World-class education for every child in every neighborhood
The San Diego Unified School District is proud to call itself one of the top large urban school districts in the United States. Measures include our top scores on state and national tests, and our leadership in areas such as academic excellence, technology, the arts, and student health. Our graduates include Hall of Fame sports stars, along with some of the nation’s top scientists, singers, actors, writers and civic/business leaders.

All San Diego students will graduate with the skills, motivation, curiosity and resilience to succeed in their choice of college and career in order to lead and participate in the global society of tomorrow.
San Diego Unified School District

181 Schools

- 117 Elementary Schools
- 24 Middle Schools
- 22 High Schools
- 13 Alternative Schools
- 5 Program Sites

2nd Largest District in California

91% Graduation Rate

The highest graduation rate of any big-city district in California.

105,793 Students
(2016-17 Pre-K through 12)

Class of 2016, last year for which data is available
Computer technology to allow for closer student collaboration and digital literacy

Personalized learning to unlock the genius of every child

Language immersion programs in Spanish, French, and Mandarin

Project-based learning environments

Work-based learning in exciting fields including healthcare, clean energy, information technology, advanced manufacturing, and law enforcement

World language courses in Grades 7-12

International Baccalaureate schools and Advanced Placement courses for students who seek added academic rigor

Arts and music programs in every school

Career pathways aligned with high-skill, high-wage jobs

College courses offered on high school campuses
Academic Excellence

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San Diego students stand out nationwide with test score improvements

San Diego Unified School District was the only large district in the country to see an increase in both math and reading test scores among fourth and eighth grade students, according to new federal data.

Fourth grade students in San Diego scored an average of 222 on the reading exam in 2017, six points higher than average in 2015, which is when the exam was administered. It’s the largest increase among the 22 large, urban districts in the country for which data is available.

The data come from the National Assessment of Educational Progress, also known as the Nations Report Card. The group administers math and reading exams to students in grades 4 and 8 every other year and the results represent one of the only assessments of what students know and what they can do in certain school subjects. Data for smaller districts were not released.

April 10, 2018

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Strong academics are at the core of our mission to make sure every child graduates ready to succeed in college, a career, and the community where they live. We have acted to raise graduation standards and students have responded by achieving the highest graduation rate of any big-city district in the state. We have schools across the city that offer Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) programs, International Baccalaureate (IB) instruction, Advanced Placement (AP) courses, courses for college credit, and dual-language classrooms.

Every single San Diego Unified student has computer access. Our STEAM-themed classrooms are filled with high-tech tools like 3D-printers, engineering software, computer programming software, coding robots, and more hands-on equipment aimed at introducing and educating our students in subjects that are increasingly essential for college and careers of the future. Companies like Google and Qualcomm have partnered with the district to help students collaborate with one another online and learn to become better problem-solvers.
Civics Education

Civics education is taught in the classroom and in the community. We encourage student leadership through environmental clubs, gender-sexuality alliance clubs and civic leadership clubs like the Cesar Chavez service clubs. We help students develop the skills to engage in difficult conversations on equity, bullying, and restorative justice. We know our students will lead the world in the future and these student-led conversations give them a strong foundation.

The Arts

The Visual and Performing Arts are essential to the growth and development of every child. That is why all our schools offer access to these vital programs. Our students have performed everywhere from the Rose Bowl Parade, to Carnegie Hall, but your child does not have to be a future celebrity to benefit from learning to express themselves through the arts.

Fact: 42% of all middle school and high school students enroll in arts classes at San Diego Unified.
Personal fitness and wellness are important parts of every student's education in San Diego Unified. Not only do all our schools have wellness plans to improve students' health, high school students have access to scholarship-level athletic programs and innovative PE courses, including yoga and dance. San Diego Unified also leads the state in clean drinking water for students, following a city-wide testing program to eliminate lead in school site fountains.

**FACT:** San Diego Unified schools have received national recognition as America's Healthiest Schools. The award was granted by Healthier Generation's Healthy Schools Program, an evidence-based national initiative to create healthier school environments where children can thrive. The award demonstrates our district's commitment to fostering the health of our students and staff. In addition, The American Heart Association also honored San Diego Unified for building a culture of health within our school district.
San Diego Unified values diversity. We value all languages and cultures, and we support students on their journey to become influential, engaged, powerful, contributing, and participating global citizens.

District students were born in 163 different countries and speak more than 60 languages and dialects.
Integrated student support is available in all schools. It includes restorative practices, positive behavior support, social/emotional development, and trauma-informed care.

Closing the achievement gap with a determined focus on African-American and Latino success.

Graduation rates among historically disadvantaged populations are nearly equal to the overall population.

