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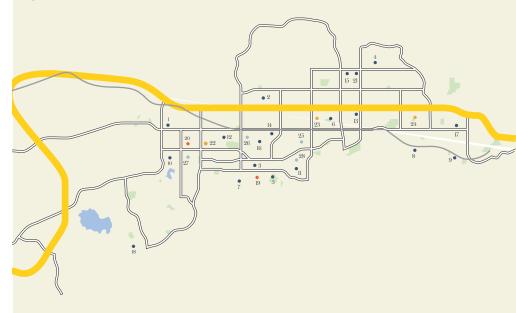
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# **Guide to** SimiValley Schools 2023-2024

From here to anywhere.

Dr. Hani Youssef. **SVUSD Superintendent** 



Simi Valley Unified School District offers the families of Simi Valley and the surrounding area a vibrant portfolio of educational choices built on a foundation of community and the common purpose of inspiring every student to succeed in school, career and life.

#### Simi Valley Schools provide:

- An academically rigorous, standards-based curriculum
- High expectations that respect the differences among our students
- Exceptional instruction in an innovative learning environment
- Opportunities for students to build confidence and strong character
- Participation of the entire school community in students' success

Our 28 school sites offer opportunities for every child, beginning with preschool at Justin Early Learners Academy and then into one of our 18 elementary schools, three middle and four high schools. Adults seeking continuing education options will find exciting courses and certificate programs at our Simi Institute for Careers & Education. We even have a thriving homeschool/independent study program available through Monte Vista School for Kindergarten through 12th grade.

The Simi Valley Unified School District is Ventura County's second largest school district, and it serves the city of Simi Valley and the unincorporated Ventura County areas adjacent to the city's borders. Our size gives us the advantage to offer many diverse programs and courses to meet the needs and interests of every student. Each school is distinctive and while all of our K-12 schools follow state-mandated standards, each also offers more, through its specialized courses, programs and extra-curricular opportunities.

#### District highlights

#### **School of Choice**

As a School of Choice district, most of our schools are open to any child living within the boundaries of Simi Valley, space permitting. (Exceptions include Hollow Hills and Vista Elementary Schools, which are fundamental schools; Arroyo Elementary School, which is a dual language immersion schoool; and Santa Susana High School, which is a Magnet. Each of these has a different application process). We encourage families to visit schools during open houses and parent information events, held in January and February each year, to identify the school that is right for your child. School of Choice applications are due on February 9, 2024. Hollow Hills Elementary School, Vista Elementary School, and Santa Susana High School are not Schools of Choice. Please contact each school for application information.

#### **All-Day Kindergarten Programs**

Simi Valley offers Kindergarten at all of the District's 18 elementary schools and Monte Vista School. We also offer Transitional Kindergarten (TK) programs for all four-year-olds at our schools. TK enrollment is handled ONLY through the District Office. Classes are taught by credentialed teachers with experience in early childhood education in a safe and nurturing environment, and are free. For more information about the Kindergarten cut-off dates, program options, and enrollment requirements, please visit our website at www.simivalleyusd.org/kinderinfo.





#### **Specialty Programs & Career Pathways**

Simi Valley Unified School District's high schools, along with the Simi Institute for Careers & Education (adult school), are the Ventura County leaders in college- and career-ready programs. After receiving numerous state and federal grants totaling millions of dollars over the last eight years, we developed Pathways programs to help lead our students into a college- and career-focused future. Our schools include continuous Pathways in media and technology, child development, culinary, public service and safety, health sciences, performing and visual arts, and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math), and much more.

#### **Getting to Know Our Schools**

This guide is a brief introduction to our schools and vast program offerings. We encourage all interested families to visit our schools during the many public events and campus tours held throughout the year. Every school will also arrange private tours as needed for families. Just call the school's office to make those arrangements.

The most up-to-date news and information about School of Choice and enrollment deadlines, special events, and tour schedules can be found on the District website, **www.simivalleyusd.org**, through our district smart phone app, on Facebook at "Simi Valley Schools," and in our local newspaper, the Simi Valley Acorn. There are so many great things happening in our schools and we welcome you to visit and see for yourself.

