

State of the Schools in Nevada County

Nevada County Board of Supervisors

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Nevada County Schools

- 9 School Districts (from 10 previously with the consolidation of Ready Springs and Pleasant Valley school districts effective July 1, 2014)
- 8 K-8 and 1 High School District
- 4 One-School Districts (this includes TRESA which has two schools, and Washington has 10 students)
- 10 Charter Schools (plus two out-of-county charters)
- Approximately 12,000 students total

Nevada County School Districts

District

Enrollment

(2014-2015 data)

(2015-2016 data)

• Clear Creek	149	144
• Chicago Park	173	178
• Grass Valley	1,733	1745
• Nevada City	879	874
• Union Hill	634	624
• Penn Valley	717	683
• Twin Ridges	97	105
• Pleasant Ridge	1,229	1196
• NJUHSD	3,003	2947
• NCSOS	3,691	3520
Total:	12,305	12,016

Nevada County Schools

Enrollment Trends Over Eight Years

- 2008-2009: 13,448
- 2009-2010: 13,299
- 2010-2011: 13,164
- 2011-2012: 12,840
- 2012-2013: 12,514
- 2013-2014: 12,354
- 2014-2015: 12,305
- 2015-2016: 12,066

Four Schools have closed during this period:

Pleasant Ridge, Nevada City Elementary, Gold Run School and
Hennessey School

Bell Hill School closed in 2005

Pleasant Valley School will close at the end of this school year.



Charter Schools

The Charter Schools Act of 1992 states:

- *It is the intent of the Legislature...to provide opportunities for teachers, parents, pupils, and community members to establish and maintain schools that operate independently from the existing school district structure, as a method to accomplish all of the following:*
- *(a) Improve pupil learning.*
- *(b) Increase learning opportunities for all pupils, with special emphasis on expanded learning experiences for pupils who are identified as academically low achieving.*
- *(c) Encourage the use of different and innovative teaching methods.*
- *(d) Create new professional opportunities for teachers, including the opportunity to be responsible for the learning program at the school site.*
- *(e) Provide parents and pupils with expanded choices in the types of educational opportunities that are available within the public school system.*
- *(f) Hold the schools established under this part accountable for meeting measurable pupil outcomes, and provide the schools with a method to change from rule-based to performance-based accountability systems.*
- *(g) Provide vigorous competition within the public school system to stimulate continual improvements in all public schools.*

[Ed. Code §47601\(a\)-\(g\).](#)

Charter Schools in Nevada County

(2015-2016 data)

- Grass Valley Charter School (Expeditionary Learning) (521)
- Nevada City Home Study Charter School (73)
- Vantage Point Home Study Charter School (45)
- Bitney College Prep High School (92)
- Nevada City School of the Arts (407)
- Yuba River Charter School (Waldorf) (301)
- Forest Charter School (Personalized Learning) (696)
- Twin Ridges Home Study Charter School (Personalized Learning) (128)
- Sierra Montessori Charter School (125)
- Sierra Academy of Expeditionary Learning (High School) (140)
- Muir Charter School (1428)
- EPIC: Escuela Popular de Cesar Chavez (281)

Total: 4,237 (2,528 in Nevada County)

- (21% of students in Nevada County attend Charter Schools)

Nevada County

Superintendent of Schools

- County Board of Education:
 - Approve County Office Budget
 - Approves County Office LCAP
 - Inter District Transfer Appeals
 - Expulsion Appeals
 - Authorizes Charter Schools
- Roles and Responsibilities of the County Superintendent of Schools:
 - Fiscal Oversight of School Districts (AB 1200)
 - Approve District LCAP's
 - Reviews Charter LCAP's
 - Curricular and Fiscal Leadership for Districts and Charter Schools
 - Regionalized Programs and Services
 - Superintends the Schools in the County

Nevada County Superintendent of Schools Programs

- Regionalized Special Education Programs
- Child Development Programs
- NCSOS Alternative Ed. Options – EJ and Juvenile Hall
- Foster Youth
- Independent Living Program
- Indian Education
- Law Day
- Instructional Coaches
- Academic Tournaments
- STEAM Expo
- School Attendance Review Board (SARB)
- Scholar Day at the Nevada County Fair
- School Based Family Resource Centers
- Art Docent Program
- School Climate and Safety
- Positive Behavioral Interventions and Services (PBIS)
- Adventures in Learning Summer Learning Program
- Tobacco Use and Prevention Education
- Recognition Programs: Teacher of the Year and CSEY

Current Issues in Education

- **Local Control Funding Formula and the Local Control Accountability Plan**
- Implementation of the new **State Standards in Language Arts and Mathematics and upcoming Next Generation Science Standards**. Textbook adoptions
- New State Testing System: Smarter Balanced Assessments: **California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP)**
- Changing Demographics of Nevada County Schools
- Increased Needs of Students with Disabilities
- No Child Left Behind and the Reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act: **Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)**
- SB 277: Immunizations

In 2014 Everything Changed.....

- Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF)
 - Governor's proposal to restructure California's complex education funding mechanism
 - Flexibility in Funding / Local Control: Requires a Local Accountability Plan with oversight by the County Office of Education
 - Districts receive a base funding level with add on funding for students who are socioeconomically disadvantaged, foster youth and English Language Learners
 - Attempts to equalize funding across school districts in CA
- Local Control Accountability Plans (LCAP)
 - Three year plans
 - Stakeholder participation required
 - School District plans are approved by the County Superintendent of Schools
 - Charter School plans are approved by charter councils and considered in the renewal process
 - County Office plans are approved by the county board of education
 - Funds generated by low income, foster youth and English language learners must be used for improving services and supports for those pupils

Current Issues in Education: Changing Demographics in Nevada County Schools

- Some data to consider:
 - In the last 10 years:
 - The number of students eligible for Free and Reduced Meals has gone from 15% to 48.3%
 - The number of English Learners has increased from 101 to 657
 - The enrollment in our schools has decreased from 14,611 to 12,016(-2,595)
 - The number of students with Autism has increased from 80 to 149
- Students with disabilities require significantly more intensive services and supports

CAASPP Test Results: Updated 2/16/17

Percentage of Students Who Met or Exceeded the Standard

	Total Number of Students Tested ELA/Math	2015		Total Number of Students Tested ELA/Math	2016		Total Number of Students Tested ELA/Math	2017	
		ELA	Math		ELA	Math		ELA	Math
CA	3,204,421	44%	33%	3,188,014/3,196,382	49%	37%			
Nevada County	5,120	48%	36%	4935/4912	52%	38%			
Chicago Park	119/116	36%	38%	115	50%	39%			
Chicago Park Elementary	85/82	40%	44%	87	54%	41%			
Chicago Park Charter	34	24%	24%	28	39%	32%			
Clear Creek	94/93	66%	58%	98	77%	66%			
Grass Valley District	1,061/1,069	42%	34%	1,041/1,044	46%	37%			
Bell Hill	59/61	43%	46%	66/67	40%	39%			
Grass Valley Charter	317	59%	44%	303	56%	42%			
Lyman Gilmore	491/499	37%	27%	489	41%	31%			
Scotten	194/192	28%	32%	183/185	39%	41%			
Nevada City School District	574/572	55%	40%	597/591	60%	43%			
Deer Creek	165/164	56%	52%	180/179	62%	56%			
Seven Hills	387/386	56%	36%	366/364	61%	42%			
NC Charter	21	38%	5%	47/45	42%	9%			
NJUHSD	648/643	61%	34%	622/611	70%	43%			
Bear River	184/183	84%	50%	166/171	85%	40%			
Nevada Union	311/305	55%	30%	324/323	70%	46%			
Ghidotti	36	100%	100%	41	100%	97%			
North Point	29/30	69%	13%	29/28	87%	33%			

90% of our districts improved their ELA scores. They raised them by an average of 7.3 points (range 14 - 2).

80% of our districts improved their Math scores. They raised them by an average of 4.6 points (range 9 - 1).

66% of our schools improved their ELA scores. They raised them by an average of 8.5 points (range 19 - 1).

45% of our schools improved their Math scores. They raised them by an average of 7.7 points (range 20 - 1).

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		ELA	Math		ELA	Math		ELA	Math
CA	3,663,369	44%	33%	3,188,014/3,196,382	49%	37%			
Nevada County	5,120/5,092	48%	36%	4,945/4,912	52%	38%			
Bitney College Prep	18/19	78%	32%	19/17	16%	0%			
Forest Charter	344/336	43%	27%	340/342	49%	33%			
Nevada City School of the Arts	256/254	49%	29%	255	52%	29%			
Twin Ridges Home Study	57/55	49%	24%	48/46	55%	17%			
Placer County	36,605/36,525	61%	49%	37,477/37,443	63%	52%			
El Dorado County	13,897/13,864	57%	47%	14,226/14,131	60%	49%			
Sutter County	11,062/11,121	40%	27%	11,271/11,369	44%	29%			
Yuba County	7,050/7,033	34%	25%	7,354/7,367	37%	28%			
Auburn Union	1,293/1,290	38%	34%	1,314/1,312	39%	35%			
Colfax Elementary	190	39%	47%	201	50%	55%			
Placer Hills	510/504	58%	52%	499	60%	52%			
Newcastle Elementary	448/447	68%	53%	1,117/1,114	73%	64%			
Placer Union High	968/963	72%	42%	1,005/1,006	77%	47%			
Forest Hill	246/247	41%	34%	262/260	37%	37%			
Placerville	755/751	53%	40%	825/824	55%	43%			

Current Issues in Education: SB 277: Immunizations

- Senate Bill 277 went into effect July 1, 2016 and eliminated personal belief exemptions. Students must be vaccinated to attend public, charter or private school. Students must meet immunization requirements to enter kindergarten, seventh grade or enroll in a new school.
- Alternatives include medical exemptions and home school.
- Still some uncertainties in the law.
- Highly controversial particularly in Nevada County where we have one of the lowest immunization rates in the state.
- We have seen an increase in the number of children vaccinated since last year:

2014-2015 Kindergarten immunization rates:
CA: 90.4%, Nevada Co: 72.6%

2015-2016 Kindergarten immunization rates:
CA: 92.8%, Nevada Co: 77.1%

Looking Forward.....

- Third administration of CAASPP assessment
- Implementation of New State Accountability Model
- Continue to focus on implementation of new State Standards with an emphasis on preparing all students for college and career in the 21st Century
- Implementation of PBIS across all school sites
- Providing a safe and rigorous environment that meets all individual student needs
- Community and Agency Partnerships

Pleasant Valley School



- 8th grade students writing graduation speeches. They are the last graduating class of the school that has been there since 1868
- Open House / Alumni Night: Thursday May 18th, 5:00-8:00

Union Hill School Robotics



Bell Hill School

Attendance Campaign

Dual Immersion

Global Studies



ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE
Tuesday Update

Rm 1	93 %
Rm 2	96 %
Rm 5	86 %
Rm 6	100 %
Rm 7	93 %
Rm 8	98 %
Rm 9	94 %
Rm 14	92 %
Rm 15	93 %
Rm 16	93 %

Other School Happenings

- Deer Creek School: STEAM Rotation
- Silver Springs School: Internships, Squaw Valley, Giants
- Alta Sierra: intervention schedule

Magnolia School

Jazz Band

School recently earned several first place awards in a statewide competition for band, jazz band and choir

