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## K-12

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## About Our Schools

With an unmatched commitment to preparing the skilled workforce and leaders of tomorrow, Santa Clarita boast several exceptional choices for elementary and high school education.

### Elementary School Districts

With nearly two-thirds of our elementary schools having been named a California Distinguished School at least once and several being National Blue Ribbon Schools, it is easy to see why companies choose the Santa Clarita Valley as their home.

Additionally, Santa Clarita Valley's elementary schools are known for their high academic performance, passionate teachers and high level of interaction with the community.

Santa Clarita Valley is served by four elementary school districts:

Castaic Union School District - The Castaic Union School District serves 3,400 K-6 students on four campuses within Santa Clarita Valley's Castaic community.

[www.castaic.k12.ca.us](http://www.castaic.k12.ca.us)

Newhall School District - Comprised of ten elementary schools, the Newhall School District serves preschool and kindergarten through sixth grade children who reside in the Newhall, Valencia, Stevenson Ranch, and Westridge communities of the Santa Clarita Valley. [www.newhallschooldistrict.net](http://www.newhallschooldistrict.net)

Saugus Union School District - With fifteen K-6 campuses, the Saugus Union School District serves the needs of approximately 11,000 students in Santa Clarita Valley's West Hills, Bridgeport and Canyon Country communities. [www.saugususd.org](http://www.saugususd.org)

Sulphur Springs Union - The Sulphur Springs School District serves elementary school students on nine campuses in the Canyon Country and Newhall communities. [www.sssd.k12.ca.us](http://www.sssd.k12.ca.us)



Bridgeport Elementary School

### High School District

Over 26,000 Santa Clarita Valley students are served at the six junior high and ten high school campuses of the William S. Hart Union High School District. [www.hart.k12.ca.us](http://www.hart.k12.ca.us)

## Enrollment

Total K-12 public school enrollment is now at 52, 648 in the Santa Clarita Valley, an all time high. This growth trend is not expected to continue much longer as elementary school enrollments have already begun to decline.

## Dropout Rate

The rate at which students choose to dropout of school before receiving their high school diploma is an important indicator of how well schools are doing at preparing students for college and the workplace.

The average dropout rate at William S. Hart Union High School District fell to just 8.6 percent during the 2008-2009 academic year. This is well below the state average of 21.5 percent.

## Academic Performance

For the past eight years the California Standards Test has been used to measure the performance of elementary school students (grades 2-11) statewide.

A recent study, conducted by the independent research firm California Economic Forecast, show that in every district within the Santa Clarita Valley, students scored at or above the California and Los Angeles County averages for both math and language arts for grades three and seven (chosen arbitrarily to represent elementary and junior high academic performance).

These findings are in keeping with the research firm's records, which show Santa Clarita Valley outperforming the state average since the test's inception in 2003.

The highest scoring districts were Saugus Union and Newhall Union.

The highest scoring schools in the Santa Clarita Valley were Stevenson Ranch Elementary and Oak Hills Elementary. Other high scoring schools include Helmers, Bridgeport, Mountain View, Meadows and Valencia Valley.

## SAT Testing

The SAT, a standardized test taken by juniors and seniors in high school, has become a requirement for students desiring to attend a University of California (UC) or California State University (CSU) undergraduate program.

Recent SAT testing results show that high schools in the Santa Clarita Valley have a substantially higher average SAT score than Los Angeles County and California averages.

The highest scoring schools were William S. Hart High School, Academy of the Canyons and Valencia High School.

## SAT Results 2008-2009

School/District	Verbal	Math	Writing	Total
Canyon High	507	537	509	1553
Hart (William S.) Sr. High	550	571	547	1668
Saugus High	531	545	523	1599
Valencia High	533	567	536	1636
Academy of the Canyons	552	556	529	1637
West Ranch High	529	549	528	1606
Golden Valley High	499	511	488	1498
<b>William S. Hart High School Dist.</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>556</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>1616</b>
<b>Los Angeles Co.</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>1437</b>
<b>State of California</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>1502</b>

Source: California Department of Education