

Alcohol, A Drug of Choice for Scotts Valley Teens

Summary

Alcohol is reported to be the number one drug of choice among the nation's youth. Local and county statistics mirror the national trend and confirm that binge drinking among youth in Santa Cruz County is at an alarmingly high rate. The County ranked sixth highest in the state for student use of alcohol in 2003. With underage alcohol use threatening the wellness of teens, the Grand Jury decided to investigate a local school district to determine student alcohol usage as well as the district's approach to intervention and prevention programs.

To determine which district to study, student wellness statistics for all kindergarten through twelfth grade school districts in Santa Cruz County were analyzed. As a result, Scotts Valley Unified School District (SVUSD) was selected as the subject of the investigation.

Statistics related to SVUSD indicated that teen alcohol use is among the highest in the County. The district currently has limited intervention and prevention resources for students and uses suspension and expulsion to deter teen drinking. Although the school system is not responsible for the social problem of teen drinking, it is imperative that SVUSD step in and develop preventive solutions rather than impose punitive measures after the fact. The Grand Jury found that Santa Cruz County has a variety of prevention and intervention programs to reduce the use of alcohol and drugs among teens. The intent of this report is to encourage SVUSD to join forces with students, parents, city leaders, and county and local agencies to become aware of the problem, own the problem, and develop tools to resolve the problem of teen drinking.

Definitions

Evidence-based Strategies: Procedures that are supported by systematic research using scientific methods to evaluate which approaches are most effective.

Binge Drinking: A pattern of drinking alcohol that brings blood alcohol concentration to 0.08 percent or above. This pattern corresponds to consuming 5 or more drinks for males, or 4 or more drinks for females, in about 2 hours.

Pertinent Laws and Policies

California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS): The California Department of Education requires school districts to administer the California Healthy Kids Survey every two years starting in fifth grade, and to use the information for local planning and evaluation. The CHKS gathers information on behaviors such as physical activity and nutritional habits; alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use; school safety; and environmental and individual strengths.

California Physical Fitness Test: An annual physical fitness test that state law requires school districts to administer to all fifth, seventh, and ninth graders. The test designated for California public school students is the FITNESSGRAM, developed by The Cooper

Institute. It assesses six major fitness areas, including aerobic capacity (cardiovascular endurance), body composition (percentage of body fat), abdominal strength and endurance, trunk strength and flexibility, upper body strength and endurance, and overall flexibility. The goal of the program is to educate students about physical fitness concepts to increase the likelihood students will adopt lifetime patterns of physical activity.

SVUSD Board Policy 5030 (a-e) Student Wellness: A protocol to address the goals of nutritional education, and physical activity as a means of promoting student wellness. The federal Child Nutrition and Women, Infant, and Children (WIC) Reauthorization Act of 2004 (PL 108-265) includes a provision requiring all school districts participating in any federally-funded child nutrition program to establish a locally developed school wellness policy by the beginning of 2006-2007 school year.

*SVUSD Board Policy 5131.6 (a-d) and Administrative Regulation 5131.6 (a-b) – Alcohol and Other Drugs: **The board policy stipulates “The Superintendent or designee shall develop, implement, and evaluate a comprehensive prevention and intervention program that is coordinated with other school and community-based services and programs. The district’s programs shall be scientifically based and designed to prevent or reduce alcohol or other drug use and the possession and distribution of illegal drugs. It shall include primary prevention activities such as decision-making skills and conflict management, instruction, referral to a rehabilitation program, enforcement/discipline, activities that promote the involvement of parents/guardians, and coordination with appropriate community agencies and organizations.”***

*SVUSD Board Policy 5144.1 (a-d) and Administrative Regulation 5144.1 (a-u) – Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process: **The policy establishes policies and standards of behavior to promote learning and protect the safety and well-being of all students. Students may be suspended or expelled if the policies and standards are violated. The Board of Education has adopted a zero-tolerance approach to serious offenses in accordance with state and federal law. This approach makes the removal of potentially dangerous students from the classroom a top priority and ensures the standardized treatment of all students. Student due-process rights under the law are specified.***

Zero-Tolerance Clause: A provision stipulating that any infraction of existing regulations, regardless of mistakes, ignorance, or even extenuating circumstances, will be met with full punishment.

Community Organizations Focused on Alcohol and Drug Use

Too Good for Drugs: A school-based prevention program designed to reduce risk factors and enhance protective factors related to alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use among students. It offers a separate, developmentally-appropriate curriculum for each grade level. Each curriculum builds on earlier grade levels, an instructional design which enables students to learn important skills sequentially and retain them year after year.

