

Local schools have the write stuff

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While there are several great reasons to move to Roseville and Granite Bay – relaxed lifestyle, close proximity to surfing and skiing, and snow-free winter weather – the schools are one of the top reasons that make this area such a desirable place to live.

Eureka Union School District

Eureka Union School District, an eight-school district that educates 3,500 kindergarten through eighth-grade students, is well known for academic achievement and high test scores.

The district serves Granite Bay and some Roseville areas as well.

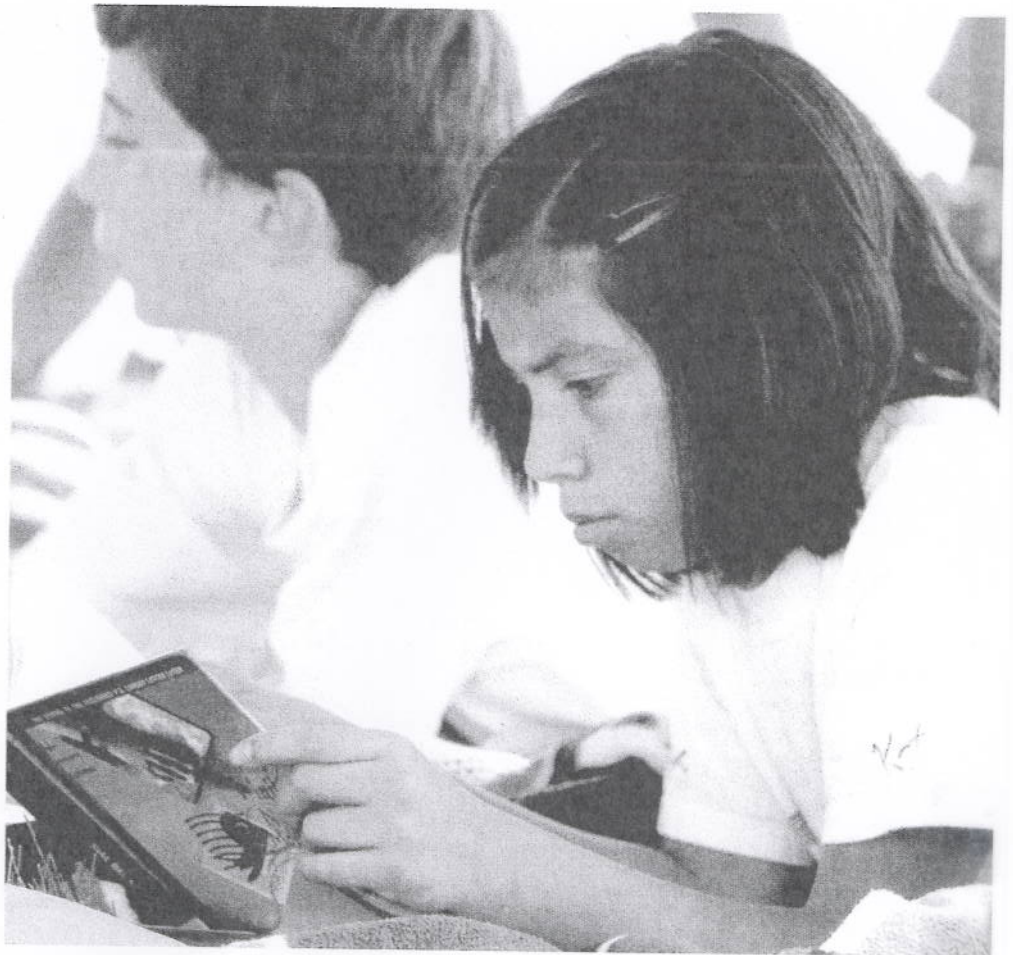
With a California Department of Education Academic Performance Index of 891 overall, the school district is the front runner in the Standardized Testing and Reporting Program in Placer County, and has consistently been the top scoring district in the Sacramento area. It's also one of the top scoring districts in Northern California.

School personnel attribute high test scores to several factors.

A critical part of Eureka Union's success is the Eureka Schools Foundation.

The foundation, which raises money with an Annual Giving Campaign, and various events throughout the year, funds the weekly music program in the lower grades, band instruction in grades 5 – 8, library technicians, athletic coaches, Spanish language instruction and more.

"ESF awarded a total of \$401,000 to sustain education programs for every student at every school within EUSD," said Julie Guerrero, the foundation's executive director.



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Students in the local Roseville and Granite Bay school districts perform well on standardized testing each year. Each of the four districts offers a variety of extra-curricular activities as well as academics to provide for each student.

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