

Santa Cruz County Office of Education's

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION NEWSLETTER

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UPDATES



US Department of Education Releases Climate Adaptation Plan

On September 15th, the Department of Education posted its 2021 <u>Climate Adaptation Plan</u> (see blog). This is great progress, and the COE's Green Schools Working Group this Spring will support our districts to continue working to be at the leading edge. There is an opportunity here for education leaders to provide feedback to the Dept of Ed by September 22 on the plan. Here are three highlights from the plan:

- This latest Climate Adaptation Plan names Cindy Marten, Deputy Secretary for the Department of Education, to lead implementation of this plan.
- The plan acknowledges that climate change is no longer a theoretical threat to the department's mission, but rather a present and grave one.
 - The department commits to a powerful set of actions that, if

effectively implemented with urgency, will put the Department of Education on a path of strong climate leadership.

Education leaders can help the Department move forward by engaging in a survey. Read the plan (the description of the "priority actions", which represent the core of implementation, starts on page 8) and provide your thoughts on how the Department can work effectively in these priority areas by completing this survey. Most questions are optional and the survey is structured to accommodate those respondents who only have 5 min as well as those who can provide more extensive thoughts. The survey can be shared with others. Feedback submitted by WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 will be shared with members of the Department during the week of September 27.

LEARN MORE

WEBINAR: Thriving Schools Using Outdoor and Environmental Learning: A Roadmap for the Use of ESSER Funds

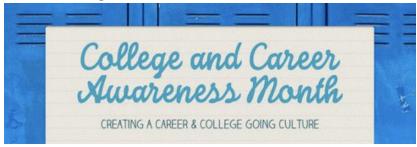


Thursday, September 30, 1:00PM EST/10:00AM PT. Learn how federal, state, and local school administrators and educators about how they are using a portion of their COVID relief funds to help students and teachers learn (and thrive) outside. Presenters will discuss the benefits of environmental and outdoor learning on student success and well-being, and share practical examples from the schools and districts they represent. Register here.

EVENT INFORMATION

COLLEGE AND CAREER

College and Career Month - October



College and Career Week has grown to College and Career Month! Cabrillo College will offer multiple weeks of programming focused on different topics. This week of <u>Cabrillo Chats</u> will include financial aid, transfer support, pathway choice and college life balance. UCs and CSUs will kick off the month with their <u>college days</u> and <u>transfer nights</u>. Schools and districts can use this time to build their college going culture by having students engage in virtual college tours and scavenger hunts, holding FAFSA workshops, having students work on college essays in ELA classes, and engage in career exploration activities. For resources and activity examples for elementary, middle, and high school, visit the <u>S5C website</u>.

LEARN MORE

Important Date Change!

The 4th Grade Cabrillo College Experience - will now be held on 10/14 9:30 - 10:00. Please note this change. Announcements will be sent soon.



Mark your calendars! The 4th Grade Cabrillo College Experience will be on October 14th at 9:30. Students from across the county will be able to "zoom in" to learn more about postsecondary education pathways and to hear from college students. More information and interactive curriculum to come!



Santa Cruz School Counselor Curriculum Handbook

Audience: All counselors

Counselors in Santa Cruz County have been working together for over a year to develop a curriculum handbook. This handbook has now launched as a <u>Google Site</u>. On this site you will find grade specific **core curriculum suggestions** along with **ready to go lessons and materials** counselors can use at their site. Individuals can use the feedback form to submit new materials.

Santa Cruz School Counselor Network 21-22

Audience: All counselors

This year S5C will convene a <u>Countywide Counselor Network</u>. The group is voluntary and will convene bi-monthly with options for middle school and high school to meet together and/or separately. Topics will be based on counselor feedback and requests. Each session will include opportunities to learn from colleagues and topic experts.



The first session topic will be - Creating More Inclusive Spaces in Schools for LGBTQ+ Students. Subsequent sessions will be based on counselor requests, needs, and feedback. Register here

Look for more information this fall! Contact Cristine Chopra with any questions. cchopra@santacruzcoe.org.