Together for Youth Collaborative/Unidos Para Nuestros Jovenes: A countywide alcohol and drug collaborative that meets monthly and is staffed by United Way of Santa Cruz County. Representatives from law enforcement, health services, youth-serving agencies, treatment and prevention services, probation, community-based organizations, businesses, the faith community, school staff, and local policy makers meet to analyze,

discuss, and take positions and action on issues directly related to drug and alcohol use among Santa Cruz County youth.

Communities Mobilizing for Change on Alcohol: The federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration promotes this program that uses a community approach to change local institutional policies to reduce youth access to alcohol. The seven stages of the program can be used to develop and introduce prevention and intervention strategies.

Community United to Reduce Bingeing (Project CURB): A program led by Together for Youth/Unidos Para Nuestros Jovenes, a United Way of Santa Cruz County led initiative. Project CURB works to reduce binge and underage drinking with prevention strategies that include raising community awareness, limiting access to alcohol, creating policy, and norm changes in the community.

Responsible Alcohol Merchant Awards: Designed to honor businesses that have demonstrated a commitment to combating the growing problem of underage drinking in the community. These merchants are rewarded for proactively using employee training programs and exemplary management policies to combat the sale of alcohol to people under 21.

Seven Challenges: A curriculum Santa Cruz City Schools has implemented to intervene with teens that have violations for alcohol and drug use. The school district works in partnership with Youth Services and county Alcohol and Drug Services. The five-week program uses group dialog and journal writing to help young people explore and understand how alcohol and drugs affect their lives. It gives young people an opportunity to scrutinize the benefits and harm from their substance use, and to reflect on their decisions. The program is optional and allows participating students to return to the classroom instead of being suspended.

Friday Night Live: A high school chapter program that builds partnerships for positive and healthy youth development and engages youth as active leaders and resources in their communities. Chapters include an adult advisor and high school students and meet on high school campuses. There is also a middle school /junior high program called Club Live.

Teen Peer Court: A program developed as part of Santa Cruz County juvenile justice system to divert first-offenders from the more formal Juvenile Court. High school students convene as a court and determine the appropriate judgment for each case referred from the county Probation Department and School Resource Officers. These are real cases. Teens have admitted the underlying offense and have elected to be judged by their peers.

Real DUI Court in School: A program offered by Santa Cruz County Office of Education to emphasize to students the consequences, both short and long term, of driving under the influence (DUI). The sentencing portion takes place in an actual courtroom set up at the school site where authentic DUI cases of young adults are adjudicated. Presentations incorporate youth DUI offenders being sentenced by a judicial officer; a young adult testimonial presenter; youth presenters; and a question and answer session with legal participants and testimonial speakers.

Background

In 2004, federal and state legislation and regulations were enacted to help shape the policies and procedures developed by school districts to improve student wellness. The legislation primarily addressed nutritional education and physical activity. However, the intent of the legislation was to encourage the development of policies and practices related to student wellness that reflect the unique needs of students in each district in an effort to foster healthy student behaviors and achievement. Student wellness encompasses many health issues including alcohol, tobacco, drugs, bullying, violent behaviors, and lack of meaningful involvement in school.

Facts gathered on student attitudes and behaviors about drinking confirm the findings of local law enforcement and county health officials. The 2007 Youth Survey conducted by the County of Santa Cruz Health Services Agency Alcohol and Drug Program Division and the United Way stated, “Alcohol remains the top drug of choice for youth both nationally and locally, and is reported as a leading cause of death among teens. Alcohol is one of the most common contributors to injury, homicides, suicide, sexual assaults, date rape, and other criminal behavior among youth.” National, state, and local surveys show that binge drinking rates have increased substantially in recent years.”

The 2007 Youth Survey also confirmed that national, state, and local surveys show that binge drinking rates have increased in recent years. Teen binge drinking in Santa Cruz County is at a high level with 70 to 80 percent of students living in Felton and Scotts Valley reporting binge drinking over the past year. Sixty to 70 percent in Ben Lomond and Soquel as well as 50 to 60 percent of youth in parts of Aptos, Santa Cruz, Capitola, and Watsonville reported binge drinking during the past 12 months. In addition, the Santa Cruz Sentinel newspaper in February 26, 2009 reported, “A study found that 70% of eleventh graders drank alcohol and 46% have smoked marijuana in their lifetimes.”

The County of Santa Cruz Health Services Agency Alcohol and Drug Program thoroughly studied the teenage drinking problem in the County and has developed a variety of effective evidence-based prevention services to reduce alcohol and drug use among youth. The programs have been successfully used in various districts throughout the county. However, SVUSD has been reluctant to move from familiar traditional punitive interventions.

