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School Smarts Share

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As part of our ever-growing School Smarts community, we'll continue to keep you informed, connected and inspired.

'Everyone Belongs' in Alameda Unified School District

In Alameda County, 44 percent of residents speak a language other than English at home and 34 percent of residents are foreign-born. Instead of viewing these demographics as challenges, **Alameda USD** works to build bridges through such programs as School Smarts for all families to become involved in their children's successes. [Read their story](#) and find out more!



School districts using School Smarts to strengthen diverse engagement

Many school districts across the state -- representing nearly 100 schools -- are using School Smarts to strengthen diversity, inclusion and engagement in their school communities. [Find out more](#) about why school districts are using School Smarts, and thanks to all for being part of School Smarts!

Alameda USD
Cloverdale USD
Fontana USD
Hemet USD
Madera USD
Pajaro Valley USD
Pomona USD
San Leandro USD
Visalia USD

Castro Valley USD
Culver City USD
Fullerton SD
La Habra SD
Newport Mesa USD
Palm Springs USD
Riverside USD
Santa Monica-Malibu USD
West Contra Costa USD

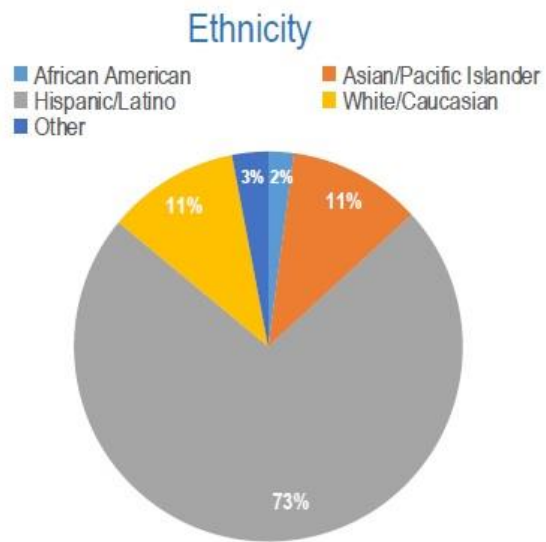
Chino Valley USD
El Rancho USD
Garvey SD
Lakeside Union SD
Orange USD
Pleasanton USD
San Juan USD
Stockton USD
Westminster USD

School Smarts embraces California's diversity

School Smarts brings parents from all backgrounds together in support of our common interest: helping our children and schools succeed! In keeping with School Smarts' operating principle of inclusion, the program and curricula is offered in the six languages most spoken in California: English, Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, Tagalog and Vietnamese.

Did you know...

- 73 percent of School Smarts graduates speak a language other than English at home
- 31 percent of School Smarts graduates did not complete high school
- 88 percent of School Smarts graduates are female and 12 percent are male
- 84 percent of School Smarts graduates are mothers, 12 percent are fathers, 3 percent are grandparents and 1 percent are other caregivers.



Everyone can be a part of School Smarts!

In the Bay Area? Join us for a free PTA Arts Convening!

California State PTA believes that all California children need and deserve quality arts education programs. **FREE** regional PTA events are bringing together success stories, partnership ideas and tools to help strengthen arts education in your school district.

Hear from community partners currently working on arts programs in schools, learn the latest ways to implement arts through the new [Local Control and Accountability Plans \(LCAPs\)](#) and connect with local arts organizations to advocate for arts education for every child. For questions and to register, please email arts@capta.org.



Bay Area PTA Arts Convening

Friday, March 10

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. (Lunch Provided)

San Jose Museum of Art

110 S. Market St., San Jose, Calif. 95110

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Tips to strengthen engagement and inclusion

All families are important parts of the school community. Find out more about how to engage all families -- and how to become more engaged yourself -- while strengthening your school's diversity and inclusion:

- [Creating Welcoming Environments](#) -- Easy tips for PTAs or any school community
- [100 Ways to Help Your Child Succeed](#) -- Effective ideas available in English and Spanish
- [Seasons of LCAP](#) -- Available in six languages, find out how to get engaged in school decision-making
- [PTA in California](#) -- News on the latest education trends in English and Spanish
- [Ed100](#) -- A wide variety of information on California's education system available in English and Spanish.



IT'S TRUE: The School Smarts Parent Engagement Program is now being offered statewide!

Please [contact](#) us if you know of a district that would benefit from having School Smarts offered at their school communities!

As always, we invite you to [share](#) photos, stories, tips and parent action plans with us as well, so we can share those with the larger School Smarts network.

*This message is being sent to the School Smarts community and parent graduates.
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