

What is a Community School?

A community school transforms a school into a hub where educators, families, students, and community partners collaborate to support student success.

- Connects academic learning with health, mental health, and social services
- Builds strong family and community partnerships
- Expands out-of-school enrichment opportunities
- Supports whole child development and well-being
- Aligns resources to remove barriers and increase equity



Community Schools is not a program. It is a strategy.

Let's start a partnership.

Parents & Families

- Join our Community Schools Advisory Council
- Attend bimonthly Cafecitos
- Communicate with our school team

Staff Members

- Collaborate with our Community Schools Coordinator
- Join the Advisory Council
- Share student needs and ideas

Community Organizations

- Offer services or workshops
- Support events and student programs
- Create real-world learning opportunities

Local Businesses

- Donate supplies, gift cards, or sponsor events
- Offer internships or job shadows
- Be recognized as a valued school partner

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NORTH SALINAS HIGH SCHOOL
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Home of the Vikings

NSHS Goals for our Community School

Authentic Family, Staff & Community Engagement

NSHS will strengthen authentic family, staff, and community engagement by fostering inclusive partnerships, expanding culturally responsive supports, and empowering all voices in school and community decision-making.

Integrated Student Support

NSHS will expand integrated student support services that address academic, behavioral, and wellness needs by strengthening partnerships, providing targeted interventions, and ensuring equitable access to essential resources for all students.

Student & Family Wellness

NSHS will promote student and family wellness by expanding access to health, mental health, and social-emotional supports, while fostering inclusive, culturally responsive environments that strengthen resilience and well-being.

What Does This Mean for You as a Parent?

We're not starting from scratch — we're building on the strengths of our families, and adding supports where they're needed most.

What You're Already Doing as a Parent:

- Supporting your child's learning at home
- Communicating with teachers and staff
- Encouraging your child's attendance and participation
- Helping your child feel safe and cared for

What Community Schools Add:

- Connect your family to free resources and services
- Provide extra support for your child's needs
- Offer workshops and events for parents
- Create more opportunities for your voice in school decisions
- Partner with you to help your child thrive



Be Part of the Conversation

North Salinas High School received \$2.5 million through the Community Schools Grant to support programs that meet the unique needs of students, staff, and families — but your voice is essential in guiding how it's used.

- Be part of a shared decision-making team Includes parents, students, staff, and community members
- Meets regularly to review and guide use of funds
- Helps ensure strategies reflect Viking community priorities
- Supports students success through meaningful collaboration

Every dollar matters, and we want to hear from you!

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