

2007 Report to the Community

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Riverside County Education Snapshot

Mission of RCOE

We are here to help children become better students; to help school personnel become better teachers and administrators; and to help communities become better places in which to live and work. We are here to shape our future.

“The culture of Riverside County is high standards, high expectations and the belief that all students can learn.”

— Jack O’Connell

*California Superintendent of Public Instruction
2006 Riverside County Education Summit*

The Riverside County Office of Education (RCOE) is a service agency supporting the county’s 23 school districts and linking them with the California Department of Education. RCOE has three missions: to give administrative support to districts; to operate student programs for almost 60,000 preschool, special education, and vocational/regional occupational program students; to provide professional training, support, and resources for teachers, administrators, and staff.

Superintendent and Board of Education

The Riverside County Superintendent of Schools is an elected official serving a four-year term. Each of the seven elected members of the Riverside County Board of Education serves a four-year term representing his or her trustee area. The Board sets policy, approves RCOE’s operating budget, and serves as an appeals board for inter-district attendance requests and student expulsions. Regular meetings of the Riverside County Board of Education are open to the public and are held on the

second Wednesday of each month at 9 a.m.; a meeting will be held the third Wednesday in August. Meetings are generally held at the Riverside County Office of Education, Fourth Floor Board Room, 3939 Thirteenth Street, Riverside. The December and March meetings are held at the Riverside County Office of Education in Indio, 47-336 Oasis Street. The May meeting is held at the Riverside County Office of Education in Murrieta, 24980 Las Brisas Road.

Riverside County Superintendent of Schools
Dr. David Long

Riverside County Board of Education
Mr. Gerald P. Colapinto, President
Dr. Lisa Conyers, Vice President
Mrs. Lynne Craig
Mrs. Betty Gibbel
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Dr. William Kroonen
Mr. Adolfo Mediano, Jr.

The Year’s Highlights

Riverside County California is a fast growing, diverse and exciting place to live and work. We are one of the fastest growing counties in the nation where more than 25,000 new homes were built in just the last year. Our schools receive almost 15,000 new students each year while most of the counties in the state are seeing enrollments decline. A fourth of all Riverside County students speak a language other than English in their homes.

That keeps educators busy, but the Riverside County Office of Education is committed to helping teachers, administrators and school board members in our 23 local school districts keep up with rapid growth and the need for facilities and provide the highest quality education possible for every student.

RCOE serves a critical role as the intermediate agency between the Department of Education and local school districts. We offer direct instruction to 60,000 students in our own programs, including special education, vocational education and alternative education, as well as training for local district teachers and others.

RCOE also has oversight over certain state mandated programs as well as making sure that local districts balance budgets of more than \$4 billion a year, and we provide child care for thousands of families who need it either in our own centers or through referrals.

Riverside County students continue to make remarkable gains in achievement, improving on the state’s testing program each year. Since 2001, our English Arts scores are up 11 points overall and math scores are up 14, as measured against California’s world-class standards. To move more than 400,000 students that far and that fast is amazing.

For schools that need help and request assistance, our Riverside County Achievement Teams started with 14 schools eight years ago and now work with 153. These teams of highly qualified educational experts played a critical role in the county’s overall improvement. I am very proud of their work and the fact that Riverside County is now a state and national model for improving student achievement.

RCOE’s unique and much acclaimed Safe Schools Unit and its Connect to Achieve program puts highly trained educators, counselors, and law enforcement experts to work in schools each day to identify and help at-risk students and their families. Their work is showing great results. We offer ongoing training for teachers and administrators on stopping and preventing violence based on

race or bias. This work is ongoing and involves literally hundreds of trainings county-wide.

We recently sponsored our Fourth Annual Education Summit, with more than 400 of the county’s education leaders gathered to hear state and national experts offer their help in solving critical issues. It has grown each year and remains the one “must” event for Riverside County leaders. We had great representation from the 23rd District PTA as well.

And we have added new programs, such as the Riverside County Superintendents’ Academy for new district superintendents; the Academic All Star Recognition dinner; and an Internet Guide for Children and Teens, in response to concerns about what our young people are seeing on the Internet and how they are being seen.

Finally, something very new this year is our Operation Recognition program. This effort will provide our veterans from World War II, Korea and Vietnam a chance to receive the high school diplomas they might have missed out on because of their valiant service. The program also offers diplomas to Japanese-Americans who missed diplomas due to internment in relocation camps.

I am very proud that we can offer this service and hope all of you join me in wishing them well.

This last year I got a very broad picture of education systems in our state and nation serving as the president of the California county school superintendents’ association and the national Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities advisory panel. From that vantage point, I am amazed at how hard Riverside County educators work and the results of their hard work.

I hope you enjoy and can make use of the information in this Annual Report to the Community. All the information is also available online at www.rcoe.us along with more in-depth information about each of our service divisions. Thanks again for your support of public education in Riverside County.

