



Contra Costa County Board Education Facts at a Glance 2011

The Contra Costa Board of Education

How is the Board organized?

The Contra Costa County Board of Education is the elected Board of Education for the County of Contra Costa. The Board of Education consists of five members elected by trustee districts to staggered four-year terms. Each Board member represents a different area of the county and must be a registered voter in that area. In accordance with the California Education Code and certain other rules and laws, the Contra Costa County Board of Education serves as the governing board for the juvenile court schools operated by the County Office of Education.

What does the Board do?

The Board establishes educational policies for the programs administered by the County Office of Education. These programs include Special Education, Court and Community Schools, and Career Development. The Board also:

- Approves selected curriculum for education programs operated by the County Office of Education.
- Approves the County Office of Education budget.
- Hears appeals on interdistrict transfer disputes and expulsion cases.
- Adopts the standard list of school supplies, educational films, and supplemental materials for use by districts in the County.
- Provides resources and information to school district governing boards.
- Advocates on behalf of education on the local, state and national levels.
- Acts as the County Committee on School District Organization, which reviews changes in school district boundaries.

County Board of Education Members *(photos at left, top to bottom)*

Area 1 Pamela M. Mirabella

Area 2 Ellen M. Elster

Area 3 Daniel A. Gomes

Area 4 Richard P. Asadoorian

Area 5 Cynthia T. Ruehlig

