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February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month

Suggested Audience: Educators and Families



February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month. Across the nation, young people and their loved ones unite to raise awareness about teen dating violence. Please join us in advocating and educating our students to stop dating abuse before it starts. You can review more resources [here](#) from Youth.Gov or review this [toolkit](#) for our school communities.

[MORE RESOURCES HERE](#)

The Teaching Channel: New Videos: All Grade Levels and Special Topics!

Suggested Audience: Teachers



Here at Teaching Channel we have been busy listening closely to what educators are telling us they need and we've been prioritizing our district partners product suggestions and feedback. Our mission is, and has always been, to help facilitate teacher growth through our ever-evolving video coaching platform.

Over the last few months many educators have requested we update our classroom exemplar library, and we're excited to announce [new videos](#) have officially been added to our video coaching platform. When signing up with Teaching Channel your teachers can now regularly look forward to viewing several brand new classroom clips spanning all grade-levels and covering a variety of areas. We have footage on special topics, such as tech problems, tardy students and more.

National Endowment for the Humanities: Professional Development Programs (with stipends available)

Suggested Audience: Educators

NEH offers tuition-free opportunities for K-12 educators and higher education faculty to study a variety of humanities topics. Stipends of \$1300-\$3450 for residential programs and \$650-\$1725 for virtual programs help cover expenses for these one- to four-week programs. Applications for all programs close on March 3, 2023.

Professional development programs include the following format options:

- Residential: All participants attend for the duration of the project at the host site.
- Virtual: All participants attend for the duration of the project using an online platform. This can include synchronous and asynchronous sessions.
- Combined Format: All participants attend a portion of the project online and a portion of the project at the host site. Online and residential sessions occur at different times, but participants attend the same format simultaneously.

Eligibility Criteria

- [NEH Institutes for Higher Education Faculty \(PDF\)](#)
- [NEH Institutes for K-12 Educators \(PDF\)](#)
- [NEH Landmarks of American History and Culture \(PDF\)](#)

Questions regarding applications and program requirements should be directed to program project directors. For other inquiries, please email institutes@neh.gov regarding Institutes and landmarks@neh.gov regarding Landmarks of American History and Culture.

Code A Dance Party

Suggested Audience: Students in Grades 3-8: Educators: Please share!



The Santa Cruz COE is proud to announce that we are partnering with TechGirlz to host another free virtual workshop for students grades 3rd-8th entitled, “Code a Dance Party” on February 16, 2023 from 4:00-5:30 pm. Please share this information with your students & their families and encourage them to register. At every event, we get the biggest attendance from schools and classes who heard directly from you - so we rely on you to spread the word!

[DIGITAL FLYERS](#) (English & Spanish)

[PRINTABLE FLYERS](#) (English & Spanish)

[SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS](#) (English & Spanish)

[REGISTRATION LINK](#)

COLLEGE AND CAREER

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February 6-10 Is School Counselor Week!

Suggested Audience: School Counselors and site/district administrators



National School Counseling Week 2023 (#NSCW23) is Feb. 6-10, 2023, to focus public attention on the unique contribution of school counselors within U.S. school systems. National School Counseling Week, sponsored by ASCA, highlights the tremendous impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career. National School Counseling Week is always celebrated the first full week in February.

Webinars and Events

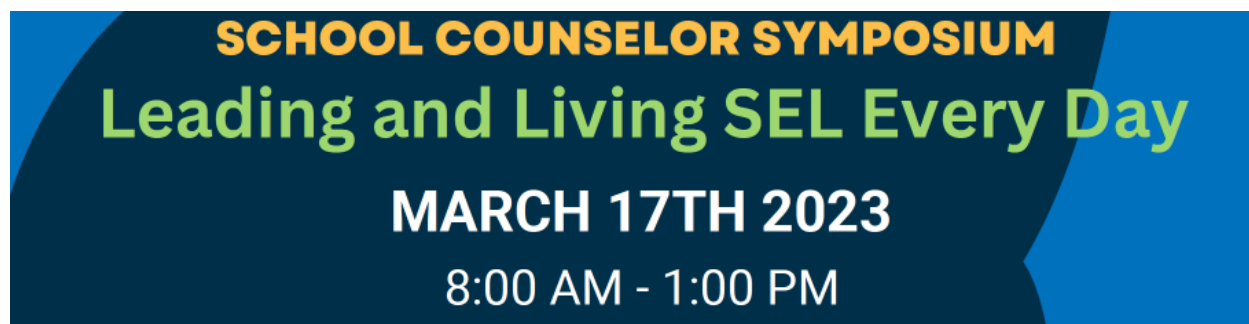
The 2022 theme is School Counseling: Better Together. Check out the lineup of [events](#) for the week, which include the following webinars airing each day at 11 a.m. on [Facebook Live](#):

- **Feb. 7:** What Works: Anti-Racism at School
- **Feb. 8:** Leadership in School Counseling
- **Feb. 9:** Advocacy in School Counseling
- **Feb. 10:** Collaboration in School Counseling
- **Feb. 11:** Systemic Change in School Counseling

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Santa Cruz County School Counselor Symposium

Suggested Audience: School Counselors and site/district administrators



The County Office of Education is holding an in-person school counselor symposium on March 17th. The focus for this year will be on student wellness and college and career readiness. The keynote speaker will be Meena Srinivasan.