Sessions will be held from 9:00 - 10:30 on 9/22, 11/17, 1/19, 3/23, & 5/18.

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CTEP

Computer Science and Technology Newsletter



Please review the most recent Computer Science and Technology Newsletter to see updates from our CTEP Department.

Please view our <u>website</u> to see all of the programs and services available.

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ELA

Lexile Framework for Reading Training

Audience: Teachers, instructional coaches, instructional leaders, parent/family educators, librarians



Mark your calendar for two virtual trainings, coming later this year, to learn more about the Lexile and Quantile measures and the tools and resources available in the Lexile & Quantile Hub, including the Find a Book for Educators, Parents and Students, Lexile Grade Level Charts, Text Analyzer to determine a Lexile level, and the Growth Planner. November 30, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

REGISTER

Santa Cruz County Reading Association Book Club

Audience: Teachers, instructional coaches, reading specialists and intervention teachers



The Santa Cruz County Reading Association is the local chapter of the California Reading Association. This year the book club will read and discuss Shifting the Balance: 6 Ways to Bring the Science of Reading into the Balanced Literacy Classroom. Meetings are led by local elementary teachers and will be virtual. First meeting on September 30, 3-4:30. Units available for purchase for participants.

Banned Books Week is Sept. 26--Oct. 2

Audience: Teachers, instructional coaches, reading specialists, librarians



Books unite us. Sharing stories important to us means sharing a part of ourselves. Books reach across boundaries and build connections between readers. Censorship, on the other hand, divides us and creates barriers. This year's Banned Books Week theme draws attention to the benefits of unrestricted reading and the harms of censorship.

LEARN MORE

Santa Clara COE Literacy by Fifth Grade Initiative

Audience: teachers, instructional coaches, reading specialists, instructional leaders, principals



The Santa Clara COE is offering a variety of trainings as part of its Literacy by Fifth Grade Initiative including grade-span specific trainings for teachers, and a workshop on building a local literacy plan for administrators. Trainings are held virtually. Teacher trainings are held during after-school hours.

ENVIRONMENTAL LITERACY

Santa Cruz COE is Hosting Educator Monthly Meet-ups



Connect environmental issues and resources to core content for student engagement and application of learning. Two monthly K-12 networks are available:

SCIENCE & ENVIROLIT MEET-UP 1ST THURSDAYS 4-5PM HISTORY, CIVICS & ENVIROLIT MEET-UP 1ST WEDNESDAYS 4-5PM

We will present a new resource each month and then the rest of the agenda will be driven by participants. This is an opportunity to share favorite resources, problem solve with peers, connect with community partners, and more. REGISTER for science here and history here.

EVENT INFORMATION

K-1 Teacher Workshop with Green Guardians

October 12 via Zoom



Green Guardians and UC Irvine Science Project are hosting a free workshop for K-1 teachers interested in incorporating more science and guardians environmental literacy in their instruction.

environmental literacy, community action Attendees will gain access to fun and engaging curriculum materials that advance environmental literacy and have the opportunity to win prizes and earn a stipend for participation in pilots and a class engagement challenge. Information and registration.

EVENT FLYER

Budding Botanist Grants for School Garden Programs



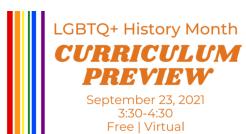


The Klorane Botanical Foundation is committed to supporting programs to teach respect for the environment and protection of nature. The Budding Botanist Grant help children learn about plants, explore their world and inspire them to take care of the life they discover in their local ecosystems. High-need schools will be awarded \$1000 in grant funding to support their youth garden programs. Apply here.

MORE INFORMATION

EQUITY

Teacher Workshop / LGBTQ History Month



September 23 from 3:30-4:30 pm on ZOOM

The SCCOE is hosting a workshop about curriculum and LGBTQ History Month. Teachers--Join us virtually for a FREE curriculum preview of all of our materials available to you for LGBTQ+ History Month. We will walk you through resources and give ideas for how to use them in your classroom. Register here.

