

Lassen County Office of Education Annual Report to the Community 2023



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Partners in Education

Alliance for Workforce Development

County of Lassen

Lassen Community College

Lassen National Forest

Susanville Indian Rancheria

Bureau of Land Management

Community Agency Partners in Education

Lassen County Probation

Lassen County Sheriff's Department

Prevention Education/JAG

Lassen County Health and Social Services

Susanville Police Department

First 5 of Lassen

Prevention Collaborative

SARB Team

Public School and District Information

School districts in Lassen County operate autonomously with their own elected Governing Board and appointed Superintendent. The Lassen County Office of Education is a service organization and an intermediary between local school districts and the California Department of Education.

Lassen County School Districts and Superintendents	
Big Valley Joint Unified School District <i>Superintendent/Principal</i> (530) 294-5266 www.bigvalleyschool.org	Ravendale-Termo Elementary School District <i>Jason Waddell, Superintendent/Principal</i> (530) 257-8200 www.juniperridge.org
Fort Sage Unified School District <i>Bryan Young, Acting Superintendent</i> (530) 827-2129 www.footsage.org	Richmond Elementary School District <i>Brian Boyer, Superintendent/Principal</i> (530) 257-2338 www.richmondelementary.com
Janesville Union School District <i>Jamie Huber, Superintendent/Principal</i> (530) 253-3660 www.janesvilleschool.org	Shaffer Elementary School District <i>Joshua Blackburn, Superintendent/Principal</i> (530) 254-6577 www.shafferschool.org
Johnstonville Elementary School District <i>Dr. Scott Smith, Superintendent/Principal</i> (530) 257-2471 www.johnstonville.org	Susanville School District <i>Jason Waddell, Superintendent</i> (530) 257-8200 www.susanvillesd.org
Lassen Union High School District <i>Morgan Nugent, Superintendent</i> (530) 257-5134 www.lassenhigh.org	Westwood Unified School District <i>Paula Silva Superintendent/Principal</i> (530) 256-2311 www.westwoodusd.org
Long Valley School <i>Sherri Morgan, Director</i> (530) 827-2395 www.longvalleycs.org	
Thompson Peak Charter School <i>Sherri Morgan, Director</i> (530) 827-2395 www.longvalleycs.org	
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Message from the Superintendent



Dear Lassen County Residents:

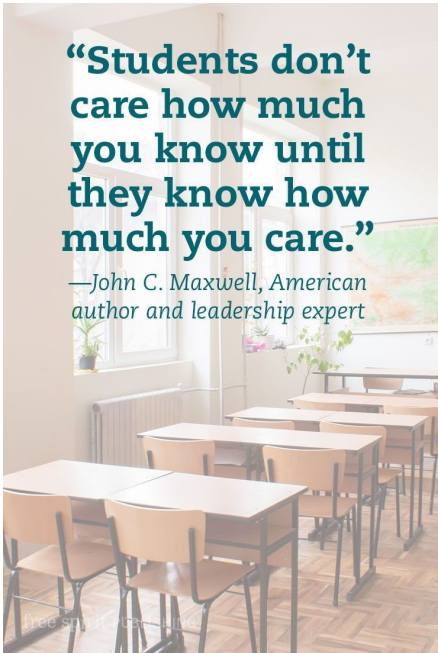
The Lassen County Office of Education is pleased to present our Annual Education Report for the 2022-23 school year. Our organization works collaboratively with the school districts and charter schools to serve the 3770 students of Lassen County. We provide leadership, services and support. We are truly a service organization doing what we can to build capacity, provide professional development opportunities, business services and overall support to parents, students, staff and administration.

We are excited to highlight our programs and opportunities and hope that you enjoy reading about them in the following pages.

I would like to thank those inspiring and innovative staff, teachers and administrators of the Lassen County Office of Education who make all we do possible.

Sincerely,

Patricia Gunderson
Lassen County Superintendent of Schools



What does the Lassen County Office of Education Do?

The Lassen County Office of Education (LCOE) works in partnership with our local schools and community to support quality programs and instruction for the 3,770 students enrolled in Lassen County. The LCOE employs approximately 65 staff and manages a \$12 million dollar budget.

