

## FACTS & FIGURES

### SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

Based on October 2, 2019 Enrollment Figures

#### NUMBER OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Elementary	44
Middle/Junior High	10
High School	10
Continuation	3
Alternative (Community Schools/Juvenile Court)	4
San Luis Obispo County Jail	1
Independent Study Program	5
County Special Education	6
Charter Schools	3

#### INFANT/PRESCHOOL STUDENTS BY PROGRAM

Early Start	35
Special Ed Preschool	401

#### SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS BY DISTRICT

Almond Acres Charter Academy	27
Atascadero (K-Adult)	606
Grizzly ChalleNGe Charter	40
Cayucos (K-8)	14
Coast (K-12)	66
Lucia Mar (K-12)	1459
Paso Robles (K-Adult)	903
Pleasant Valley (K-8)	9
San Luis Coastal (K-Adult)	1008
San Miguel (K-8)	88
Shandon (K-12)	42
Templeton (K-Adult)	190
County Office of Education (K-Adult)	75

#### SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENT DIVERSITY

Native American (.63%)	28
Asian (1.46%)	34
Pacific Islander (.06%)	3
Multi (3.95%)	159
Hispanic (45.80%)	2153
African American (1.5%)	57
Caucasian (46.60%)	2015

#### SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENT ENROLLMENT

2010	December 1 <sup>st</sup> Pupil Count	3999
2011	December 1 <sup>st</sup> Pupil Count	4056
2012	December 1 <sup>st</sup> Pupil Count	4155
2013	December 1 <sup>st</sup> Pupil Count	4165
2014	December 1 <sup>st</sup> Pupil Count	4274
2015	December 1 <sup>st</sup> Pupil Count	4359
2016	December 1 <sup>st</sup> Pupil Count	4478
2017	December 1 <sup>st</sup> Pupil Count	4592
2018	December 1 <sup>st</sup> Pupil Count	4732
2019	October 2 <sup>nd</sup> Pupil Count	4527

## SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

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#### Almond Acres Charter Academy

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#### Atascadero Unified SD

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#### Bellevue-Santa Fe Charter

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#### Coast Union SD

Adam Helfand, Director  
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#### SLO County Office of Education

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#### Lucia Mar Unified SD

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#### Pleasant Valley Joint Union ESD

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#### San Luis Coastal Unified SD

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#### San Miguel Joint Union SD

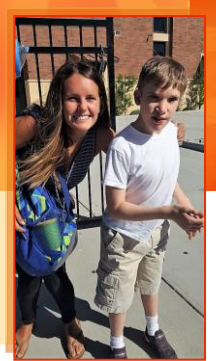
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#### Shandon Joint Unified SD

Andy Needles, Coordinator  
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#### Templeton Unified SD

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## FAST FACTS



## SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN AREA

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## What is the SELPA?

During the 70's, with passage of Special Education legislation, CDE determined that all districts and County Offices of Education would form together in geographical regions for program, curriculum, compliance, and financial support. There are 134 SELPAs in California. Even though there are many organizational structures for a SELPA, all SELPAs have the same basic purpose: work to ensure the delivery of high quality special education programs and services to students with disabilities in the most effective manner practicable. Additionally, the SELPA office collaborates with county agencies and LEAs to develop and maintain healthy and enriching environments in which students with special needs can succeed. Strategies to work towards this belief include:

### For Special Education Students

- Assuring that appropriate programs and services are provided to meet the needs of each child with disabilities;
- Assuring that a full continuum of programs is available to each individual with disabilities served by SELPA;
- Maintaining programs and services within the SELPA which will allow each individual with disabilities to achieve at a level commensurate with his or her ability;
- Assuring that each individual with disabilities is integrated within and has access to the district core curriculum and extracurricular activities as appropriate; and
- Assuring the availability of due process rights for students and their parents served within the SELPA.

### For Special Education Services

- Developing and maintaining special education services within and between SELPAs;
- Improving the quality of programs through the use of data collection and on-going evaluations at the state and local level; and
- Encouraging involvement by parents of each child with a disability in the IEP process.

### For Staff

- Providing opportunities for all certificated and classified staff members to engage in professional learning; and
- Maintaining opportunities for sharing technical resources and information within the SELPA.

### SELPA-wide

- Assuring that an effective management information system is available to monitor student data;
  - Maintaining lines of communication with parents, staff and Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) members;
  - Maintaining line of communication with all publicly supported agencies providing services to students with disabilities;
  - Maintaining lines of communication with the community regarding special education programs and services;
  - Maintaining high quality regionalized special education services to support participating districts;
  - Responding to specific areas of local, state and public concerns;
  - Emphasizing the need for effective special education services to improve educational and life outcomes for students with disabilities; and
- Organizing school officials for support of common education goals.



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