials for all public school teachers in Marin County. Maintenance and distribution of the Marin County substitute list is also provided by this office, as is monitoring of teacher credentials to assure they match teacher assignments.

The Marin County Office of Education convenes a countywide personnel meeting to discuss topics of common interest or to receive training in areas of need. Additionally, the personnel staff coordinates the fingerprinting of all new employees with the Marin County Sheriff's Office and the Department of Justice.

For more information about Personnel, contact Mary Batchelder at (415) 499-5854.  
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## **SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN AREA (SELPA)**

The Marin Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) includes all school districts located within Marin County and the Marin County Office of Education. The role of the SELPA is to ensure that students with disabilities receive a free, appropriate public education. The SELPA governance structure consists of the following elements:

- The Operational Steering Committee composed of six superintendents representing the various areas of Marin County;
- An Advisory Steering Committee composed of a special education representative from each district;
- A Special Education Advisory Committee comprised of 28 representatives including parents of regular and disabled students, teachers, agencies, administration and support staff;
- The Business Advisory Committee, consisting of District Business Officials from each local education agency; and,
- A Responsible Local Agency (RLA) which is the Marin County Board of Education.

For more information, contact John La Londe at (415) 499-5850.  
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## **WALKER CREEK RANCH**

Walker Creek Ranch is located in West Marin, encompassing 1,741 acres. The Ranch was given to the Marin County Office of Education by the Marin Community Foundation to operate as an Outdoor Education School and Conference Center. Classes and conferences began in April, 1990.

The school program provides environmental and agricultural education to 5,628 fifth and sixth grade students, 614 high school students and 231 teachers from 100 schools in Alameda, Calaveras, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, Sonoma and Yolo Counties. The conference programs serve approximately 4,821 guests annually through 110 individual conferences.

The Ranch's newest program, Camp Soulajule, provides Summer Camp experiences for children ages 9-13. This year we served 240 campers during three one-week sessions in the month of July.

For more information, contact Jock Doss at (415) 491-6600.  
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**SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

<p>❖ <b>SPECIAL DAY CLASSES (SDC)</b>          ❖ <b>RESOURCE SPECIALIST PROGRAMS (RSP)</b>          ❖ <b>DESIGNATED INSTRUCTION AND SERVICES (DIS)</b></p> <p>355 students (0 - 5 years old)          936 students (6 - 22 years old)          55 school sites in 19 districts throughout Marin County</p> <p>Special education programs are designed to meet the individual needs of students with handicapping conditions that affect their ability to learn in a general education program. Programs are designed to provide remediation, teach focused skill building and develop accommodation or adaptation skills based on each student's needs.</p> <p>Students served include those who are hearing impaired, learning disabled, mentally retarded, orthopedically handicapped, speech and language impaired, visually handicapped, multi-handicapped, seriously emotionally disturbed, autistic, traumatic brain injured or other health impaired.</p> <p>Birth through five-year old children are served through the Early Intervention Program. Services for visually, orthopedically and hearing impaired children up to age 3 have a</p>	<p>family-centered focus emphasizing the parents as primary teacher of their own child. A range of services for preschoolers (3-5 years) is provided to address the intensity of needs. When families have arranged for their child's care or enrichment through a private center-based program, arrangements are made to supplement those experiences by delivery of special education services at their preschool location or through focused language and learning groups.</p> <p>School-based special education programs for students aged 5 to 22 years include special day classes, resource specialist programs and designated instruction and services. Students in Special Day Classes (SDC) spend the majority of their instructional day in a special education class. Conversely, students spending the majority of the day in general education classes receive scheduled remedial instruction through the Resource Specialist Program (RSP) or Designated Instruction and Services (DIS) program.</p>	<p>The goal for each student in special education is to maximize learning potential and to independently apply the skills acquired.</p> <p>Although not all services are provided for all handicapping conditions at each school site, there is a strong commitment to educating students in their home or neighboring district whenever possible. When centralization of service delivery is the most practical utilization of resources due to the relatively low incidence of student needs, the home school district provides for the transportation of school age students to the school of attendance. Certificated classroom teachers are supported by instructional assistants who work with small groups of students on individualized instruction. When no appropriate public school program is available to meet the needs of a handicapped student, placement is made in a certified non-public school (NPS). ♦</p>
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**Susan Spain, Deputy Superintendent**  
**Belinda Hayes, Director**  
 Special Day Classes (SDC)  
 Resource Specialist Programs (RSP)  
 Designated Instruction and Services Programs (DIS)  
 (415) 491-6612







**DIXIE SCHOOL**

**Grades: Kindergarten – 5**

365 students

School hours:

- 8:14 to 11:50 (Kindergarten)
- 11:50 to 1:45 One day per week, extended day (Kindergarten)
- 8:14 to 2:35 (Grades 1 - 5)

Library hours:

8:15 to 2:35

Dixie School, selected as a California Distinguished School in 2002 and National Blue Ribbon School in 2004, is located in the Lucas Valley area of San Rafael. The school facility includes a library and turfed playing field. A new multi-purpose room was completed in 1997. Modernization was recently funded through a local bond measure and completed at the end of 2003.

The mission of the Dixie School community is to promote academic excellence, to nurture learning as a lifelong process and to support all students as they become informed, productive, contributing members of society. Dixie School provides a rigorous and positive learning environment that promotes the success and welfare of each student. The principal and staff are committed to working in full partnership with parents and the broader community.

On site, parent-paid childcare, provided by the City of San Rafael, is available before and after school. ◆

**Patty Flynn, Principal  
Dixie School  
1175 Idylberry Road  
San Rafael, CA 94903  
(415) 492-3730**

**MARY E. SILVEIRA SCHOOL**

**Grades: Kindergarten – 5**

372 students

School hours:

- 8:14 to 1:20 (Kindergarten)
- 8:14 to 2:35 (Grades 1 - 5)

Library hours:

8:15 to 2:35

Mary E. Silveira School, selected as a California Distinguished School in 2000, is situated in San Rafael’s Marinwood area. The school facility includes a library, multi-purpose room and a turfed playing field. Modernization was recently funded through a local bond measure and was completed in 2001.

Silveira’s vision is that it is a place where children want to be. This vision has helped the school implement innovative programs such as a longer kindergarten day, an early intervention literacy program, EcoStar project-based environmental education and a school-wide student job program. Silveira School provides a rigorous and positive learning environment that promotes the success and welfare of each student. The principal and staff are committed to working in full partnership with parents and the broader community.

On site, parent-paid childcare, provided by the City of San Rafael, is available before and after school. ◆

**Jeanne Casella, Principal  
Mary E. Silveira School  
375 Blackstone Drive  
San Rafael, CA 94903  
(415) 492-3741**

**VALLECITO SCHOOL**  
**Grades: Kindergarten – 5**

383 students  
School hours:  
8:14 to 1:25 (Kindergarten)  
8:14 to 2:35 (Grades 1 - 5)  
Library hours:  
8:15 to 2:35

Vallecito School, selected as a California Distinguished School in 1993, is located in the Terra Linda area of San Rafael. The school facility includes a library, multi-purpose room, kitchen and playing field. Modernization was recently funded through a local bond measure and completed in 2002.

Vallecito School has a strong and engaged teaching and support staff as well as a strong community base. Vallecito's commitment to excellence enabled it to earn the status of Continued Distinction through 1997 and California Distinguished School Honorable Mention in 2002. The mission of Vallecito School is to educate students in academic concepts and skills, and to promote social and emotional growth. We will achieve this by developing a model of elementary education at its best.

On site, parent-paid childcare, provided by the City of San Rafael, is available before and after school. ◆

**Betty Jordan, Principal**  
**Vallecito School**  
50 Nova Albion Way  
San Rafael, CA 94903  
(415) 492-3750

**MILLER CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**Grades: 6 – 8**

679 students  
School hours:  
8:00 to 2:56  
Library hours:  
M/T/Th/F: 7:40 to 3:15  
W: 7:40 to 2:00

Miller Creek Middle School, selected as a California Distinguished School in 1996 and 2001, is situated in the Lucas Valley area of San Rafael. Modernization was recently funded through a local bond measure and was completed in 2001.

The mission of Miller Creek is to foster lifelong learners who are healthy, caring, ethical and environmentally responsible citizens. Our school promotes creativity and independent thinking in all students. Miller Creek provides a rigorous and positive learning environment that promotes the success and welfare of each student. The administration and staff are committed to working in full partnership with parents and the broader community.

The Miller Creek Home and School Club is committed to parent involvement and support of middle school staff and students. The Club actively supports many school-wide enrichment programs. ◆

**Greg Johnson, Principal**  
**Miller Creek Middle School**  
2255 Las Gallinas Avenue  
San Rafael, CA 94903  
(415) 492-3760



**ANTHONY G. BACICH  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
Grades: Kindergarten – 4**

484 students  
School hours:  
8:15 to 11:45 and  
11:00 to 2:45 (Kindergarten)  
8:15 to 2:15 (Grades 1 and 2)  
8:15 to 2:45 (Grades 3 and 4)  
Library hours:  
8:15 to 3:15

Bacich Elementary School is located in Kentfield, adjacent to a tidal creek and fronting a creekside marsh. A ten-year restoration project of the marsh, managed by The Environmental Forum of Marin, provides an outside learning environment for Bacich students.

Teachers are supported by teacher aides and supplementary instructors in music, Spanish, physical education and computers.

Bacich has been named a California Distinguished School in recognition of the students' outstanding academic performance. ♦

**Sally Peck, Principal  
Bacich Elementary School  
25 McAllister Avenue  
Kentfield, CA 94904  
(415) 925-2220**

**A. E. KENT MIDDLE SCHOOL  
Grades: 5 – 8**

486 students  
School hours:  
8:40 to 3:10  
Library hours:  
M/F/Minimum Days:  
8:15 to 3:40  
T/W/Th:  
8:15 to 5:00

Kent Middle School is situated near the business center of Kentfield and across from the College of Marin campus.

A challenging academic program provides the basic foundation for a curriculum that also offers Spanish at all grades and extensive enrichment instruction.

The Kentfield Technology Use Group provides students with access to state-of-the-art electronic tools and equipment to meet the needs of students in the years ahead.