Dr. David Long
Riverside County Superintendent of Schools



Dr. David Long, RCOE students and teachers

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Public Schools and School Districts in Riverside County

<p>Number of Riverside County Public School Districts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elementary 4 High School 1 Unified 18 Total 23 	<p>Public School Sites in Riverside County</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Charter Schools 11 Elementary Sites 249 Middle/Junior High Sites 68 Continuation/Adult Ed. 45 High School Sites 61 Total K-12 Sites 434
<p>Projected K-12 Enrollment 2006-2007 404,331</p>	

*Average State Funding Per Pupil

Riverside County

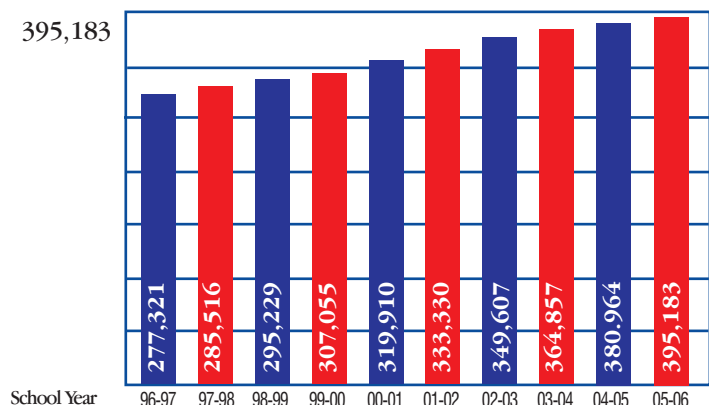
Elementary Districts	\$6,585
High School Districts	\$6,880
Unified Districts	\$6,804
	*2004-2005

Riverside County Certificated and Classified Staff 2005-2006

<p>Total Number</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificated Staff 20,621 Average Years of Teaching 11.8 Average Years in a District 9.1 <p>Gender of Certificated Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Female 70.5 % Male 29.5 % <p>Education Level of Certificated Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doctorate 1.4% Master's + 30 19.8% Master's 28.7% Bachelor's + 30 30.3% Bachelor's 19.6% Less than Bachelor's 0.2% 	<p>Racial/Ethnic Teacher Distribution</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">Riverside</td> <td style="text-align: center;">State</td> </tr> <tr> <td>American Indian</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0.5%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0.6%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Asian</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1.9%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">4.8%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pacific Islander</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0.3%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0.2%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hispanic/Latino</td> <td style="text-align: center;">15.1%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">15.2%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>African American</td> <td style="text-align: center;">4.1%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">4.5%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>White</td> <td style="text-align: center;">76.4%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">72.1%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other</td> <td style="text-align: center;">.9%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1.3%</td> </tr> </table> <p>Number of Classified Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paraprofessionals 4,497 Office/Clerical 3,534 Other 7,706 Total 15,751 		Riverside	State	American Indian	0.5%	0.6%	Asian	1.9%	4.8%	Pacific Islander	0.3%	0.2%	Hispanic/Latino	15.1%	15.2%	African American	4.1%	4.5%	White	76.4%	72.1%	Other	.9%	1.3%
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Kindergarten Through 12th Grade Enrollment Growth 1996-2006

Actual Enrollment in California Public Schools-Riverside County (through 2006)



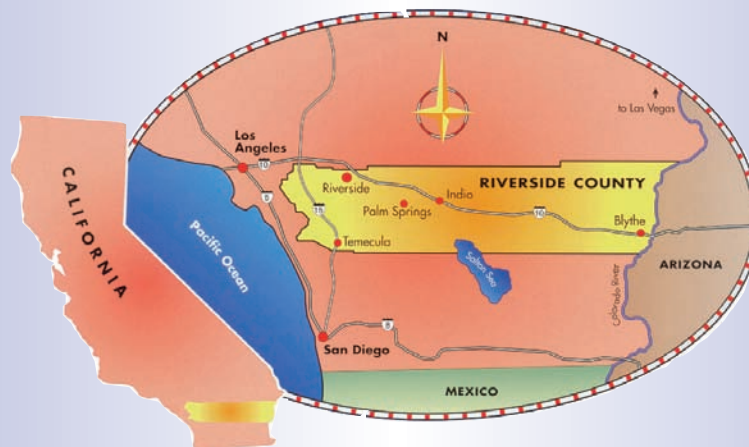
Riverside County Demographic Data

Projected School Enrollment 2005-06

	Phone	Enrollment
Alvord Unified	509-5000	19,880
Banning Unified	922-0201	5,073
Beaumont Unified	845-1631	6,960
Coachella Valley Unified	399-5137*	16,956
Corona-Norco Unified	736-5000	50,249
Desert Center Unified	392-4227*	20
Desert Sands Unified	777-4200*	28,411
Hemet Unified	765-5100	23,468
Jurupa Unified	360-4100	20,217
Lake Elsinore Unified	253-7000	21,516
Menifee Union Elementary	672-1851	8,618
Moreno Valley Unified	571-7500	37,361
Murrieta Valley Unified	696-1600	21,209
Nuview Union Elementary	928-0066	1,940
Palm Springs Unified	416-6000*	24,305
Palo Verde Unified	922-4164*	3,734
Perris Elementary	657-3118	5,672
Perris Union High	943-6369	9,182
Riverside Co. Office of Education	826-6530	3,361
Riverside Unified	788-7134	41,446
Romoland Elementary	926-9244	2,504
San Jacinto Unified	929-7700	8,833
Temecula Valley Unified	676-2661	27,965
Val Verde Unified	940-6100	18,815
County Totals:		404,331
State Totals (2005-2006):		6,312,436

*760 area code, all others 951

Source: California Department of Education, Educational Demographics Unit



About Riverside County...

- The county was formed in 1893 from a small portion of San Bernardino County and a larger part of San Diego County and named from the city of Riverside. RCOE was created the same year.
- 7,200 square miles, equal to the size of the state of New Jersey.
- Population 1,944,419.

