

Governance

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The citizens of California, through the State Constitution and the State Legislature, have created a three-level, kindergarten through 12th grade public education system. This system includes at one level a State Department of Education; at another level local school districts that carry the major responsibility for the operation of the public school system; and at an intermediate level, the County Office. These three levels share the responsibility for the education of the children and youth of California.

The County Office of Education carries out this responsibility as the intermediate agency in the county. The County Office of, through the County Board and the County Superintendent , offers five basic services.

The County Office offers:

1. Business services, including the approval of County Office budgets, auditing County Office expenses, monitoring the financial condition of each district in the county, and advisory services.
2. Coordination services, including acting as liaison between local districts and the State Department of Education, collecting and forwarding required reports, maintaining a register of certificated employees and monitoring their assignments in the county, and coordinating various special services for districts in the county.
3. Instructional programs, mostly for children with exceptional needs in juvenile hall, court community schools and Regional Occupational Programs.
4. Contract services, such as data processing and audiovisual services, are available to districts.
5. Technology services and support to school districts and the County Office, including leadership in educational technology.
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MENDOCINO COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

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