Kent Middle School is recognized as a California Distinguished School, the state's highest honor for overall academic excellence. ♦

**Lynda Storek, Principal  
Kent Middle School  
250 Stadium Way  
Kentfield, CA 94904  
(415) 458-5970**



**LAGUNITAS SCHOOL**  
**Grades: Kindergarten – 8**

203 students

School hours:

The hours vary for each program and grade level.

Library hours: Arranged by classroom teachers

Lagunitas School houses the Public Montessori Program (K-5) and the Middle School for the district.

In the Public Montessori Program, teachers, parents and other adults work together to structure environments for the children's self-development. Cooperation, community, responsibility, respect, self-discipline and problem-solving are emphasized. Students receive written narrative evaluation of their academic effort.

The Middle School Program offers a small, personalized approach to education. Students rotate through several teachers for their core curriculum, a variety of electives and enrichment activities. Emphasis is placed on the development of self-confidence and a heightened sense of self-esteem. ◆

**Anne Nicksic, Principal**  
**Lagunitas School**  
P.O. Box 308  
San Geronimo, CA 94963  
(415) 488-9437

**SAN GERONIMO VALLEY SCHOOL**  
**Grades: Kindergarten – 6**

100 students

School hours:

The hours vary for each program and grade level.

Library hours: Arranged by classroom teachers

San Geronimo Valley School houses the Open Classroom (K-6) and the Waldorf-Inspired Program (K).

The Open Classroom is a thriving 30-year-old public school alternative program. Children realize their dreams in an educational setting that promotes confidence, self-esteem, social justice and emotional growth in a friendly and positive environment.

The Open Classroom is a parent participation program that emphasizes individual learning styles and freedom of choice. Parents share in curriculum decisions and help in the classroom. Teachers conference with parents several times a year. Emphasis is placed on the development of self-confidence and a heightened sense of self-esteem.

The Waldorf-Inspired Program has begun with a Kindergarten only class. ◆

**Anne Nicksic, Principal**  
**San Geronimo Valley School**  
P.O. Box 308  
San Geronimo, CA 94963  
(415) 488-9421



**NEIL CUMMINS SCHOOL**

**Grades: Kindergarten – 5**

681 students

School hours:

8:20 to 11:50 (Kindergarten)

8:20 to 2:24 (Grades 1 - 3)

8:20 to 2:52 (Grades 4 - 5)

Library hours: 8:00 to 4:00

Neil Cummins School is located in Corte Madera adjacent to the town park. The school has an enrichment program that includes music, art, science lab, library, technology lab and motor skills. The average class size is 23 students with grades K-3 averaging 20 or fewer.

The staff includes 47 full-time and part-time certificated employees, plus instructional classroom aides, principal, assistant principal, resource specialist, speech therapist and school secretaries.

Neil Cummins School was honored in 1989 and 1997 as a California Distinguished School, the state’s highest honor for overall program excellence. ♦

**Marilyn Clark, Principal**  
**Neil Cummins School**  
58 Mohawk Avenue  
Corte Madera, CA 94925  
(415) 927-6965

**HALL MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**Grades: 6 – 8**

335 students

School hours:

8:40 to 3:10

Library hours: 8:00 to 4:00

Hall Middle School offers a transitional program from a self-contained core of instruction in the 6th grade to a fully departmentalized program in the 8th grade. The academic curriculum includes language arts, social studies, mathematics, algebra, science, Spanish, health and physical education.

Enrichment courses are offered in computers, woodshop, band, literature, Quest and DARE.

The staff includes 20 full- and part-time certificated employees, plus a principal, resource specialist and school secretaries.

Hall Middle School was recognized in 1986, 1990, 1992, and 1996 as a California Distinguished School, the state's highest honor for overall program excellence. In 1998, Hall Middle School was designated a National Blue Ribbon School. ♦

**Daniel Norbutas, Principal**  
**Hall Middle School**  
200 Doherty Drive  
Larkspur, CA 94939  
(415) 927-6978



**EDNA MAGUIRE SCHOOL**

**Grades: Kindergarten – 5**

325 students

School hours:

8:30 to 11:50\* (Kindergarten)

\*8:30 to 1:30 beginning January 3, 2005

8:30 to 2:50 (Grades 1 - 5)

Library hours:

M/T/W/Th: 8:30 -2:50

F: 9:30-2:50

Edna Maguire School is a California Distinguished School. It is situated in a residential area on 11 acres of land at the foot of surrounding hills. It features "The Children's Garden," a one-third acre fenced plot of land with individual classroom garden beds, an orchard and a pumpkin patch.

The school offers additional assistance to students who speak English as a second language. Part-time instructional assistants and reading and math teachers work with small groups of students in order to individualize instruction. Our multi-media studio with 27 iMacs, scanners, an LCD projector and video editing equipment enables our students to integrate the use of technology into their studies.

Two large fields established at the site were donated to the school by the Mill Valley Soccer and Little League Associations.

On site day care is available before and after school. ◆

**Carly Tolson, Principal**  
**Edna Maguire School**  
80 Lomita Drive  
Mill Valley, CA 94941  
(415) 389-7733

**OLD MILL SCHOOL**

**Grades: Kindergarten – 5**

304 students

School hours:

8:40 to 12:00 or

11:30 to 2:50 (Kindergarten)

8:30 to 2:50 (Grades 1 - 5)

Library hours:

M/Th: 8:30-2:50

T/W/F: 8:30-12:00

Old Mill School, the District's oldest elementary school building, is a California Distinguished School. This modern facility incorporates computer technology and internet access in all of its classrooms and the library/media center. The school is three blocks from Mill Valley's business district and across from Old Mill Park and the Mill Valley Public Library. The facility has a large auditorium and 14 classrooms. Old Mill provides students with a well-balanced academic program integrating thematic instruction and project-based learning activities. Students and teachers use Cascade Creek in nearby Old Mill Park as an outside learning environment. Part-time instructional aides assist teachers by working with small groups and individual students.

On site childcare is available before and after school. ◆

**Stephany La Londe, Principal**  
**Old Mill School**  
352 Throckmorton Avenue  
Mill Valley, CA 94941  
(415) 389-7727

**PARK SCHOOL**

**Grades: Kindergarten – 5**

310 students

School hours:

8:30 to 11:50\* or  
10:00 to 1:45\* (Kindergarten)

\*8:30 to 1:30 beginning January 3, 2005  
8:30 to 2:50 (Grades 1 - 5)

Library hours:

M: 9:30-2:30  
T/W/Th: 8:30-2:30

Park School is the second oldest school building in the Mill Valley School District. It is located in the geographic center of Mill Valley across from Boyle Park and the municipal tennis courts. The school has 15 classrooms, a large auditorium, a media lab and our "Children's Garden," which serves as an outdoor learning lab.

Part-time instructional assistants work under the direction of classroom teachers. The instructional program for Park is enhanced by the "Children's Garden" and by a school-wide commitment to environmental education. Technology is integrated throughout the curriculum. Students can perform music and drama at grade level productions and at the annual Variety Show. Visual arts are featured annually in a community-wide publicized art show.

Before and after school daycare is provided on site. ◆

**Peg Minicozzi, Principal**  
**Park School**  
360 E. Blithedale Avenue  
Mill Valley, CA 94941  
(415) 389-7735

**TAMALPAIS VALLEY SCHOOL**

**Grades: Kindergarten – 5**

330 students

School hours:

8:30 to 11:50\* or  
11:20 to 2:40\* (Kindergarten)

\*8:30 to 1:30 beginning January 3, 2005  
8:30 to 2:50 (Grades 1 - 5)

Library hours:

M: 9:30-2:30  
W: 8:00-2:00  
Th/F: 8:00-3:00

Tamalpais Valley School is at the southernmost boundary of Mill Valley on eight acres. Located at the edge of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, its beautiful natural setting provides vast opportunities for environmental studies. School facilities include a large turf field, rooms for teaching art and music, a computer lab, a large multi-purpose room, two teaching gardens and a well-equipped library.

Tam Valley's Learning Center offers an innovative approach to meeting the needs of special education students.

Average class size is 19 students in grades K-3 and 25 students in grades 4-5. Parents are encouraged to participate in their children's education through a variety of volunteer opportunities. After school enrichment classes are sponsored by the Mill Valley Park and Recreation Department daily.

Before and after school childcare is provided on site. ◆

**Gail van Adelsberg, Principal**  
**Tamalpais Valley School**  
350 Bell Lane  
Mill Valley, CA 94941  
(415) 389-7731

**MILL VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**Grades: 6 – 8**

740 students

School hours: 8:40 to 3:00

Library hours:

M/T/Th: 8:15-4:00

W: 8:15-3:30

F: 8:15-3:00

Mill Valley Middle School is adjacent to the Bay Front Park and the Mill Valley Community Center. Each grade level is housed in a separate wing of the building. The large library serves as the school's central core.

Mill Valley Middle School offers an academic program that includes English, mathematics, social studies and science. Credentialed teachers teach art, technology, and physical education classes. Additionally, orchestra, band and choral music are offered to all students.

Foreign language is offered to all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Wheel is offered to 6<sup>th</sup> graders instead of foreign language. Wheel is a trimester-based elective program where each student takes a trimester of technology, intro to foreign language and character education.

Counseling service is available full-time at Mill Valley Middle School. An extensive orientation for parents and students prepares them for the transition from primary to middle school and from 8th grade to high school. After school enrichment classes are available through Parks and Recreation. ◆

**Whitney Hoyt, Principal**  
**Mill Valley Middle School**  
425 Sycamore Avenue  
Mill Valley, CA 94941  
(415) 389-7711

**STRAWBERRY POINT SCHOOL**

**Grades: Kindergarten – 5**

240 students

School hours:

8:45 to 12:05\* (Kindergarten)

\*8:45 to 2:00 beginning January 3, 2005

8:45 to 3:05 (Grades 1-5)

Library hours:

M/F: 8:30-3:00

T/Th: 8:30-3:30

W: 10-2:00

Strawberry Point School re-opened in August 2000 after having been closed for ten years. The school has been completely renovated and expanded to accommodate future growth in our district. We now have a thoroughly modern school facility that incorporates a state-of-the-art data/communications network with access points in all instructional and administrative areas.