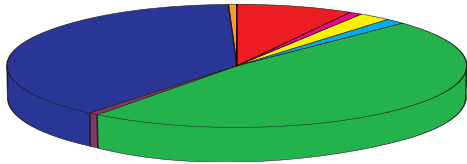
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2006 Student Diversity in Riverside County



African American	7.6%
American Indian	0.7%
Asian	2.5%
Filipino	1.9%
Hispanic or Latino	53.5%
Pacific Islander	0.5%
White	31.2%
Other	2.1%

24% (95,515) of Riverside County students are limited in their ability to speak English. These students come from homes where more than 25 different languages are spoken.

Languages other than English include:

Spanish	91,168	95.4%
Vietnamese	679	0.7%
Hmong	204	0.2%
Filipino (Tagalog)	664	0.7%
Lao	192	0.2%
Arabic	439	0.5%
Others	2,169	2.3%

*SAT Results 2005-06

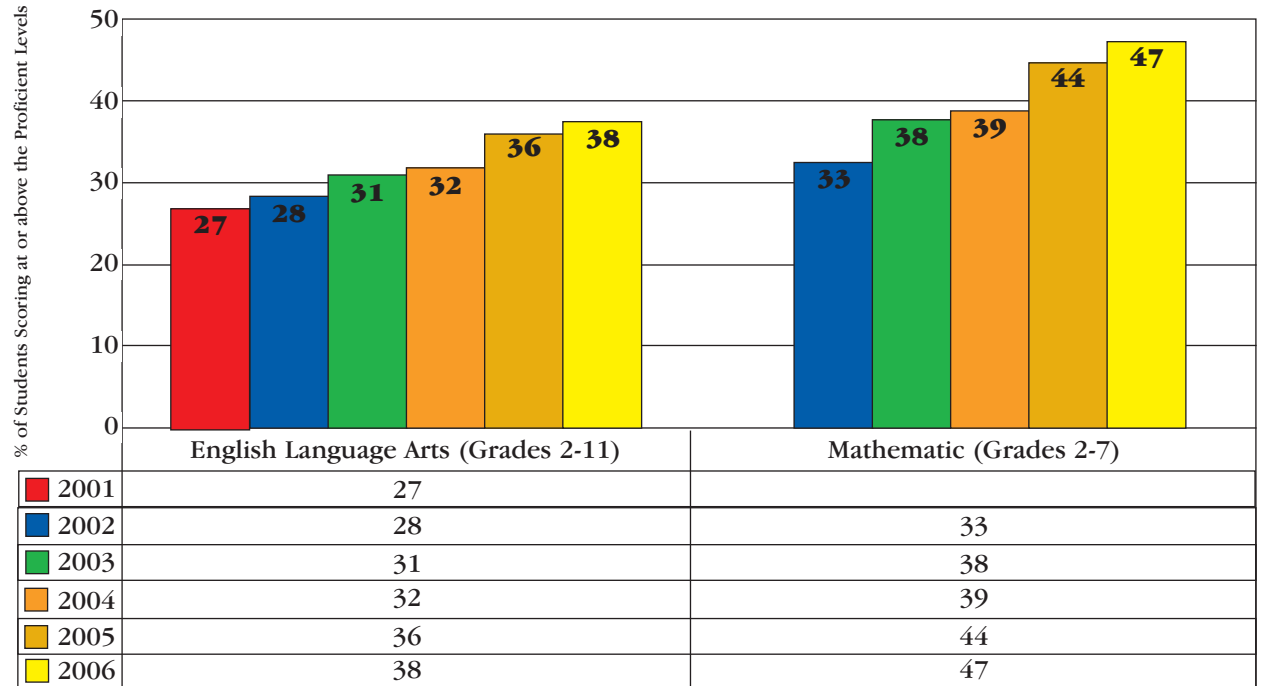
Riverside County	State
Verbal	473 / 495
Math	482 / 516
Total	955 / 1011
% Tested	33.79% / 40.50%

Total score possible: 800 points in each section.

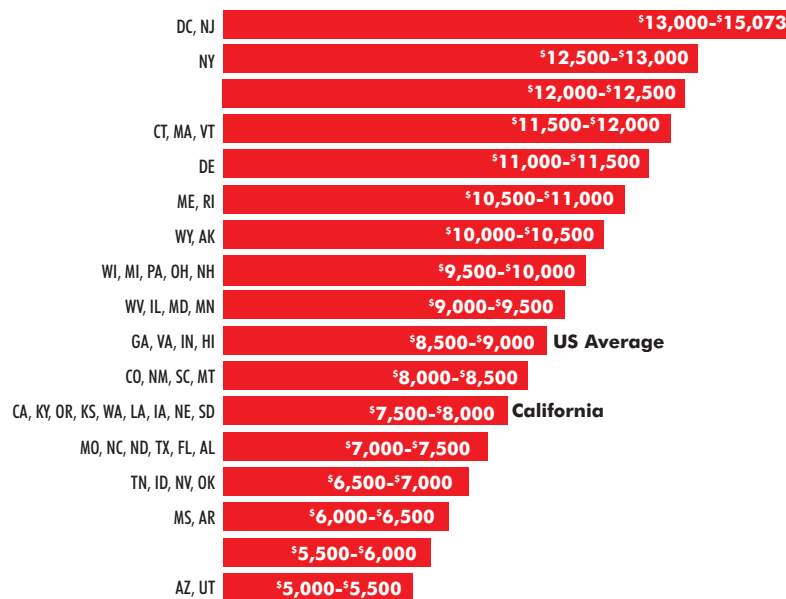
*Scholastic Achievement Test

*Students taking test for the 2005-2006 school year

2001-2006 California Standards Tests (CSTs) Percent of Students Scoring at or Above the Proficient Level Riverside County



