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**Alianza Charter School**

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Alianza is a Kinder to Eighth Grade Charter School with a Two-Way Bilingual Immersion Program.

Alianza es una Escuela Convenio de Kinder a Grado 8º con un programa de Inmersión Bilingüe Usando Dos Idiomas.

Principal • Michael Jones • Director

¡Vengan a visitarnos! • Come visit us!

**Address:** (831) 728-6333

**Chartwell School & The New High School Project**

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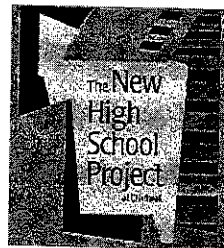
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Chartwell School diagnostically educates students with language-related learning variations such as dyslexia, dysgraphia and auditory processing disorder. Chartwell's mission is to equip children with the academic skills, confidence, perseverance and creativity necessary to succeed in mainstream schools and in life.

Our specially trained teachers work with students who are behind in certain skill areas to close those gaps while also encouraging students to develop their areas of strength. A Chartwell education includes small class size, specially-trained instructors, a carefully designed curriculum, an award-winning green campus, and all the electives, arts and sports that enrich a student's school experience.

On the second Tuesday of every month, Chartwell offers an informal tour to all community members. Please our website for more information.



The New High School Project (TNHSP) is an innovative, college preparatory school for bright teens who may have struggled in a more traditional educational environment, despite their obvious potential to succeed.

The curriculum and schedule at TNHSP are based on best practices and current research on teen learning. The curriculum features project-based learning with many opportunities for hands-on, experiential education. Flexible periods allow for one-on-one teaching and extra help when needed. Students learn about their own learning styles and they develop study skills and self-advocacy that will serve them well in higher education.

TNHSP offers an informal tour on the second Tuesday of every month. Please see our website for more information.

**Address:** 2511 Numa Watson Rd | **Ages:** 6-18

**Friends of Main Street**

(831)464-56456

**Soquel**

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Friends of Main Street is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing enrichment programs to all children attending Main Street Elementary School, including but not limited to art, music, after-school, and technology programs. We strive to promote a supportive community at our school and flourish with parent participation and dedication. These programs support the children's joy of learning, creativity and education. Support Main Street's children by attending a fundraising event at [www.friendsofmainstreet.com](http://www.friendsofmainstreet.com) and help give the Arts back to our children.

**Address:** 3400 Main Street | **Other Locations:** Check the Soquel Unified School District for other schools.

**Ages:** elementary 5 to 10 approx.

**Gateway School**

(831) 423-0341 x

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Founded in 1970 and located on 2.5 acres perched above the Monterey Bay, Gateway School is Santa Cruz's premier academically-challenging Progressive K-8 school with the mission to inspire children to lead lives of purpose and compassion through scholarship and citizenship.

At Gateway we believe that the purpose of education goes far beyond teaching only academics. On any given day, you may see our students making native California animal masks, programming quad copters in our

Maker's Space, brewing tea in the Life Lab gardens, presenting skits in Spanish, or parsing primary source documents about the Gold Rush. Our classrooms extend beyond the school into our community and the natural environment.

Small class sizes ensure individual attention from teachers who know and care about each child's needs. Art, Music, Spanish, Mindfulness, Life Lab Science and our Maker's Space are integral parts of our robust curriculum. In this supportive environment, Gateway students graduate with the habits to be successful in the most competitive high schools and colleges. We invite you to explore our website for more information and for instructions on how to apply.

Gateway is fully accredited by the California Association of Independent Schools (CAIS). See us under [A-Z Camps](#) also.

**Address:** 126 Eucalyptus Avenue | **Ages:** Grades K-8

**Good Shepherd Catholic School**

831/476-4000

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**Good Shepherd Catholic School** was established in 1963. Located within the Diocese of Monterey, Good Shepherd offers a fully accredited faith-based program to students in preschool through eighth grade. Committed to academic excellence, our instruction is grounded in the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church and supported by the parishes of Resurrection, St. Joseph's, and Our Lady Star of the Sea.



Good Shepherd welcomes students of all faiths from throughout Santa Cruz County. We strive to meet the needs of the whole child, fostering each one's unique intellectual, spiritual, and moral development. Our student-centered curriculum focuses on creative problem solving and flexibility in the areas of religion, math, science, humanities, foreign language, art, music, athletics, technology, and community service. Within a nurturing community, students become intellectually curious moral leaders inspired by a love for learning with faith in the future.

Please call to schedule a visit.