Strawberry Point School provides students a well-balanced academic program. The school is situated on Richardson Bay and is adjacent to a wetlands area. Our instructional programs utilize regional science resources to meaningfully integrate environmental awareness and education into the core curriculum. Computers and other technologies are integrated throughout the curriculum. Visual and performing arts programs are provided at all grade levels. Special education and other support services are available to students at all grade levels. Part-time instructional assistants work with teachers to support student learning.

On site childcare is available after school. ◆

**Leslie Thornton, Principal**  
**Strawberry Point School**  
117 East Strawberry Drive  
Mill Valley, CA 94941  
(415) 380-2490



**HAMILTON SCHOOL**

**Grades: Kindergarten – 5**

368 students

School hours:

Kindergartens:

8:50 to 1:50

Grades 1 - 2: 9:35 to 3:00

Grades 3 - 5: 8:30 to 3:00

Library hours:

8:30 to 12:00 and 12:30 to 3:00

*School Motto: Learning has no limits.*

Hamilton Elementary School includes two campuses: the former Meadow Park School and Hamilton School. The combined campus occupies 18 acres and has a library, multi-use room and turfed playing fields.

The overriding goal of preparing students for the 21<sup>st</sup> century guides our work in curriculum and instruction and our interaction with children and parents. Staff and parents work in consort to provide a meaningful education in a nurturing and inclusive environment to maximize learning for a diverse population. Students participate as leaders on student council and the Conflict Managers. They also study Megaskills and Bully Proofing social skills programs.

Hamilton is one of four Novato Schools that received a grant from the Bay Area School Reform Collaborative (BASRC) in collaboration with the District Education Center, focusing on improving students' reading skills. ♦

**Ruthanne Bexton, Principal**  
**Hamilton School**  
1 Main Gate Road  
Novato, CA 94949  
(415) 883-4691

**LOMA VERDE SCHOOL**

**Grades: Kindergarten – 5**

365 students

School hours:

Kindergartens:

8:30 to 11:55 or 11:25 to 2:50

Grades 1 - 3: 9:35 to 2:50

Grades 4 - 5: 8:30 to 2:50

Library hours:

8:30 to 12:00 and 12:30 to 3:00

*School Motto: Building a future for all children.*

Loma Verde Elementary School is located on 12 acres and has a multi-use room, computer/science lab, library and turfed playing field.

The school reflects a commitment to an academic focus. The staff uses a variety of teaching strategies to meet the needs of all students, such as team teaching with the support staff, cooperative and paired learning and cross-age tutoring. Recognizing positive behavior is an important part of the development of the students' self-esteem.

Loma Verde is one of four Novato Schools that received a grant from the Bay Area School Reform Collaborative (BASRC) in collaboration with the District Education Center. The focus of the grant is improving students' reading skills. Loma Verde Elementary is a California Distinguished School. ♦

**Anne Harris, Principal**  
**Loma Verde School**  
399 Alameda de la Loma  
Novato, CA 94949  
(415) 883-4681

**LU SUTTON SCHOOL**  
**Grades: Kindergarten – 5**

420 students

School hours:

Kindergartens:

Aug. to Nov.: 8:25 to 11:55

Nov. 25 – June

Early: 8:25 to 1:15

Late: 9:15 to 2:00

Grades 1 - 3: 8:25 to 2:55

Grades 4 - 5: 8:25 to 2:45

Library hours:

8:30 to 12:00 and 12:30 to 3:00

*Mission: Educating all students to become life-long learners who are independent, responsible and productive citizens in our diverse society.*

Lu Sutton Elementary School, located on 10 acres, has a multi-use room, library and turfed playing fields. It was named after a former principal.

Students participate in a broad-based program with an instructional focus on language, math and science. Involving the family as a partner in learning is the cornerstone of the program.

Lu Sutton incorporates hands-on projects involving the entire curriculum. Projects include Internet pen pals and Authors Day. Lu Sutton earned the Governor's Reading Award for 2000-2001. ♦

**Ken Gallegos, Principal**  
**Lu Sutton School**  
1800 Center Road  
Novato, CA 94947  
(415) 897-3196

**LYNWOOD SCHOOL**  
**Grades: Kindergarten – 5**

400 students

School hours:

Kindergartens:

8:30 to 1:10, 9:10 to 2:00

Grades 1 - 3:

8:30 to 1:50; 9:30 to 3:00

Grades 4 - 5: 8:30 to 3:00

Library hours:

8:30 to 12:00 and 12:30 to 3:00

*Vision Statement: Faculty and staff provide a standards-based comprehensive curriculum that addresses and meets the needs of all students in a safe and nurturing environments.*

Lynwood Elementary School is located on 10 acres and has a multi-use room, computer lab, library and turfed playing fields.

Literacy is a school focus. We offer a number of programs to meet the needs of our students. Our instructional assistants and volunteers read with the students daily. Teachers and support staff work in grade level teams to provide a strong core program for students.

Lynwood has an excellent counseling program as part of its School Linked Services project. This is the second year of the Even Start grant, which addresses preschool and parent education.

Lynwood is one of four Novato schools that have received a Readiness grant through First Five of Marin. This summer we held our first Kinder Academy. ♦

**Ivy Morrirt, Principal**  
**Lynwood School**  
1320 Lynwood Drive  
Novato, CA 94947  
(415) 897-4161

**OLIVE SCHOOL**

**Grades: Kindergarten – 5**

379 students

School hours:

Kindergartens: M/T/Th/F

8:15 to 11:40 or 11:50 to 3:15

9:45 - 1:45 (Wednesdays)

Grades 1 - 2: 8:30 to 1:50

Early Bird and Wednesdays)

Grades 1 – 2: 9:30 to 2:50

(Late Bird schedule)

Grades 3 - 5:

8:30 to 2:50 (M/T/Th/F)

8:30 - 1:50 (Wednesdays)

Library hours: 8:15 to 3:15

*Mission: We are committed to providing a challenging standards-based instructional program that focuses on developing the knowledge and skills in students required for them to become responsible and resilient learners in a rapidly changing world.*

Olive School is located on nine acres and has four classroom wings, a multi-use room, library, computer lab and turfing playing fields.

For the past eleven years, Olive has operated on a modified calendar. Our third grade eliminated the “Early Bird/Late Bird” schedule to provide a full day of instruction that enables us to implement the standards-based curriculum. To further enhance our instructional program, students benefit from a strong Student Council program (grades 3-5), art docent lectures and numerous field trips and assemblies. In addition, our PTA funds an art and multi-year Spanish language program for all students. ◆

**Diane Kanegae, Principal**  
**Olive School**  
629 Plum Street  
Novato, CA 94945  
(415) 897-2131

**PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL**

**Grades: Kindergarten – 5**

378 students

School hours:

Kindergartens:

8:15 to 11:40 or 11:45 to 3:05

Grades 1 - 3: 8:30 to 2:55

Grades 4 - 5: 8:30 to 2:50

Library hours:

8:30 to 3:00

*Mission: Dedicated to building a community of learners where students strive to reach their full potential academically, socially and emotionally.*

Pleasant Valley School is located on 12 acres and has a library, community center, turfing playing fields and a well-equipped computer lab.

Staff and parents work in partnership to provide a safe and stimulating learning environment. There is a high level of parent involvement. The standards-based academic program is enriched with such activities as field trips and assemblies. Technology is integrated into the curriculum of all classes. Positive social skills are encouraged through class meetings, a conflict managers program and a life-skills group. The Eagle Word Program promotes strong character and citizenship.

The PTA supports the school in many ways, including the beautification of the school campus. Pleasant Valley was named a California Distinguished School in 1993 and again in 2002 and received a Marin County Golden Bell Award in 2002 for the Book In A Bag program. ◆

**Pam Conklin, Principal**  
**Pleasant Valley School**  
755 Sutro Avenue  
Novato, CA 94947  
(415) 897-5104

**RANCHO SCHOOL**  
**Grades: Kindergarten – 5**

485 students  
School hours:  
Kindergartens:  
8:20 to 11:41 or 11:50 to 3:11  
Grades 1 - 3: 9:30 to 3:00  
Grades 4 - 5: 8:30 to 3:00  
Library hours: 8:30 to 11:45  
12:45 to 3:00

*Mission: Acquisition of basic skills through direct instruction.*

Rancho School is located on 11 acres. It has a newly remodeled library, computer lab, multi-use room and turf playing fields.

Rancho School is the home of the Essentialist Program, a more structured approach to education, with an emphasis on basic academic skills and subjects and establishment of good study habits. Rancho is a magnet school serving students from throughout the Novato Unified School District.

Rancho provides a variety of activities for students, many sponsored by the PTA. An Eagle Card program serves as an incentive for academic achievement, good behavior and helpfulness. The school has a high level of parent support.

Rancho has been a California Distinguished School, received the Governor's Reading Award and received a Golden Bell in 2002 for their "Ranchoberg" project. ◆

**Penny Loetterle, Principal**  
**Rancho School**  
1430 Johnson Street  
Novato, CA 94947  
(415) 897-3101

**SAN RAMON SCHOOL**  
**Grades: Kindergarten – 5**

450 students  
School hours:  
Kindergartens:  
8:15 to 11:40 or 11:40 to 3:05  
Grades 1 - 3: 8:30 to 1:50  
or 9:35 to 3:00  
Grades 4 - 5: 8:30 to 3:00  
Library hours: 8:30 to 12:00  
12:30 to 3:00

*Mission: Children, parents and staff work cooperatively at San Ramon in a safe and caring environment where all children can learn, be successful and prepare themselves to live in and contribute to, a changing world.*

San Ramon Elementary School is located on 7 acres. It consists of three buildings clustered around a library. Kindergarten classes are held in a separate cluster. The school is surrounded by turf playing fields.

San Ramon focuses on educating the whole child. The instructional approach is to involve students with decision-making and problem solving in a cooperative setting with emphasis on integration of subjects. It is recognized as a model program balancing rigorous academic content standards with enriched student appropriate curriculum.

San Ramon was designated a California Distinguished School in 1995 and 2000. ◆

**Mary Pritchard, Principal**  
**San Ramon School**  
45 San Ramon Way  
Novato, CA 94945  
(415) 897-1196

**HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**Grades: 6 – 8**

589 students  
School hours:  
8:00 to 2:25 M/T/W/Th  
9:00 to 2:25 Fridays  
Library hours: 7:40 to 3:30

*Mission: Maximize student success through academic achievement and social development.*

Hill was completely remodeled in 1991 when it opened as a middle school. The school facilities include a multi-use room, gym, two computer labs, research lab, media center, library, science labs, art room and television studio.

