

Education in the Goodland

Education is a top priority in Goleta and the strength of our school systems is a testament to the emphasis on the high value of education in our community.

The Goleta Union School District serves 3,700 elementary students in nine schools, Kindergarten through Grade 6. It has earned its reputation as a high-achieving district with an outstanding staff and a diverse student population. The mission of the District is to help all students reach their highest potential and this is accomplished through smaller class sizes and a focus on differentiated instruction.

The District has a stimulating and challenging atmosphere with a capable, articulate and professional staff. It has a reputation for working to develop individual student potential by providing basic skills and problem solving strategies. Programs in composition, computer literacy, and mathematics have been nationally recognized, and District teachers are frequently asked to provide staff development sessions for other districts. All schools offer programs in technology, science, music, art, physical education and a Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) Program in grades 4, 5 and 6. Schools each have a computer center, and all classrooms and offices are wired for high-speed communications.

Students in the Goleta Union Elementary School District become a part of the Santa Barbara Secondary School District following 6th grade promotion. They attend Goleta Valley or La Colina Junior High School, in Grades 7 and 8, and Dos Pueblos or San Marcos High School in Grades 9 through 12.

The mission of the Santa Barbara School District is to ensure the educational success of all students through high expectations and a commitment to excellence and to empower them to reach their full potential as responsible, ethical, and productive citizens in a diverse and changing world. This is done through high quality educational programs in a safe school environment.

The secondary schools are characterized by high academic performance, competitive athletic teams, and strong visual and

performing arts programs. Dos Pueblos High School has a highly acclaimed engineering academy on its campus as well.

Learn more about the elementary schools at www.goleta.k12.ca.us and the secondary schools at www.sbsdk12.org