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FAFSA Resource Library

Suggested Audience: School Counselors and Administrators



The financial aid timeline marches on. Here are some steps you and your team can take this month to help more students complete the FAFSA/CADAA.

NCAN has a FAFSA toolkit to help determine what the best strategies are month-to-month. For December they suggest:

- Reaching out to students who have not yet completed the FAFSA/CADAA - use [this link](#) to get a report for your site
- Train your team on interpreting aid offers and making financial aid appeals. [Tips for reading offers.](#)
- Ensure your students are on track to complete the FAFSA/CADAA by **March 2nd**

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California Colleges Guidance Initiative (CCGI)

Suggested Audience: Counselors and Administrators



CaliforniaColleges.edu

The State of California's Official College and Career Planning Platform

CaliforniaColleges.edu is a one-stop shop for the resources students need to discover their goals for life after high school, make plans to achieve them, and launch their futures. It is the State of California's official college and career planning platform for 6th-12th grade students, as well as the foundation of the state's new Cradle-to-Career System tools. This means that CaliforniaColleges.edu is free to all school districts in California. Learn more about this initiative with these resources:

- [Background on CaliforniaColleges.edu, the State of California's Official College and Career Planning Platform](#)
- [Preparing Your School District for Partnership with the California College Guidance Initiative](#)
- [CaliforniaColleges.edu's Learning Videos](#)

Important Announcement from the State of California Re: Savings Program for College or Career: The California Kids Investment and Development Savings Program (CalKIDS)

Suggested Audience: Counselors



CalKIDS gives children in California a jump start on saving for college or career training.

To be eligible for CalKIDS, participants must be born in California on or after July 1, 2022 or an eligible low-income public school student in grades 1-12 in California. All participants receive a seed deposit in a CalKIDS account to help pay for future education after high school.

[LEARN MORE](#)

OCDE Offers Free Workshops for School Counselors

During NSCW22, the Orange County Department of Education (OCDE) is offering the following professional learning opportunities.

Stronger Together: Increasing Impact Through Wellness Teams

Discuss ways you can collaborate with your mental wellness/health teams to create a more robust student support system, to extend your reach and assist more students who may need more Tier II or III supports under the multi-tiered system of support (MTSS) model in creative ways.

- [Feb. 7 from 9 to 10 a.m. registration link](#)

Taking your Advocacy into Administration

The skills and knowledge school counselors develop in the counseling office and across their campuses are valued in school leadership and administration. As a school counselor, you're already a leader on your campus. Hear from a panel of school counselors who have moved into the world of administration and their journey into leadership roles as they continue to advocate for students on a wider scale.

- [Feb. 8 from 3 to 4 p.m. registration link](#)

Creating an Engaging Middle School College/Career Program

Learn strategies to combine technology and internet-based sites to help students explore colleges, discover career interests, and build soft skills. Explore simple tips to motivate students and incentivize your program in a way that is inclusive and accessible for all. Participants will walk away with sample activities to get started with creating a program. Review of how to use data to capture student voice and evaluate program for revision will be discussed. Based on the needs of your students and availability of local post-secondary options, learn how to tailor a meaningful college and career exploration experience for your school. Participants are encouraged to bring a device for hands-on demonstration.

- [Feb. 9 from 3 to 4 p.m. registration link](#)

All Students, No Exceptions — Using MTSS in Elementary Schools

Participants will learn one district's approach to supporting the social emotional needs of all students on an elementary school campus. Participants will learn how important it is to structure interventions and supports so that all students' needs are met, not just students with intensified needs. Participants will learn how we implement that structure, from giving universal screeners to tracking intervention progress data. As a school counselor working at the elementary level, it is vital that everything is implemented from a structure to ensure all students are supported.

- [Feb. 10 from 3 to 4 p.m. registration link](#)

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Evidence-Based School Counseling Conference

Suggested Audience: School Counselors



March 10-12

The Evidence-Based School Counseling Conference provides school counselors and educational stakeholders with professional development in effective cutting-edge school counseling program components and interventions that

can create dynamic and powerful school counseling programs.

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ELA

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Inspiring Investigation: Interpreting and Analyzing Figurative Language

Suggested Audience: High School English teachers



This Tools for Teachers instructional resource (account required)—provides high school teachers with step-by-step directions for how to guide students to recognize, analyze, and explain the meaning of figurative language in a text and the impact it has on the overall meaning and tone, using William Wordsworth’s poem “I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud”. Habits of Mind strategies are embedded in the questions which challenge students to use critical and close reading.

Three levels of reading questions are provided for the teacher to use with students, depending on the support. This resource is included in the English language arts/literacy Interim Assessment Connections Playlist for high school—Read Literary Texts. Each playlist consists of instructional resources that can be used to teach the content assessed on the corresponding Interim Assessment Block.

[LEARN MORE & REGISTER](#)

CRLP Event: LeadLearn 2023

Suggested Audience: Equity leaders, Teacher leaders



LeadLearn 2023: Staying the Course re-engages and prioritizes our commitment to racial justice and what it means to lead and teach for equity and social justice by reflecting on the following questions: How do we support critical reflections and self-examination of our own cultural and racial identities to impact the education system? How do we support teachers to develop culturally responsive pedagogy in their classrooms? How do

we design productive conversations with both teachers and administrators around race? How can we support teachers to honor students’ identities, linguistic and cultural, in their academic growth? How do we build teachers' capacity to support students to exercise their agency?