EVENT FLYER

Community Event: Environmental Justice in Santa Cruz County



SEPTEMBER 28, 6-8pm on Zoom with Spanish translation

Clean air and water, public parks and beaches, biodiversity and open spaces are shared goods to which every person has an equal right. As institutions that serve all children in a community, schools have an opportunity to create systems for more equitable access to nature and healthy environments for people and the planet. Join us to discuss what environmental justice looks like in Santa Cruz County and how schools can contribute a sustainable future for all. See <u>flyer in English</u> and <u>flyer in Spanish</u> and register at http://sccoe.link/enviro.

EVENT INFORMATION

A Race & Equity Affinity Action Group is a space for teachers to connect, reflect, share and learn from each other on their journey of becoming antiracist educators.

The Santa Cruz County Office of Education and the Santa Cruz/Silicon Valley New Teacher Project are pleased to provide this opportunity for *all* teachers, veteran and new, across the county, to join in our commitment to:

- Increase equity for all students.
- Develop a community of practice based on culturally responsive and antiracist pedagogy.
- Promote and sustain the leadership of teachers of color.

Please share **THIS** Registration Flyer. Gatherings begin October 5th.

Anti-Racism in the Outdoors Resource Guide



The Joy Trip Project has released **The Anti-Racism in the Outdoor Resource Guide**. Created by Dr. Don Rakow of Cornell University and Laura Brown of the University of Connecticut this annotated bibliography is a detailed list of articles and online content references that explore the complex issues of racial disparities in the equitable access of all people to the outdoors. This new recourse guide will be shared in a free Zoom panel discussion: Everyone's Earth: Conversations on Race and Environment on

Thursday September 30th at 9:30am PST. Learn more and register for the panel discussion here.

EVENT INFORMATION

SC/SVNTP Fall Breakfast, Thursday, October 28th 8:00am-10:00am (Virtual)

Suggested Audience: All administrators and teacher leaders.

We would be pleased for you to join us virtually for our annual Fall Breakfast where we will continue to grow as antiracist educators. If you haven't done so already, please <u>register</u> today.

HISTORY / SOCIAL SCIENCE

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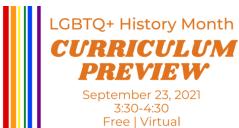
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6-Part Series about Civic Learning and the California State Seal of Civic Engagement

Join our statewide conversation

Civic Engagement, Taking Action, and the State Seal Join California HSS Project for a 6-Part Series about Civic Learning and the California State Seal of Civic Engagement

This series aims to convene teams from districts across the state to construct or implement plans to award students the California State Seal of Civic Engagement. Learn more about how the series will highlight authentic civic learning that centers equity, access, and empowerment. Register here. Space is limited. Series begins November 4 at 3:30!

EVENT INFORMATION

CHSSP Grade Groups are Back, and They're FREE!



The California History-Social Science Project invites all TK-12th grade educators to become <u>Grade Group Fellows</u> by joining their statewide grade-specific groups. Thanks to special federal funding, participation is free this year.

Grade Groups Fellows can expect to collaborate with colleagues, join in conversations about the latest research, integrate anti-racism into their courses, and address learning acceleration! Space is limited, apply here.

Grade Groups convene in just a few weeks!

MORE INFORMATION

MATH

Silicon Valley Math Initiative Resources: New Password for 2021-22

Audience: Educators TK-12



During the 2021-22 school year, the COE is partnering with SVMI to offer quality, math-focused professional development, as well as materials to support math instruction. The materials include MARS Tasks, Problems of the Month, and other open-ended tasks that teachers can use for formative assessment or supplemental tasks in their classrooms. All Santa Cruz County educators qualify for password-protected access to the SVMI Website. Your district lead should distribute the password to staff,

or please reach out to COE Math Coordinator Kevin Drinkard at kdrinkard@santacruzcoe.org



