

California School for the Deaf

Serving students who are deaf
and hard of hearing

39350 Gallaudet Drive
Fremont, CA 94538
510-794-3707 TTY/voice
866-790-4035 videophone

www.csdf.k12.ca.us

“Excellence in education since 1860”



Think



Learn



Grow



Achieve

“A school that teaches children to think”

California School for the Deaf ♦ Information for School Districts and Parents

Learn ♦ Think ♦ Grow ♦ Achieve

Deaf and hard-of-hearing children can learn, think, grow, and achieve just like any other students in California. They benefit most from direct communication, role models, and early language development through American Sign Language and English. In fact, students who attend the California School for the Deaf (CSD), from preschool through high school, have a high chance of passing the High School Exit Exam, provided they have no cognitive disabilities.

CSD is recognized as an international leader in educating deaf and hard-of-hearing children. Teachers and other professionals use a proven, research-based approach to ensure a well-rounded education that provides children with a strong foundation in academic subjects, career/technical education, transition, and maximal development in American Sign Language and English, literacy, and social development.

Deaf and hard-of-hearing students participate in academic, extracurricular, and practical activities that require higher level thinking skills and inspire personal growth.

DESCRIPTION: California School for the Deaf, a State Special School under the California Department of Education, provides a comprehensive public education program, with day and boarding services, available to eligible deaf and hard-of-hearing students from preschool to post-graduation. Students ages 0-3 are provided services by the Early Childhood Education program in collaboration with their local school districts. Schooling, an on-campus boarding program, meals, and transportation are provided free to students who are residents of Northern California.

What California School for the Deaf Offers

- **Early Childhood Education** focuses on language acquisition and early development of the child as a whole. The program uses American Sign Language as the child's natural, primary language and English as a second language for a strong language foundation and the literacy skills necessary for lifelong success. ECE is committed to early, consistent, and meaningful communication between the deaf child and the significant others in his/her environment.
- **Elementary Education** provides a rich learning experience. The program promotes an environment that encourages high expectations for each child, and follows the state standards for language arts, mathematics, history-social studies, science, and visual and performing arts.
- **Middle School** is committed to bringing out the best in each individual child. The program adheres to a curriculum based on the state curriculum framework in daily core classes, while preparing students for high school and beyond.
- **High School** offers courses that include state graduation requirements, 'A to G' requirements for universities, and electives. The program offers additional courses in work readiness, physical education, and character development.
- **Deaf Students with Special Needs** offers a smaller class size and emphasizes support for daily life skills for grades 1-12. Employment training and job placement, on the school site and with local businesses, is offered to eligible high school age students. The program is designed for deaf students requiring additional learning support.
- **Career/Technical Education** offers career/technical education training and job preparation in a variety of fields. The program also offers career awareness and career exploration.
- **Career Center/Transition Services** offers continued education planning, career planning, job seeking skills, and employment on school site and with local businesses.
- **Work Readiness Program** provides work-related experience during the day, along with evening classes in the subjects that help students pass the California High School Exit Exam. The program, which works in collaboration with local community colleges, is available to continuing students who are between the ages of 18 to 21.

Support for School Districts & Families



The Outreach Division is a Northern California treasury of educational resources for deaf children and the community.

- **CAMPUS TOURS:** Tailored campus tours can be arranged for you to learn more about how the programs offered at CSD could benefit your deaf and hard-of-hearing students.
- **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:** Site visits can be arranged for district teachers to observe classrooms or to meet with teacher specialists and other professionals to learn about up-to-date, research-based information and practical skills applications. Presenters can attend your in-service session.
- **WEBSITE:** Visit our website as often as you like. Use it as a resource for bilingual education and parent support.
- **FOR FAMILIES WITH DEAF CHILDREN FROM YOUR DISTRICT:** Families can benefit from American Sign Language classes through videophone and local classes. They can attend Family Learning events such as the Latino Family Weekend, African-American Family Day, and the Parent-to-Parent Network available to parents with newly identified deaf babies.

Educational Resources for Deaf Children and Community in Northern California Outreach Division

TTY/Voice: 510-794-3707 | Toll Free: 877-654-DEAF (3323) | Videophone: 866-790-4035

www.csd.f.k12.ca.us/outreach



Deaf and hard-of-hearing children can learn, think, grow, and achieve, just like any other students in California.