#### **Elementary Schools**

### Arroyo Elementary School Dual Language Academy

225 Ulysses Street / 805.306.4420 / arroyo.simivalleyusd.org

Starting in the 2024-2025 school year with Kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten, Arroyo Elementary School proudly launches its Dual Language Academy. The Dual Language Academy at Arroyo is a dual language immersion program which takes native English-speaking students and native Spanish-speaking students and teaches them in both languages. This is done through the close collaboration of bilingual teachers who cover all subjects together. Each year, the next grade level will be added until the entire school becomes the dual language academy. Ultimately, students will achieve competency in both languages.

#### **Atherwood Elementary School**

2350 E. Greensward / 805.520.6730 / atherwood.simivalleyusd.org

At Atherwood Elementary School, we find the star in every student. Along with our comprehensive academic program, our staff ensures that every student has the best quality educational experience possible. Our motto is SHINE, which stands for Safety First; Help Others; Include Everyone; Nurture the Mind, Body and Soul; and Excel Together. Exposed to technology, the fine arts, character education, and physical fitness on a regular basis, our students thrive academically and socially. We are a diverse school community with wonderful supportive parents and community members. Atherwood Elementary School's students SHINE!

#### **Berylwood Elementary School**

2300 Heywood Street / 805.520.6705 /berylwood.simivallevusd.org

Berylwood Elementary School's cutting-edge literacy program yields huge growth in students' reading achievement. We ground our programs and practices in research-based principles of human learning. Our highly skilled teachers meet students at their level, and then take them to greater achievement. Berylwood's Title I program provides excellent supplemental instruction to every student needing learning support. Our students are excited and engaged every day. We are one of two SVUSD elementary schools where students wear uniforms. Berylwood Elementary School is a California Gold Ribbon School.

#### **Big Springs Elementary School**

3401 Big Springs Avenue / 805.520.6710 / bigsprings.simivalleyusd.org

At Big Springs Elementary School, our students strive for excellence academically, socially, and emotionally in a safe and supportive atmosphere. We work as partners with our families and our community. Together with our amazing staff of educators and support personnel, we create an environment where students are empowered to discover their strengths and achieve their maximum potential. At Big Springs Elementary School, our staff prepares our students to meet the challenges of the 21st century in a safe and nurturing educational community.

### Crestview Elementary School CATS Academy (Creative Arts, Technology & Science)

900 Crosby Avenue / 805.520.6715 / crestview.simivalleyusd.org

Crestview Elementary School is the proud home of the CATS Academy (Creative Arts, Technology and Science). CATS offers students an immersive, educational experience built around the fine arts and sciences. Our students are exposed to the wonders of art and science, while still exploring the rigorous academic curriculum needed to grow. After-school enrichment classes provide more opportunities for our students to unearth their interests. CATS Academy is a Connected Learning Program linked with Hillside Middle School and Santa Susana High School, and is a California Distinguished School.

#### Garden Grove Elementary School IMPACT Academy (Integrating Math-Science, Problem Solving, Arts & Critical Thinking)

2250 North Tracy Avenue / 805.520.6700 / gardengrove.simivalleyusd.org

Garden Grove Elementary School's IMPACT Academy (Integrating Math-Science, Problem Solving, Arts and Critical Thinking Techniques) is a fully-integrated school where special needs and general education students come together socially, emotionally, and academically. We positively and fundamentally shape each child's educational experience by creating an environment that stimulates lifelong learning, tolerance, and personal growth. The IMPACT Academy offers quality instruction and grading practices, and culturally responsible teaching, while expanding perspectives and building trusting relationships. Garden Grove Elementary School is a California Gold Ribbon School.

### Hollow Hills Elementary School A Fundamental School

828 Gibson Avenue / 805.520.6720 / hollowhills.simivalleyusd.org

One of two fundamental elementary schools in Simi Valley, Hollow Hills Elementary School is recognized for strong academics, and our nurturing and challenging atmosphere. Our STEAM focused curriculum (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math) embodies a creative and well-rounded approach to 21st century education. We promote student achievement through differentiated instruction, collaboration, and project-based learning. At Hollow Hills Elementary School, our students are empowered to be thoughtful and contributing members of our community through our extensive character education program. We are a California Distinguished School.