Santa Cruz County High School Math Network

Audience: High School Math Educators 9-12



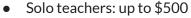
Join a Network of High School Math educators from across Santa Cruz County to surface and discuss topics of interest to the group. Possible topics may include sharing promising instructional practices during COVID, digging into the Draft Math Framework (due for adoption May 2022), intervention programs, 4th-year courses, or other topics suggested by group members during registration. Our Flyer is HERE. Meetings are on Zoom, 3:30-4:45

- Tuesday, 10/19/21
- Monday, 12/6/21
- Tuesday, 3/1/22

Schools Plus: Teacher Grant Opportunity

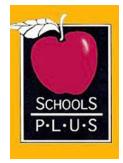
Audience: Fducators TK-12

Schools Plus, Public Schools Foundation of Santa Cruz County, has awarded more than \$1.5 Million in teacher grants since 1984. For 2021-22, the submission deadline is November 1.



Team of 2: Up to \$1,000

• Team of 3+: Up to \$1,500



We strongly encourage math departments, grade-level teams, vertical teams, or PLCs to apply!

APPLY

Global Math Week October 10-17 - from the Global Math Project

Audience: Math students, families, and educators 5-12



The Global Math Project provides <u>opportunities for students and families</u> to experience K-12 math as a portal to astounding human joy and delight - just as all mathematics actually is! Live lessons, math puzzles, classroom "kapows" and more. James Tanton starts the week Sunday October 10, 10:00-11:00 with "PATTERNS: What to do if you believe in them, and what to do if you don't"



Math Events for Students/Families

Audience: Middle and high school math educators, families



Mathematics: The Key to the Hidden World

Tuesday, Sept. 21 at 2:00PM. MSRI is holding an event for students and adults later this month in conjunction with the National Math Festival. Join author and YouTuber Eddie Woo for this event.

REGISTER HERE

MULTILINGUAL

Tarde de Poesia con MakeMake (Afternoon of Poetry with MakeMake)

Audience: dual language and Spanish language teachers, grades 2-12, Spanish-speaking families, TWI families, educators interested in supporting students primary language development



Two poetry workshops in Spanish with an Argentine and Mexican poet, one geared for ages 7-12 and the other for ages 13-18. **Sept. 22 starting at 2 pm PDT.** MakeMake offers monthly events in Spanish, featuring Spanish language authors, via Youtube. MakeMake is a Spanish language digital library platform, available by subscription through Lectorum. The monthly events around children's literature are free via Youtube.

LEARN MORE

Supporting English Learners with Tools for Teachers

Audience: teachers, instructional coaches and instructional leaders



A one-hour webinar about the instructional resources available on the Smarter Balanced <u>Tools for Teachers</u> website and how to connect them to the <u>California English Language Development Standards</u>. The presentations will be made by CDE staff and a California English language development teacher, and attendees will have an opportunity to ask their questions about the Tools for Teachers resources. **Sept. 21** at 3:30 pm.

LEARN MORE

Multilingual Leadership Network Registration Now Open

Audience: District teams of district instructional lead, site administrator, teacher, family/community/school coordinator



Registration for the Santa Cruz County Multilingual Leadership Network is now open. District teams focused on improving outcomes for multilingual learners are invited to attend together to hear from Dr. Ivannia Soto on the Road to Reclassification and Shadowing Multilingual Learners. First meeting Oct. 6 at 8:30. Meetings will be virtual.

New CDE Webpage on Newcomers

Audience: instructional leaders, site administrators



The Language Policy and Leadership Office (LPLO) has published a new page on the CDE with guidance on serving newcomers including definitions and data, newcomer programs, funding programs and resources.

LEARN MORE

Identifying Disabilities in Multilingual Learners Professional Learning

Audience: teachers, Special Ed staff, MTSS/RTI Coordinators, EL Coordinators, school psychologists, Speech Language Pathologists, Program Specialists, SST team members



San Mateo COE SELPA has arranged <u>free learning opportunities</u> with experts Drs. Jarice Butterfield and Zaida McCall-Perez to address topics such as pre-referral, assessment, instruction for multi-lingual students, and the MTSS framework. Various audiences are targeted at different levels of the school system.

