



COVINA-VALLEY
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

REPORT TO THE **COMMUNITY** 2024-25



*Innovative Education That
Inspires Every Student's
Unlimited Potential*



C-VUSD Mission: A nationally recognized, innovative school district committed to providing the programs, skills, and knowledge that meet the needs of the whole child in a safe, healthy learning environment. So that every student can confidently and effectively communicate reasoning, collaborate, demonstrate critical thinking, and creatively problem-solve to thrive in college, career, and life.

Superintendent’s Message

Dear Covina-Valley Unified Community,

At Covina-Valley Unified, we are proud to offer outstanding and rigorous academic programs that prepare students for college, career, and beyond. From the Advanced Placement (AP) Capstone Diploma and International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme to College Dual Enrollment and our Early College Program, we ensure students have access to exceptional learning opportunities that challenge and inspire. We also offer Dual Language Immersion programs in Spanish and Mandarin, along with over 23 career technical education (CTE) pathways that equip students with real-world skills and experiences.

As an award-winning District, we pair these academic offerings with the resources and support needed for every student to reach their unlimited potential. This report highlights a year of advancement and impact across our campuses, showcasing major facility improvements and remarkable achievements in academics, the arts, and athletics.

The 2024–25 school year has brought exciting upgrades to our campuses, including the new South Hills High School library and Covina High School’s cutting-edge Aviation and Aerospace classroom and lab, as well as newly refurbished tennis courts. These modernized spaces enrich our students’ academic and extracurricular experiences, fostering growth, engagement, and achievement.

Our students continue to thrive through rigorous coursework, innovative CTE pathways, and diverse visual and performing arts programs. Covina-Valley Unified is committed to nurturing every student’s strengths and providing pathways to success.

As we conclude the 2024–25 school year, I encourage our community to stay focused on academic excellence, personal growth, and continued engagement. Thank you to our dedicated staff, families, and community members for your unwavering support of our students.

Sincerely,
Dr. Elizabeth Eminhizer, *Superintendent*



Covina-Valley Unified has secured numerous grants to advance CTE pathways, including funding for the aviation pathway at Covina High and the medical pathways at Northview and South Hills high schools.



Covina-Valley Unified Expands Student Opportunities Through \$18 Million in Grant Funding

Covina-Valley Unified continues to enhance student access to academic, career, and wellness opportunities through targeted grant funding. The below grants total approximately \$18 million in additional funding, supporting state-of-the-art facilities, advanced technology, and innovative programs across all schools.

Through these grants, Covina-Valley Unified remains committed to preparing students for success and empowering them to reach their unlimited potential.

Career and College Readiness

The District funds CTE pathways at all high schools through:

- **CTE Incentive Grant (CTEIG)** supports programs at comprehensive and alternative high schools and middle schools.
- **Golden State Pathway Grant** funds medical pathways at South Hills, Northview, and Fairvalley high schools, and the Aviation and Aerospace program at Covina High.
- **Middle College and Early College (MCEC) dual enrollment grants** fund Covina High’s Early College Program; College and Career Access Pathways grant supports all high school dual enrollment offerings.

Additional workforce development grants provide career exposure through mentorships, field trips, teacher training, and classroom materials.

Hands-On Learning and Apprenticeships

- **California Apprenticeship Grants** fund Tri-Community Adult Education’s HVAC program and Northview High’s arts, media, and entertainment pathway.

Student and Family Support

- **California Community Schools Partnership Program (CCSPP)** funds wellness centers, extended learning, family engagement, and integrated services to address barriers to learning.
- **Community Engagement Initiative (CEI)** provides resources, training, and access to a statewide network of schools, districts, and experts in the field to increase parent and community engagement.

Academic Access and Equity

- **A-G Success Grant** increases student access to college-required coursework.
- **A-G Learning Loss Mitigation Grant** supports struggling students through expanded courses, staff training, and summer bridge programs.

Arts and Enrichment

- **Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials Grant** enhances arts education and instructional resources across all grade levels.



Covina-Valley Unified inspires creativity through diverse and enriching visual and performing arts opportunities, including music, choir, theater, and more.