### Katherine Elementary School Health, Science and Medical Technology Academy

5455 Katherine Street / 805.520.6780 / katherine.simivalleyusd.org

A neighborhood school, Katherine Elementary School provides our students with the success skills needed for their academic growth. We are a proud California Distinguished School, and are recognized for exceptional teaching methods revolving around our educational philosophy: All students want to and can learn. Our Health Science and Medical Technology Academy provides students with amazing opportunities to learn about the medical sciences, and is a Connected Learning Program linked to Valley View Middle School and Simi Valley High School.

### **Knolls Elementary School A Project-Based Learning Academy**

6334 Katherine Road / 805.520.6735 /knolls.simivalleyusd.org

Knolls Elementary School is a Project-Based Learning Academy where students learn how to tackle real-world problems, develop solutions in collaboration with their peers, and present their learning in a public forum. Our small, close-knit educational community works with the same California State Standards required in all public schools, but we approach the learning a little differently. Technology is integrated into instruction, and promotes student collaboration and creativity in their learning experiences. Circle of Friends and other shared activities foster an inclusive climate and cultivate an appreciation of learning differences. Students also participate in art and music programs. We offer Library Enrichment, Literacy Intervention and Language Intervention, as needed. Come see how we make learning fun at Knolls Elementary School.

### Madera Elementary School Civic Leadership Academy

250 Royal Avenue / 805.520.6740 / madera.simivalleyusd.org

At Madera Elementary School's Civic Leadership Academy, every student is taught the skills needed to become active and responsible citizens in a democracy. Our non-partisan approach uses the six practices for Civic Leadership: Classroom Instruction, Current Events, Service Learning, Extracurricular Activities, School Governance and Simulations of the Democratic Process. Our teachers receive special training in Civic Leadership Instruction. We provide a learning community where achievement is fun and engaging. The Civic Leadership Academy is a Connected Learning Program linked with Sinaloa Middle School and Royal High School.

### Mountain View Elementary School Interactive Technology Academy

2925 Fletcher Avenue / 805.520.6775 / mountainview.simivalleyusd.org

Mountain View Elementary School's Interactive Technology Academy is a blended learning environment which uses educational technology in instruction to support the mastery of academic standards, facilitate student collaboration, and increase curriculum access. Communication skills and exploration are nurtured through project-based learning activities. Critical thinking and creativity are encouraged in student-centered learning spaces, such as our MakerSpace and classrooms with flexible seating. Cross-grade partnerships promote a climate of kindness and a sense of belonging. Staff collaborates to develop best practices to ensure that all students learn at high levels in a safe and accepting environment that supports academic achievement, social-emotional well-being, and character development.

#### **Park View Elementary School**

1500 Alexander Street / 805.520.6755 / parkview.simivalleyusd.org

Park View Elementary School is a professional learning community where students learn and thrive, staff collaborates to improve student achievement, and parents are encouraged to participate in their child's educational experience. We hold high academic and behavior expectations for all students, and are one of two SVUSD elementary schools where students wear uniforms. Art enrichment activities are offered. As a Title I school, intervention specialists support students to succeed academically and foster pride in their accomplishments. Park View Elementary School is a California Gold Ribbon School.

#### **Santa Susana Elementary School**

4300 Apricot Road / 805.520.6765 / santasusana.simivalleyusd.org

Nestled in a quiet, residential neighborhood of Simi Valley, you will find a hidden gem. Santa Susana Elementary School is one of the oldest schools in our district. We specialize in meeting the unique needs of every learner in a warm, nurturing environment that welcomes all children. Our highly qualified teachers and support personnel bring the Four Cs to life for all of our students: Collaboration, Communication, Creativity and Critical Thinking. We have something to offer every child at Santa Susana Elementary School. Santa Susana is a Title I School where we provide Intervention Specialists to any students needing additional help.

#### **Sycamore Elementary School**

2100 Ravenna Street / 805.520.6745 / sycamore.simivalleyusd.org

Sycamore Elementary School commits to educational excellence through a partner-ship of staff, families, and students in a positive and supportive environment. We are known for our high student achievement and strong community atmosphere. Students participate in a variety of rigorous classroom activities, including project-based learning, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) and fine art. Our active PTA organizes events, assemblies, family nights, and field trips that celebrate our community spirit. At Sycamore Elementary School, we emphasize respect, responsibility, hard work, and kindness as the keys to success.