LEARN MORE

EL RISE Elementary ELD Teacher Training Modules 1-2

Audience: teachers, elementary teachers, EL specialists, instructional coaches and leaders



The first two modules of this EL RISE training, facilitated by Sobrato Early Academic Language focus on building culturally and linguistically sustaining classroom communities and strengthening the intellectual challenge of instruction. Practical strategies and tools for implementing Designated and Integrated ELD, connecting with families and honoring language diversity are shared. To quote one participant from last year: "This stuff works!". Participants are invited to also participate in a monthly Community of Practice to support implementation. **First session is Oct. 12**.

EL RISE Communities of Practice

Audience: teachers, elementary teachers, dual language teachers, instructional coaches, principals



The COE facilitates two monthly Communities of Practice to support implementation of strategies and tools presented in EL RISE trainings. Both CoP's meet virtually, after-school once a month on Wednesdays. Teachers are invited to share examples of the implementation, review and go deeper on tools and topics selected by the group and to collaborate with each other on

implementation next steps. One CoP focuses on implementation in elementary English taught classes and the other focuses on implementation within the context of dual language programs. All past and present EL RISE participants are invited to join.

LEARN MORE Elementary ELD LEARN MORE Dual Language

SCIENCE

Six Free Tools for Teaching about Climate Change--for grades 3-12



As part of the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), students need to "ask questions to clarify evidence of the factors that have caused the rise in global temperatures over the past century." Digital resources can support these practices when teaching about climate change:

- Using models to understand the fundamental processes that help shape Earth's climate.
- Arguing the causes of global temperature rise; like scientists, students should be holding those same debates.
- Exploring data to practice interpreting real evidence and arriving at their own conclusions.

Here are six free tools that incorporate those practices and can be used immediately in the classroom to help students become climate change scientists.

LEARN MORE



K-12 Climate Change Lessons from Jet Propulsion Laboratory

California Institute of Technilogy's Jet Propulsion Laboratory has added new K-12 climate change lessons to its searchable database of grade specific activities, videos, problem sets, family activities and more. Use the database for a range of STEAM activities, too.

VAPA

HUGE APPRECIATION to all our VAPA Teachers for persevering last year to bring the ARTS to our students! Welcome back to the 2021-2022 school year!

Visual and Performing Arts Meetings Resume

Schedule Below





Music Teachers' Meetings

We will meet every other Tuesday beginning this Tuesday, September 21, 2021.

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

2:45-3:15 MUSIC for Elementary Teachers

3:15-3:45 MUSIC for Middle and High School Teachers



Join Zoom Meeting

ID: 83711959707

Passcode: Y4REptN3

(US) +1 346-248-7799

Passcode: 99044852

Joining instructions

Visual Arts Teachers' Meetings

We will meet every other Wednesday beginning this

Wednesday, September 21, 2021.



Wednesday, September 29

2:45-3:15 Visual Arts for Elementary Teachers

3:15-3:45 Visual Arts for Middle and High School Teachers



Join Zoom Meeting

ID: 84038868592

Passcode: 35Q29197

(US) +1 312-626-6799

Passcode: 13898247

Joining instructions

Theater Teachers' Meetings

We will meet the 4th Thursday or every month beginning this Thursday, September 23, 2021.



Thursday, September 23

3:30-4:00/4:15



Join Zoom Meeting

ID: 82650734604

Passcode: 4958z1pz

(US) +1 253-215-8782

Passcode: 43694297

Joining instructions

ARTS IN EDUCATION WEEK



National **Arts in Education Week** takes place annually during the week beginning with the second Sunday of September. Check out this wonderful video to celebrate!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xzJ06wPEh_M

Explore Google Arts & Culture Art as Activism

Suggested Audience: Administrators and Teachers



Explore this website for lots of resources for the Arts and Art as Activism.