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Asynchronous Learning Module: Hand Scoring ELA Performance Tasks

Suggested Audience: instructional leaders, ELA teachers



Learn how to hand score the Smarter Balanced Interim Assessment performance tasks for English language arts/literacy (ELA). Understanding how to hand score performance tasks is an important part of preparing to use the interim assessments, as hand scoring them is a local responsibility. Each module includes step-by-step directions, embedded instructional videos, and reflection questions.

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ENVIRONMENTAL LITERACY

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New Bay of Life K-12 Curriculum Resources for TK-12 Educators

Suggested Audience: TK-12 Educators



Did you know the Monterey Bay region was recently identified as the most significant biodiversity hotspot in North America? This precious place is celebrated in *Bay of Life: From Wind to Whales*, a unique work of art, science, and natural history that explores our local natural treasures and celebrates stories of remarkable conservation and recovery.

Bay of Life creators Frans Lanting and Chris Eckstrom have partnered with the Santa Cruz County Office of Education and a team of local environmental organizations to educate and inspire conservation across the region by connecting this unique project with our schools. The COE will be providing every school library with a copy of the *Bay of Life* and we have launched a [new education website](#) with links to iconic images from the book along with TK-12 education resources and local field trip programs curated to bring the themes in the visual storytelling into

every classroom – and inspire getting out of the classroom and into nature!

[VISIT THE CURRICULUM WEBSITE](#)

Transportation Funding Available to Take Students to the Redwoods!

Suggested Audience: K-12 Classes



Save the Redwoods League has partnered with the Santa Cruz County Office of Education to provide transportation funding for students to visit the redwoods. To apply for funding, review the [grant program overview](#) and then identify a field trip location to determine your transportation cost estimate for the funding request. If approved, the school arranges their field trip and travel plans, pays for the transportation and then receives reimbursement. FUNDS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED ON A ROLLING BASIS UNTIL THE TRANSPORTATION FUND IS SPENT.

To make your field trip as meaningful as possible, Save the Redwoods League offers a [field trip planning guide and redwood curriculum resources here](#) to help make the trip a success.

[GRANT OVERVIEW](#)

Nominations Open! CEEF Excellence in Environmental Education Award

Suggested Audience: All Educators–Nominate students, teachers, or administrators



Each year, the California Environmental Education Foundation (CEEF) provides awards to recognize California students, educators, and administrators for their dedication in the form of projects, programs, or initiatives which advance excellence in environmental education. Nominate an individual who you feel should be recognized for their efforts to promote environmental learning in their school, district, or community. Self-nomination is also welcome. Award recipients may receive any combination of certificates, project stipends ranging from \$200-\$500, and/or media recognition.

Access the short online nomination form [here](#). You may submit more than one nomination, but each should be submitted separately. Nominations will be accepted until Feb 15, 2023

[MORE INFORMATION](#)

Life Lab 2023 Garden Classroom Workshop Schedule

Suggested Audience: Garden Educators and Classroom Teachers



Join Life Lab for a workshop in their model Garden Classroom to get inspiration and information on bringing learning to life in the garden! Take a tour of the 25-acre UCSC Center for Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems while meeting and learning from other garden educators.

Upcoming session topics include:

- Responsive Classroom Management
- Plant to Plate and
- Next Generation Science in the Garden

[MORE INFORMATION](#)

Climate Change Resource Collection for Educators

Suggested Audience: All Educators



The [Climate Change Resource Collection](#) includes NOAA videos, lesson plans, webinars, web stories, virtual reality, and much more. Formal and informal educators are encouraged to take advantage of the robust background information and educational materials available. NOAA offers similar topically-based collections for educators, including collections focused on birds, whales, kelp forests and ocean acidification. All collections can be accessed [here](#).

[CLIMATE CHANGE RESOURCES](#)

Bay-Watershed Education Training (BWET) Grants due 2/23

Suggested Audience: District Administrators



The NOAA California Bay Watershed Education and Training (B-WET) Program provides funds to support environment-based education throughout the watersheds of San Francisco Bay, Monterey Bay, and Santa Barbara Channel. Districts are encouraged to apply. Currently, Santa Cruz County Office of Education is implementing a three year BWET grant, the Teacher Leadership Institute for Sustainability, in partnership with all ten school districts. District proposals to expand this work at the district level are highly encouraged.

[MORE INFORMATION](#)

EQUITY

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February is Black History Month

Suggested Audience: All educators, students and community members



February is Black History Month, and the COE Racial Equity and Justice Initiative website is sharing new and updated resources including a video from Dr. Ibram X Kendi on talking to your kids about race. In addition, here are some excellent [resources](#) from Britannica Education, the [California History/Social Science Project](#), the [San Diego COE](#), and from [National Geographic Kids](#).