Current Expenditures per Student (ADA) for the States



Source: National Education Association Rankings of the States

High School New Graduates

Percentage of public high school graduates meeting requirements for admission to the University of California or California State University by ethnic group: 2005-2006

	Riverside	State
American Indian	33.1%	23.1%
Asian	59.5%	58.7%
Pacific Islander	29.8%	27.7%
Filipino	54.1%	46.6%
African American	29.4%	25.2%
White	42.7%	40.9%
Hispanic	25.6%	24.0%
Average (All Students)	34.5%	35.2%

Education Pays Off

Average Annual Income

High School Graduate	\$30,400
Some College, No Degree	\$36,800
Bachelor's Degree	\$52,200
Master's Degree	\$62,300
Doctorate	\$89,400
Professional (Doctor, Lawyer)	\$109,600

Source: U. S. Census Bureau July 2002



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RCOE hosts Fourth Annual Riverside County Education Summit and honors former state Sen. Jim Brulte

The state's Superintendent of Public Instruction and the leaders from the most influential education organizations participated in the Fourth Annual Riverside County Education Summit in Indian Wells in October.

Nearly 400 teachers, principals, school board members and other educators were on hand for the annual event sponsored by the Riverside County Office of Education and Dr. David Long, Riverside County Superintendent of Schools.

Long and Summit participants honored former State Senator Jim Brulte at a lunchtime awards ceremony. Brulte was given the 2006 Education Leadership Award.

Long said Brulte was able to obtain bipartisan support for education funding bills while he was in the Legislature, took a great interest in education related legislation, and attended monthly meetings with county superintendents of schools to discuss critical issues.

Jack O'Connell said California schools have

"world class" academic standards, a strong accountability system, and are working hard to help all students achieve.

He called Riverside County a model for the state. "The culture of Riverside County is high standards, high expectations and the belief that all students can learn," he said. He reiterated his support for the high school exit exam and for Prop. 1D on the November ballot, which will provide millions in state funding for local school districts.



Dr. David Long and former state Sen. Jim Brulte

Participants also heard from Brenda Davis, President, California State Parent Teacher Association, Barbara Kerr, President, California

Teachers Association, and Scott Plotkin, Executive Director, California State School Boards Association.

William Modzeleski, Associate Assistant Deputy Secretary, National Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools, talked about ways schools can be made safer and the national response to a recent spate of school shootings.

Arlington Regional Learning Center

The Riverside County Office of Education celebrated the opening of the Arlington Regional Learning Center on December 5. Classes have been held at the center since October.

The center, located at 6511 Arlington Ave., Riverside, serves students in Alternative Education, Special Education, and the Cal-Safe Program. The principals are Tony Johnson and Rita Bien. The site includes 26,000 square feet with 13 classrooms, computer lab, and administration offices.

The Arlington Regional Learning

Center is the second of seven regional learning centers being planned and constructed throughout the county by RCOE. The next project scheduled to begin in March will be the Mt. San Jacinto Regional Learning Center on the campus of the Mt. San Jacinto Community College in San Jacinto. It is scheduled to be completed in January 2008. Also scheduled to begin construction in late 2007 is the Murrieta Regional Learning Center and Administration facility, located at Madison Ave. and Guava St. in Murrieta.

Migrant Education Programs Serve 6,000

More than 6,000 children of migrant farm workers are served by two RCOE programs. The Migrant Head Start (MHS) program serves children ages six weeks to five years in four centers and child care providers located in the agricultural Coachella and Imperial Valleys. These MHS centers promote school readiness by building and enhancing reading and social skills. Provision is made for health, nutritional, and other services based upon the needs of each family. The Migrant Education program provides direct supplemental educational services

to children (three to 21 years).

These services support the educational programs provided by local school districts in Riverside County. Special programs and activities, such as Migrant Education Even Start (MEES), a preschool family literacy program, and First 5 Riverside enable children to be ready for school. Another program, Pursuit of Awareness through College Experience (PACE), provides opportunities for migrant students to envision and attain academic success and to earn college entrance.

Need Quality Child Care?

Finding quality child care in Riverside County begins with a phone call to RCOE's Resource and Referral Unit. The unit, operated by RCOE's Children and Family Services Division, maintains an up-to-date computer listing of more than 1,800 licensed child care facilities in the county. Staff can focus a search based on location or particular needs of the child.

RCOE staff responded to more than 200,000 requests for information about child care issues

and provided more than 10,000 referrals for child care placement.

Child Care in Riverside County

Licensed Child Care Centers	.....368
Licensed Family Care Homes	.....2,192
Total	.....2,560

For more information, call (800) 442-4927 or (951) 826-6626

Riverside County Office of Education Intensive Intervention Program

In the 2005 school year, the RCOE Intensive Behavior Intervention program (IBI) was created to teach students on the autism spectrum.