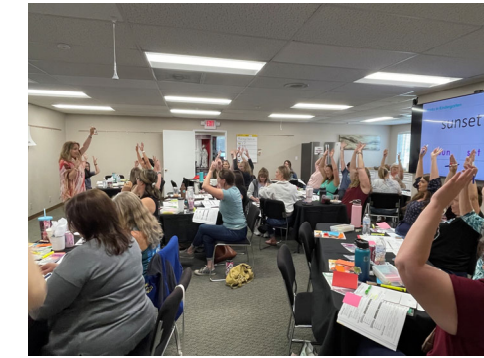
Under the leadership of the County Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools, LCOE serves as a link between the 10 school districts and the California Department of Education. Staff provide leadership and advocacy on critical educational issues and serve as a source of informational support for our local educators.

LCOE provides support for the local districts in three areas:
Administrative, Instructional, and Student Services.

The Role of the Lassen County Superintendent of Schools

The Lassen County Superintendent of Schools, elected by the voters of Lassen County, is the chief administrative officer, employer, and developer of programs and services as authorized by state statute or determined by needs or requests. She also provides educational leadership and administers mandated services.

The County Superintendent of Schools has direct oversight responsibilities for approving and assuring school district budgets, approving Local Control and Accountability Plans, calling school district elections, and assisting with school district emergencies by providing necessary services.



Mission Statement – Lassen County Office of Education

The mission of the Lassen County Office of Education is to provide essential and necessary services, support, and leadership to all public schools in Lassen County that will assist in the improvement of programs and development of all children in reaching their fullest individual potential.

Administrative Support

Administrative support includes the business and operational functions of education. Some are required by law, such as the attendance accounting, district budget reviews, Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) support and approval, interdistrict appeals, and teacher credentialing.

Additional services are provided to help districts save money by offering economy-of-scale services like payroll auditing, payroll processing, fingerprinting, and technology services. S

Substitute teacher processing and ongoing technical services for payroll, budget, and LCAP are also provided. Credentialing and Licensing support for teachers, early childhood educators, and administrators.

Instructional Support

Professional Development -SAFE Supporting All Fellow Educators

New Teacher Support and Coaching

Student Assessment and Accountability

Emotional Literacy SEL4Lassen

UPK/Transitional Kindergarten Community of Practice



Student Services

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| Homeless Education Programs | Foster Youth Service |
| Behavioral and Mental Health Support | Preschool |
| Early Education—Infant/Toddler | After School Expanded Learning |
| Prevention Education | Emotional Literacy |
| Third Grade History Day | Children’s Fair |
| Fourth Grade Day | Lit Jam |
| Fifth Grade Day in the Desert | Sober Graduation |
| Tinkering Lab | Student Assemblies |