District-Wide Visual and Performing Arts Offerings Inspire Creativity

C-VUSD is committed to providing students with rich, inclusive, and engaging visual and performing arts experiences that spark creativity, promote self-expression, and support success beyond the classroom. Students across all grade levels are empowered to explore and develop their artistic talents through various programs and real-world learning opportunities.

Students are introduced to the arts at the elementary level through foundational programs that inspire curiosity and creativity. The Great Artists program offers monthly, teacher-led lessons that introduce students to basic art concepts and techniques. Students also participate in elementary band and choir, which nurture early musical skills and confidence. Manzanita Elementary's mariachi program provides a culturally enriching introduction to performance, allowing young musicians to begin their journey in music education.

Middle school is a time for exploration, and Covina-Valley students are encouraged to discover what inspires them in the arts—whether

it's fine arts, choir, or band. Visual art and music courses are offered at all three middle schools. Manzanita Elementary's mariachi program has also expanded to Las Palmas Middle School, allowing for continued musical development.

High school students can pursue various advanced visual and performing arts programs that refine their skills and prepare them for future success. Course offerings include digital photography, fine arts, ceramics, dance, theater arts, choir, glee, marching band, and jazz band. These programs foster creativity and discipline, offering students a platform to express themselves artistically while gaining real-world experience.

Beyond the classroom, students engage in meaningful, real-world artistic experiences that deepen their understanding and broaden their perspectives. Students connect classroom learning to the larger world of the arts through visits to museums and festivals, educational field trips, guest speaker events, and interactions with professional artists and musicians.



Tri-Community Adult Education Expands Opportunities for Lifelong Learning

Tri-Community Adult Education empowers adults with opportunities to continue learning, growing, and achieving their educational goals.

For those looking to earn a high school diploma, Tri-Community offers flexible, self-paced online courses accessible anytime and anywhere. These programs provide a high-quality education and pathway to graduation, opening doors to college, career, and beyond.

Tri-Community also provides free English as a Second Language classes, available Monday through Thursday. These courses help students strengthen their English proficiency in reading, writing, speaking, and comprehension, equipping them with the skills needed for daily life, employment, and further education.

Through its diverse programs, Tri-Community Adult Education is committed to supporting adult learners on their journey to success, offering them the resources, flexibility, and encouragement they need to thrive.

South Hills High Recognized for Championing Female Representation in Computer Science

South Hills High School has been nationally recognized for its commitment to closing the gender gap in computer science, earning the College Board's AP® Computer Science Female Diversity Award.

The school secured the award for expanding young women's access to both the AP Computer Science A (CSA) and AP Computer Science Principles (CSP) classes. South Hills was one of only 237 schools nationwide to receive this recognition for AP CSA, reflecting its success in increasing female representation in computer science during the 2023-24 school year.

"I believe more diversity in computer science is really important because technology is the future and it shapes so much of our world," South Hills High sophomore Denise Lee said. "When I first started coding, there were only three girls, including me, in a class of over 30 students – seeing this motivated me to step up and get better at computer science."



South Hills High has been honored with the AP® Computer Science Female Diversity Award for expanding young women's access to AP computer science courses.

Middle School STEM, CTE Programs Spark Early Passions

Covina-Valley Unified middle school students are encouraged to explore their interests early on in their education, laying the foundation for informed decisions in high school, college, and careers. Each of the District's three middle schools offer engaging CTE pathways and electives that provide hands-on experience across a range of disciplines.

From journalism and computer science to robotics, animation, and television journalism, students are introduced to real-world skills that ignite curiosity and build confidence. Opportunities also include robotics competitions, eSports, science, technology, engineering, and math competitions, and the Femineers program. To further support exploration and enrichment, students engage in after-school and weekend extended learning, maker-space exploration classes, field trips, and guest speaker events. This year, the District expanded access even further by launching a Middle School CTE Summer Program, giving students a valuable early start on their CTE journey.

Covina-Valley Unified is committed to expanding and aligning these opportunities, ensuring a seamless transition from middle school programs to high school CTE pathways.