Student diversity is strengthened by a culture of inclusion, access, and equity.
San Diego Unified School District recognizes the challenges presented by a changing climate and is committed to improving the environment our students will inherit. To contribute to a greener world, San Diego Unified has:

**Adopted** a Climate Action Plan with a goal of 100% renewable electricity by 2035.

**Installed** 39 solar photovoltaic systems so far, producing over 4.56 MWh hours of clean, renewable energy per year.

**Committed** to increasing water efficiency in district operations by implementing 25 low-flow toilets and 15 low-flow faucets per year through 2035.

By 2019, 20 more schools will receive **new solar energy systems** producing 15 MWh annually and offsetting 7,245 tons of CO₂.

**Committed** to reducing landfill waste by achieving 75% diversion rate by 2020 and 90% by 2035, reducing emissions by 1,043 tons per year.

**Free for families** of 4 making less than $46,000 per year.

**Affordable** pricing plans for families at all income levels.

**High quality instruction** for the youngest students ages 4-5.

**Convenient** locations across San Diego.

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San Diego Unified School District Employees

Leadership Diversity

- 9% African-American
- 6% Asian
- 1% Indian
- 26% Hispanic
- 7% Not Specified
- 51% White

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California Gold Ribbon Schools Award

2016
- Ellen Browning Scripps Elementary
- Kumeyaay Elementary
- La Jolla Elementary
- Sherman Elementary
- Torrey Pines Elementary

2017
- Barnard Elementary
- Benchley Weinberger Elementary
- Chesterton Elementary
- Gage Elementary
- Garfield Elementary
- Green Elementary
- Hancock Elementary
- Holmes Elementary
- Jerabek Elementary
- La Jolla Elementary
- Miller Elementary
- Miramar Ranch Elementary
- Nye Elementary
- Sessions Elementary
- Toler Elementary
California Distinguished Schools Program

California Distinguished Schools Program focuses on California's students and their entitlement to an equitable and rigorous education. The program identifies and honors those schools that have demonstrated educational excellence for all students and progress in narrowing the achievement gap. The Program recognizes elementary, middle, and high schools in alternate years.

2013-2017

- E.B. Scripps Elementary School
- Barnard Elementary School
- Miller Elementary School
- Ocean Beach Elementary School
- Torrey Pines Elementary School
- La Jolla Elementary School
- Mt. Everest Academy K-12
- Patrick Henry High School
- Serra High School
- Scripps Ranch High School
- School of International Business at the Kearny High Educational Complex

National Merit Scholarship Winners

Multiple National Merit Scholarship Winners Yearly Awardees

National Blue Ribbon Schools

2016 La Jolla Elementary
2013 Torrey Pines Elementary School
2012 San Diego High School of International Studies
2010 Kearny School of Digital Media and Design
2009 Ericson, Fletcher, and Florence Elementary
2006 Dewey Elementary

US News and World Report Rated Best High Schools

GOLD 2018
La Jolla High School

SILVER 2018
Clairemont High
Junipero Serra High School
Kearny High—School of Science Connections and Technology
Kearny Digital Media and Design
Mira Mesa High
Morse High

Mt. Everest Academy
Patrick Henry High
San Diego International Studies
San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts
Scripps Ranch High
University City High

BRONZE 2018
I-high Virtual Academy
Kearny Construction Tech

Kearny International Business
San Diego Metro Career and Tech
San Diego Unified has a major impact on the local economy by spending $3 million a day for employee salaries and benefits. ($1.3 billion / 365 = $3.56 million; $3.56 million X 92% = $3.27 million)

Building for the future

Prop. S is a 23-year capital facilities program that is funded by a $2.1 billion general obligation bond measure passed by local voters on November 4, 2008.

Prop. Z is a 15-year capital facilities program funded by a $2.8 billion general obligation bond measure passed by local voters on November 6, 2012. By law, these capital bond funds cannot be used for teacher or school administrator salaries.

Approximately $1 million is currently spent each day on school facilities renovation/modernization.

- 16,312 job years created (using U.S. Department of Transportation methodology)
- 122 completed projects
- 20 projects in construction
- 115 projects in design and bid phases
- 54 new classroom renovations completed
- 521 portable classrooms removed or replaced
- 25 College, Career, and Technical Education facilities completed
- 8 solar energy projects in 2017
- By year end 2019, all classrooms will have air conditioning
Vision 2020
Quality Schools In Every Neighborhood

The San Diego Unified Board of Education has enshrined its commitment to the success of every student in the Vision 2020 operating principles.

· Offer broad and challenging curriculum with high expectations for all students
· Measure success based on each student’s growth as a complete individual
· Support well-trained, highly motivated teachers in every classroom
· Engage parents as partners in the education of their children
· Maintain community-centered schools that function as neighborhood centers

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