**Address:** 2727 Mattison Lane

**Holy Cross School Preschool - 8th**

831-423-4448

**Santa Cruz**

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Holy Cross School, a ministry of the Holy Cross Church, was established in 1862 by the Daughters of Charity and carried forward after 1943 by the Dominican Sisters. Throughout its history, our coeducational school has served all children who seek a Catholic education, striving to instill in each student a lifelong passion for truth.

Building today upon this enduring foundation, parents and faculty create a loving community that recognizes and nurtures each child's unique gifts. From Preschool through Grade 8, we motivate, guide, and encourage our young people to grow spiritually and intellectually, fostering their development as individuals of faith, tolerance, and service.



We'd love to have you visit! Call (831) 423-4447 and schedule a campus tour today, or [visit us online](#).

#### **Holy Cross Summer Preschool**

This seven week program held from June 20 to August 5 is open to children three years old through prekindergarten students. The children will enjoy a warm and rich learning environment as they explore a new theme each week. In addition to scripture stories, music, literature, math and language arts activities, science, and indoor and outdoor activities each day, the students will participate in field trips, cooking activities, gardening, water and bubble play, and so much more throughout the summer. Half, three quarters, and full day programs are offered with flexible days of attendance.

Call 425-1782 for further information.

**Address:** 150 Emmet Street | **Ages:** Preschool through Grade 8



Main Street School teaches students to be creative, critical thinkers who will become responsible citizens.

**Main Street Elementary School**  
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Main Street School has created a dynamic Life Lab Program that is parallel to the philosophy of the Life Lab program at UCSC. A significant number of parent volunteers have worked endlessly throughout the school year to provide all of their K-5 students with opportunities in the area of Science, Nutrition, Math, Art and Music.

Giving students the chance to engage in real life learning experiences is a perfect blend for academic rigor and relevance in our curriculum. Students learn lifelong skills and are important members of a collaborative project that prepares them for their future.

**Address:** 3400 N. Main Street

**Mount Madonna School**  
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**Mount Madonna School** is a fully accredited independent school offering small classes, convenient transportation and an exceptional educational community for grades Preschool-12. The campus is nestled among the redwoods on 355 acres on the summit of Mount Madonna, between Gilroy and Watsonville.



Established in 1979 with a deep commitment to "whole child education," Mount Madonna School is an ideal environment for families who value academic excellence, creative self-expression and positive character development.

**The elementary school** is known for its nurturing engaging and active learning environment. **Middle school** students engage in critical thinking, self-reflection and increased responsibility as they transition to adolescence. Through academics, performing arts, athletics, extended field trips and outdoor education, students increase their awareness of the world and their place in it. **The college preparatory high school** is noted for its thoughtful and joyful young scholars, its superb dramatics, the Government-in-Action travel studies and its championship volleyball program!

Learn more about Mount Madonna School, including how to apply, by visiting its website.

**Address:** 491 Summit Rd | **Ages:** Preschool-Grade 12

**Orchard School**  
831-688-1074  
**Aptos**  
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We believe that children need to live vigorously in an environment that invites learning, something for our 14-acre campus is ideally suited. The landscape at Orchard School is intricate, demanding, and even mysterious. The woods, orchard, animals, fields and stream provide rich resources for a unique and stimulating hands-on learning environment.



We believe that children learn naturally and that the acquisition of learning skills is an individual matter. Focused

academic classes and ample time for personal pursuits keep the children active and involved. Classes are small. Each class is taught by specialty teachers, creating rich and meaningful classroom experiences. We strive to develop in each child a sense of personal creativity as well as the ability to work cooperatively with others toward common goals. We encourage respect for each other and the environment.

We believe that life and school should be fun. Children look forward to Orchard School as an adventure and rarely want to leave.

We provide an educational experience in which children learn in a healthy, noncompetitive atmosphere with an interactive, hands-on curriculum that:

- \* Builds academic skills
- \* Respects the individual child, the community, and the environment
- \* Nurtures the intrinsic process of learning

**Address:** 2288 Trout Gulch Rd. | **Ages:** elementary school

**Pacific Schools: Preschool, Elementary, Independent Study Option and After School Programs.**

**Pacific School** is a small, rural, public school in Davenport with quality programs and individualized attention given to students. Our philosophy is "learning by doing", whereby students learn in our Life Lab, Food Lab, Music, and Computer Lab programs. Pacific School District has been in existence since 1906 and is the smallest single school district in Santa Cruz County. Our size and unique location, on the rural coast north of Santa Cruz, help create a special environment where staff, parents, and community work together in harmony. We believe this close, nurturing environment, where each child's individual needs are addressed, allows our children to reach their greatest potential, both academically and socially.

