Guide to Simi Valley Schools 2021-2022

From here to anywhere.

Dr. Jason Peplinski,
SVUSD Superintendent
Simi Valley Unified School District offers the families of Simi Valley and the surrounding area a vibrant portfolio of educational choices built on a foundation of community and the common purpose of inspiring every student to succeed in school, career and life.

Simi Valley Schools provide:
- An academically rigorous, standards-based curriculum
- High expectations that respect the differences among our students
- Exceptional instruction in an innovative learning environment
- Opportunities for students to build confidence and strong character
- Participation of the entire school community in students’ success

Our 28 school sites offer opportunities for every child, beginning with preschool at Justin Early Learners Academy and then into one of our 18 elementary schools, three middle and four high schools. Adults seeking continuing education options will find exciting courses and certificate programs at our Simi Institute for Careers & Education. We even have a thriving homeschool/independent study program available through Monte Vista School for Kindergarten through 12th grade.

The Simi Valley Unified School District is Ventura County’s second largest school district, and it serves the city of Simi Valley and the unincorporated Ventura County areas adjacent to the city’s borders. Our size gives us the advantage to offer many diverse programs and courses to meet the needs and interests of every student. Each school is distinctive and while all of our K-12 schools follow state mandated standards, each also offers more, through its specialized courses, programs and extra-curricular opportunities.
Specialty Programs & Career Pathways

Simi Valley Unified School District’s middle and high schools, along with the Simi Institute for Careers & Education (adult school), are the countywide leaders in college and career-ready programs. After receiving several state and federal grants totaling more than $3 million, we created 25 Pathways programs to help lead our students into a college and career-focused future, beginning as early as elementary school. Our middle and high schools include continuous pathways in media and technology, child development, culinary, public service and safety, health sciences, performing and visual arts and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math).

Getting to Know Our Schools

This guide is a brief introduction to our schools and vast program offerings. We encourage all interested families to visit our schools during the many public events and campus tours held throughout the year. Every school will also arrange private tours as needed for families. Just call the school’s office to make those arrangements.

The most up-to-date news and information about School of Choice and enrollment deadlines, special events and tour schedules can be found on the District website, www.simivalleyusd.org, through our district smart phone app, on Facebook at “Simi Valley Schools,” and in our local newspaper, the Simi Valley Acorn. There are so many great things happening in our schools and we welcome you to visit and see for yourself.
Elementary Schools

**Arroyo Elementary School**  
FLAGS Academy (Foreign Language, Academics & Global Studies)  
225 Ulysses Street / 805.306.4420 / arroyo.simivalleyusd.org  
With its FLAGS Academy (Foreign Language, Academics, Global Studies), Arroyo Elementary School will provide all students with an enriched, integrated and academic curriculum, to prepare our students to be life-long learners and global citizens. Our students are exposed to four languages each year and can study a target language in depth after school. We explore the world with a global perspective by learning customs, cultures and historic attributes of the countries studied. The FLAGS Academy is a Connected Learning Program linked with Sinaloa Middle School and Royal High School.

**Atherwood Elementary School**  
2350 E. Greensward / 805.520.6730 / atherwood.simivalleyusd.org  
At Atherwood Elementary School, we find the star in every student. Along with our comprehensive academic program, our staff ensures that every student has the best quality education experience possible. Our students are well-rounded and prepared for each step of elementary school and on into middle school. Exposed to technology, the fine arts, character education and physical fitness on a regular basis, our students thrive academically and socially. We are a diverse school community with wonderful supportive parents and community members. Atherwood Elementary School’s students shine!

**Berylwood Elementary School**  
2300 Heywood Street / 805.520.6705 / berylwood.simivalleyusd.org  
Berylwood Elementary School’s cutting-edge literacy program yields huge growth in students’ reading achievement. We ground our programs and practices in research-based principles of human learning. Our highly skilled teachers meet students at their level, and then take them to greater achievement. Berylwood’s Title I program provides excellent supplemental instruction to every student needing learning support. Our students are excited and engaged every day. We are one of two SVUSD elementary schools where students wear uniforms. Berylwood Elementary School is a California Gold Ribbon School.

**Big Springs Elementary School**  
3401 Big Springs Avenue / 805.520.6710 / bigsprings.simivalleyusd.org  
At Big Springs Elementary School, our students strive for excellence academically, socially and emotionally in a safe and supportive atmosphere. We work as partners with our parents and our community. Together with our amazing staff of educators and support personnel, we create an environment where students are empowered to discover their strengths and achieve to their maximum potential. At Big Springs Elementary School, our staff prepares our students to meet the challenges of the 21st century in a safe and nurturing educational community.