LEARN MORE

Arts Council Santa Cruz: Virtual Classroom in All Art Forms

Suggested Audience: Teachers, Students, Families

Welcome! Here you'll find lesson plans, activities, and video tutorials in visual arts, dance, music, and theater with our talented Mariposa Arts, SPECTRA, and Artist Teacher Partnership teaching artists. We hope that these pages engage you, students, and families to learn about the arts at home until we can be together again in the classroom.





The Santa Cruz Symphony, Carnegie Hall, and the Santa Cruz COE bring you

Link Up:

The Orchestra Swings

For the 2021-22 School Year

This program is for students in 4-5th grade. Students learn selections such as "It Don't Mean A Thing, If It Ain't Got That Swing" - Duke Ellington and "Juba" from Symphony No. 1 by Florence Price.

PLEASE REGISTER

Call for Students! Join the Youth Led Leadership Alliance! Deadline: August 31

Suggested Audience: District leaders, site leaders, teachers



BRING CLASSICAL MUSIC INTO YOUR CLASSROOM

No cost and no teacher preparation Support for students' Social Emotional Learning: Listening to Music 5 minutes/day

Easy to access online Ready to start? APPLY HERE

Need more information?

Contact <u>Audrey Sirota</u>, COE Visual and Performing Arts Coordinator

or

Lee Duffus, Symphony Volunteer CMC Coordinator





Dance and the English Learner: Promising Practices



Suggested Audience: For K-8th grade teachers and administrators; the professional learning can be adapted for high school students

In these experiential professional learning workshops, Peggy Burt offers 4 sessions exploring the connections between standards-based dance/creative movement; the ELD domains of speaking, listening, reading and writing; and the components of social emotional learning. Based on research currently underway, these practices hold the promise for more actively engaged students across the curriculum.

All Sessions - 2:00-3:30pm

Session 1: Sept 15, 2021 - The Dance of Identity

Session 2: Oct 20, 2021 - Dancing with Others

Session 3: Nov 17, 2021 - The Dance of Cultural Awareness

Session 4: Dec. 15, 2021 - Storytelling through Dance

Youth Led Leadership Alliance



Please share this information with students and adults who support them! Santa Cruz COE's countywide Youth Led Leadership Alliance's mission is to empower youth with the data and tools needed to implement solutions to the problems they care about.

Use this <u>announcement</u> for social media and the links below to more information on the <u>Youth Led Leadership Alliance website</u> which includes application links for each group:

- Countywide Black Student Union
- Queer and Trans Youth Council
- Racial Equity & Justice Student Community of Practice
- Youth Artists Taking Action
- Youth for Environmental Action

Contact Celeste Gutierrez at cgutierrez@santacruzcoe.org for more information.

Contact Audrey Sirota at asirota@santacruzcoe.org for more information about Youth Artists Taking Action

Join our Region V Team for the STEAM Collaborative Network



Dates

(from 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM)

September 15, 2021 Jumpstarting STEAM 2021-2022

October 20, 2021 Equity in STEAM Education

November 17, 2021 Integrating Content Areas

January 19, 2022 Reinvigorating STEAM 2021-2022

February 16, 2022 Cultivating a love for learning

April 20, 2022 Connecting & Celebrating

Our STEAM Team is excited to announce our 2021–22 Collaborative Network Virtual Sessions! Join us to support the teaching and learning of data science.

Audience:

STEAM

EDUCATION

All Educators

Fee: Free

OMS Link:

http://monterey.k12 oms.org/1519-199938

Zoom Link:

Zoom details will be shared via email with participants



Contact Norma Esparza at nesparza@montereycoe.org for support with registration

Marion Cilker Conference for Arts Education

The 13th Annual Marion Cilker Conference for Arts in Education will take place 8AM – 1PM on Friday, November 5th and Saturday, November 6, 2021.

This year, the conference features two days of professional development addressing the conditions of the new environment of learning and teaching, by curating sessions with a strong focus on integrated learning, inclusion, and culturally responsive teaching through the arts while continuing to feature standards-based workshops in the arts and arts integration. In the true spirit of the arts, our workshops continue to exemplify creativity, excellence, and cultural inclusivity.

MOre information and Register here.