



Winter 2024 Newsletter

Showing Up Together

Superintendent Statement

Good school attendance is essential to academic success.

Addressing chronic absence is a key component of improving graduation rates, increasing academic achievement and giving young people the best chance at success in their adult life and becoming active members of their communities.

Chronic absence is described as missing 10 percent of the school year—or about 18 days – for any reason, excused or unexcused.

Everyone plays a role in ensuring that our children attend school regularly. Let us help all students attend today so they can succeed tomorrow.

Brock Falkenberg,
Lake County Superintendent of Schools

Attendance Challenge

Sponsored by Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake.

The Lake County Attendance Challenge is a friendly competition between all public school districts throughout Lake County. The challenge is an awareness campaign to promote the importance of attending school each and every day. The challenge will take place: February 5, 2024 - May 3, 2024.

These are each of the categories:

- Preschool
- Elementary School
- Middle School
- High School
- Alternative School

Dental Health Month

February is Children's Dental Health Month

This year's theme is "Healthy Habits for Healthy Smiles." This is a month-long observance that unites dental professionals, healthcare providers, oral health champions, and advocates in a collective effort to underscore the importance of good oral health and prevention for children and adults alike.

During the 2022-2023 school year, the Healthy Start program reached 22 Lake County schools, conducting 2,764 dental screenings for Preschool-12th grade students.

Celebrating 100 Days of School

From the Upper Lake Elementary School

The Upper Lake Elementary students and staff celebrated their 100th day of school in January. The 100th day is an important milestone because it means students are more than halfway through the year, as most schools have 180 days in their calendar year. It is also a great occasion to highlight how much children have learned since their academic year began.

Mock Trial

Congratulations to the Middletown Mock Trial team! They will go on to compete in the California Mock Trial Competition.

This year, the state competition will take place in Los Angeles on March 22-24.

Lake County's Mock Trial competition is run in partnership with the Teach Democracy and the Superior Court of California, Lake County.

The Middletown team is currently fundraising to compete in the state finals. You can support by visiting their website.

About Us

California has a three-level public education system, including the California Department of Education, county offices of education, and local school districts. Regulations, funding, and policy decisions are generally established at the state level. At the same time, the day-to-day delivery of instruction is the responsibility of the 6 local school districts throughout the county.

The Lake County Office of Education (LCOE) is the intermediate level of the public education system. LCOE provides a support infrastructure for local schools and districts.

LCOE also fulfills state mandates to approve school district budgets and LCAPs, register teacher credentials, complete employee background checks, certify school attendance records and develop countywide programs to serve students with special needs.