The program is intensive and conducted one-to-one and outside the traditional school day. The program is based on principles of learning behavior gleaned from research. Skills may be taught in discrete trials as well as in the natural environment. The program may be conducted in the school or home settings. A developmental curriculum assessment generates appropriate goals. Skills taught include communication, academics, language, speech, social, self-help and motor. Students taught are ages 3 to 22. A training component insures that caregivers and school staff receive training to provide optimal learning environments for our students.

Tutors conduct the program. They have received training in behavior principles and receive ongoing training from supervisors who have specialized training and extensive experience in the field of autism spectrum disorders.

Children on the autism spectrum often have difficulty accessing information through a natural environment, but can make great strides in a program that employs behavioral principles such as discrete trial teaching. This is a strategy where the teacher breaks complex skills into small steps, gives an instruction and requires the student give an immediate response. Based on the response, the teacher can prompt if the student does not understand the concept or reinforce if they are correct.

Special Education Statistics 2005-2006

Early Intervention-Infant through Five-Year-Olds

Infant-Toddler Program	.....176 students
Preschool Program	.....161 students

Special Day Classes-Elementary Age through 22-Year-Olds

Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing	.....111 students
Physically Handicapped-Orthopedic	.....20 students
Physically Handicapped-Visually Impaired	.....19 students
Severely Handicapped-Emotionally Disturbed	.....160 students
Severely Handicapped-Developmentally Delayed	.....71 students
Severely Handicapped-Trainable Mentally Handicapped	.....397 students
Severely Handicapped-Multi-Handicapped	.....285 students
Visually Impaired Itinerant	.....156 students
Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Itinerant	.....279 students
Intensive Therapeutic Treatment	.....32 students

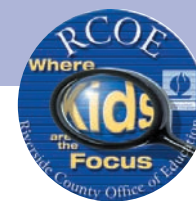
OTHER SPECIAL PROJECTS

Transition Partnership Program	.....650 students
MOVE Program	.....43 students
Community-Based Program303 students
Project COURAGE Program40 students

TOTAL2,903

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A Very Special Prom

Students in the Adult Life Skills Program at Menifee College have participated in the Friendship Club with the Advanced Psychology class at Elsinore High School for the past eight years. Every month, students enjoy spending time with the high school class in a variety of activities including playing games and sports, going to the movies, and learning how to dance.

Last May, Sten Crippen, the psychology class teacher, and his students invited our students to a special prom. The Friendship Club also invited many special needs students from district and RCOE classes in Elsinore.

Prior to the prom, both classes worked together in planning things like what to wear and how to dance. Girls from Mr. Crippen's class helped our girls with their hair and make-up.

At the prom, students were treated to beautiful corsages, prom pictures, crowns, delicious food and of course "rockin' music" to which they danced.

For many of our students, this was their first time attending such a special event. Not only did they enjoy themselves; they also created a special bond with the EHS psychology students that will last a lifetime.



Child Development Programs Provide Family Support

RCOE's Children and Family Services Division offers a wide variety of federal and state-funded programs to young children and their families. Programs include Child Development Centers, Resource and Referral, Family Child Care Home Network, Alternative Payment, Head Start, and state preschool. Parent education, staff training, technical assistance to providers, and community outreach are also a part of the division.

- Subsidized child care began at RCOE in 1974, and the Children's Services Unit currently provides services to more than 10,000 children countywide in centers and homes. Parents who are low income, working, and/or attending school are eligible for the programs. Families transitioning from welfare are served through partnership with the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS). The state preschool program and subsidized child development centers serve an additional 1,400 children.

- Resource and Referral provides child care referrals for any family in Riverside County through a computerized geographically based program. Workshops, conferences, parent education, and child care capacity building activities are provided on a regular basis.

- Head Start began nationwide in 1965 as a comprehensive child development program for low-income children ages three to five and their families. RCOE began providing Head Start services throughout the county in 1973. Currently, the program includes Early Head Start for infants and toddlers. During the 2005-2006 program year, more than 3,300 children and their families received comprehensive services through 12 delegate agencies and 16 directly operated sites. This includes 3,000 children and 90 infants and toddlers.

- Head Start families are also involved and included through family partnership agreements, support through parenting classes, opportunities to work in the classroom, and to participate in shared decision making that influences the program operation. By getting a good head start, children and families have a better chance of succeeding in coming years.

Alternative Education – Another Chance for Success

During the 2005-2006 school year, more than 7000 students were served in the Alternative Education programs under the auspices of the Riverside County Office of Education.

The Alternative Education programs provide "another chance" for students who are not succeeding in the traditional school setting or who require specially designed academic programs to ensure high school completion.

Small classroom settings and individualized learning plans (ILPs) are the cornerstone of our programs and help students succeed.

2005-2006 Graduations, Certificates, or Promotions (Estimated)

Court/Community schools	181
Eighth Grade Home Education	30
Twelfth Grade Home Education	51
CalSAFE (Teen Parenting)	140

Regional Occupation Program

Our mission is to provide high quality, high demand, and career education. The Riverside County ROP is one of 28 ROPs out of 74 statewide that is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. We have programs on every comprehensive high school campus in the county and serve Alternative Education, Special Education, and charter school students as well.

ROP maintains an active roster of over 3,000 business partners who provide training site opportunities for students. The Riverside County ROP maintains articulation agreements with every community college in Riverside County to provide pathways and training.

