



Schools and Student Programs



SCHOOLS AND STUDENT PROGRAMS

The Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) offers many educational options through its community schools, court schools, and special education student programs. The goal of these schools and programs is to ensure that students with a unique set of needs throughout Sacramento County are provided with a high-quality education and an opportunity to graduate college-, career-, and life-ready.

Parents can work with their district to enroll their student(s) in these programs for academic credit recovery or for support in social, emotional, and behavioral development.

SCOE Schools and Student Programs, as required by California law, provide essential academic courses. Additionally, SCOE staff—specialized in ensuring a well-rounded and supportive educational experience—offer Career Technical Education (CTE) courses, arts integration, life-skills training, mentoring, mental health counseling, and career exploration.

SCOE SCHOOLS

ELINOR LINCOLN HICKEY
JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL



NATHANIEL S. COLLEY, SR.
HIGH SCHOOL

Both of SCOE's Community Schools—Hickey in the central area and Colley in the southern area of the county—serve students referred by their home district in greater Sacramento. Each school offers two programs, one that serves students in grades 7–12 who attend for two semesters and another that serves young adults, ages 17–21, who need a flexible schedule and additional time to graduate. Students are encouraged to participate in counseling and extracurricular activities such as:

- Farm-to-Fork program including construction, horticulture, and culinary arts
- 916 Ink creative writing program
- Arts programs
- Work Experience & Work-Based Learning
- Family Resources
- Mentoring for all students
- Mental Health and Wellness services



CARE PROGRAM

The CARE (Community Action for Responsive Education) Intervention Program is a Community Schools program serving students in grades 7–12 in Sacramento County. The program—a partnership between SCOE and local school districts—aims to decrease the high school dropout rate and the number of students referred to juvenile probation. CARE classes are offered at the student's home school and provide a small, self-contained setting as part of select schools' intervention systems. Students are included in the school's elective and physical education courses and can participate in extracurricular activities including athletics.

CARE PROGRAM LOCATIONS

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

- FOLSOM (Folsom Cordova USD)
- KATHERINE JOHNSON (San Juan USD)
- MITCHELL (Folsom Cordova USD)
- SUTTER (Folsom Cordova USD)
- WILSON C. RILES (Center Joint USD)

HIGH SCHOOLS

- CENTER (Center Joint USD)
- DISCOVERY (Natomas USD)
- ESTRELLITA (Galt Joint Union HSD)

SENIOR EXTENSION

Designed for 17- to 21-year-olds seeking a flexible high school completion path, Senior Extension offers an innovative program tailored to each student's unique schedule. Students receive a balance of independent study and classroom learning, allowing them to earn credits while still meeting work and family obligations. This flexibility makes high school graduation achievable. Students may be referred to the program by their school district. Dedicated SCOE staff focus on individual needs and boosting each student's chances for success in college, the military, or the workforce.



SENIOR EXTENSION PROGRAM (SEP) SERVICES

Contracted Learning with a Flexible Schedule	Work Experience Education	Public Transportation	Homeless Services & Transition to Independent Living
Home Visits	Job Readiness and Career Exploration	Academic and Career Counseling	Childbirth and Parenting Resources
High School Diploma and GED/HiSET	College Preparation	Anger Management, Family or Trauma Counseling	Access to Community Service

Senior Extension Program Services offered throughout Sacramento County

2460 Cordova Lane, Rancho Cordova 95670

4000 Pinell Street, Sacramento 95838

8182 Gerber Road, Sacramento 95828

2040 Ethan Way, Sacramento 95825

1294 Marengo Road, Galt 95632

COURT SCHOOLS

EL CENTRO JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL

Operated by SCOE, through a partnership with Sacramento County Probation, El Centro Jr./Sr. High School is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

Students are provided with educational options leading to a high school diploma, High School Equivalency Test (HiSET), Associate's Degree, and/or career readiness.

El Centro Jr./Sr. High School utilizes California State Board of Education-adopted curricula, and all teachers are credentialed. Instruction is year-round, and students attend school five periods per day.

The El Centro Jr./Sr. High School faculty is committed to providing students with opportunities for academic improvement, self-assurance, self-esteem, and life and coping skills. They strive to instill a passion for lifelong learning—empowering students with the ability to become contributing members of society. In addition, the school provides quality services that help students ready themselves for post-secondary and career readiness. The core academic curriculum is approved by the SCOE Board of Trustees.



VALLEY OAK YOUTH ACADEMY (VOYA)

SCOE and Sacramento County Probation have partnered to serve youth housed in the Valley Oak Youth Academy (VOYA). VOYA provides custody, care, and supervision of youth formerly served by the Division of Juvenile Justice. The vision for VOYA is to develop individual rehabilitation plans for each youth through a comprehensive needs assessment. Youth housed in VOYA participate in all the educational programming and services provided by SCOE, including opportunities for a high school diploma, Career Technical Education (CTE), and dual enrollment through community colleges.



SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

The Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) Special Education Department provides specialized educational services across all 13 school districts within Sacramento County to students ranging from birth to 22 years. Approximately 200 dedicated SCOE staff members work tirelessly throughout the county, providing essential support to students and families.

INFANT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The Infant Development Program (IDP) supports children aged birth to three who experience delays in one or more areas of development. The IDP collaborates with families to enhance current strengths and abilities, address challenges, and develop personalized plans to promote their child's development. Through play and parent education, the program empowers families to recognize teachable moments in everyday routines and activities. Staff members strive to achieve targeted outcomes aligned with developmental milestones and family priorities.

IDP consults with the Sacramento County Quality Child Care Collaborative, a partnership of community agencies, educational institutions, and governmental organizations. Childcare providers in the area receive training and resources specifically for students with special needs and behaviors.



FOUNDATIONS ACADEMY



Through its Foundations Academy, SCOE offers special day class programs for students ranging in age from three to 22 with emotional disabilities, moderate to severe cognitive, physical, or medical disabilities, and autism. The program includes specialized services such as vision, orientation and mobility, speech and language support, and access to school nurses and psychologists. SCOE provides over 30 special day classrooms at more than 20 sites across local school districts. Students receive education in classrooms situated on comprehensive campuses throughout the county, facilitating daily interactions with fellow students on campus.

Additionally, Foundations Academy operates preschool programs in community and district settings, ensuring full inclusion of students with special needs throughout the duration of their school day.

LEO A. PALMITER JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL

Students gain valuable skills at Leo A. Palmiter Jr./Sr. High School through Career Technical Education (CTE) classes in Culinary Arts, Horticulture and Landscape Design, and Northern California Construction Training (NCCT). This program offers comprehensive support tailored to meet the educational, behavioral, social-emotional, and mental health needs of students. The school provides a variety of services designed to cultivate a positive learning environment. Additionally, the WorkAbility program equips students with comprehensive pre-employment skills training, employment placement, and follow-up. This program supports middle and high school students in special education as they transition from school to work, independent living, and postsecondary education or training.