**Crestview Elementary School**  
CATS Academy (Creative Arts, Technology & Science)  
900 Crosby Avenue / 805.520.6715 / crestview.simivalleyusd.org  
Crestview Elementary School is the proud home of the CATS Academy (Creative Arts, Technology and Science). CATS offers students an immersive, educational experience built around the fine arts and sciences. Our students are exposed to the wonders of art and science, while still exploring the rigorous academic curriculum needed to grow. After-school enrichment classes provide more opportunities for our students to unearth their interests. CATS Academy is a Connected Learning Program linked with Hillside Middle School and Santa Susana High School, and is a California Distinguished School.

**Garden Grove Elementary School**  
IMPACT Academy (Integrating Math-Science, Problem Solving, Arts & Critical Thinking)  
2250 North Tracy Avenue / 805.520.6700 / gardengrove.simivalleyusd.org  
Garden Grove Elementary School’s IMPACT Academy (Integrating Math-Science, Problem Solving, Arts and Critical Thinking Techniques) is a fully integrated school where special needs and general education students come together socially, emotionally and academically. We positively and fundamentally shape each child’s educational experience by creating an environment that stimulates lifelong learning, tolerance and personal growth. The IMPACT Academy offers quality instruction and grading practices, and culturally responsible teaching, while expanding perspectives and building trusting relationships. Garden Grove Elementary School is a California Gold Ribbon School.
Hollow Hills Elementary School  
A Fundamental School

828 Gibson Avenue / 805.520.6720 / hollowhills.simivalleyusd.org

One of two Fundamental elementary schools in Simi Valley, Hollow Hills Elementary School is recognized for strong academics, and our nurturing and challenging atmosphere. Our STEAM focused curriculum (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math) embodies a creative and well-rounded approach to 21st century education. We promote learning through differentiated instruction, collaboration and project-based learning. At Hollow Hills Elementary School, our students are empowered to be thoughtful and contributing members of our community through our extensive character education program. We are a California Distinguished School.

Katherine Elementary School  
Health, Science and Medical Technology Academy

5455 Katherine Street / 805.520.6780 / katherine.simivalleyusd.org

A neighborhood school, Katherine Elementary School provides our students with the success skills needed for their academic progression. We are a proud California Distinguished School, and are recognized for exceptional teaching methods revolving around our educational philosophy: All students want to and can learn. Our Health Science and Medical Technology Academy provides students with amazing opportunities to learn about the medical sciences, including our annual Medical Symposium, and is a Connected Learning Program linked to Valley View Middle School and Simi Valley High School.

Knolls Elementary School  
A Project-Based Learning Academy

6334 Katherine Road / 805.520.6735 / knolls.simivalleyusd.org

Knolls Elementary School is a Project-Based Learning Academy where students are taught how to tackle real-world problems and develop solutions, all while showing what they’ve learned to accomplish their task. Our small, close-knit educational community works with the same California State Standards required in all public schools, but we approach the learning a little differently. Technology is integrated into instruction, and promotes student collaboration and creativity in their learning experiences. Students also participate in art and music programs. We offer Library Enrichment, Literacy Intervention and Language Intervention, as needed. Come see how we make learning fun at Knolls Elementary School.

Madera Elementary School  
Civic Leadership Academy

250 Royal Avenue / 805.520.6740 / madera.simivalleyusd.org

At Madera Elementary School’s Civic Leadership Academy, every student is taught the skills needed to become active and responsible citizens in a democracy. Our non-partisan approach uses the six practices for Civic Leadership: Classroom Instruction, Current Events, Service Learning, Extracurricular Activities, School Governance and Simulations of the Democratic Process. Our teachers receive special training in Civic Leadership Instruction. We provide a learning community where achievement is fun and engaging. The Civic Leadership Academy is a Connected Learning Program linked with Sinaloa Middle School and Royal High School.

Mountain View Elementary School  
Interactive Technology Academy

2925 Fletcher Avenue / 805.520.6775 / mountainview.simivalleyusd.org

Mountain View Elementary School’s Interactive Technology Academy incorporates educational technology into daily instruction for all subjects to enhance our students’ collaboration, communication and mastery of the California Standards. Investigation and exploration is nurtured through digital applications, project-based learning and activities such as robotics and coding in all grades. Expansion of critical thinking skills and creativity is encouraged in student-centered learning environments, such as our MakerSpace and Math 360 Lab, and classrooms with flexible seating options. Global awareness, ability awareness and inclusion are infused in campus culture through our programs and service projects.