[REVIEW THE WEBSITE HERE](#)

Health

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Tobacco-free Resource Guide

Suggested Audience: Health Teachers



The Santa Cruz COE's Tobacco Use Prevention Education (TUPE) team doesn't just provide prevention education, it also offers support for cessation. If you have a student, child, or group of youth who could benefit from individual or group support, please reach out. The TUPE team is ready to meet students where they are at, and help them on their journey to live tobacco-free. Please distribute this shareable resource flier widely, and click the button below to see more TUPE updates.

[Flier](#)

RESCHEDULED for Spring! Comprehensive Sex Ed Trainings

Suggested Audience: Health Teachers TK-12, Administrators



Join these three Educator Trainings to learn about Best Practices. \$50 per training, or all three for \$120.

Trauma-Informed Approach to Sexual Health Education (5/2/23 & 5/4/23)

This two-part training will introduce and define the different types of trauma, common trauma responses, and provide practical tools to support students during sexual health education.

Consent Revisited (2/8/23)

This interactive workshop utilizes real life examples and case studies to provide

participants with skills to discuss consent in the classroom when it comes to the gray areas.

Participants will identify ways that power and privilege can complicate consent, and will gain tools to make education about consent more inclusive of students who are gender and sexually expansive and/or from marginalized communities. **Teaching Inclusive Anatomy (3/22/23)**

This training increases teachers' skills in teaching anatomy in an inclusive and gender-neutral way by introducing participants to new, innovative puberty videos, and practicing teaching inclusive sexual anatomy with peers. Link to [flier](#) with registration information.

HISTORY / SOCIAL SCIENCE

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Watsonville is in the Heart: Community Archive

Suggested Audience: History Teachers



The *Watsonville is in the Heart* digital archive preserves and uplifts the stories of the “manong” generation (Ilokano/Tagalog for “older brother”), the first wave of Filipino migrant farmworkers to arrive in the United States at the beginning of the 20th century. The collection focuses on the pioneering families of Watsonville and the greater Pajaro Valley.

The digital archive includes oral histories, family photographs, family heirlooms, letters and correspondences, and newspaper clippings along with a lesson plan designed to introduce students to oral history through the Watsonville is in the Heart oral history collection. Two primary objectives guided the creation of this lesson plan: 1) To increase the accessibility of oral history methods and archival collections for educators and students and 2) To empower students to learn about their families and communities through hands-on engagement with oral history research.

[LEARN MORE](#)

Native Ways of Knowing Booklist

Suggested Audience: All Educators



To help educators and parents choose high-quality Indigenous authored books, the San Diego County Office of Education (SDCOE) and California Indian Education (CIEFA) have designed this Native Ways of Knowing Book List: Decolonizing and Indigenizing Classrooms and Libraries.

These books have been vetted by Native American scholars, CIEFA, and SDCOE staff. Consider adding these insightful and vibrant Indigenous authored books to your school, classroom, or library. Adding these books to your classroom will help teach young readers empathy, courage, resilience, sovereignty, and Native Ways of Knowing. These suggested Indigenous authors and illustrators utilize Indigenous storytelling and convey the breadth of Native cultures and sovereignty.

[LEARN MORE](#)

MATH

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Visit a Student Math Circle: A Professional Learning Opportunity

Suggested Audience: Educators focused on teaching and learning in math grades 2-10



Saturday, February 25, 11:00-1:00 at Cabrillo College

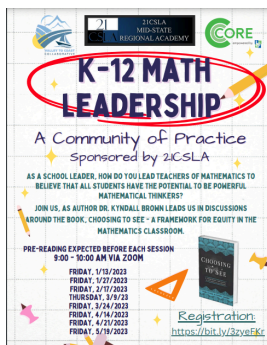
A student math circle is designed to make math accessible, inclusive, and fun for students. Join local educators, non-profit XAcademy, and students to see and learn how the **Santa Cruz Math Circle** provides extracurricular math enrichment that encourages students from across Santa Cruz County to develop their identities as math thinkers in a supportive, collaborative and fun environment.

Lunch Served

FLIER, REGISTRATION

K-12 Math Leadership Community of Practice

Suggested Audience: Education leaders focused on teaching and learning in math

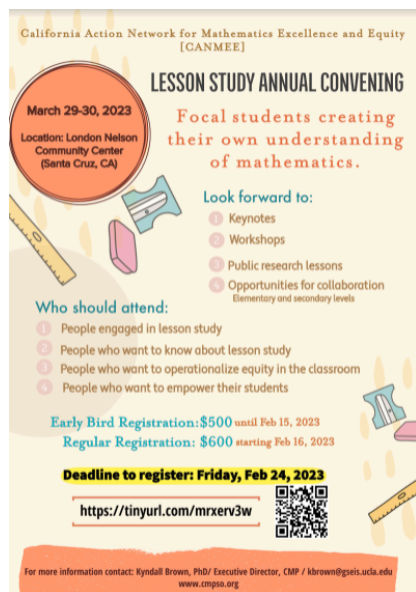


A Community of Practice Sponsored by 21CSLA. As a school leader, how do you lead teachers of math to believe that all students can be powerful math thinkers? Join as author **Kyndall Brown** leads in discussion around the book **"Choosing to See - A Framework for Equity in the Math Classroom."** A series of eight 60-minute Zoom meetings, the next meeting is 2/17, 9:00-10:00 am.