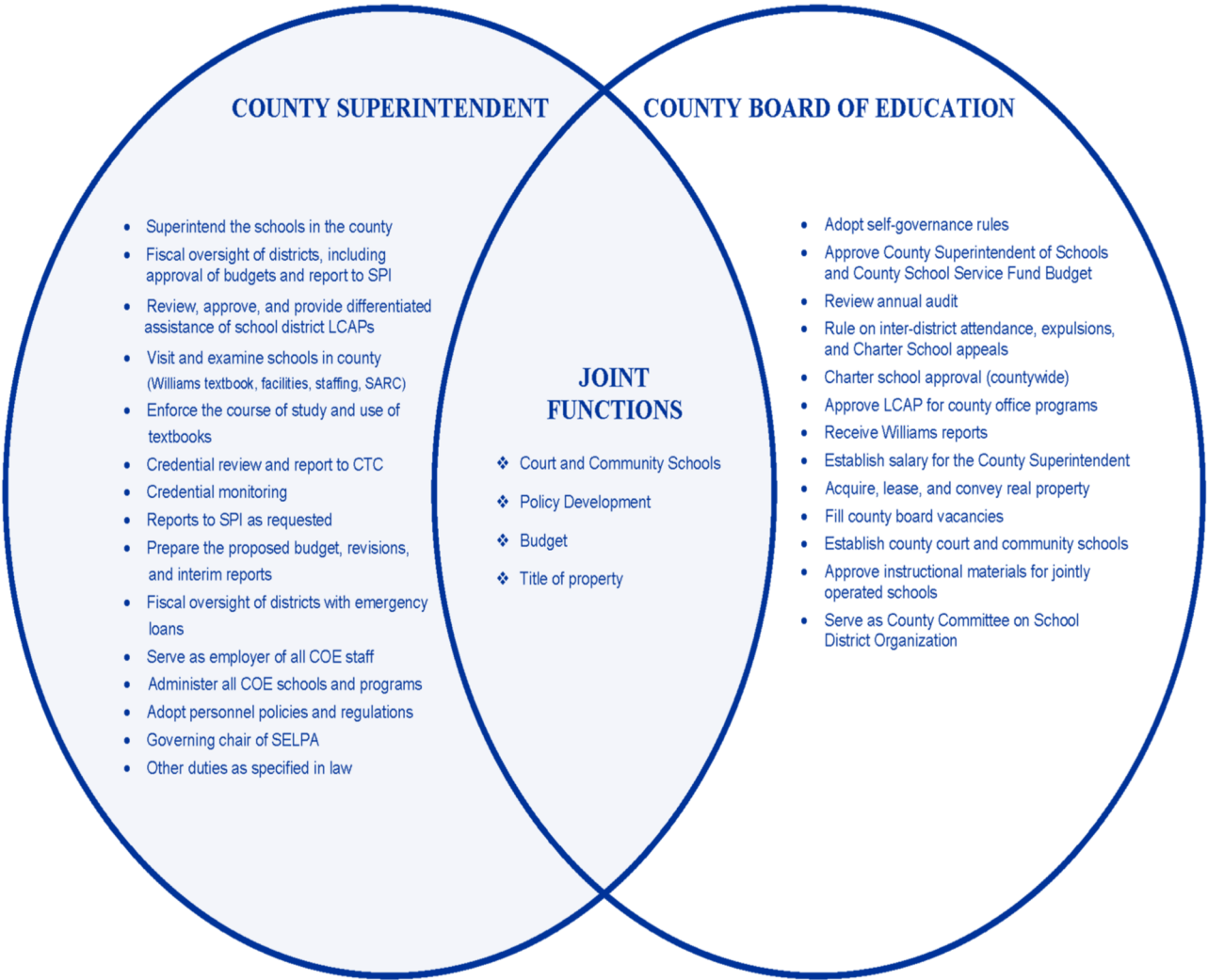


The Role of County Boards of Education

County Board of Education Trustees and Their Areas of Representation

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| Trustee Area No. 1
Bruce Davie, Patricia Hagata, Dan Owens
▶ Lassen Union High School District
▶ Susanville School District | Trustee Area No. 4
Wanda Bushong
▶ Fort Sage Unified School District
▶ Ravendale-Termo Elem. School District
▶ Shaffer Elementary School District |
| Trustee Area No. 2
Twyla Braninburg
▶ Westwood Unified School District | Trustee Area No. 5
John Bertotti
▶ Janesville Union School District
▶ Johnstonville Elem. School District
▶ Richmond Elementary School District |
| Trustee Area No. 3
Rob Erickson
▶ Big Valley Joint Unified School District | |

Board of Education meetings are typically held on the second Wednesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. at the
Lassen County Office of Education
 472-013 Johnstonville Road, N., Susanville, CA 96130



Child and Family Resources

LCOE’s Child and Family Resources (CFR) provides programs which give children a head start in school and life. Last year, through the preschool, Infant/Toddler, and childcare services and providers, CFR offered support and direct services to children and families in Lassen County.

We provide engaging, quality, play-based programs in learning environments where children can explore, discover, and interact. These programs and activities are designed to help children develop a solid foundation of language, early literacy, and early math and science skills. Children develop healthy habits and routines along with positive social-emotional skills through these interactions.



Need Quality Childcare?

Finding quality childcare in Lassen County can be difficult and frustrating. Calling the Lassen Child & Family Resources (CFR) can help.

CFR maintains information on school-aged exempt childcare centers, licensed childcare centers, and family childcare homes in Lassen County. Childcare referrals are free-of-charge, and staff are available to focus on the age of the child, need, and location within the county. If you need help paying for childcare, program staff can help.

For more information, call (530) 257-9781

Education Snapshot

Number of Lassen County Public Schools

Elementary	4
TK-Eighth	5
Intermediate (3-5)	1
Middle	1
Jr/Senior High	2
High School	4
Alternative	2
Charter	3



Performance Levels (3-8)

District	ELA	Math
Big Valley	Orange	Red
Janesville	Yellow	Yellow
Johnstonville	Orange	Orange
Ravendale-Termo	*	*
Richmond	Yellow	Yellow
Shaffer	Orange	Orange
Susanville	Yellow	Yellow
Westwood	Yellow	Yellow
Fort Sage	Red	Red
Lassen High	Yellow	Yellow

* To protect student privacy data are suppressed if 10 or less in cell size.

