

The County Office of Education Committee was created by a vote of the member delegates during the CSEA Annual Conference held in August 2001.

The delegates responded favorably when asked to create this committee to recognize and represent the special needs of the many members who work as classified professionals in a county office of education program or office.

The California School Employees Association has over 9,000 county office of education members in 50 plus chapters throughout the state of California.

We thank the delegates who created our standing committee as well as the CSEA Board of Directors for their continued support in giving a voice to this organization's many and varied members.



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What is a County Office of Education?



There are 58 counties in the state of California. The educational affairs of the state are managed and coordinated by the California Department of Education. As part of the organizational structure, each county in California has a county office of education.

Under the leadership of a county board of education and a county superintendent of schools, county offices of education serve as a link between the 1,000-plus local school districts in the state and the California Department of Education. County board of education members are elected officials and the office of county superintendent is either elected locally or appointed by the county board of education. Funding and policy decisions are made at the state level, and day-to-day delivery of instruction is generally the responsibility of the local school districts. County offices of education provide a support infrastructure for local schools and districts. This infrastructure is generally comprised of student services, administrative services and instructional services.

Student services may include county-wide and regionalized education programs for special populations of students including: Alternative Educational programs, Community Schools, Head Start programs, Health Care programs, Independent Study programs, Juvenile Court Schools, Migrant Education programs, Outdoor Education programs, Prevention Education, Special Education programs, Vocational & Career Education.

Administrative services support the business function of education. Many of these services are mandated by state law, such as attendance accounting, district audits and budget reviews, interdistrict appeals, and teacher credentialing. County offices of education also help local school districts save money by offering services such as payroll processing, group insurance plans, cooperative purchasing, and printing services.

Instructional services offers local educators professional development and assistance in areas such as curriculum development, student assessments, library and technological services, etc. County office of education staff work with local schools and districts to provide professional development, instructional resources, clarification of mandates, and processes for monitoring and documenting the effectiveness of the instructional program.

County Office of Education Standing Committee

Purpose Statement

The purpose of the County Office of Education Committee is to **research, educate, communicate** and **network** regarding the issues and concerns of the county office of education chapters—providing a liaison between members, the board of directors, committees, governmental relations and the Legislature, while acknowledging the differences and similarities of county offices of education, community colleges, and K–12's.

Activities and Duties

- Research and make recommendations for legislative resolutions to ensure county offices of education are included.
- Complete a survey of county office of education chapters to address needs and provide direction for the committee.
- Provide educational programs to inform CSEA members, the board of directors and the general public about the function of county offices of education and the services which they provide.
- Promote a positive image and increase awareness of the county offices of education and their purpose in public education through a Web site and other publications.

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