Hill's commitment to student learning is reflected in its emphasis on the whole child. Whether it is in the core curriculum, student activities, performing arts, physical fitness, foreign language, computer education, counseling or peer educators, the emphasis is on the student. A well-established positive reward system for academics and behavior is in place.

Hill's after school support programs won the Marin County Golden Bell Award in 2000 and again in 2002 for their garden and beautification project. The teacher of this garden project, Joyce Derr, won the award of Bay Area teacher of the Year from KTVU. Hill was designated a California Distinguished School in 1994 and 2001. ◆

**Louise Koenig, Principal**  
**Hill Middle School**  
720 Diablo Avenue  
Novato, CA 94947  
(415) 893-1557

**SAN JOSE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**Grades: 6 – 8**

508 students

School hours: 8:00 to 2:10

Library hours:

8:30 to 12:00 and 12:30 to 4:00

*Mission: Where children learn and grow in a supportive environment.*

San Jose Middle School is located on 18 acres. Special facilities include a library, gymnasium, new computer/multi-media lab, band and chorus room, a wood shop and several turf-ed playing fields.

San Jose's staff provides a safe, inviting environment for students where social and emotional growth is valued. All students in English language arts, history, social science, science and physical education take a common core curriculum. Math and science are offered in heterogeneous groups. Elective exploratory courses allow students to pursue areas of interest. A variety of elective courses are offered including: exploratory, Spanish I, publication, music, drama, woodshop, art, leadership and various support classes.

The instructional approach encourages independent thinking, integration of content, cooperative learning and infusion of technology. Student activities are numerous. San Jose received a Marin County Golden Bell Award in 2002 for its school-wide project, is a California Distinguished School and is the first recipient of a Hewlett/Annenburg Grant in Marin County. San Jose Middle School is one of four Novato schools that have received a grant from the Bay Area School Reform Collaborative (BASRC) in collaboration with the District Education Center. The focus of the grant is improving students' reading skills. ◆

**Debra Kubin, Principal**  
**San Jose Middle School**  
1000 Sunset Parkway  
Novato, CA 94949  
(415) 883-7831

**SINALOA MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**Grades: 6 – 8**

751 students

School hours: 8:20 to 2:30

Library hours:

8:30 to 3:30

*Mission: Sinaloa Middle School is a supportive community where students are challenged to acquire the knowledge and skills to live as responsible individuals in a world of change.*

Sinaloa Middle School is located on a 25-acre wooded site and has facilities that include a library, gymnasium, computer lab, woodshop, band, art and drama rooms and several large turf-ed playing fields. Spanish is offered in the eighth grade.

Sinaloa offers multiple avenues for students to develop a sound educational foundation through emphasis on study skills and critical thinking. A guidance program in educational planning, goal setting and decision-making assists students in becoming independent and self-confident. Peer tutoring matches students who help each other with schoolwork. Grades 7 and 8 are trained to act as buddies for incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders. All standard middle school required courses and electives are offered.

Special events and activities are part of Sinaloa's daily routine. Student clubs are primarily oriented toward community and school service. Sinaloa won a Marin County Golden Bell for its student activities program and was named a California Distinguished Middle School in 2003. ◆

**Kit Gabbard, Principal**  
**Sinaloa Middle School**  
2045 Vineyard Road  
Novato, CA 94947  
(415) 897-2111

**MARIN OAKS HIGH SCHOOL**

**Grades: 9 – 12**

63 students

School hours: 8:25 to 2:12

*Mission: "Promote resilient, compassionate and responsible young adults" in a small community where students actively participate in both the learning and the decision-making.*

Marin Oaks High School is the district's alternative high school located on the Novato High School campus. This location gives students an opportunity to enroll in elective classes at Novato High School in addition to their assigned core curriculum.

Marin Oaks High School continues to offer an alternative program for students looking for a smaller learning environment with greater flexibility. Students enrolled have the opportunity to make up lost credits while working to improve basic skills. A counseling program is part of the basic curriculum with each student developing an Individual Learning Plan.

In addition to offering individual instruction and counseling support, Marin Oaks' students are able to take advantage of a variety of instructional strategies including small classroom instruction, computer assisted instruction, project-based curriculum, local community college courses and Regional Occupational Program classes. ♦

**Toni Beal, Assistant Principal  
Marin Oaks High School  
611 Arthur Street  
Novato, CA 94947  
(415) 892-8733**

**NOVA INDEPENDENT STUDY**

**Grades: Kindergarten – 12**

93 students

Center hours: 8:00 to 4:00

*Mission: The world is a teacher.*

NOVA Independent Study program is the only K-12 independent study program in Marin County. It is located on the Hill Middle School site on the left side of the campus.

NOVA is an alternative program that offers self-directed and individualized learning experiences for elementary and secondary school students. A wide variety of human and standards-based material resources are available for students. Instruction is collaborative between the student and the teachers. NOVA requires the same number of credits for graduation as required by all Novato schools at the 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade level.

In 2004, NOVA Independent Study was commended for its fine program and received a full six-year accreditation with a three-year review by WASC. ♦

**Beth Noble, Lead Teacher  
Rudy Tassano, Assistant Principal  
NOVA  
740 Diablo Avenue  
Novato, CA 94945  
(415) 897-7653**

**NOVATO HIGH SCHOOL**

**Grades: 9 – 12**

1,145 students

School hours: 8:20 to 2:30

Optional period: 7:20

Library hours: 7:30 to 3:00

plus 1.5 additional hours one day a week

*Mission: To educate and inspire out students, instill respect for self and others, and develop an appreciation for learning, in a safe and positive environment. Novato High School will prepare students for post-secondary education, for economic self-sufficiency, and for effective citizenship in a culturally diverse democratic society.*

Novato High School is situated on 38 acres, with 56 classrooms, labs, a lecture hall, career center, library, music room, three computer labs and two gymnasiums. Outdoor facilities include tennis and basketball courts, softball and baseball diamonds, a football stadium and a swimming pool.

Novato High School provides students with many opportunities to develop their personal interaction skills. Critical thinking and problem-solving skills are an integral part of student assignments. The academic program covers college preparatory courses (honors/advanced placement), vocational and general education, art, music, business, technology, and industrial arts. Novato is home to the Marin School of the Arts, a general arts-based magnet school. An array of co-curricular activities is available. Novato High has won the Marin County Academic Decathlon eight years in a row. Novato High School’s faculty is comprised of professional educators who are fully credentialed and in some cases possess advanced degrees. ♦

**Rey Mayoral, Principal**  
**Novato High School**  
625 Arthur Street  
Novato, CA 94947  
(415) 898-2125

**SAN MARIN HIGH SCHOOL**

**Grades: 9 – 12**

1,060 students

School hours: 8:20 to 2:30

Optional period: 7:25

Library hours: 7:30 to 3:00

plus 1.5 additional hours one day a week

*Mission: Provide a supportive environment where each student can attain his or her potential.*

San Marin High School is located on 39.6 acres. It has a gymnasium, student center, career center, science lecture room and language, computer and photo labs. Its athletic facilities include tennis and basketball courts, baseball diamonds and a football stadium.

San Marin has established educational objectives aimed at providing students with challenging learning experiences in academics, in making future career and educational choices, in appreciating arts, in developing an understanding of the world community, the role of citizenship and personal responsibility, and in promoting desirable leisure-time activities.

San Marin has an award-winning band and choir and an assortment of clubs to meet the wide range of student interests. Over 80% of our students are involved in athletic or performing arts, which represent their involvement and pride in San Marin High School. In 2002, San Marin High School received a Marin County Golden Bell Award for its Communications and Multi-media Academy. ♦

**Loeta Andersen, Principal**  
**San Marin High School**  
15 San Marin Drive  
Novato, CA 94945  
(415) 898-2121

**NOVATO CHARTER SCHOOL**

**Grades: Kindergarten – 8**

234 students

School hours:

Kindergarten: 8:45 to 12:45  
Grades 1 - 5: 8:50 to 3:00 M, T,W, F  
8:30 – 1:00 Th

*School vision: Committed to educating the whole child through a Waldorf-Inspired curriculum.*

Novato Charter School is a public charter school in which teachers use educational methods that nurture and inspire creativity, critical thinking, and motivated learning. As an institution committed to educating the whole child, the school endeavors to foster the unfolding of each child’s full potential. Using a Waldorf-method’s curriculum integrated with current best educational practices and State standards, our teachers nurture the imagination in the early years in order to build a foundation for abstract thinking. The child’s intellect is appropriately challenged in the middle years and through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. This education places equal emphasis on a solid academic foundation, artistic expression and social/emotional development.

Novato Charter School offers visual and performing arts, foreign language, music programs, handwork, woodworking, gardening and environmental education, games and celebration of seasonal festivities. ◆

**Rachael Bishop, Director**  
**Novato Charter School**  
940 C Street  
Novato, CA 94949  
(415) 883-4254

**MARIN SCHOOL OF ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL**

**Grades: 9 – 12**

220 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders this year, with 110 new 9<sup>th</sup> graders enrolling annually to 400 students.

Grade 9 - 12: 9:00 to 3:30

*Mission: MSAT is dedicated to helping students achieve personal and academic success using project-based learning, integration of arts and technology, personalization and high expectations for all students.*

MSAT is a public charter high school located on the Indian Valley Campus of the College of Marin. Based on a nationally recognized, award-winning model for high school education, MSAT offers a rigorous, relevant curriculum based on proven best practices. MSAT students will graduate qualified and prepared for college and career, and having mastered core academic, leadership, art and technology skills. MSAT has a student-teacher ratio of 22-1.