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Lesson Study Annual Convening

Suggested Audience: Educators focused on teaching/learning mathematics



March 29-30, Right here in Santa Cruz!!! Lesson Study is among the most powerful forms of professional learning. Join leaders from the California Action Network for Mathematics Excellence and Equity (CANMEE) for their Lesson Study Annual Convening. Come learn about Lesson Study via keynotes, workshops, public research lessons, and opportunities to collaborate with others. Whether you have engaged in Lesson Study, are planning to, or are curious about the practice ... if you are curious about operationalizing equity and empowering students, this session is for you.

Early Bird Registration: \$500
Regular Registration: \$600

Deadline to register: February 24, 2023.

[LEARN MORE & REGISTER](#)

SVMI - Math-Focused Professional Learning is BACK IN PERSON!!!!

Suggested Audience: Educators focused on teaching and learning in math



Next Session: Thursday, February 16, 2023, 8:30-3:00 at the COE. SVMI offers excellent math-focused professional learning and resources, TK-12. Sessions include opportunities to engage with grade-alike colleagues to dig deeper into math-focused teaching and learning. Our first four sessions were amazing. **Please reserve your sub, register, and plan to join us in February!**

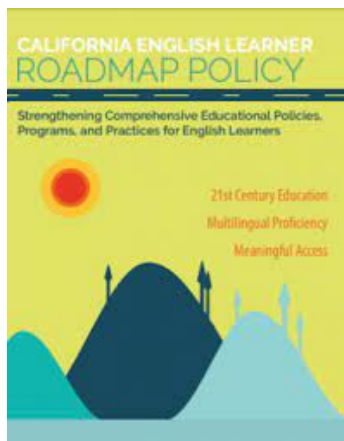
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MULTILINGUAL

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English Learner Roadmap 101 for School Board Members

Suggested Audience: School board members



This free virtual session is designed to address the role of local governing bodies in supporting and overseeing the planning, resource allocation, and implementation of responsive and effective programs and services for English learners that are aligned with the state policy. What questions should you be asking? What opportunities does this asset-oriented and visionary state policy open up for your schools? How can you ensure your schools are enacting the vision, mission, and principles of the English Learner Roadmap? Sign up to gain answers and tools to centralize the needs of your English learner students. The virtual session will take place February 27, 2023, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. This session is open to all school board members from EL RISE's 20 County Offices of Education.

[LEARN MORE & REGISTER](#)

Home Language Development Recognition Program for LOTE

Suggested Audience: Families of multilingual learners, family and parent engagement specialists, teachers Tk-8

Celebrate and promote your students' multilingualism as an asset by having families enroll directly in the Language Ambassadors' Home Language Development Recognition Program. Families can enroll directly on the [Language Ambassadors parent page](#), which provides suggested activities. The COE's Language Ambassadors team will provide certificates recognizing students as Language Ambassadors upon completion of activities that develop their language other than English (LOTE).

[Learn More](#)
[Aprender mas](#)

CABE 2023 Conference in Long Beach

Suggested Audience: teachers, parent leaders, instructional coaches and leaders



The California Association of Bilingual Educators' annual conference will be in-person March 22-25, 2023 in Long Beach. On-line registration is now open. This year's theme is Testimonios: The Power of Our Stories, Our Art and Our Dreams. Santa Cruz COE will be organizing a gathering at the conference in Long Beach so please contact Sofia Sorensen at ssorensen@santacruzcoe to let her know that you will be attending!

[REGISTER HERE](#)

SCIENCE

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STEAM Expo: Updates and Call for Projects



*Suggested Audience: Science Teachers
TK-12, Science Fair Coordinators,
Administrators
Teachers, Site Fair Coordinators, and
administrators- The Santa Cruz County
SEAM Expo is coming up soon!
Registration for student entries is*

Open, and needs to be completed by February 27.

Teachers and Club Advisors! We have a new option for larger projects such as clubs or class wide projects to display and talk to the public about your projects in the open Expo- See the Teacher Flier below to sign up your club or class to showcase your work!

High School Teachers! We also are wanting to recruit more high school students to participate! See the student flier below- and please post in your classrooms and school hallways! Scholarships and cash prizes are available!

Science Fair Coordinators and Teachers! Finally, We have a NEW STEAM Expo informational website with updated guidelines, safety requirements, and overall Expo information. Please use this resource for guiding students to appropriate projects (Note: students can NOT grow unknown organisms or any kind at home or in the classroom!!) See the *Safety Review* page for complete information regarding safety regulations that the STEAM Expo follows.

[High School Students](#) & [Teachers](#) & [STEAM Expo Website](#)

National Youth Science Camp for High School Students

Suggested Audience: High School Science TEachers and Administrators



The CDE and the National Youth Science Center are excited to announce applications for the 60th annual National Youth Science Camp (NYSC) are now open!

Read more and apply at the link below, and encourage your students to apply!

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Interested in Developing Science Resources for Tools for Teachers?