Students Served in the Regional Occupational Program

	2005-2006
High School Students Served	19,244
Adult Students Served	3,314
Districts Served	19
Occupational Subjects Offered	60
Number of Instructional Staff	184
Total Number of Classes	730

Teacher Credentialing

All teachers in Riverside County must register their teaching credentials and renew them when necessary through RCOE.

Currently, there are 97,384 credentials on file with RCOE, which processed 11,128 applications during 2005-2006 and issued 7,461 Temporary County Certificates. RCOE staff provides guidance to prospective teach-

ers on credential requirements and also issues emergency credentials when appropriate. All prospective school employees must be fingerprinted. RCOE fingerprints about 10,000 people annually, including RCOE employees, employees in school districts, and outside agencies.

Public Education in California A Tri-Level System

California Department of Education

58 County Offices of Education in State

Over 1,000 Local School Districts in State

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Hemet High Wins Eighth consecutive Academic Decathlon

Hemet High School has finished in first place for the eighth time in the Riverside County Academic Decathlon awards ceremony in Moreno Valley. Teams were honored Feb. 8, 2006, in Moreno Valley.

Second-place honors went to Beaumont High School and third to Corona High School.

The Academic Decathlon is sponsored by the Riverside County Office of Education.

Students from grades nine through twelve competed as individuals and as team members in a series of ten academic tests and demonstrations. Seventeen teams took part in the Riverside County competition this year.

Each team is composed of nine students, three from each grade point category, and includes three Honor (GPA 3.75 – 4.00), three Scholastic (GPA 3.00 – 3.75), and three Varsity

(GPA 0.00 – 2.99) students. Students accumulate individual and team points in written events in mathematics, economics, art, music, language/literature and science. Decathletes must also write an essay, participate in a panel interview, and give prepared and impromptu speeches.

The first day of competition included the speech, interview and essay rounds. The second day featured academic testing and the Super Quiz.

Hemet High School won the Super Quiz, La Sierra High School and West Valley High School tied for second, and Beaumont High School finished third.

For a complete list of participants, visit http://www.rcoe.us/news/2005_06/decatblon06.html

Corona student wins Riverside County Spelling Bee

Ginny Wu, an eighth grader from Corona Fundamental Intermediate School, correctly spelled the word "traitorous" to win the 29th Annual Riverside County Spelling Bee March 29, 2006, at Martin Luther King High School.

She represented Riverside County at the 79th annual Scripps National Spelling Bee on May 31 facing 250 champion spellers from around the country.

Twenty-five students from all Riverside County school districts except three -- Riverside Unified, Perris and Perris Union High -- and four private schools participated in this year's event. Wu previously won the county event in 2004 and competed in the national event.

After 20 rounds, Wu outlasted Brandon

Whitehead, a fourth-grader from Camino Real Elementary School in the Jurupa Unified School District, who finished second. He tripped on "banally," an adverb that describes something done in a common or trite manner.

Whitehead and third-place finisher Austin Pineda, a sixth-grader at Boulder Ridge Elementary in Romoland, will represent Riverside County at the state competition at Sonoma State University on May 20. The state competition is open only to students in fourth through sixth grades.

The Riverside County Spelling Bee is co-sponsored by the Riverside County Office of Education and The Press-Enterprise.

For a complete list of participants, visit http://www.rcoe.us/news/2005_06/spelling_bee.html.

Academic Pentathlon winners

Approximately 400 cheering students, coaches, and parents of sixth-, seventh-, and eighth-graders throughout the county gathered for the Riverside County Academic Pentathlon Awards Ceremony on May 24, 2006.

The Academic Pentathlon competition is based on each grade level's curriculum and standards. The students from each grade competed in five events: Essay, Math, Literature, Science and Super Quiz (similar to a college bowl) in History.

An important and unique aspect of the Academic Pentathlon is that it is designed to include students from all academic abilities and achievement levels. Each team must consist of three "A," three "B," and three "C" grade point averages.

Gold, silver, and bronze medals are awarded for each grade in each individual event and in

team events.

Highest Scoring Students in Sixth Grade:

Harley Smith – Vista Verde Middle School
Anna Le – Arizona Middle School

Highest Scoring Students in Seventh Grade:

Michael Ervin – Matthew Gage Middle School
John Glynn – Matthew Gage Middle School
Anthony DeMille – Chemawa Middle School
Karl Marrett – Matthew Gage Middle School

Highest Scoring Students in Eighth Grade:

Andrew Lavengood – Arizona Middle School
Katherine Baker – Amelia Earhart Middle School
Pablo Wudka-Robles – Matthew Gage Middle School

For a complete list of winners, visit http://www.rcoe.us/news/2005_06/pentathlon_06.html.

All County Academic Team • 2005-2006

Student Name	District	School Name
Risha Bera	Corona-Norco USD	Centennial High School
Spencer Eldred	Desert Sands USD	Palm Desert High School
Laura Haung	Riverside USD	Polytechnic High School
Christopher Kim	Corona-Norco USD	Centennial High School
Joseph Kleindienst	Palm Springs USD	Palm Springs High School
Natalya Kostandova	Riverside USD	John W. North High School
Tiffany Mathias	Hemet USD	Hemet High School
Ashish Rastogi	Hemet USD	Hemet High School
Austin Weiss	Desert Sands USD	Palm Desert High School
Margaret Yeomans	Desert Sands USD	La Quinta High School

2006 Riverside County History Day

Students from Riverside County competed last March in the Riverside County History Day competition.