One standout example is Traweek Middle School's Project Lead the Way (PLTW) program, which immerses students in foundational concepts in engineering, biomedical science, and computer science. This year, the program received a \$10,000 grant from Phillips 66 to enhance classroom equipment and materials, ensuring students have the tools they need to succeed.

Through strategic programming and early exposure, Covina-Valley is inspiring the next generation of creators, problem solvers, and innovators.



Traweek Middle School's Project Lead the Way program introduces students to foundational concepts in engineering, biomedical science, and computer science at an early age.



South Hills High School's new library is designed to inspire and support student success with many innovative features.

South Hills High Unveils State-of-the-Art Library Designed to Inspire Students to Success



South Hills High School students, employees, families, and community members celebrated the grand unveiling of the school's innovative new library – a space designed to inspire and support student success – during a ribbon-cutting ceremony on January 23.

The cutting-edge learning hub features updated technology, dynamic workspaces for both individual and collaborative use, and a creative, welcoming atmosphere to fulfill the needs of South Hills students. The library also includes advanced digital resources, flexible seating arrangements, and interactive study areas.

"This space is truly transformative," Principal Terry Abernathy said. "Our students now have a library that not only reflects their needs, but also empowers them to think creatively, work collaboratively, and 'Fire It Up!'"



C-VUSD Facilities Updates

Completed Projects

- Covina High School tennis courts resurfacing and renovation
- Covina High School aviation CTE pathway classroom

Upcoming Projects

- Covina High School softball and athletics complex – breaking ground July 2025
- New marquees at each secondary school
- Light installation at South Hills High School baseball/softball fields



Covina High School completed multiple facilities projects this school year, including tennis court renovations and a new classroom for the school's aviation CTE pathway.



An Award-Winning District

Covina-Valley Unified is proud to hold a wealth of awards and accolades that highlight the District's commitment to excellence. From award-winning schools and distinguished programs to outstanding student achievements, these recognitions reflect the dedication of educators, staff, and the entire community in providing exceptional opportunities for students.



- Barranca Elementary School
- Grovecenter Elementary School
- Manzanita Elementary School
- Merwin Elementary School
- Mesa Elementary School
- Rowland Avenue Elementary School
- Workman Elementary School
- Las Palmas Middle School
- Traweek Middle School



- Barranca Elementary School
- Grovecenter Elementary School
- Manzanita Elementary School
- Merwin Elementary School
- Mesa Elementary School
- Rowland Avenue Elementary School
- Workman Elementary School



- Manzanita Elementary School – Top 10
- Barranca Elementary School – Honor Roll



Covina-Valley Unified School District – sixth in California and fourth in Los Angeles County



Covina High School – Colt Outfitters Thrift Shop and Agriculture and Animal Science CTE pathway



- Manzanita Elementary School
- Las Palmas Middle School
- Covina High School

Northview High School – Fine Arts, Media, and Entertainment CTE pathway

South Hills High School – Wellness and Peer Counseling



- Las Palmas Middle School
- Traweek Middle School
- Sierra Vista Middle School



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College-Preparatory Programs Allow Students to Thrive in High School

With a diverse range of college preparatory programs, Covina-Valley Unified ensures students have access to rigorous coursework that sets them on a path to success in college and beyond.

Each high school offers Advanced Placement (AP) courses, challenging students to engage in college-level academics while still in high school. Northview High School's AP Capstone Diploma program fosters critical thinking, research, and communication skills essential for collegiate success. At South Hills High, students can further elevate their education through the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, a globally recognized curriculum that emphasizes interdisciplinary learning. Covina High School's Early College program offers 17 community college classes across a wide range of subjects, allowing students to earn college credit while in high school.

The District's commitment to academic excellence is reflected in the achievements of its graduates, with Covina-Valley Unified seniors earning acceptance to top colleges and universities across the country. Through these dynamic programs, Covina-Valley Unified continues to empower students with the knowledge, skills, and opportunities needed to thrive.



Covina-Valley Unified high schools offer rigorous academic programs to prepare students for post-graduate success, including Advanced Placement courses, the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, and an Early College program.