MSAT’s teachers are state certified, experienced and passionate. Stewart Fox, a middle and high school administrator with more than 25 years of experience, and Bob Lenz, an experienced Marin educator, teacher trainer and member of the Board of Directors of Marin’s Buck Institute for Education, are MSAT’s co-principals. ◆

**Stewart Fox, Co-Principal**  
**Bob Lenz, Co-Principal**  
**Marin School of Arts and Technology**  
**Charter School**  
1850 Ignacio Blvd., Suite 100  
Novato, CA 94949  
(415) 883-7390



**REED SCHOOL**

**Grades: Kindergarten – 2**

377 Students

Schools hours:

8:20 to 1:00 (K)

8:20 to 2:30 (1 - 2)

Library Hours:

8:30 to 3:00

Reed School offers a nurturing and challenging climate for the primary age student. In addition to a full academic program, there is a school-wide focus on developmentally appropriate programs, positive reinforcement, integration of art into the curriculum, beginning computer education and a special motor development program. The school facilities include a multi-purpose room, library, music room and turf athletic field. The average class size is 18.

Each class has a full-time teacher and a 1 1/2-hour instructional assistant. The staff also includes a principal, reading specialist, media specialist, music, art, physical education teachers, a technology teacher and office staff. A childcare center adjacent to Reed School is available for parent-paid before and after school care.

Reed has been named a California Distinguished School (2002) in recognition of its academic excellence and meeting the needs of all students. ◆

**Lexie Sifford, Principal  
Reed School  
1199 Tiburon Boulevard  
Tiburon, CA 94920  
(415) 435-7840**

**BEL AIRE SCHOOL**

**Grades: 3 – 5**

341 Students

School hours:

8:05 to 2:40

Library Hours:

8:30 to 3:00

Bel Aire offers an academic curriculum in language arts, math, history/social studies and science. The school facility includes a multi-purpose room, library, computer laboratory, music room and turf athletic field. The average class size is 20 in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades.

Each class has a full-time teacher and a 1.5 hour assistant. The staff also includes a principal, reading specialist, media specialist, teachers for music, physical education, computers and art, a technology specialist, a Learning Center teacher and office staff.

The student program is enriched by an active student council, a Gold Rush Country overnight, an environmental studies outdoor education class and an opportunity to visit Washington, D.C. Parent-paid, on site childcare is available before and after school.

Bel Aire has been named a California Distinguished School (2000) and a National Blue Ribbon School (2001) in recognition of its academic excellence and meeting the individual needs of students. ◆

**Patti Purcell, Principal  
Bel Aire School  
277 Karen Way  
Tiburon, CA 94920  
(415) 388-7100**

**DEL MAR SCHOOL**

**Grades: 6 – 8**

370 Students

School Hours:

8:20 to 3:00

Library Hours:

8:15 to 3:15

Del Mar provides a daily academic program in math, language arts, science, history/social studies and physical education, with electives in art, music, journalism, yearbook and steel band. Students take Spanish daily in the 7th and 8th grades for a semester or full year and for one quarter in the 6th grade. Class size in academic subjects ranges from 20 to 22. An extra reading class is also offered for students who need assistance. There is also a small “opportunity class” designed to meet the needs of students who have difficulty with the traditional middle school schedule.

The school facility includes a gymnasium, library, computer laboratory, music/drama room, snack bar and turf athletic field. On staff are 25 teachers, a principal, assistant principal, librarian, counselor, media specialist and office staff.

Del Mar has been named a California Distinguished Middle School in 2003 for the third time since 1994, in recognition of its academic excellence, peer counseling and leadership programs. ◆

**Sandy Kuzma, Principal  
Del Mar School  
105 Avenida Miraflores  
Tiburon, CA 94920  
(415) 435-1468**







**BROOKSIDE LOWER  
CAMPUS ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL**

**Grades: Kindergarten – 2**

270 students

School hours:

AM Kindergarten:

8:30 to 12:00 M-F

PM Kindergarten:

11:35 to 3:05 M, T, Th, F

W - 8:30 to 12:00

Grades 1 and 2 Slip Session

8:30 to 1:55 or 9:30 to

3:05

M, T, Th, F

W - 8:30 to 1:55

Library hours:

8:30 to 3:00

Brookside School, a 1995-96 California Distinguished School and recipient of the Golden Bell Award, is housed on two separate sites in suburban San Anselmo. The facilities include a music room, art room, computer labs, a school garden, multi-use room, playing field and daycare facility.

Brookside balances the rigors of state standards with project-based learning. Instruction is aimed at promoting critical and creative thinking with a strong foundation in basic skills. Community service is emphasized through science and ecology projects. Private, parent-paid childcare is available. ♦

**David Finnane, Principal  
Brookside Lower Campus  
Elementary School**  
116 Butterfield Road  
San Anselmo, CA 94960  
(415) 453-2948

**BROOKSIDE UPPER  
CAMPUS ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL**

**Grades: 3 - 5**

281 students

School hours:

8:20 to 2:55

Library hours:

8:00 to 3:00

Brookside School, a 1995-96 California Distinguished School and recipient of the Golden Bell Award, is housed on two separate sites in suburban San Anselmo. The facilities include a music room, art room, multi-purpose room, newly remodeled library and computer lab, playing field and garden.

Brookside balances the rigors of state standards with project-based learning. Instruction is aimed at promoting critical creative thinking with a strong foundation in basic skills. We participate in a school wide Life Skills program and Bully-Proofing. Community service is emphasized through ecology projects and school-wide efforts such as coat drives, food drives, Pennies for Peace, etc. Private, parent-paid childcare is available at the Lower campus. ♦

**Kandee Adams, Principal  
Brookside Upper Campus  
Elementary School**  
46 Green Valley Court  
San Anselmo, CA 94960  
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**MANOR SCHOOL**

**Grades: Kindergarten - 5**

315 students

School hours:

AM Kindergarten:

8:30 to 12:00 M, T, Th, F

8:30 to 12:00 W

PM Kindergarten:

11:35 to 3:05 M, T, Th, F

8:30 to 12:00 W

Grades 1 - 2:

8:30 to 1:55 or 9:30 to 3:05

W - 8:30 to 1:55

Grades 3 - 5:

8:30 to 3:05 M, T, Th, F

8:30 to 1:55 W

Library hours:

8:30 to 3:30

Manor School is situated in the Oak Manor neighborhood of Fairfax. The facility has a library, art room, computer lab, and multi-purpose room for school-wide events. It also has two playing fields, a nature trail and a school garden.

Teaching in the primary grades promotes opportunities for multi-age learning experiences with a strong emphasis on basic skills. Teaching in the upper grades incorporates project-based learning. Manor School is also the host school to the district's alternative program for K-5. Classroom assistants help in primary classrooms. Title I and resource specialist assistance are available. All students receive art and music instruction taught by specialists. ♦

**Sue Akeson, Principal  
Manor School**  
150 Oak Manor Drive  
Fairfax, CA 94930  
(415) 453-1544

**WADE THOMAS SCHOOL**

**Grades: Kindergarten - 5**

296 students

School hours:

AM Kindergarten:

8:30 to 12:00 M, T, Th, F, 8:30 to 12:00 W

PM Kindergarten:

11:35 to 3:05 M, T, Th, F, 8:30 to 12:00 W

Grades 1 - 2:

8:30 to 1:55 or 9:30 to 3:05, 8:30 to 1:55 W

Grades 3 - 5:

8:30 to 3:05 M, T, Th, F, 8:30 to 1:55 W

Library hours: 8:30 to 3:00

Wade Thomas, twice selected as a California Distinguished School, is located in one of San Anselmo's oldest residential neighborhoods and is built on the site of the very first school in San Anselmo. The school facility includes a computer lab, music room, and art room plus a multi-use room and playground, which are used extensively by the community during non-school hours.

The core curriculum is based on state standards and includes project-based activities to engage students in their own learning. The district-adopted curricula in reading and math provide continuity for student learning K-5. Wade Thomas has a school-wide program to promote strong values, a sense of respect, responsibility and cooperation. Our district foundation provides enrichment programs in music, art and poetry. Students and parents are actively involved in community activities and ecology projects. Each class sponsors a separate project and adopts a family as part of an all-school community outreach. The Parent Association and community members volunteer many hours in the classrooms and on school improvement projects. ♦

**Bryce Sumnick, Principal**  
**Wade Thomas School**  
150 Ross Avenue  
San Anselmo, CA 94960  
(415) 4603

**WHITE HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**Grades: 6 - 8**

602 students

School hours:

8:00 to 8:45 (Pre-period)

8:50 to 3:15

Library hours: 8:30 to 3:00

White Hill Middle School, located on a 22-acre site at the base of White's Hill in Fairfax, is the middle school for three elementary feeder schools in the Ross Valley School District. In June 2001, White Hill Middle School received recognition as a California Distinguished School.

The core academic program is challenging, offering a breadth of opportunity in elective classes and an enrichment wheel and is supplemented by an active student activities program. In addition, credentialed instructors teach music, fine arts, foreign language and physical education courses. Thirty-three teachers, two administrators and fourteen support staff, supported by an active and generous community, implement the rigorous educational program at White Hill Middle School. A full-time counselor provides extensive group and individual service.

White Hill uses a block schedule to encourage in-depth project-based learning. During the 2004-2005 school year, White Hill will be completing reform work associated with its participation in the Bay Area Reform Cooperative (BASRC) relating to deepening curriculum, improving instruction and better meeting the needs of under performing students. ♦

**Glenn Wolkenfeld, Principal**  
**White Hill School**  
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Fairfax, CA 94930  
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# RURAL SCHOOLS OF MARIN COUNTY

Four rural school districts serve the agricultural communities in the central corridor of Marin County. Each district has only one school. Laguna, Lincoln and Union Joint School Districts provide an educational program for kindergarten through sixth grade. Students entering grades seven, eight and high school are served by the Petaluma Joint Union High School District. The Nicasio School District, the largest of the four schools, has combination classrooms and provides an education program for kindergarten through eighth grade. These students reside in the Tamalpais Union High School District. The four rural school districts have a combined enrollment of approximately 125 students.

## Support Services

Each school receives the services of a special education resource specialist, speech and language teacher, psychologist and nurse provided by the Marin County Office of Education. Videos, films, instructional resources, technology support and staff development classes are also available from the Marin County Office of Education.