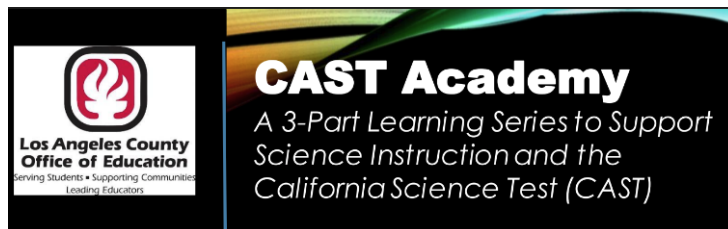
Suggested Audience: Science Teachers

Consider joining the science resources team sponsored by the California Department of Education. Share your knowledge and expertise to improve access to high-quality science resources for all California teachers. This work will include asynchronous training in May and an in-person workshop in June and you could earn a stipend for your work.

[Flier](#)

CAST Academy: 3-Part Learning Series to Support Instruction

Suggested Audience: K-12 Teachers of Science, TOSAs, Assessment Coordinators, Administrators, Curriculum and Instruction Coordinators



Join this collaborative 3-Part series supporting Science instruction for the California Science Test (CAST) developed by the California Science Project, LACOE, and CSU Northridge. The first session focuses on how the assessment was designed, and tools and resources to support student

success. The second session looks at instructional resources, accessibility resources, and analyzing student data. The final session looks at the use of performance tasks throughout the year to adjust teaching and learning.

February 9, 15, 23 4:30-5:30 pm On Zoom

\$25 per participant

Register by February 8, 2023

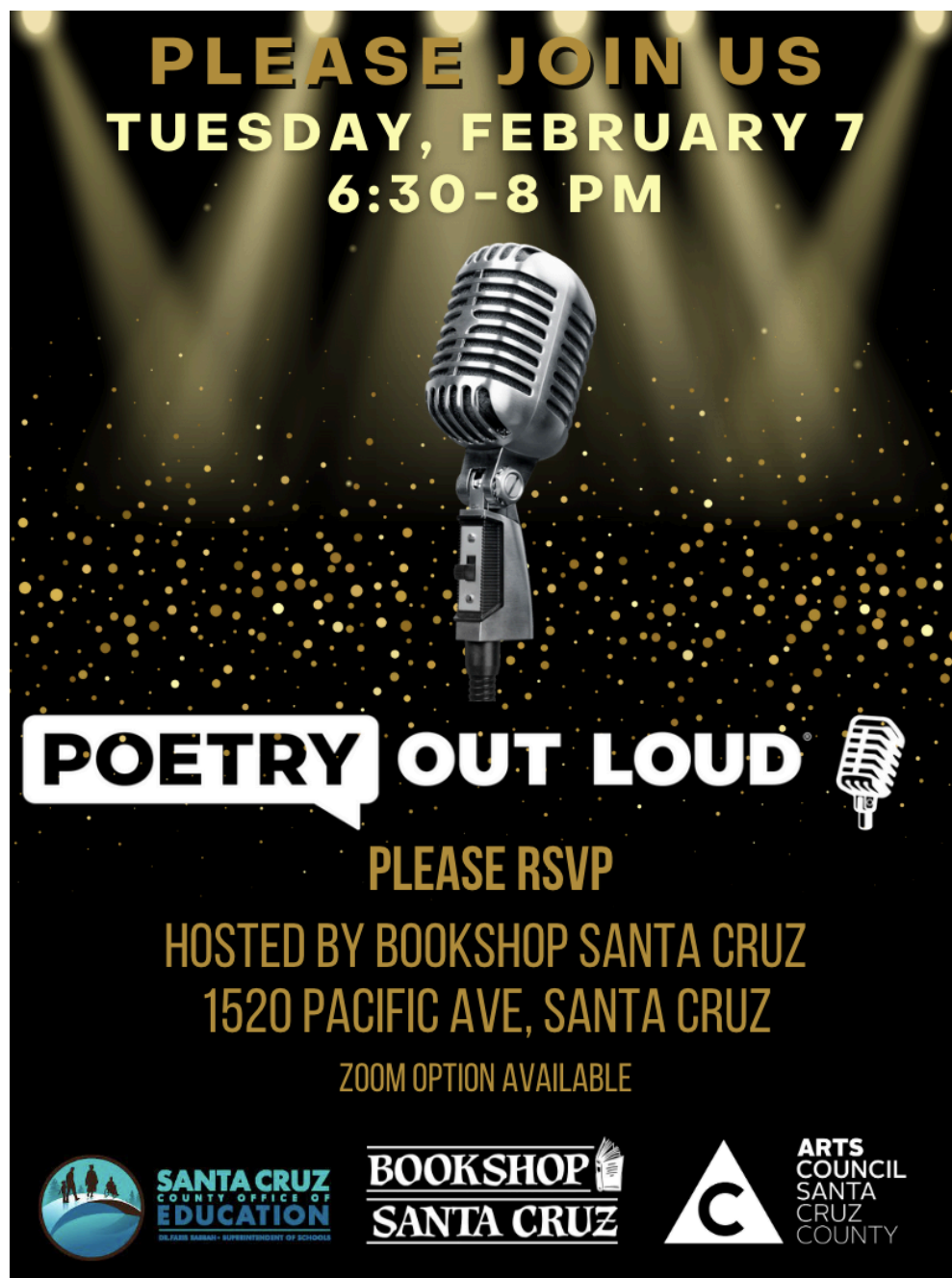
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VAPA

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Poetry Out Loud

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY: Please Register at this Link: [Poetry Out Loud Club Registration](#)

A poster for the Poetry Out Loud 2023 event. The background is black with a large, vintage-style silver microphone in the center. Golden light rays emanate from the top, and a shower of golden confetti falls from the top. The text is in bold, sans-serif fonts, with some in gold and some in white. At the bottom, there are four logos: Santa Cruz County Office of Education, Bookshop Santa Cruz, and Arts Council Santa Cruz County.