Park View Elementary School

1500 Alexander Street / 805.520.6755 / parkview.simivalleyusd.org

Park View Elementary School is a professional learning community where students learn and thrive, staff collaborates to improve student achievement and parents are encouraged to participate in their child’s educational experience. We hold high academic and behavior expectations for all students, and are one of two SVUSD elementary schools where students wear uniforms. Art enrichment activities are offered. As a Title I school, intervention specialists support students to succeed academically and foster pride in their accomplishments. Park View Elementary School is a California Gold Ribbon School.
Santa Susana Elementary School
4300 Apricot Road / 805.520.6765 / santasusana.simivalleyusd.org
Nestled in a quiet, residential neighborhood of Simi Valley, you will find a hidden gem. Santa Susana Elementary School is one of the oldest schools in our district. We specialize in meeting the unique needs of every learner in a warm, nurturing environment that welcomes all children. Our highly qualified teachers and support personnel bring the Four Cs to life for all of our students: collaboration, communication, creativity and critical thinking. We have something to offer every child at Santa Susana Elementary School. Santa Susana is a Title 1 School where we provide Intervention Specialists to any students needing additional help.

Sycamore Elementary School
2100 Ravenna Street / 805.520.6745 / sycamore.simivalleyusd.org
Sycamore Elementary School commits to educational excellence through a partnership of teachers, parents and students in a positive and supportive environment. We are known for our high student achievement and strong community atmosphere. Students participate in a variety of rigorous classroom activities, including project-based learning, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) and fine art. Our active PTA organizes events, assemblies, family nights and field trips that celebrate our community spirit. At Sycamore Elementary School, we emphasize respect, responsibility, hard work and kindness as the keys to success.

Township Elementary School
401 Township Avenue / 805.520.6770 / township.simivalleyusd.org
Township Elementary School is a true neighborhood school, with multigenerational families attending throughout the years. We are a California Gold Ribbon School, an award we received because of our RtI-E Program (Response to Intervention & Enrichment Program). This program supports all of our students’ educational needs in an atmosphere that addresses specific California Academic Standards while teaching at each student’s individual ability level. In addition to leveled academics, our students learn through art, music, citizenship and technology programs that are nurtured at Township Elementary School.

Vista Elementary School
A Fundamental School
2175 Wisteria Street / 805.520.6750 / vista.simivalleyusd.org
One of the two Fundamental elementary schools in Simi Valley, Vista Elementary School ensures that every student gains academic mastery while enjoying a supportive learning experience. Students, parents and staff embrace our motto of TEAM (Together Everyone Achieves More), the cornerstone for our tradition of excellence. Vista is a STEM learning community (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). A rigorous educational program exists within a nurturing atmosphere where STEM and the California Academic Standards weave together seamlessly to prepare students for the opportunities of the 21st century. We are a California Gold Ribbon School and a National Blue Ribbon School.

White Oak Elementary School
2201 Alscot Avenue / 805.520.6617 / whiteoak.simivalleyusd.org
High expectations, rigorous academic instruction and strong community involvement draw students to White Oak Elementary School. A California Distinguished School, we are recognized for innovative classes and instructional approach, including technology, science, engineering, project-based cooperative learning and a character program focused on whole-child development. Our parents support students and teachers in class, and host community events, like the annual Veteran’s Day Ceremony attended by more than 100 current or retired military personnel. Our caring staff works to make every year exceptional at White Oak Elementary School.

Wood Ranch Elementary School
455 Circle Knoll Drive / 805.579.6370 / woodranch.simivalleyusd.org
At Wood Ranch Elementary School, we encourage our students to become lifelong learners. We do this by addressing every student’s unique needs and interests. Differentiated instruction and cooperative learning takes place at all grades, and technology is integrated throughout the curriculum. Individual grade levels put on well-rehearsed stage productions, complete with scenery, lighting and sound. Parents are an integral part of what we do in class and in extracurricular activities. At Wood Ranch Elementary School, our staff instills academic independence and social productivity in our students.
Middle Schools

**Hillside Middle School**

2222 Fitzgerald Road / 805.520.6810 / hms.simivalleyusd.org

Hillside Middle School is a proud STEAM Academy (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math), a Connected Learning Program, offers students the opportunity to continue their studies at Santa Susana High School. We believe that every student benefits from hands-on, authentic learning experiences while engaged in rigorous classes. We offer diverse courses to nurture creativity and critical thinking skills, while respecting individuality. An extended school day allows students to explore their interests without sacrificing curriculum needs, and a student support period enables every student to earn success. Hillside Middle School is a California Gold Ribbon School.

