

EDCOE

**EL DORADO COUNTY
OFFICE OF EDUCATION**



Excellence in Education for the 21st Century



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Serving as El Dorado County Superintendent of Schools is an honor and privilege. El Dorado County is an amazing place to work, play and call home. It is a privilege to work alongside students, exceptional educators, and the community to build upon the county's reputation as a destination for high-quality education. I believe that a quality education is a powerful lever for a child, family, and community to reach their full potential.

Many people inspired me to value education. My father and mother are the most influential by their example of selfless care, constant encouragement, and service to others. Their unconditional love is embedded in who I am and how I practice - it's the same commitment and hope I want in every child in El Dorado County. As for my professional background, before working in the County Superintendent role, I was the Deputy Superintendent of the County Office, a District Superintendent, and a High School Principal.

As the world rapidly changes, so does our education system. It is important that the County Office of Education provide leadership and support to our 15 school districts. With an emphasis on local control and positive student outcomes for every child, it is a privilege to be County Superintendent at this momentous time. I welcome and embrace the opportunity to help make our students' dreams a reality.

Serving Our Programs, Schools and Students

Every child is a tiny seed with the potential to grow and flourish. To help nurture those seeds, EDCOE offers a variety of services to many county-wide programs and 15 school districts. In doing so, the organization enriches the lives of more than 28,000 students by helping close the achievement gap and meet regulatory and educational standards. Services are cost-effective and include accounting, business, human resources, professional development, facilities maintenance, curriculum/instruction, information technology, and more.

EDCOE directly supports more than 3,000 students through early childcare and development, charter school programs, or special education services. The organization also serves as the administrative unit for the El Dorado Charter Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA), which delivers comprehensive resources and assistance to nearly 300 schools throughout California. These charter schools are then able to serve over 11,000 students who have special needs.

Collaborative partnerships between EDCOE, government agencies, and community organizations maximize taxpayer dollars in order to provide additional cost-effective assistance and opportunities to students and the community.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

- Customized, centralized, operational support
- Personnel Services
- Business Services
- Emergency Preparedness
- Print Shop Facility

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

- Curriculum and Instruction
- Professional Development
- Child Development
- Information Technology
- Special Services
- Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA)
- Charter Special Education Local Plan Area (Charter SELPA)
- Charter Alternative Programs
- Court Schools
- School Attendance Review Board (SARB)
- General Educational Development (GED)
- Second Language Program (ESL)
- Foster Youth Services
- Central Sierra Regional Occupation Program (CSROP)
- Communications

El Dorado County—A Destination for Education

INNOVATION GRANTS EMPOWER TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

After a comprehensive application process every spring, EDCOE awards annual grants directly to classrooms throughout El Dorado County. The grants help stimulate educator creative thinking and close the achievement gap. Grant funding has gone to purchase equipment, training, new software and more. The grants have been so successful, that recipients have taken it upon themselves to mentor the following year's recipients. Cohorts meet together regularly to help ensure individual grant success

STUDENTS CELEBRATE THE SPOKEN WORD

Approximately 500 fourth through eighth-grade students represent their schools at the annual Festival of Oral Interpretation hosted by Pioneer Union School District. The event takes place in a picture-perfect setting on a beautiful day in March. Small groups of children hurry to classrooms across campus to deliver interpretive performances of poetry and prose. After every performance, a volunteer evaluator, members of the audience and student peers give the orators complimentary and suggestive advice.

BRINGING DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING FAMILIES TOGETHER

Every year, the EDCOE Special Services team hosts a lively ice cream social for families with deaf or hard of hearing students. Children and families network with each other, meet with members of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing EDCOE team, and are provided with information regarding community resources. The ice cream is enjoyed by all while students participate in various activities such as crafts. Amy Andersen is the EDCOE Executive Director of Special Services and notes, "It is important that children with hearing disabilities and their families communicate and connect with one another. We created this supportive community for our families to enhance communication opportunities and strengthen our existing resources."

SCHOOLS RECEIVE \$4.4 MILLION FOR CTE

EDCOE and 15 school districts combined resources to successfully apply for grant funding which will funnel almost over four million dollars into county and school programs. The primary focus of the grant is to expand and enhance technical education at all grade levels. Throughout El Dorado County, Career Technical Education (CTE) offers options to students that integrate core academic standards with technical and occupational knowledge in high-demand fields such as robotics, information technology, food services and hospitality, manufacturing, transportation, and sports medicine.

TECHNOLOGY OPENS NEW DOORS FOR INCARCERATED STUDENTS

Golden Ridge students at the El Dorado County Juvenile Hall in Placerville are now using Google Chromebooks to enhance technological knowledge and further their education. The devices deliver differentiated instruction, selected by the teacher, which allows access to standards-based curriculum in every subject area. "These devices make it possible to easily tailor assignments for 25 students across grades 8 through 12 where it can be challenging to conduct whole-group instruction," Program Coordinator Christy Ploszaj explains. "We can be as fluid as we need to be, and this teaching method has greatly increased student-educator dialogue and collaboration."





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