Our **Preschool** is for 3 to 5 year olds, 5 days a week 8:30-12:30, \$600 per month or FREE depending on income.

Our **Independent Study Program** is for K-6th graders who are on campus 3 days a week and parents supervise studies the other 2 days. We have openings for 2013-14 school year in IS Kindergarten!

Call us for more information or to make an appointment to visit our school.


**Address:** 50 Ocean St | **Ages:** 3-12 years

**Pacific Schools**

831 425-7002

**Davenport**

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**Santa Cruz Children's School**

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**Our Vision**

Education can help children lead creative, constructive, and thoughtful lives.

Schools should be beautiful, clean, and healthful. Children should have regular contact with the natural environment.

Every child has the right to literacy.

Art and music are important parts of human expression. A child's understanding is enriched through first hand experience.

Science, math, and technology are tools that help us think about and describe the world.

Each child brings a broad range of experience and knowledge.

Students need the support of teachers who know them well.

Teachers must have time to help each child individually.

Parents are an important part of the educational community.

Learning is intrinsically enjoyable.



**What Could Your Child Do Given the Chance?**

At Santa Cruz Children's School your child will be part of a community of learners that includes students, parents, and teachers. Something exciting and stimulating happens everyday. Students love being at school and thrive in an environment that fosters intellectual curiosity, creativity, and diligence. Your child can expect to enjoy learning at Santa Cruz Children's School.

**Small Class Size is Important**

Small classes insure that your student has the opportunity to excel. Each student is given work that is appropriate for them and everyone receives all the help they need to succeed. No one is left behind. Your child will not have to compete for attention. At Santa Cruz Children's School all children have a chance to shine.

**Santa Cruz  
Montessori**  
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Aptos  
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**Address:** 366 Gault St | **Ages:** K-6



Since 1964, Santa Cruz Montessori has provided a learning environment founded upon the methods & philosophy of Dr. Maria Montessori who recognized each child's potential to become a force for good in creating a better world.

#### **Santa Cruz Montessori Philosophy and History**

Santa Cruz Montessori nurtures and guides children from 18 months to 14 years with a philosophy of quality education and exceptional care in a safe and nurturing environment. Our programs focus on building independence, a love of learning, and respect for self, others, and our world. At Santa Cruz Montessori we see education as a "preparation for life."

Established in 1964, Santa Cruz Montessori is a private school that meets the needs of the whole child, with a rich curriculum that encompasses the arts, sciences, mathematics, literature, language, social studies, and music. Santa Cruz Montessori serves students from preschool through Junior High/Middle School, from toddlers through ninth grade.

Santa Cruz Montessori is located on two beautiful campuses in Aptos and Soquel. Our Main Campus in Aptos serves children in our Primary and Elementary programs (ages 3-12 years). The Winston Campus, a half mile away in Soquel, serves children in our Young Children's Community (ages 18 months-3 years) and our Junior High/Middle School program (ages 12-14 years).

#### **Summer Programs**

Our summer session includes a range of fun and stimulating sessions in sports, arts, outdoor education, and academic enrichment. With flexible, full-day programs, each with a special focus, you have the flexibility to plan an active, exciting, and educational summer for your child. Children can attend for as little as a few hours each day to full days (8:00 am-5:30 pm).

#### **Primary Summer Classes (ages 18 mos-6 years)**

The goal of our Young Children's Community and Primary summer classes is to provide a relaxed and interesting environment for our youngest students. The classes can be used for care throughout the summer or for a short session of enrichment. Each session has a special focus within the regular Montessori class environment.

#### **Elementary Summer Programs, Classes, and Camps (ages 6-12)**

Our elementary summer program gives children opportunities to explore areas of interest in more depth and also provides full-day recreation programs for students needing care. Camp experiences are also available. Children experience the beauty of Santa Cruz and all the Monterey Bay Area has to offer including boogie boarding, cooking, writing, singing, dancing, guitar, Lego robotics, rocketry, web design, and computer animation camps.

For a full description of the 2010 summer programs and a summer camp application, download our SCM Summer Stretch 2010 Brochure (PDF).

**Address:** 6230 Soquel Drive | **Other Locations:** 2446 Cabrillo College Drive

**Santa Cruz  
Waldorf School**  
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"The Santa Cruz Waldorf School offers a Pre-K through 8th grade program just minutes from downtown and adjacent to the University of California campus. Our Early Childhood programs nurture the mind and hearts of young children through storytelling, song, movement, and healthy indoor and outdoor play in our garden and the woods that

surround our campus on a 100 year old farm.