#### **Township Elementary School**

401 Township Avenue / 805.520.6770 / township.simivalleyusd.org

Township Elementary School is a true neighborhood school, with multigenerational families attending throughout the years. We are a California Gold Ribbon School, with a community committed to empowering our students to become life-long learners who achieve grade-level or higher standards. We nurture the social-emotional needs of our students, and promote their physical health so that all students can become the best versions of themselves. In addition to leveled academics, our students learn through art, music, character, and technology programs that are offered at Township Elementary School.

#### Vista Elementary School A Fundamental School

2175 Wisteria Street / 805.520.6750 / vista.simivalleyusd.org

One of the two fundamental elementary schools in Simi Valley, Vista Elementary School ensures that every student gains academic mastery while enjoying a supportive learning experience. Students, families, and staff embrace our motto of TEAM (Together Everyone Achieves More), the cornerstone for our tradition of excellence. Vista is a STEM learning community (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). A rigorous educational program exists within a nurturing atmosphere where STEM and the California State Standards weave together seamlessly to prepare students for the opportunities of the 21st century. We are a California Gold Ribbon School and a National Blue Ribbon School.

#### **White Oak Elementary School**

2201 Alscot Avenue / 805.520.6617 / whiteoak.simivalleyusd.org

High expectations, rigorous academic instruction, and strong community involvement draw students to White Oak Elementary School. A California Distinguished School, we are recognized for innovative classes and our instructional approach, which incorporates technology, science, engineering, project-based learning, and a character program focused on whole-child development. Our families support students and teachers in class, and host community events, like the annual Veteran's Day Ceremony , which is attended by more than 100 current or retired military personnel. Our caring staff works to make every year exceptional for our students at White Oak Elementary School.

#### **Wood Ranch Elementary School**

 $455\ Circle\ Knoll\ Drive\ /\ 805.579.6370\ /\ \textbf{woodranch.simivalleyusd.org}$ 

Wood Ranch Elementary School is a dedicated school community that actively involves all students in becoming responsible, caring, and respectful citizens. Our staff of compassionate and committed educators works together to develop the best practices that ensure all students learn at high levels. We provide a foundation for success by emphasizing responsibility, collaboration, independent-thinking, problem-solving, and personal growth. Students are engaged in rigorous classroom activities, provided with enrichment and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) opportunities, and are empowered to become respectful, kind, considerate, and creative members of our school community.

#### Middle Schools

#### **Hillside Middle School**

 $2222\ Fitzgerald\ Road\ /\ 805.520.6810\ /\ \textbf{hms.simivalleyusd.org}$ 

Hillside Middle School is a proud STEAM Academy (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math), offering students the opportunity to continue their studies at Santa Susana High School. We believe that every student benefits from hands-on, authentic learning experiences while engaged in rigorous classes. We offer diverse courses to nurture creativity and critical thinking skills, while respecting individuality. An extended school day allows students to explore their interests without sacrificing curriculum needs, and a student support period enables every student to achieve success. Hillside Middle School is a California Gold Ribbon School.

#### **Sinaloa Middle School**

601 Royal Avenue / 805.520.6830 / sinaloa.simivalleyusd.org

Sinaloa Middle School is a California Gold Ribbon School and National School To Watch, placing us in California's top 5 percent of model middle schools. Our students learn with a global outlook through strong academic programs, and see their world through all points of view. Our leadership focus offers students wonderful opportunities to instill those skills through clubs and activities. We guide our students to success through excellent instructional strategies, technology, and collaboration. Our Connected Learning Program joins us with Arroyo Elementary School, Madera Elementary School, and Royal High School.

#### **Valley View Middle School**

3347 Tapo Street / 805.520.6820 / vvms.simivalleyusd.org

Valley View Middle School is a California Gold Ribbon School recognized for its strong academics and innovative classes, including the Science of Cooking, Engineering and Anatomy. We are known for our science programs, which bridge the Connected Learning Programs between Katherine Elementary School and Simi Valley High School; and also our popular music program. The largest middle school in Simi Valley, we have about 1,150 students, and our staff and families work hard to support our students through innovative learning, community service, and diverse activities.