## Student Achievement

Due to the unique nature of each school community, individual student progress is primarily assessed through classroom assignments, portfolios, projects and individual learning plans as well as standardized tests. Teachers hold conferences with parents and send home progress reports cards on a regularly scheduled basis. Students grades 2-11 also participate in the STAR (State Testing and Reporting) Program. STAR results are available at each district office or online at the California Department of Education's website: <http://star.cde.ca.gov>

## Community Involvement

Teachers, students, parents and board members work together throughout the year to provide activities that create a sense of community. Jointly sponsored activities include the annual Harvest Festival, picture day, field trips, physical fitness day and holiday plays.

**LAGUNA JOINT SCHOOL  
AND DISTRICT**

**Grades: Kindergarten – 6**

30 students

School hours:

Kindergarten: 8:30 to 12:00

Grades 1 - 6: 8:30 to 2:30

Library hours:

8:30 to 2:30

The Laguna Joint School District was organized in 1867 as a part of the San Antonio Township. It is served by Laguna School.

The one-room school offers a full academic program with an emphasis on English language arts development, use of math manipulatives, hands-on science, creative writing and technology. Laguna School employs one principal/teacher, one full-time and one half-time credentialed teachers and one part-time bilingual aide. Instructional strategies include small group learning and one-to-one teaching. The Bookmobile supplies bilingual reading materials, cassette tapes and a full complement of library books.

Student portfolios are maintained to assess student progress. Kindergarten students are assessed twice a year; K-6 receive report cards quarterly. Parents work closely with the teachers. Conferences are scheduled at the end of the first quarter and as needed. ♦

**Pamela Brambila  
Principal/Teacher**

**Laguna School**  
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Petaluma, CA 94952  
(707) 762-6051

<http://mcoeweb.marin.k12.ca.us/rurals/laguna>

**LINCOLN SCHOOL  
AND DISTRICT**

**Grades: Kindergarten – 6**

9 students

School hours:

Kindergarten: 8:30 to 12:15

Grades 1 - 6: 8:30 to 2:45 M/T/W/F  
8:30 - 1:30 Th

Lincoln School is located six miles west of Petaluma. The one-room school district was established in 1872.

Lincoln School offers a full academic program in all curriculum areas. Instruction also includes computer science, health and current events. The Bookmobile supplies bilingual reading materials, cassette tapes and a full complement of library books. The school employs a credentialed teacher, who also serves as principal, and a part-time instructional assistant.

Effort grades are given to kindergarten through grade 4. Grades 5 and 6 receive letter grade report cards. Parent conferences for all students are held during the first semester and again in the spring when needed. ♦

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Principal/Teacher**

**Lincoln School**  
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**NICASIO SCHOOL  
AND DISTRICT**

**Grades: Kindergarten – 8**

67 students

School hours:

Kindergarten: 8:40 to 12:00

Grades 1 - 8: 8:40 to 3:00

Library hours:

9:00 to 3:00

Nicasio School is the largest of the four rural school districts in Marin County.

Nicasio School has five fully credentialed teachers with classes for grades K/1, 2/3, 3/4/5 and 6/7/8. Students also receive Spanish, music and art instruction. Special teacher aides work closely with all the teachers.

Bond funds have been used to modernize and build "new" facilities, including a library and technology lab, science and art rooms plus a large multi-use room.

An outdoor area for garden/environmental science study is being constructed by students, volunteers and staff from funds donated by the community.

Strong parent support and participation, a thriving school foundation along with an extremely dedicated staff make Nicasio School an excellent student learning environment. ♦

**Kathleen Ferrando  
Principal/Teacher  
Nicasio School**

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Nicasio, CA 94946

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<http://mcoeweb.marin.k12.ca.us/rurals/nicasio>

**UNION JOINT SCHOOL  
AND DISTRICT**

**Grades: Kindergarten – 6**

16 students

School hours:

Kindergarten: 8:30 to 1:00

Grades 1 - 6: 8:30 to 2:30

Library hours:

8:30 to 2:30

The Union Joint School District is situated in the rural area just west of Petaluma in Marin County. One school, Union Elementary, serves the kindergarten through sixth grade children of this district.

Union School provides an integrated academic program. The two full-time teachers work closely together to provide students with a comprehensive program. Themes are pursued across the curriculum, tying together the studies of literature, social studies, music, art and making connections between math, science, history and current events. The Bookmobile comes to Union School weekly.

All students receive detailed progress reports through parent conferences and quarterly report cards. Parents work closely with the school. Monthly parent meetings provide a forum for discussing school programs and issues. ♦

**Deborah Brayton  
Principal/Teacher  
Union School**

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**BAHIA VISTA SCHOOL**

**Grades: Kindergarten – 5**

438 students

School hours:

8:00 to 1:20 (Extended Kindergarten)

8:00 to 2:20 (Grades 1 - 5)

Early Dismissal on Wednesday

Library Hours: 10:00 to 2:00

Bahia Vista School serves the communities east of Highway 101 and south of the San Rafael Canal, including Larkspur Landing.

In 2005, an entirely new school facility will be built on the existing location to accommodate approximately the same size enrollment now served. Students will be relocated temporarily to the Short School Campus (K-2) and the Davidson Annex (3-5) during construction of the new facility.

Bahia Vista School has a strong focus on literacy and uses “Success for All,” a phonics-based reading program developed at Johns Hopkins University. Student achievement of fundamental skills is stressed and measured through standardized tests, benchmark assessments, portfolios of student work and teacher observation. English learning students also receive daily structured, systematic instruction in English Language Development.

The school community celebrates student cultural and ethnic diversity. The Bahia Vista Family Center (BVFC) serves students and their families by providing access to a variety of services and after school programs. The BVFC is a Healthy Start Program. The school also has an Even Start family literacy program as well as an extensive after school program through grant funding. ♦

**Juan Rodriguez, Principal**

**Bahia Vista School**

125 Bahia Way

San Rafael, CA 94901

(415) 485-2415

**COLEMAN SCHOOL**

**Grades: Kindergarten – 5**

290 students

School hours:

8:35 to 1:30 or

11:15 to 2:36 (Kindergarten)

8:35 to 2:56 (Grades 1 - 5)

Early Dismissal on Wednesday

Library Hours: 9:00 to 3:00

Coleman School, located east of Highway 101 near Central San Rafael, serves the Dominican neighborhood and downtown San Rafael. It is an entirely new school facility, constructed in 2004. Classrooms are arranged around the library, which serves as a focal point on the campus. A separate kindergarten building is located at the front of the campus to provide easy access for students and their families. The campus also includes a multi-purpose building and soccer field.

Coleman School received a literacy grant that provides staff development and teacher support in the reading program. Technology supports learning across the curriculum and in the library resource center. Also, every classroom has access to state-of-the-art technology. In addition to the core curriculum, Coleman offers music, physical education, creative arts instruction, school tutorials and after school enrichment and support classes.

The school/parent community is actively involved as volunteers on SSC, PTA and SELAC Committees. Parent-paid after school daycare is available on site. ♦

**Ruth Reynolds, Principal**

**Coleman School**

800 Belle Avenue

San Rafael, CA 94901

(415) 485-2372

**DAVIDSON MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**Grades: 6 - 8**

930 students

School hours:  
8:00 to 2:15

Library hours:  
8:00 to 2:30

Davidson Middle School is a culturally diverse grade 6-8 school serving San Rafael. Davidson is currently undergoing modernization that is scheduled to be completed by year end 2005.

Davidson offers a comprehensive core curriculum with elective classes in foreign language, music, industrial arts, drama, art and computer literacy. Also available are advanced classes in mathematics, English, support classes in special education and English Language Development. Davidson offers programs for Gifted and Talented students and countywide competitive sports.

Various forms of technology exist in all the classrooms. The campus has two multimedia computer labs and a science technology lab. An extensive after school learning program is available through grant funding.

Davidson is a California Distinguished School, a National Blue Ribbon School and a National Excellence in Education Award recipient. ♦

**Ed Colucci, Principal**  
**Davidson Middle School**  
280 Woodland Avenue  
San Rafael, CA 94901  
(415) 485-2400

**GALLINAS SCHOOL**

**Grades: Kindergarten - 8**

564 students

School hours:  
8:30 to 3:00 (6th - 8th Grades)  
8:30 to 2:50 (1st - 5th)  
8:30 to 11:50 (Kindergarten)  
11:20 to 2:50 (Kindergarten)  
Early Dismissal on Wednesdays  
Library Hours: 8:30 to 3:30

Gallinas School is a K-8 school serving the communities of Los Ranchitos and Santa Venetia. It is located in northeast San Rafael near Marin County Civic Center. The school is scheduled to be modernized in 2005.

Gallinas School emphasizes a curriculum that challenges each child to excel in reading, writing, mathematics and science. The school is expanding classroom technology to enhance student learning. Art, music, drama and special physical education programs provide enrichment to all students. Students grades K-5 may opt to participate in an English/Spanish Bilingual Program that develops student literacy in both languages by the 5th grade.

The 6-8 grade program consists of two to three classes at each grade level. The program offers a full range of challenging, academic instruction using district and state standards as guidelines. Flexible grouping is used and is based on student needs and interests as well as ongoing parent and teacher assessment.

The schedule includes a daily physical education program, instrumental music instruction

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and a number of exploratory courses in addition to core academic classes. Extra curricular activities include a Homework Club and an after school sports program.

The school's access to wetlands and a model school community garden fosters a focus on specialized environmental science projects. The school has a library, computer labs, gymnasium and several playgrounds.

Gallinas School has a very active PTA that coordinates special events and volunteer efforts. The student population reflects the cultural mix of the city of San Rafael.

A large after-school program is available through grant funding. Day care is available before and after school. ♦

**Tracy Smith, Principal**  
**Gallinas School**  
177 North San Pedro Road  
San Rafael, CA 94903  
(415) 492-3150

**GLENWOOD SCHOOL**  
**Grades: Kindergarten – 5**

364 students  
School hours:  
8:45 to 2:00 (Extended Kindergarten)  
8:45 to 3:05 (Grades 1 - 5)  
Early Dismissal on Wednesdays  
Library hours: 9:00 to 3:00

Glenwood School, a National Blue Ribbon School, located east of Central San Rafael, serves the area from Bayside Acres east to Peacock Gap. Glenwood School has a multipurpose building, state-of-the-art computer lab, new art and science building, a large library and baseball diamond and soccer fields. The school's access to a marsh provides for a seasonal environmental studies program.