Racial/Ethnic Distribution of Students

	Lassen	California
African American	1.2%	4.7%
Am. Indian/Alaska Native	3.4%	0.4%
Asian	0.7%	9.5%
Filipino	0.6%	2.2%
Hispanic or Latino	20.2%	56.1%
Pacific Islander	1.6%	0.4%
White	64.3%	20.1%
Two or More Races	7.1%	4.3%

For More Information go to <http://www.caschooldashboard.org>

Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rate by Race/Ethnicity

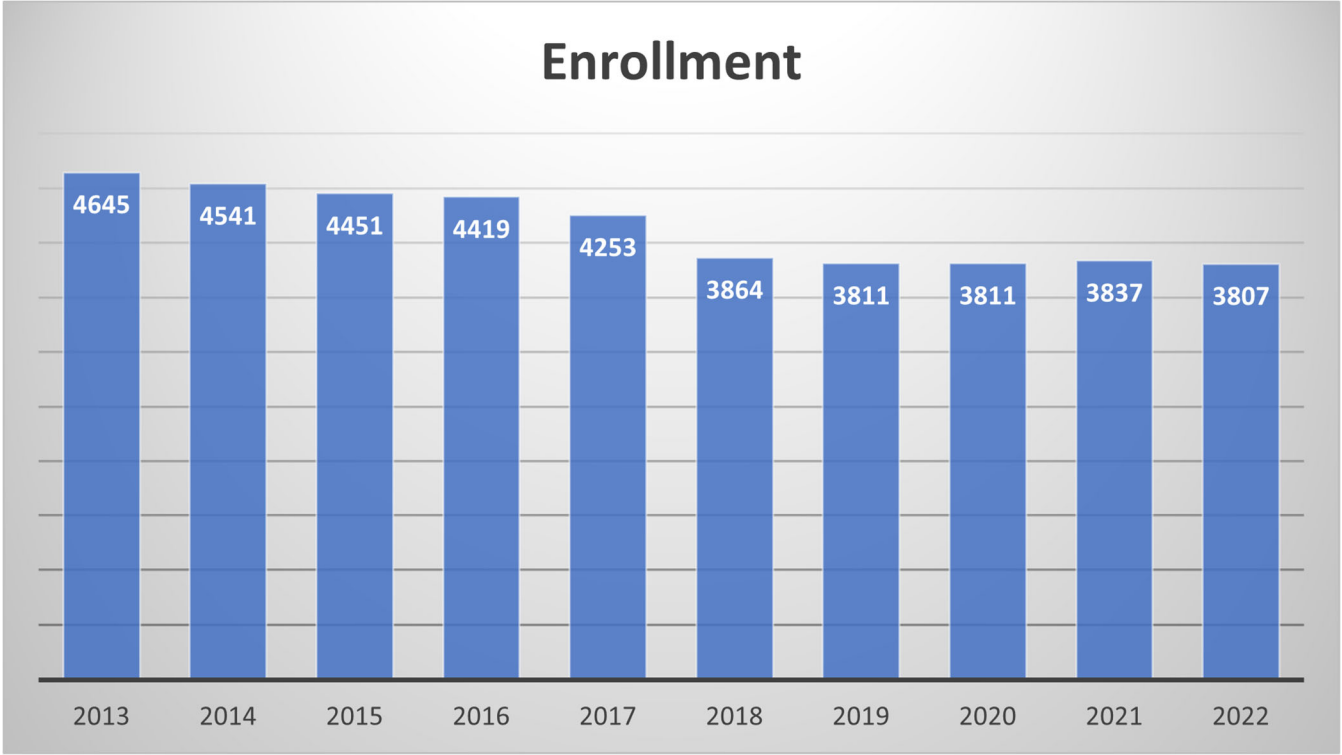
Race/Ethnicity	Cohort Graduation Rate	Graduates Meeting UC/CSU Requirements	Graduates earning a Seal of Biliteracy	Graduates earning a Golden State Seal Merit Diploma
America Indian or Alaskan Native	84.6%	9.1%	0%	18.2%
Hispanic or Latino	86.6%	22.4%	12.1%	24.1%
White	87.4%	14.4%	3.9%	19.6%
Two or more Races	89.5%	17.6%	0%	11.8%
Lassen County Total	87.8%	16.7%	5.2%	19.8%
Statewide Total	86.2%	52.4%	12.4%	31.4