#### **High Schools**

#### **Apollo High School**

3150 School Street / 805.520.6150 / apollo.simivalleyusd.org

At Apollo High School, we live by the Four As: Acceptance, Attention, Appreciation and Affection. We are recognized as one of California's top continuation schools, and offer students a path to earn their high school diploma and receive career preparation around their unique needs. Our staff proudly connects with and educates each student coming to us, meeting each student where they are currently at academically and emotionally to achieve a partnership of success. Through our many support programs and diverse elective courses, we show our students that they are respected and welcome, and that they can set and achieve their goals to graduation and beyond.

### Royal High School An International Baccalaureate School

1402 Royal Avenue / 805.306.4875 / rhs.simivalleyusd.org

At Royal High School, we work to have all students reach their highest potential. We focus on providing an excellent education to every student in the 4 As: Academics, Activities, Arts, and Athletics. We offer unique programs in JROTC, International Baccalaureate, and the Ronald Reagan Citizen Scholars Institute, along with music, fine art, and award-winning athletics. We enjoy incredible support from our families and community. At Royal High School, our students are not just part of a school; they are part of our family. Royal High School is a California Gold Ribbon School.

#### Santa Susana High School A Magnet High School

3570 East Cochran Street / 805.520.6800 / santasusana.org

Santa Susana High School's vibrant community provides an excellent education through Accelerated Academics, Technical Arts, and the Visual and Performing Arts. We embrace students benefiting from a smaller campus, technology-embedded classes and focused studies. Students prepare for college and career in an award-winning magnet school recognized by the CDE, CSBA and U.S. News and World Report. We offer flexible schedules, an extended school day and block periods for project-based learning. Scholarship, skills, and citizenship are fostered through world-class curriculum and culminate for every student in the Senior Project. Santa Susana High School is a California Gold Ribbon School.

#### **Simi Valley High School**

5400 Cochran Street / 805.577.1400 / svhs.simivalleyusd.org

Simi Valley High School is a high-performing comprehensive high school recognized for its successful Advanced Placement classes, Medical & Health Careers Academy and deep athletics programs. Guided by our Commitment to Excellence, our highly qualified staff is compassionate and caring, putting students' needs first. We promote high achievement through rigorous college-to-career programs, all within a safe and positive learning environment. As the largest and oldest high school in Simi Valley, we Pioneers enjoy a rich and proud tradition and great community support for our students.



At Simi Valley Schools, our greatest testimony to the love our community has for our schools comes from our staff members who were once our students. This picture shows just some of our one-time students who now teach, support, and lead today's generation of Simi Valley learners.

#### **Specialty Schools**

#### **Monte Vista School**

1220 Fourth Street / 805.579.6326 / montevista.simivalleyusd.org

Monte Vista School is an Independent Study/Home School program serving students in Kindergarten through 12th grade. We offer personalized education for students facing unique life challenges, which would otherwise make traditional school attendance difficult. We also serve a growing community of families choosing to home school their children. Students receive individualized instruction, working independently at home under the regular guidance of a credentialed teacher, and receiving the support as needed from other subject-level teachers. Our beautiful campus offers science labs, a school farm, and the Study Cafe. Hands-on learning experiences are offered, which include foreign languages, Imagination and Curiosity labs, a MakerSpace and environmental/agriculture program.

#### **Justin Early Learners Academy**

2245 North Justin Avenue / 805.520.6619 / justin.simivalleyusd.org

Justin Early Learners Academy is the newest addition to Simi Valley Schools. Our youngest learners are found here, with programs serving infants through age five in general and special education programs. We partner with several agencies to provides each child the best early-childhood education possible. Our district's Special Education Preschool students are here, where they enjoy specially outfitted rooms and play yards, and exceptional attention to their unique needs.

#### **Simi Institute for Careers & Education**

1880 Blackstock Avenue/805.579.6200 / simiinstitute.org

Simi Institute for Careers & Education is one of Simi Valley's hidden gems. As one of the most comprehensive career institutions in California, we offer extensive medical, dental, and technical certification programs. Students enjoy high-quality career training that prepares them for today's job market. This level of training is normally found at community colleges and private career-training schools. English as a Second Language, high school diploma, and GED courses are also offered. Our instructors are fully credentialed. We are open year-round and hold classes days, nights, and weekends to serve the needs of working adults.