Riverside County History Day is the county level competition as part of the larger National History Day program and competition. History Day is one of the rare programs that helps students refine critical thinking and research skills used in all subject areas. The National History Day competition is the nation's oldest and most highly regarded humanities contest for students in grades 6-12. www.nationalhistoryday.org

Riverside County History Day provides teachers with training and materials to help educators meet and exceed the California State education standards in language arts and history/social sciences.

Almost 300 students in grades 6-12 entered the county contest in one of two divisions: Junior (grades 6-8) or Senior (grades 9-12.)

Students participating in the contest chose their own topics of study related to this year's annual theme of: Taking A Stand in History and conducted extensive research. The students produced documentaries, exhibits, historical papers, original performances and websites.

For a complete list of winners, visit http://www.rcoe.us/news/2005_06/historyday06.html.



Woodcrest wins Mock Trial

Woodcrest Christian School took first place in the Riverside County Mock Trial competition, sending its team to the state finals held in Riverside last March.

Hemet High School placed second in the competition held in the Riverside Historical Courthouse. John W. North High School of Riverside and Santiago High School of Corona each received third-place awards.

Thomas E. Hollenhorst, associate justice for the Fourth District Court of Appeal, Division Two, presided over the model created for this year's mock trials, "People v. Markson."

The sizzling tabloid case has the producer of a hit new TV show, "Newport Beach," charged with murdering its star, who was also her husband.

The mock trials require a combination of legal knowledge, courtroom presentation and think-on-your feet discipline in a pressure-cooker atmosphere. Students spend several hours a week preparing with teachers and volunteer attorney coaches.

The scorers for the Woodcrest-

Hemet session included Riverside County Presiding Judge Sharon Waters, Riverside County Bar Association President Theresa Han Savage, Riverside County Public Defender Gary Windom, Riverside County Superior Court Judge Gloria Trask and Riverside County Deputy District Attorney Steven Councilis.

Although many students are involved in each mock trial team, students for Woodcrest who sat at counsel table included Katie Hennessey, Rachel Potts and Leah Schelling. Hemet's counsel table included Amanda Breyer, Samantha Johnson, Abhishek Ganta and Kelly Clark.

Saturday's victory was the second time Woodcrest won the mock trial competition in Riverside County since it began in 1983. Woodcrest's first time was in 1999.

The local competition is overseen by the Riverside County Bar Association and the Riverside County Office of Education.

http://www.rcoe.us/report2006/mock_trial06.html

Student Events

RCOE takes great pride in providing students the opportunity to shine through a number of student events throughout the year.

Academic Decathlon	250 students
Academic Pentathlon	300 students
Spelling Bee	100 students
Mock Trial	600 students
History Day	1,500 students
Science and Engineering Fair	2,000 students
Family Reading Rally	1,000 students and family
Week of the Young Child	30,000 students and family

2007 Report to the Community

Supporting Excellence in Education

February 2007



Division of Administration and Business Services

Data Processing and Network Services keeps all Riverside County Office of Education (RCOE) programs and services, as well as all contracting districts, at the cutting edge of technology by specifying, installing, maintaining, and replacing servers and high-speed printers that keep crucial business processes functioning.

Network and Telecommunications Services: The department is charged with keeping RCOE and contracting districts online through the architecture, installation, and management of data networks. We provide a full array of name services, secondary name services, and traffic monitoring services, among others to RCOE and contracting districts. In addition, we run our own voice (telephone) services linking all RCOE regional offices and some other program offices to our main campus.

Business Services (BS): Business Services is the department responsible for all financial accounting and transactions within the Riverside County Office of Education programs. As of October 31, 2006, the operating budget for RCOE is \$262.5 million. Business

Services processes approximately 3,500 monthly payments to local child care providers that serve some 86,136 children, infusing more than \$34 million annually to the local communities. Business Services processes an average of 830 contracts and purchase orders per month, totaling in excess of \$80 million each year.

Maintenance & Operations: The department works with program administrators to provide an environment that is safe, healthy, clean, and in good repair. Depending on the particular site, the Maintenance & Operations Department either directly provides or supervises the cleaning, maintenance, and grounds services at various locations throughout the County. The department provides 24/7 emergency response, routine and preventive maintenance services, and deferred maintenance/projects as necessary.

District Fiscal and Administrative Services (DFAS): District Fiscal and Administrative Services processes payroll for over 45,100 employees in 21 school districts, four com-

munity colleges, and two charter schools in Riverside County. This totals over \$1.6 billion a year. DFAS also processes more than 1,500 commercial payments daily for goods and services totaling more than \$2 billion a year. The county superintendent of schools has the responsibility for the final approval of the adopted budget of each school district in the county. In 2006-07 the county superintendent approved school district budgets totaling more than \$4.3 billion. School districts and community college districts are required by law to deposit their monies in the county treasury. DFAS maintains over 300 separate funds for school districts and community colleges with an average balance of more than \$1.5 billion.



Facilities Services: The Facilities department is responsible for providing adequate and timely facilities for all students served in the SELPA programs and Alternative Education programs where eligibility for state school construction funding is available. In addition, the department seeks modernization funding for eligible facilities that meet age eligibility thresholds. The department plays a leadership role in the county

by providing a variety of facility planning support activities to the twenty-three school districts in the county.