Glenwood school provides standards-based instruction and enrichment programs that lead to a high level of academic excellence. Parent involvement and an emphasis on family activities are vital components of the Glenwood School program. The many volunteer hours given by parents (approximately 6,000 hours per year) greatly benefit the school.

The school community is culturally diverse, representing many countries. Education workshops help parents integrate learning into family life. Active parent participation is evident and welcomed throughout the school.

After school programs include scout troops, sports, classes in Spanish, computers, science and art. Daycare is available before and after school.◆

**Kathy O'Keefe, Principal**  
**Glenwood School**  
25 Castlewood Drive  
San Rafael, CA 94901  
(415) 485-2430

**LAUREL DELL SCHOOL**  
**Grades: Kindergarten – 5**

137 students  
School hours:  
8:30 to 1:30 (Extended Kindergarten)  
8:30 to 2:50 (Grades 1 - 5)  
Early Dismissal on Wednesdays  
Library hours: 10:00 to 12:00

Laurel Dell School, the district's newest school, opened its doors September 4, 1996. Laurel Dell serves students both in the Bret Harte neighborhood and throughout the district. The school has seven classrooms, a library and a computer lab.

Laurel Dell offers students a multi-age classroom experience and an extended day kindergarten program. The curriculum is delivered through developmentally appropriate single-grade and multi-age instructional practices that meet the needs of the children. Both multi-age and single-grade classrooms provide quality standards-based programs in literacy, mathematics, science and social science.

Laurel Dell enjoys a diversity of cultures among the student body. The PTA is very active and supports the total school community, sponsoring special events and coordinating parent efforts such as creating a school garden.

After school programs include art, drama, science, academic tutoring and sports that are funded through a grant. ◆

**Julie Harris, Principal**  
**Laurel Dell School**  
225 Woodland Avenue  
San Rafael, CA 94901  
(415) 485-2317

**SAN PEDRO SCHOOL**  
**Grades: Kindergarten – 5**

385 students  
School hours:  
8:45 to 2:06 (Extended Kindergarten)  
8:45 to 3:06 (Grades 1 - 5)  
Early Dismissal on Wednesdays  
Library hours: 9:00 to 3:00

San Pedro School is located east of downtown San Rafael. It serves the communities east of Highway 101 and the area south of the San Rafael Canal. The school has 17 classrooms, a special day classroom, a multi-use room and a library. The library is open daily and used in the after school program. Computers are used in all subject areas, with three to seven computers in every classroom. The school is scheduled to be modernized in 2005.

San Pedro School received a special grant for providing staff training and support for implementing the newly adopted reading program. A school-wide gardening program brings life to the science program. Structured daily lessons in English Language Development are provided to all English learners.

Enrichment programs include artists-in-residence for music, art, noontime intramural sports, 4th and 5th grade chorus, drama, outdoor education and an after school program. Off-site daycare is available after school with available transportation. An extensive after school program is available through grant funding. ◆

**Kathryn Gibney, Principal**  
**San Pedro School**  
498 Point San Pedro Road  
San Rafael, CA 94901  
(415) 485-2450

**SUN VALLEY SCHOOL**  
**Grades: Kindergarten – 5**

392 students  
School hours:  
8:30 to 11:50 or  
11:10 to 2:50 (Kindergarten)  
8:30 to 2:53 (Grades 1 - 5)  
Early Dismissal on Wednesdays  
Library hours: 8:30 to 2:30

Sun Valley School is located at the western end of San Rafael adjacent to rolling hills and acres of open space. The school serves the western portion of San Rafael including the Gerstle Park and Spring Grove areas. Sun Valley School has a new multipurpose building, library, soccer field and school garden and is enjoying their newly renovated school facility.

The curriculum at Sun Valley is delivered through developmentally appropriate single-grade and multi-age instructional practices that meet the needs of the children. Both multi-age and single-grade classrooms provide quality standards-based programs in literacy, mathematics, science and social science. Fifth grade students participate in outdoor education.

Curriculum planning time has been established to allow for enhanced professional development for all K-5 teachers.

After school activities include art, foreign language, sports and scout troops.

Off-site day care is available after school with available transportation. ◆

**Linda Reed, Principal**  
**Sun Valley School**  
75 Happy Lane  
San Rafael, CA 94901  
(415) 485-2440



**SAN RAFAEL HIGH SCHOOL**

**Grades: 9 – 12**

974 students

School hours: 8:00 to 3:35

Library hours: 7:30 to 3:30

San Rafael High School is a 116 year old institution occupying 33 acres in central San Rafael. The school has an auditorium, theater, wood and metal shops, five computer labs, a swimming pool, three gyms, six tennis courts, a radio station and an all-weather track and lighted athletic field. The school is currently undergoing modernization, scheduled to be completed in 2005.

San Rafael High offers college preparatory instruction and more than 20 honors/advancement placement courses in math, English, foreign language, social studies, fine arts and science. San Rafael High offers courses in technology, business, industrial arts, computer networking and other vocations. Along with the award winning music program, courses are also offered in theatre and fine arts. A rigorous English Language Development program serves a student population representing 30 countries. Wiring for classrooms has been completed since San Rafael’s status as a Digital High School.

2004 Scholastic Aptitude Test

	SRHS	CA	US
Math	524	519	518
Verbal	544	501	508

The staff includes 53 certificated teachers, one assistant principal, a dean and two counselors to assist the principal. Approximately 80% of the students enter college each year. ♦

**Judith B. Colton, Principal**  
**San Rafael High School**  
185 Mission Avenue  
San Rafael, CA 94901  
(415) 485-2330

**TERRA LINDA HIGH SCHOOL**

**Grades: 9 – 12**

1,020 students

School hours: 8:00 to 3:10

Library hours: 7:45 to 3:15

Terra Linda High School provides comprehensive 9-12 grade education on a well-equipped and spacious campus in northern San Rafael. TLHS has computer labs, a journalism lab, a media center, Computer Assisted Design lab and a physics lab. Athletic facilities include a gymnasium, pool, track, football, soccer and baseball fields. The school is currently undergoing modernization, scheduled to be completed in 2005.

TLHS offers more than 20 honors/ advanced placement courses in English, math, science, social studies and foreign language. TLHS provides technical preparation in business, design/ construction and auto mechanics. Quality drama, music and athletic programs are also offered.

2004 Scholastic Aptitude Test

	TLHS	CA	US
Math	576	519	518
Verbal	565	501	508

A well-trained and highly qualified group of professionals staff TLHS. As a Digital High School, TLHS has completed networking throughout the school. More than 90% of the graduates enter post-secondary educational institutions. The staff includes 58 certificated teachers, one assistant principal and 1.4 counselors to assist the principal. ♦

**Carole Ramsey, Principal**  
**Terra Linda High School**  
320 Nova Albion Way  
San Rafael, CA 94903  
(415) 492-3100

**MADRONE CONTINUATION  
HIGH SCHOOL**

**Grades: 10 – 12**

52 students

School hours: 8:30 to 1:00

Office hours: 8:00 to 4:00

Library hours:

San Rafael High School:

7:30 to 3:30

Madrone Continuation High School provides an alternative secondary education on the San Rafael High School campus. Madrone shares the athletic and physical education facilities of San Rafael High School but operates independently with its own administration, students and facilities.

Students receive individualized attention in classes that emphasize academics, self-discipline, self-esteem and accountability. Each student is assigned a school counselor. Technology is integrated into the coursework, with a ratio of one computer per every two students. The average class size is 17 students. Student achievement is measured on a pass/fail grading system. Students participate in the Statewide Assessment Program (STAR).

Students may earn a diploma at Madrone or return to the comprehensive high school program. Graduation requirements are consistent with those of the comprehensive high school program. ♦

**Sue Denham, Principal  
Madrone Continuation High**  
310 Nova Albion Way  
San Rafael, CA 94903  
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**SAN RAFAEL ADULT  
EDUCATION**

250 students

Monday through Friday mornings:  
8:30 to 11:30

Monday and Wednesday evenings:  
7:00 to 9:00

Tuesday and Thursday evenings:  
6:30 to 8:30

For more information call: 492-3226

San Rafael Adult Education is an independent program offering classes in metalworking, steel pan drums and Spanish, as well as English as a Second Language (ESL) for limited and non-English speaking students.

ESL classes are held from Monday through Friday mornings from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Bahia Vista School and on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Gallinas School. Creativity through Metalworking and Intermediate Spanish are held on Tuesday evenings at San Rafael High and Steel Pan is held Tuesday evenings at Davidson Middle School.

San Rafael Adult Education operates independently with its own administration and students. ♦

**Naomi Spiegelman, Principal  
San Rafael Adult Education**  
310 Nova Albion Way  
San Rafael, CA 94903  
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**BAYSIDE ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL**

**Grades: Traditional K – 6**

Students: 112

School Hours: 8:30 to 3:10 M/T/Th/F  
8:30 to 1:40 W

Extended Day: 3:10 to 4:30 M/T/Th

Bayside Elementary School is located on a wooded 13-acre site in Sausalito. Facilities include computer and science laboratories, visual arts room, music room, multipurpose room, parent-teacher conference room and a two-story library.

In addition to core language arts, science, mathematics, social studies and physical education curriculum, elective classes are offered in art, visual and performing arts and student enrichment.

Bayside received the 2002 Marin County Golden Bell Award for its Montessori Program. Bayside has been noted as one of the safest schools in Marin County. Additionally, Bayside was honored in 1989 as a California Distinguished School in recognition of its program excellence. ◆

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Bayside Elementary School**

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**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
ACADEMY**

**Grades: Traditional 7 – 8**

Students: 57

School Hours: 8:15 to 3:20 M/T/Th/F  
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3:10 to 3:25 M/T/Th/F  
Extended Day: 3:20 to 4:30 M/T/Th

Martin Luther King, Jr. Academy is located on a sunny 11-acre site in Marin City. The district has designed a comprehensive education program that enables our middle school students to:

- Meet and exceed Educational Task Force goals;
- Develop a sense of academic purpose and commitment to personal growth that promotes academic excellence;
- Meet and exceed grade level expectations as measured by the STAR test;
- Be prepared to meet Marin County's standards for successful high school entrance. ◆

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**BODEGA BAY  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
Grades: Kindergarten – 4**

40 students

School hours:

Kindergarten: 8:30 to 2:50

Grades 1 - 5: 8:30 to 2:50

Library hours:

90 minutes per day

Bodega Bay Elementary School uses a comprehensive literacy plan and the wealth of local resources for core subject study. The average class size at Bodega Bay Elementary School is 21 students.