In grades 1-8 all of the subjects found in an intellectually rigorous "Classical" education are introduced and supported by the addition of the arts including learning an instrument, hiking, gardening, painting, knitting, movement, woodworking and learning a foreign language. This curriculum, carefully introduced in an age-appropriate manner, stimulates each student's individual, innate curiosity and for nearly forty years, has resulted in graduates that display a life-long love of learning.

Our deliberately small class sizes ensure an intimate learning environment where the intellectual, creative, social potential of each student is cultivated and where our dedicated Faculty works with the gifts and capacities of each

individual student, preparing our students for success in any path they may choose by educating for a lifetime.

We invite you to schedule a visit to tour our campus by calling 831-425-0519, or visit our website at [SCWaldorf.org](http://SCWaldorf.org) and come see for yourself ~ Why Waldorf works."

**Tara Redwood School**  
831-462-9632  
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**Address:** 2190 Empire Grade | **Other Locations:** 230 Poplar Avenue 95062  
**Ages:** K-8

**RECLAIM YOUR AUTHENTIC CHILDHOOD & THE FREEDOM OF SUMMER**

through exploration, field trips, art, games, and open-ended play in the 108 acres of our Redwood Forest Campus!

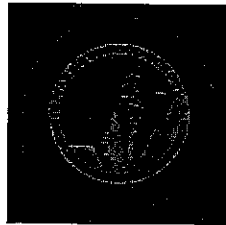


In an extraordinary setting in the redwoods, summer at Tara is not only fun, but healthy, peaceful and inspiring. We offer a values-based program for ages 3-5 and 6-9 with low camper group ratios.

Hours 9:00am - 3:00pm, After Camp Care: 3:00 - 5:00pm.

**Two, 4 week Sessions: June 22- July 15 | July 18th - August 11th | Flexible days.** We create space for children to step into their own innate power, immersed in the magic of summer.

**For registration call 831.462.9632**



Tara Redwood School provides a curriculum that nurtures the innate positive qualities within each child.

The school promotes universal values, mindfulness, social skills, and inner peace. It cultivates compassion and emphasizes social and emotional growth, providing creative tools for self-regulation and healthy expression.

The school provides an exceptional academic education utilizing both Creating Compassionate Cultures and Montessori curriculums.

Tara Redwood School runs its Preschool and Elementary programs from two separate Campuses and has well over 100 students, ages 3 through 11. Situated in 108 acres of forest and sunny open spaces, the Redwood Campus is home to our three Preschool/Pre-K Classrooms, accommodating children ages 3 to 5 1/2 years old.

The Elementary Program is hosted in the "Village Campus", right in the heart of Soquel Village, and is for children TK-K and 1 to 5th grade. We offer mixed-ages, small size, and open classroom settings. Monday - Friday 9:00am - 3:00pm Aftercare until 5:00pm

**Address:** 5810 Prescott Road | **Other Locations:** K-1 through 6 is located in Soquel Village

**Ages:** 3-12

**Watsonville Charter School of the Arts**  
831/728-8123  
Watsonville

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We are a K-8 public charter school drawing from a cross-section of all students in the Pajaro Valley and serving students a program that is academically challenging and personally meaningful. Visual and performing arts are imbedded into the curriculum of language arts, mathematics, physical education, science and social studies.

**Address:** 115 Casserly Rd

## Additional Resources

**Amesti Elementary School**  
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**Ann Soldo  
Elementary  
School**  
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Elementary  
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**Bay View  
Elementary  
School**  
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School**  
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Elementary  
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Elementary**  
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Elementary  
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**Gault Elementary  
School**  
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Elementary  
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**Magic Apple  
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Dame**  
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Charter School**  
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**Pacific Coast  
Charter School**  
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**Rio Del Mar  
Elementary**  
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**Salesian School**  
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**San Lorenzo  
Valley Charter  
Schools**  
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Valley  
Elementary**  
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**Santa Catalina  
School**  
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**Santa Cruz  
Gardens**

**Monterey Bay  
Charter School**

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**Elementary  
School**  
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**Soquel  
Elementary  
School**  
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**Spring Hill School**  
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**St. Lawrence  
Academy**  
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**Stevenson School**  
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**The Bay School**  
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**Tierra Pacifica  
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**Twin Lakes  
Christian School**  
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**VHM Christian  
School**  
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**Vine Hill  
Elementary  
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**Westlake  
Elementary  
School**  
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