System Development and Support Services: System Development and Support Services designs, develops, tests, deploys and supports software to meet customer needs for use in Riverside County schools. Besides a comprehensive integrated business/personnel system, Galaxy, System Development and Support Services also support a student information system used by nine districts. The Galaxy Business System is a fully integrated system encompassing 16 business areas used by 22 K-12 districts, four community colleges, several charter schools and the Riverside County Office of Education. A third party comprehensive purchasing system is also supported. We serve more than 4,500 user accounts in our systems combined. This year we revamped our help desk and added quality assurance capability. Each year, Galaxy processes payrolls for more than 50,000 employees.

Staff Development

Motivated and knowledgeable teachers inspire students to succeed. Supporting teacher success in all 23 local districts in Riverside County through professional development is a major priority for RCOE's Educational Services Division. RCOE offers more than 500 educational training events every year for more than 17,000 educators. These events are primarily focused on the following areas: literacy and reading instruction, support for beginning teachers, strategies teaching math and science, and effective assessment practices and use of data to enhance effectiveness of instructional strategies. Riverside County Achievement Team (RCAT) services are offered to individual districts and schools for the purpose of providing assistance in identifying and meeting student achievement targets. Extensive training is provided for teachers and administrators working with language minority students.

The Regional School Improvement Unit houses a number of grant and categorically funded programs. The RCAT

Leadership Center provides expertise in leadership development, shaping school culture, supervision and evaluation, systems thinking, and other services and professional development focused on the training of instructional leaders. RCOE also supports curriculum for GATE (Gifted and Talented Education) programs, school libraries, educational technology through CTAP (California Technology Assistance Project), AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination), environmental education, and College Board workshops.

The Teacher Support Center works with more than 5,000 teachers. The center includes the RIMS Beginning Teacher Support Program, Intern Program; RIMS Pre-Intern Program; Accelerated Subject Matter Acquisition Program; the RAP-PORT Program; and Copernicus Program. These programs represent the new credentialing process within the state of California. The program is the largest in the state.

Outstanding Educators Selected

The 2006 Riverside County Administrators, Principals, and Classified and Confidential Staff Members of the Year were honored May 16 by the Riverside County Office of Education.

Teachers of the Year and inductees into to the Riverside County Education Hall of Fame were also honored. The honorees included:

Administrator of the Year (Certificated):

Nancy M. Divine,
Area Administrator
Hemet Unified School District

Administrator of the Year (Classified):

Peggy Reyes, Director
Desert Sands Unified
School District

Principal of the Year:

Nelda Esmeralda,
Abraham Lincoln Elementary
School Desert Sands Unified
School District

Principal of the Year:

David Hansen,
Arlington High School
Riverside Unified School District

Confidential Staff Member of the Year:

Sue Holmes,
Executive Secretary II
Riverside Unified School District

Classified Staff Member of the Year:

Mary Ann Sherman,
K-6 Librarian, Jefferson Elementary
School
Corona-Norco Unified School
District

Teacher of the Year:

Mercedes Alou-Hicks,
Palm Desert High School
Desert Sands Unified School
District

Teacher of the Year:

Shelbi J. Wilson,
Abraham Lincoln High School
Riverside Unified School District

Teacher of the Year:

Daniel Glenn Fountaine,
Matthew Gage Middle School
Riverside Unified School District

For more information, visit the website
http://www.rcoe.us/news/2005_06/celebrate_educators06.html.



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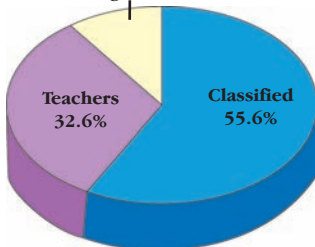
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- Students produce award winning art-work - Gerald Ford Elementary School to sponsor mural.

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Classified/Certificated Management 11.6%



RCOE Staff

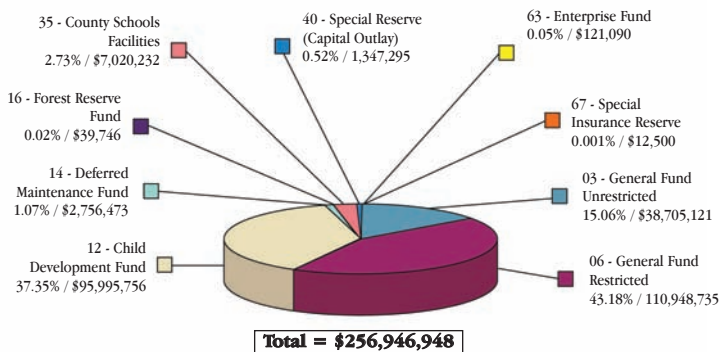
Total Number of Employees: 1,862

Classified Staff1,048 (55.6%)
 (Includes instructional aides, technicians, clerical, confidential, secretarial staff, and service workers)

Teachers588 (32.6%)
 (Includes classroom teachers, speech and language pathologists, resource specialists, school nurses, and audiologists)

Classified and Certificated Management226 (11.6%)
 (Includes officials, administrators, managers, supervisors, and principals)

Riverside County Office of Education Expenditures 2005 - 2006



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| General Information | 951-826-6530 | | |
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| Business Services | 951-826-6473 | Personnel | 951-826-6666 |
| Children's Services Unit | 800-442-4927 | ROP | 951-826-6797 |
| Head Start | 800-600-1800 | Special Education | 951-826-6476 |
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