PLEASE JOIN US
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7
6:30-8 PM

POETRY OUT LOUD


PLEASE RSVP

HOSTED BY BOOKSHOP SANTA CRUZ
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PLEASE REGISTER AS SEATING IS LIMITED AT: [POETRY OUT LOUD 2023](#)

Achievement and Resilience: Celebrating Our School Community

COMMUNITY EVENT: [Santa Cruz COE Registration Links](#)



YOU'RE INVITED!

Achievement and Resilience: Celebrating Our School Community

The Santa Cruz County Office of Education is pleased to invite you to our upcoming annual celebration. With student performances, speakers, local data, and refreshments, this is an opportunity to recognize and reflect on the year behind and look ahead at our ongoing work. Please RSVP for either the North County or South County celebration — or join us at both!

NORTH COUNTY

6-7:30 p.m. Wed. Feb. 1
Santa Cruz MAH
705 Front St, Santa Cruz



sccoe.link/rsvp

SOUTH COUNTY

6-7:30 p.m. Thurs. Feb. 9
Sequoia Schools
229 Green Valley Rd,
Freedom

Attend Our Annual Celebration

We are pleased to invite you to our upcoming annual celebrations hosted in North County on Feb. 1, and South County on Feb. 9. With student performances, speakers, local data, and food catered by the Culinary Arts program at Sequoia High School, this is an opportunity to recognize and reflect on the year behind and look ahead at our ongoing work. Please RSVP for either the North County or South County celebration — or join us at both!

STUDENT OPPORTUNITY

FashionTeens: A program for social and environmental activists

Audience: Middle and High School Students

Please complete application at: [FashionTeens Application](#)



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a program for social & environmental activists

APPLY

applications due December 9 2022

Application forms are available at
fashionteens-santacruz.com under
"Upcoming Show Info."

For more information, email
fashionteenssantacruz@gmail.com

SHOWCASE

Saturday March 11 2023, 2:00–3:30

Models and designers will display their
creations at the Santa Cruz County
Office of Education STEAM Expo, in the
Fine Arts Building at the Santa Cruz
County Fairgrounds in Watsonville.

STEAM EXPO: Including the Invention Convention and FashionTeens: An environmental and socially conscious event!

SAVE-THE-DATE! MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

MARCH 11, 2023 ~ 2:00 SHOWCASE



STEAM EXPO

March 11, 2023

Santa Cruz Fairgrounds



Science Fair is Expanding to a STEAM Expo!

A community level event for the whole family

Including the following events

Science Fair Competition

Invention Competition

Student Project Showcase

Fashion Teens Runway Show

Amazon DeepRacer Competition

Math Challenges

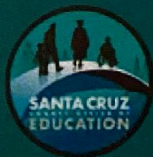
Coding and Robotics Challenges

Hands-on Activities

Career Connections & Demonstrations

And more!

Find out more with the QR code or link below



Contact Information
Dr. Heather Wygant - Science Coordinator
831-466-5727
hwygant@santacruzcoe.org

Scan the QR code for the website, or go to
<https://bit.ly/SantaCruzSTEAM>



Santa Cruz Symphony, Carnegie Hall, and Santa Cruz COE bring you:
Link Up: The Orchestra Sings

Audience: 4-5th Grade Teachers, Teaching Artists, Administrators & Educational Leaders

Please contact Audrey at asirota@santacruzcoe.org to register your school.

Link Up

CARNEGIE HALL
Weill Music Institute

The Orchestra SINGS

Youth Concerts for Santa Cruz County 4th & 5th Grade Students.
Thursday, February 23
Friday, February 24


Ludwig von Beethoven	"Ode to Joy" from Symphony No. 9"
Giuseppe Verdi	"Anvil Chorus" from Il Trovatore
Daniel Bartholomew-Poyser	Hlonolofatsa Baccanale
Louis Prima arranged: Benny Goodman	Sing Sing Sing
Reena Esmail	Ram Tori Maya
José Pablo Moncayo	Huapango



SANTA CRUZ SYMPHONY
DANIEL STEWART MUSIC DIRECTOR



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MASTER OF CEREMONIES



DANIEL STEWART
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Now that Proposition 28 passed in November, here is what we know.

[Proposition 28 Information Sheet from EdSource](#)



Highlights quoted from [EdSource](#):

- On Nov. 8, Californians overwhelmingly passed Proposition 28, which will bring a windfall of arts education funding to California schools.
- In all, districts will receive an additional 1% of their funding allotment to spend on the arts.
- Proposition 28 funds will be distributed according to enrollment, with 70% based on overall enrollment and 30% based on Title 1 enrollment.
- School boards must certify districts' Prop. 28 budgets annually.
- Proposition 28 will provide funding for traditional forms of creative expression like music, theater, dance and visual arts, as well as media arts including filmmaking, animation and graphic design.
- A novel feature of Prop. 28 is each school community will get to decide how the funds are used...Families can help decide what they want for their children.
- The passage of Prop. 28 makes California a leader in arts education and will lead to the largest investment in arts and music in our nation's history.
- Longer term, Prop. 28 will lead to greater diversity in the technology, media and entertainment industries as a broader population of students in California public schools will develop newfound skills and experiences.
- Prop. 28 will create more than 15,000 additional jobs for teachers and teachers' aides as well as in community arts organizations.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Youth Artists Taking Action Student Group - RECRUITING NOW!

