

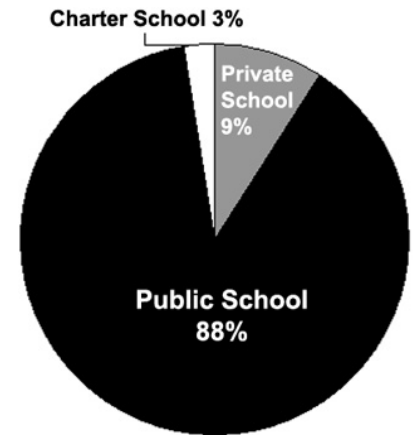
Redwood City Education Facts

The Redwood City School District is where many of this area's future innovators and workers are being educated. The district is in an optimum position to apply new solutions to educational challenges, with a diverse student body, a manageable number of schools, and a big enough school population to really make an impact.

- The vast majority of California's 4,774,828 elementary and middle school children (k-8) receive their education in traditional public schools*:

Traditional Public School:	4,216,121
Private School:	437,045
Charter School:	121,663

- Since 2000-01 enrollment in public schools, from kindergarten to grade 12, has increased 6,050,895 to 6,312,096, a 4.3% increase, while private school enrollment has decreased from 648,564 to 594,597, an 8.3% decrease.
- Redwood City's proximity to the two most vibrant centers of commerce in the region, San Francisco and Silicon Valley, puts it at the center of California's high tech heartland, making it imperative that Redwood City become a leader in developing the innovators and workers of tomorrow.
- With 8,837 kindergarten through eighth grade students, the Redwood City School District is the second largest district of its kind, after San Mateo-Foster City, in the region between San Francisco and Cupertino. The district is the third largest kindergarten through eighth grade district in all of San Mateo and Santa Clara counties combined.
- Since testing began in 1998, the students of the Redwood City School District have made the largest gains in Academic Performance Index (API) in San Mateo County, achieving a growth of 184 points as measured by California's rigorous education standards.
- North Star Academy, one of Redwood City School District's 17 schools, was recognized as the sixth top elementary school in California, based on API scores.
- The Redwood City School District faces significant challenges, with 56.6% of students living in poverty (receiving free and reduced lunches) and 45.5% classified as English language learners**.



K - 8 Enrollment 2005 - 2006

“...everyone who's looked at the future of California's economy and labor force — and at the nation's — understands that both depend on major investments in the literacy and skills of today's students.”

PETER SCHRAG, Sacramento Bee, March 2, 2007

The Redwood City Education Foundation (RCEF) is a nonprofit, all-volunteer organization dedicated to providing the students of Redwood City with the best education possible.