



Carlsbad Unified School District

... a world class district

FACT SHEET

The closely linked roots of the Carlsbad community and its schools hark back to 1872. That year, the tiny Hope School District was established while “Carlsbad by the Sea” began to burgeon as an agricultural community and resort destination. Today, the city of Carlsbad’s public education needs are served primarily by the 14-school, K-12 Carlsbad Unified School District (CUSD). In addition, three neighboring districts have schools located within city limits. CUSD’s student population mirrors the community’s multicultural history and present demographics; notably in its mix of white and Hispanic students.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Carlsbad Unified School District, a global community of learners, is to guarantee that our students flourish in life as enthusiastic, confident learners through a world-class educational system characterized by a vigorous, personalized curriculum, dedicated teaching and total community involvement.

VISION

Carlsbad Unified School District will be the district of choice due to the combination of strong academic learning and unique creative programs that cultivate the talents of our learners.

OVER-ARCHING GOAL

Every student makes significant yearly progress toward achieving appropriate and meaningful standards.

GENERAL FUND BUDGET

(2009-2010) Approximately \$85 million.

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA

Serves a majority of Carlsbad, California, a city of approximately 100,000 residents comprising 42 square miles.

ESTABLISHED

1970. From 1921-1970, its schools operated within Carlsbad Union School District.

GOVERNANCE

Board of Trustees

Chair: Nicole Pappas; Kelli Moors, Lisa Rodman, Mark Tanner, Elisa Williamson.

District Superintendent: John A. Roach, Ed.D.

SCHOOLS

Elementary

Aviara Oaks, Buena Vista, Calavera Hills, Hope, Jefferson, Kelly, Magnolia, Pacific Rim, Poinsettia.

Middle

Aviara Oaks, Calavera Hills, Valley.

High

Carlsbad High.

Small

Carlsbad Seaside Academy-Carlsbad Village Academy.

STAFF

Certificated: 564; Classified: 372.

STUDENTS

Approximately 10,700.

SOCIO-ECONOMIC MAKEUP

English Learners: 8.7%; Eligible for free/reduced meals: 21.9%.

ETHNIC DIVERSITY (2008)

White	61%
Hispanic	23%
Asian	6%
African-American	2%
Filipino	1%
Native American	<1%
Pacific Islander	<1%
Multiple/No Response	6%

API

In 2008, all CUSD standard schools attained an Academic Performance Index (API) over 800, the number considered "passing" by the State of California. The 2008 Statewide average was 742.

PROPOSITION P

In November 2006, nearly 70% of voters approved CUSD's Proposition P, a \$198 million bond measure providing funding for: 1) a major renovation of Carlsbad High School, built in 1958; 2) the construction of a new high school; 3) the modernization of four older elementary and two middle schools; and 4) District-wide technology upgrades. Multifaceted efforts commenced in 2008; some have been completed and several are under way. Due to legal issues, construction of the new high school, now expected to open in 2013, has been delayed.

SELECTED ACCOLADES

- ✚ Eleven sites have been named a California Distinguished School at least once.
- ✚ Sixteen current teachers – 2.7% of CUSD's certificated force – are National Board Certified (NBC) teachers; the Statewide average is 1%.
- ✚ Carlsbad High's graduation rate is approximately 95%; the 2008 Statewide average is 80.5%. Approximately 90% of graduates pursue higher education, including at prestigious universities nationwide.
- ✚ 2008: Carlsbad Seaside Academy's Independent Study Program was heralded as one of 1,925 high-performing high schools in the country by U.S News & World Report.
- ✚ 2009: Jefferson Elementary became one of 13 schools Statewide (and one of only a few public schools) that are fully authorized to teach the International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme at the elementary level.
- ✚ 2009: Students at Carlsbad High School Television (CHSTV), which has won three National Student and 17 Regional Student Emmys, produced We Must Remember, a powerful first-hand documentary on the Holocaust that has won multiple awards and recognitions worldwide.

COMMUNITY PARTNER

The Carlsbad Educational Foundation (CEF) supports the education of every CUSD student by developing, conducting and financing innovative and quality programs and projects. To date, the CEF has contributed more than \$4 million to the District. Program support includes funds for music, science and innovation.

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