On staff are a part-time principal, two credentialed teachers and four support personnel. The parcel tax funds the services of a counselor, library and computer aide and a music instructor. There is a seminar program for gifted students.

Bodega Bay Elementary School has been recognized as a California Distinguished School and an honorable mention school by the California Department of Education for overall program excellence. ◆

**Jane Realon, Principal  
Bodega Bay Elementary  
1200 Cannon Street  
Bodega Bay, CA 94923  
(707) 875-2724**

**INVERNESS  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
Grades: Kindergarten – 1**

50 students

School hours:

Kindergarten: 8:45 to 12:10

Grade 1: 8:45 to 2:45

Library hours:

90 minutes per day

Inverness Elementary School offers developmentally appropriate education for primary age children.

Inverness Elementary School has two credentialed teachers and two teacher aides.

Average class size is 18 students. ◆

**Jim Patterson, Principal  
Inverness Elementary School  
Bayview and Mesa Street  
Point Reyes Station, CA 94956  
(415) 669-1018**

**TOMALES ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL  
Grades: Kindergarten – 8**

225 students

School hours:

Kindergarten: 8:30 to 12:30

Grades 1 - 8: 8:30 to 2:50

Library hours:

8:30 to 3:00

Proficiency for each student in every subject area is the goal at Tomales Elementary School. The average class size is 20 students.

The staff includes 11 classroom credentialed teachers, a resource specialist, a special day class teacher, an administrator, a counselor and nine support staff. Parcel tax funds provide programs in music, drama, library, art and computers and for counseling and instructional assistants. ◆

**Jane Realon, Principal  
Tomales Elementary School  
40 John Street  
Tomales, CA 94971  
(707) 878-2214**

**WEST MARIN ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL**

**Grades: 2 – 8**

137 students

School hours:

8:35 to 3:00

Library hours:

8:30 to 3:00

Reading, language arts, English as a Second Language and physical education are the focus of curriculum improvement at West Marin Elementary School. Grades 2-3 average 19 students per teacher. Grades 4-8 grade average 19 students.

The West Marin staff includes eight credentialed teachers, a special day class teacher, an administrator, a counselor and 14 support personnel. The school has daily Title I and English as a Second Language programs as well as the services of a resource specialist. Parcel assessment funding provides teachers and instructional materials for art, science, computer and music classes. ◆

**Jim Patterson, Principal**  
**West Marin Elementary**  
11550 State Route 1  
Point Reyes Station, CA 94956  
(415) 663-1014

**SHORELINE HIGH SCHOOL**

**Grades: 9 – 12**

3 students

School hours:

8:15 to 3:00

Library hours:

use Tomales High School library

Shoreline High School provides the district's alternative education program for grades 9-12.

Curriculum improvement is an ongoing part of the daily academic program.

Funds from the parcel assessment are allocated to expanding library resources and instructional programs for art, science, computer and music. ◆

**Terry Hughey, Principal**  
**Shoreline High School**  
Irvin Road  
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(707) 878-2286

**TOMALES HIGH SCHOOL**

**Grades: 9 – 12**

238 students

School hours:

8:15 to 3:00

Library hours:

8:30 to 3:30

Curriculum improvement is an ongoing part of the daily academic program at Tomales High School. The average class size is 14 students per teacher. The staff includes 20 credentialed teachers, an administrator, a full-time counselor and 11 support personnel.

Funds from the parcel assessment are allocated to expanding library resources and instructional programs for art, science, computers and music. One teacher is assigned several periods per day to provide student support to each class. ♦

**Terry Hughey, Principal**  
**Tomales High School**  
Irvin Road  
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(707) 878-2286

**SHORELINE INDEPENDENT STUDY SCHOOL**

**Grades: 8 – 12**

4 students

School hours:

8:15 to 5:00

Shoreline Independent Study School provides the district's independent studies curriculum program for grades K-12.

Curriculum improvement and development is an ongoing part of the academic program designed to meet state standards. ♦

**Terry Hughey, Principal**  
**Shoreline High School**  
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**REDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL**

**Grades: 9 – 12**

1,482 students

School hours:

8:00 to 3:10

Library hours:

7:30 to 4:00

Redwood High School occupies 57 acres in a residential area of Larkspur. As one of northern California’s top academic high schools, Redwood offers an outstanding college preparatory curriculum which includes honors and advanced placement classes as well as the opportunity for individual study and research through a Senior Project program. In addition, students in need of academic or emotional support are provided individualized programs that address particular needs.

Extra-curricular activities are an important part of the Redwood experience, with two-thirds of the student body participating in athletics. Leadership classes for student officers and others interested in planning school activities and a variety of student clubs round out the opportunities. ♦

**Nancy Neu, Principal**  
**Redwood High School**  
395 Doherty Drive  
Larkspur, CA 94939  
(415) 924-6200  
www.redwood.org

**SAN ANDREAS HIGH SCHOOL**

**Grades: 9 – 12**

132 students

School hours:

8:00 to 12:40

Library hours: N/A

San Andreas High School offers a student-centered program for high school students who experience difficulty in a large school setting. San Andreas recently had the distinction of being awarded state recognition as a Model Continuation School.

San Andreas has a maximum enrollment of 140 students. Students come to San Andreas from other high schools throughout the district.

The school offers a rich curriculum aligned with the district and state graduation requirements. There are classes in all levels of English, science, math, social studies, fine art, physical education, computer education, shop and agroecology. San Andreas has an excellent art studio, student garden, computer lab, science lab, woodshop and photo lab. Class sizes are small (average 15) and emphasis is placed on the students' individual needs. ♦

**Gerald Austin, Principal**  
**San Andreas High School**  
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Larkspur, CA 94939  
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<http://sanandreas.marin.k12.ca.us>



**TAMALPAIS HIGH SCHOOL**

**Grades: 9 – 12**

1,138 students

School hours:

8:00 to 4:00

Library hours:

M/T/Th/F: 7:30 to 4:00

Wed.: 7:30 to 4:30

Tamalpais High School, founded in 1908, is the oldest school in the Tamalpais Union High School District. The school is renowned for the beauty of its college-style campus featuring clusters of classroom buildings surrounded by landscaped grounds, art studios, computer labs, a media center in the library, two pools, two gymnasiums and expansive athletic fields.

With 91% of graduates entering college, Tamalpais High School offers a strong college preparatory program including honors and advanced placement and features unique programs integrating English and social studies and the sciences. Tamalpais High School enhances foreign language instruction with a state of the art digital language lab.

Student activities include more than 30 athletic teams, clubs, a leadership program and a nationally recognized drama program. ♦

**Chris Holleran, Principal  
Tamalpais High School**  
Miller Avenue and Camino Alto  
Mill Valley, CA 94941  
(415) 388-3292  
[www.tamhigh.org](http://www.tamhigh.org)

**TAMISCAL HIGH SCHOOL**

**Grades: 9 – 12**

113 students

Office hours:

8:00 to 4:00

Library hours: N/A

Tamiscal High School is a fully accredited alternative independent study secondary school providing opportunities for students to complete high school courses through self-directed individualized study. The school was established in 1990, is adjacent to San Andreas High School and operates independently.

Tamiscal offers a full range of courses in mathematics, English, social studies, science, foreign language, fine arts, technology and physical education leading to high school graduation and college entrance.

Tamiscal also offers a small experiential program, TEAM, for about 25 students, primarily juniors, which includes workplace learning, community service and wilderness experience.

Tamiscal students can access all the educational resources available to students within the Tamalpais Union High School District. ♦

**Marcie Miller, Principal  
Tamiscal High School**  
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Larkspur, CA 94939  
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# MARIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

## COLLEGE OF MARIN

College of Marin has been providing exceptional educational opportunities since 1926. The College has earned a reputation as a quality educational institution that provides a pathway for achievement and success for students of all ages.

Each semester about 8,000 students are enrolled in over 1,100 credit classes on the Kentfield and Indian Valley campuses. Approximately 100 international students participate in College of Marin's International Student Program, making for a culturally diverse educational experience. Nearly 5,000 students take advantage of the College's many outstanding community education and services classes.

With the extensive support provided by College of Marin faculty, staff and guidance counselors, College of Marin's students are achieving outstanding academic success. To facilitate students' transfer to the four-year institution of their choice, the College has established approximately 200 transfer agreements with the University of California, California State University and private colleges. When measured as a percentage of full-time students, the number of College of Marin students who transfer to four-year institutions is among the highest in the state. In addition, studies have shown that College of Marin students often outperform those students who enter four-year institutions directly from high school.

Completing lower division studies at College of Marin can save students thousands of dollars a year over the cost of a university. Fees for credit classes are \$26 per unit. Non-credit course fees vary.

Campuses are busy days, evenings and weekends. Performing arts and cultural events draw crowds throughout the year. Residents of the county attend classes, participate in seminars and workshops, use the athletic facilities and enjoy the beautiful grounds of the campuses.

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**KENTFIELD CAMPUS**

Library Hours

Monday - Thursday:  
8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Friday:  
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

College of Marin has been providing exceptional educational opportunities since 1926. Known as Marin Junior College, it granted the first Associate Degree in the spring of 1929. In 1948 the College was renamed College of Marin.

On the Kentfield campus one can view a 20-foot, six-million-year-old fossil whale on display in the Austin Science Center, picnic in the grove of giant Redwoods or visit the current art exhibit in the Fine Arts gallery.

The College is noted for its drama, dance and musical performances in the Fine Arts Theatre. Other excellent offerings include a nationally accredited Nursing Program, a science field program and competitive athletic teams. ♦

**INDIAN VALLEY CAMPUS**

The Indian Valley campus opened in 1975 after five years of holding classes at various sites in North Marin. The 333-acre site includes 200 acres of open space, an Olympic-size swimming pool and many hiking trails.

Programs in Multimedia Studies, Auto Technology, Machine and Metals Technology, Court Reporting and Medical Assisting are located at the Indian Valley campus.

Multi-media courses are offered through the Credit program as well as Community Education and Services. ♦

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