

Principals' Report California Online Public Schools 2023-24

SITE REPORTS

Northern Region: Kara Mannix, High School Principal

Site Administrator for Monterey Bay, North Bay, and Northern California

The year is off to a great start! High Schoolers started their year off with MAP testing and we've had excellent participation—as of this writing we are at 96% complete and with one week left to go. We've expanded our welcome call process into a month long "Welcome Call Journal" and teachers are engaging with both students and their caretakers more deeply to ensure they have the tools they need to succeed from day one. Classes are now in full swing and we are settling in to the year. We continue to onboard new families, and our New/Late Enrolling Students team is digging into data and brainstorming strategies to help these students have a successful transition. After a great Southern California festival, we are looking forward to the Northern festival coming up soon!

Central Region:

Marcus White, Elementary Principal Site Administrator for Central and Central Coast

Greetings From Elementary,

The school year is in full swing. The southern festival was a gigantic success. We were able to connect with many of our children and families in a fun and festive atmosphere. The festival team did such an outstanding job planning and preparing to ensure everyone had a great experience. Our enrollment numbers in elementary school continue to grow. We are still adding new students daily. Our team is doing a great job welcoming new students and helping them settle into effective routines. Additionally, our grade level teams have been analyzing diagnostic data and dialoguing how to best support students academically. We are off to a great start. I am so proud of our team and the work we do.



Southern Region: Heather Tamayo, Middle School Principal Site Administrator of Southern California

Greetings. This year is most definitely up and running, slowing down for no one! We have put in the work to get kids welcomed and acclimated to the new school year, and are now establishing new relationships and understanding how to support our students on a more individual level. This is the work that we love to do, and there is a great deal of drive to ensure that our students grow academically and have a positive experience.

While we create an exceptional 23/24 school year, we look to the future and how to best address the needs of our students. As we look to adopt new curriculum, we also look for new, more innovative ways to serve our underperforming students, and give them the skills needed to thrive in school and beyond. Middle school looks forward to reporting our progress and where we land with the next generation of support for our kids in math and language arts.



Enrollment Update

Month for Report: September

DATA as	of Septeml	ber 25, 2023
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	SoCal	NorCal	Central Valley	North Bay		Monterey Bay	All CalCA
Enrolled	5199	1819	869	167	144	582	8780
Approved	110	37	23	3	9	15	197
Pre-Approved	1200	434	274	66	38	119	2131
Applicant	2752	927	641	144	146	260	4870

Engagement Activities

Total Attendance* for Recent Activities:

Recent Field Trips

Southern Region - Southern California

Fall Festival - Thursday, September 21st
 OC Fair & Event Center (88 Fair Dr, Costa Mesa, CA 92626)
 Attendance is still being calculated but so far we estimate:
 546 CalOPS students, 82 non-CalOPS students, 488 Adults, 200 Staff. Estimated total:
 1316

Upcoming Field Trips

*Currently, procedures are being developed and modified as we transition. We hope to share these processes with staff in the upcoming month so we can begin scheduling field trips and events for this school year!

Northern Region - Monterey Bay, North Bay and NorCal

Fall Festival - Wednesday, October 11th
 Alameda County Fairgrounds (4501 Pleasanton Ave, Pleasanton, CA 94566)

Central Region - Central Valley and Central Coast

Fall Festival - Thursday, October 12th
 John's Incredible Pizza (3709 Rosedale Hwy, Bakersfield, CA 93308)

^{*}Includes students, staff, adults, and non-CA students



Southern Region - SoCal

Fleet Science Center - Friday, October 27th (9am - 12pm)
 1875 El Prado, San Diego, CA 92101
 Attendees: Marketed to Middle School but all grades 3 - 12 are welcome

Outreach Update

Prospective Family Webinars

The two prospective family webinars held September 7 and 19th were attended by 40 inquisitive individuals.

October sessions will take place at 5:00 pm on October 4 and October 24

Branding

CalOPS proudly showed off its new look at the SoCal festival attended by over 1,100 families and staff members. The school's California Grizzly mascot, Gig, made a surprise appearance to the delight of all attendees.

Public Relations

Our start of the school year press release was distributed statewide on September 5th. The press release opened with:

California Connections Academy schools, a network of tuition-free online public schools serving students in grades TK-12, began its 2023-24 school year today, welcoming students as they log on for their first day of virtual learning. Since 2004, California Connections Academy has provided a high-quality online learning experience, serving more than 8,200 students from cities and towns across the state.