**Sinaloa Middle School**

601 Royal Avenue / 805.520.6830 / sinaloa.simivalleyusd.org

Sinaloa Middle School is a California Gold Ribbon School and National School To Watch, placing us in California’s top 5 percent of model middle schools. Our students learn with a global outlook, with strong academic programs, seeing their world through all points of view. Our leadership focus offers students wonderful opportunities to instill those skills through clubs and activities. We guide our students to success through excellent instructional strategies, technology and collaboration. Our Connected Learning Program joins us with Arroyo Elementary School, Madera Elementary School and Royal High School.

**Valley View Middle School**

3347 Tapo Street / 805.520.6820 / vvms.simivalleyusd.org

Valley View Middle School is a California Gold Ribbon School recognized for its strong academics and innovative classes, including the Science of Cooking, Engineering and Anatomy. We are known for our science programs, which bridge the Connected Learning Programs between Katherine Elementary School and Simi Valley High School; and also our popular music program. The largest middle school in Simi Valley, we have about 1,250 students, and our staff and parents work hard to support our students through innovative learning, community service and diverse activities.

High Schools

**Apollo High School**

3150 School Street / 805.520.6150 / apollo.simivalleyusd.org

At Apollo High School, we live by the Four As: acceptance, attention, appreciation and affection. We are recognized as one of California’s top continuation schools, and offer students a path to earn their high school diploma and get career preparation around their unique needs. Our staff proudly connects with and educates each student coming to us in an atmosphere of acceptance. Many support programs, such as the Minor Parent Program, and diverse elective courses show our students that they are accepted and have the opportunity to succeed.

**Royal High School**

An International Baccalaureate School

1402 Royal Avenue / 805.306.4875 / rhs.simivalleyusd.org

At Royal High School, we work to have all students reach their highest potential. We focus on providing an excellent education to every student in the 4 As: academics, activities, arts and athletics. We offer unique programs in JROTC, International Baccalaureate and the Ronald Reagan Citizen Scholars Institute, along with music, fine art and award-winning athletics. We enjoy incredible support from our parents and community. At Royal High School, our students are not just part of a school. They are part of family. Royal High School is a California Gold Ribbon School.

**Santa Susana High School**

A Magnet High School

3570 East Cochran Street / 805.520.6800 / santasusana.org

Santa Susana High School’s vibrant community provides an excellent education through Accelerated Academics, Technical Arts and the Visual and Performing Arts. We embrace students benefitting from a smaller campus, technology-embedded classes and focused studies. Students prepare for college and career in an award-winning magnet school recognized by the CDE, CSBA and U.S. News and World Report. We offer flexible schedules, an extended school day and block periods for project-based learning. Scholarship, skills and citizenship are fostered through world-class curriculum and culminate for every student in the Senior Project. Santa Susana High School is a California Gold Ribbon School.
Simi Valley High School

Simi Valley High School is a high-performing comprehensive high school recognized for its successful Advanced Placement classes, Medical & Health Careers Academy and deep athletics programs. Guided by our Commitment to Excellence, our highly qualified staff is compassionate and caring, putting students’ needs first. We promote high achievement through rigorous college to career programs, all within a positive learning environment. As the largest and oldest high school in Simi Valley, we Pioneers enjoy a rich and proud tradition and great community support for our students.

Specialty Schools

Monte Vista School

Monte Vista School is an Independent Study/Home School program serving students in Kindergarten through 12th grade. We offer personalized education for students facing unique life challenges, which would otherwise make traditional school attendance difficult. We also serve a growing community of families choosing to home school their children. Students receive individualized instruction, working independently at home under the guidance of a credentialed teacher. Our beautiful campus offers science labs and hands-on learning experiences, including foreign languages, Imagination and Curiosity labs, a MakerSpace and environmental/agriculture program.

Justin Early Learners Academy

Justin Early Learners Academy is the newest addition to Simi Valley Schools. Our youngest learners are found here, with programs serving infants through age five in general and special education programs. We partner with several agencies (YMCA, First 5 Ventura County, Simi Valley Adult School) to give each child the best early-childhood education possible. Our district’s Special Education Preschool students are here, where they enjoy specially outfitted rooms and play yards, and exceptional attention to their unique needs.

Simi Institute for Careers & Education

Simi Valley Adult School and Career Institute is one of Simi Valley’s hidden gems. As one of the most comprehensive career institutions in California, we offer extensive medical, dental and technical certification programs. Students enjoy high-quality career training that prepares them for today’s job market. This level of training is normally found at community colleges and private career-training schools. English as a Second Language, high school diploma and GED courses are also offered. Our instructors are fully credentialed. We are open year-round and hold classes days, nights and weekends to serve the needs of working adults.