Lassen County Schools Demographic Data

District Name	Enrollment	EL	Low Income	Foster Youth	Homeless
Big Valley	132	9	87	5	1
Fort Sage	99	1	83	0	4
Janesville	315	1	131	6	1
Johnstonville	198	5	113	2	18
Lassen High School	864	26	307	25	26
Ravendale-Termo	9	1	9	0	0
Richmond	191	0	35	0	0
Shaffer	206	11	118	3	3
Susanville	1044	73	672	13	50
Westwood	174	1	130	0	14
Mt. Lassen	147	2	95	0	3
Long Valley	231	2	146	3	3
Thompson Peak	143	0	87	0	3

A Decade of Declining Enrollment

Lassen County has seen the enrollment of its resident students decline steadily over the past decade.



Services and Programs



Business Services include such functions as budget approval and monitoring, fund apportionment and distribution, payroll, retirement and financial accounting services, auditing and issuance of warrants, legal advisory services, processing and collection of statistical and financial reports and data, and general management team assistance and reporting. The Business Office annually issues 10,445 payroll warrants, valued in excess of \$22,217,964, to approximately 854 school district employees. In addition, 9,287 warrants are issued for payment of non-payroll related school district expenses. These expenditures total approximately \$9,887,324 annually.



The **Human Resources Department** provides leadership and support to local school districts and other County Office divisions to maximize productivity through the use of modern technology and strong personnel practices. Services include teacher and staff recruitment, collective bargaining, professional development, and strategic planning.

The Human Resources Department provides human resource services for Lassen County Office of Education programs and operating units. It serves as a resource for school district staff and provides up-to-date information on recruitment, job description requirements, interview/selection, and human resources data such as salaries and employee benefit information.

The **Credential Analyst** provides school districts, charter schools, and the California Department of Corrections current information on California teacher credentialing and assignment requirements. Specialized services are also provided for first-time and renewal credential applicants.



Ongoing monitoring of credentials for certificated staff in all county districts is also provided.



Special Education provides a variety of support services to 10 school districts, and two independent charters within Lassen County.

Traditional mild/moderate and moderate/severe programs are provided, along with programs for emotionally disturbed students, infants and toddlers, and preschoolers. Services are provided by school psychologists, behavioral specialists, speech and language pathologists, a physical therapist, an occupational therapist, and credentialed special education teachers.



Comprehensive **Technology Services** include planning, installation, and support of audio visual systems, bell/PA systems, wireless systems, and network design; installation, repair, and maintenance of phone and server systems and fiber and copper cabling; security planning, installation, testing, and maintenance; website assistance, hosting, and maintenance; Data integration services; desktop and end-user support and training; E-rate ISP provider; IT systems and program evaluation and consulting services; and IT systems and program evaluations. Services are also provided on a contracted basis to other entities as requested and appropriate



The **After-School Education and Safety Grant Program** provides after school services to participating districts and schools. Services include supervision of programs, personnel and finances. Project funds are received from the California Department of Education's (CDE) After School Education and Safety (ASES) program. Program funding is for the purpose of supporting participants in being successful students. This is accomplished through offerings that include academic interventions, tutoring, and homework assistance; recreation, and enrichments.



There are numerous **Special Events** coordinated by the Lassen County Office of Education that benefit students countywide. Events include Sober Graduation, Lit Jam, 3rd Grade Lassen County History Day, 4th Grade California History Day, 5th Grade Day in the Desert, and the Lassen County Children's Fair—the largest single-day event in the county.

Prevention Programs are provided to all students year-round and include Red Ribbon Week, tobacco cessation, drug and alcohol awareness, and bullying prevention.



Professional Development Opportunities

include the SAFE, Supporting All Fellow Educators, Community of Practice sessions to support classroom success. Paraeducator support and training is offered to support the working relationships of classroom teachers, paraeducators and students.



Health Services are provided to direct service districts, including hearing and vision screening, scoliosis screening, HIV/AIDS training, and other mandated services. Services are provided by a credentialed school nurse and school nurse assistants.



The Lassen County Office of Education (LCOE) believes social-emotional learning (SEL) is essential in all learning environments and necessary to create a healthy organizational climate and is working in collaboration with district teams to support (SEL) Emotional Literacy for all students and staff.