Audience: High School students

Please register using this link: [Youth Artists Taking Action Application](#)



Tuesday ~ 4:30pm to 5:30pm

**in-person at Delta School on the
Cabrillo College Campus**

Hybrid option available

**Join us in creating local arts projects for our
community!**

If you imagine it, we can do it!

For more information contact Audrey Sirota at
asirota@santacruzcoe.org or Andres Ortiz at
aortiz@santacruzcoe.org or Celeste Gutierrez at
cgutierrez@santacruzcoe.org

Apply by September 15.



EDUCATOR OPPORTUNITY

Arts Education Community of Practice

Audience: Teachers, Teaching Artists, Administrators

Santa Cruz, Santa Clara, San Benito & Monterey County Offices of Education are co-hosting this Arts Education Community of Practice. Join us for a region-wide sharing of ideas and inspirations!

Please register using this link: [Arts Education Community of Practice](#)

CEUs Available



The poster features a vibrant red and yellow background. In the top left, a circular inset shows a group of people, with a man in a white t-shirt and black pants in the foreground. In the bottom right, another circular inset shows a woman with glasses and a blue sweatshirt, focused on a craft project. The text is arranged in a clear, hierarchical manner, with the title in large white letters and the details in yellow. The bottom section is dedicated to contact information and logos.

ARTS EDUCATION COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

MEET THE 3RD THURSDAY
OF EVERY MONTH
STARTING IN SEPTEMBER
4:00-5:15
FREE ON ZOOM
[REGISTER HERE](#)

CONNECTION CREATIVITY COLLABORATION

Contact Audrey Sirota
asirota@santacruzcoe.org

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The bottom of the poster displays a row of logos for the participating organizations: San Benito County Office of Education, SVCREATES, Arts & Inspiration, Monterey County Office of Education, Santa Cruz County Office of Education, Santa Cruz County Office of Education, Arts Council Santa Cruz County, and Arts Council Santa Cruz County.



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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 [Audrey Sirota](#), COE Visual and Performing Arts Coordinator
or

[Lee Duffus](#), Symphony Volunteer CMC Coordinator



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Visual and Performing Art Teachers' Network

Suggested Audience: Arts Teachers, General Education Teachers, Administrators

THANK YOU to all our VAPA Teachers for persevering to bring the ARTS to our students!
Welcome back to the 2022-2023 school year!



Monthly Meetings: We will join forces with PVUSD. At the first meeting, we will address having a separate network for teachers who are unable to make these meetings.

Dates for Middle and High School Teachers: 9/14/22; 10/12/22; 11/9/22; 12/14/22; 1/11/23;
2/8/23; 3/8/23; 4/12/23; 5/9/23

Dates for Elementary School Teachers: 9/21/22; 10/19/22; 11/16/22; 12/14/22; 1/18/23;
2/15/23; 3/15/23; 4/19/23; 5/7/23



SPECTRA Matching Grants

These grants are given to assist Santa Cruz County K-12 public schools and community organizations to enhance their arts education programs by

bringing SPECTRA Teaching Artists into classrooms for visual, performing, or literary arts workshops, residencies, and performances. Matching grants are awarded, based on funding availability, up to \$2,000. We prioritize funding to ensure racial equity and where we can make the greatest sustainable impact. Our number one priority goes to schools where high percentages (60-100%) students identify as BIPOC. **Applications will be accepted through Friday, September 9, 2022 at 5 pm.** Check out our [Teaching Artist Directory](#) to explore our list of SPECTRA artists and artist fees. You may complete the online application found at www.artscouncilsc.org/SPECTRA/

Need help? Contact Sarah Brothers, Arts Education Director: 831.475.9600 x18 or artsed@artscouncilsc.org

Arts & History: Contribute to Local History Resources

Suggested Audience: 4th-5th Grade Teachers



Santa Cruz
Museum of
Art & History
at the McPherson Center

The [Publications Committee at the Santa Cruz MAH](#) is working on a children's history / activity book and they would love input from teachers.

It's a book of letters from an adult to a child. It will be geared toward 4th-5th graders. The letters are fictionalized but draw directly from historical research and / or community knowledge. It helps readers to understand

why diverse people have come to the region, how they built community, and how they have felt at home or not at home. The book's purpose is to teach empathy through learning about history. The Committee would love to connect with a group of 4th-5th grade teachers to get feedback on the [prototype](#), particularly what themes are useful to 4th-5th graders in terms of local history, California history, Social Science Curriculum, lesson planning, or possible integration of the book into lesson planning.

If you are interested in joining the Publications Committee for a virtual meeting to provide your input on this project, please complete the form below.

[INTEREST FORM](#)