About California School for the Deaf

School Programs



A large percentage of the students who graduate from CSD have gone on to colleges and universities.

Academics at CSD are cutting edge. The school adheres to the California Department of Education's Curriculum Standards. Highly qualified, credentialed teachers possess the specialized skills necessary to effectively instruct deaf and hard-of-hearing students. After 150 years of experience, research, and training, CSD uses proven methods and approaches in education. Instruction takes place in American Sign Language and English.

CSD is an accredited school that offers diplomas to graduating high school students who have passed the California High School Exit Exam and met all of the high school requirements. Graduates develop into confident college students, professionals, and employees who are able to pursue their dreams and goals.

Referral Process for School Admission



1. The local school district refers applicants to CSD by submitting an application packet.
2. Complete applications are reviewed by the Admissions Review Committee to determine if CSD offers a program that can meet the student's needs.
3. Students who are recommended for an Assessment for Suitability of Placement come to CSD for an assessment of up to 60 calendar days. Students are placed in the appropriate classes and individual assessments are completed during that time, as well.
4. An End-of-Assessment meeting is held to discuss the results of the assessment period. If the IEP team is in agreement that the placement is appropriate for the student, a new IEP is written placing the student at CSD.

**For student eligibility contact:
Admissions Office
510-794-3720**

Assessment Services ♦ Referral Process for School Admission

Assessment Services



The Assessment team offers testing services for enrolled students as well as those applying for admission. It ensures that the required three-year evaluations take place and testing is conducted in areas of need or upon request. The team consists of school psychologists, diagnostic teachers, an audiologist, a speech and language pathologist, and a behavioral specialist. The team is able to communicate directly with students. They consult with parents, teachers, principals, guidance counselors, and cottage staff regarding each student.

Northern California Assessment Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing

The Northern California Assessment Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing is housed at CSD.

The center offers free, comprehensive assessments for deaf and hard-of-hearing students who are referred for further testing by their school districts.

510-794-2478

Day and Boarding Programs



Day students from local school districts attend school during the day and go home via transportation arranged by the school districts.

About 65 percent of students enrolled at CSD stay on campus in supervised cottages because it is too far for them to travel home. All boarding students go home each Friday and return to school on Sunday during the school year. There are different schedules for holidays.

After school hours, CSD students are encouraged to do homework and participate in a variety of extracurricular activities. They experience direct communication with coaches, sponsors, and peers. Students develop an interest in sports, clubs, student government, drama, and more.

School Programs ♦ Day and Boarding Programs

10 Ways CSD Offers Maximum Learning Opportunities



1. Early Childhood and Elementary programs, in cooperation with local school districts and an outreach program, provide an early start in academics and support for parents, as they learn how to communicate and support their children's learning.
2. Course content based on state standards for public schools is taught through American Sign Language, allowing students full access to learning in math, reading, writing, social studies, science, PE, career development, as well as other subjects.
3. Literacy is a strong area of emphasis. Teachers use methodology and technology designed for deaf and hard-of-hearing students. They are credentialed and highly qualified. ASL specialists, literacy coaches, learning disabilities specialists, and curriculum specialists provide support to teachers and students. The school library is staffed by an enthusiastic and knowledgeable librarian.
4. Small student-to-teacher ratios support classroom discussions, collaborative work, a variety of hands-on lessons, and individualized attention.
5. Our on-site licensed pediatric audiologist and spoken English teachers work directly with students and families.
6. Academic Placement (AP) courses are offered to high school students who are ready to challenge themselves by taking on other learning opportunities.
7. Classrooms, cottages, and the library are equipped with up-to-date technology including SMART Boards, videophones, video cameras, laptops, and visual safety alarms.
8. Teachers and staff members are bilingual users of American Sign Language and English, providing constant exposure to language, culture, and the technology used by deaf and hard-of-hearing people in their daily lives. Students develop ASL and English skills to the maximum extent possible.
9. Career programs are tailored to student interests and abilities. Whether students are college or employment bound, preparation includes use of technology, how to communicate with others on job sites, high quality instruction provided by teachers who have worked in various fields, work experience, job placement, career counseling, and graduate follow-up for two years after graduation.
10. Students have full access to campus activities because all are conducted in American Sign Language. The array of activities that students can choose from include athletics, academic competitions, student body government, Scouting, clubs, drama, yearbook, and web team.

10 Ways CSD Offers Maximum Learning Opportunities