Scope of the Project

In determining the district to study, the Grand Jury established parameters to guide the selection process. Many districts in Santa Cruz County are either elementary districts or high school districts. The county has four unified districts that service kindergarten through twelfth grade (K-12) students. The selection of a K-12 unified school district that was small to medium in size was ideal for determining the impact and effects of a student wellness program from elementary through high school. The study also needed to focus on a district that had a significant number of students using alcohol as reported by statistics.

SVUSD was chosen for the investigation because it represents a kindergarten through twelfth grade system of approximately 2,650 students. The investigation was designed to evaluate the district’s student wellness policies, plans, and programs to address the unique needs of students in the district as determined by state and local assessment trends. The following areas were the focus of the investigation:

- Student results from the California Healthy Kid’s Survey and other measures
- District board policies and their implementation
- School prevention and intervention programs and practices
- Alcohol and drug intervention and prevention resources within and outside the district

Findings

1. CHKS analysis, as reported in the chart below, shows that the number of SVUSD fifth graders who ever used alcohol had increased by 15 percentage points in less than three years. The findings also indicate that fewer fifth graders had the perception that alcohol is bad in 2007 compared to 2004.

**California Healthy Kids Survey Data for SVUSD
Percentages for Fall 2004 and Spring 2007 for Students in Grades 5**

SVUSD Fifth Grade CA Healthy Kids Survey	Fall 2004	Spring 2007
Ever used alcohol	25%	40%
Perception Alcohol is Bad	74%	48%

2. The CHKS analysis for SVUSD seventh, ninth, and eleventh graders is reported in the chart below. The statistics indicate that using alcohol once in life, during the last 30 days, and being drunk at school had slightly increased from 2004 to 2007. In 2007, fifty percent of eleventh grade students reported being sick from using alcohol as compared to 41 percent in 2004. However, the perception that alcohol is bad remains high through the surveyed years.

**California Healthy Kids Survey Data for SVUSD
Percentages for Fall 2004 and Spring 2007 for Students in Grades 7, 9, and 11**

	Grade 7	Grade 7	Grade 9	Grade 9	Grade 11	Grade 11
CHKS	Fall 2004	Spring 2007	Fall 2004	Spring 2007	Fall 2004	Spring 2007
Once in life	12%	14%	37%	36%	61%	65%
Last 30 days	5%	11%	18%	22%	35%	38%
Drunk-school	1%	1%	9%	13%	18%	22%
Sick – alcohol	3%	5%	19%	22%	41%	50%
Binge 30 days	2%	2%	9%	12%	20%	22%
Alcohol is Bad	94%	95%	89%	95%	93%	91%

3. Community agencies administered the 2007 Youth Survey that confirmed the CHKS findings. Scotts Valley teens were included in the surveys. The results indicated that county teens and families demonstrated high cultural acceptance of alcohol and drugs and that many parents believe alcohol is not a problem. Findings included:
 - Students have easy access to alcohol and other drugs from social and commercial sources.
 - Santa Cruz County ranked sixth highest out of 58 counties in the state for binge drinking.
 - Seventy-three percent of youth report receiving alcohol from adults they know.
 - Sixty-six percent of adults believe parental intervention would have no impact on alcohol consumption by underage youth.
 - When high-risk youth are suspended or expelled for using alcohol, they do not receive any intervention services.
4. From elementary to high school, SVUSD site administrators reported that they review CHKS results and measure its accuracy compared to actual student issues and performance that they observe and handle on a daily basis. At the elementary and middle schools, the CHKS information is evaluated against actual student behaviors on campus to determine the validity of student answers. If there is a discrepancy between the CHKS survey and experience, the information in question is included in the annual site survey administered by the school.
5. Administrators at the high school review the CHKS findings. However the administration does not make the information available to staff members who work closest to students. These staff members were not involved in prevention and intervention planning.
6. District and site administrators were asked if they thought the CHKS information was a reliable assessment of student alcohol use. All site administrators agreed that alcohol usage is a problem and that the statistics were important in identifying student perceptions and trends. However district administration did not believe the CHKS results were relevant and should not be used to determine if an issue is important or not. District officials felt the data was unreliable because the children taking the survey did not need the results for grades or for themselves; therefore they were not honest in their answers. Further, district administration believes teen alcohol use is a “community problem” which needs to be resolved by the community rather than the district.
7. SVUSD Board Policy 5030 (a-e) Student Wellness was adopted on April 22, 2008. As required by law, a Health and Wellness Committee was formed to create the policy and present it to the board for approval. Agendas and attendance documents were provided but minutes of the meeting were not available. The wellness policy focuses primarily on nutrition and physical activity. Other factors such as alcohol and drug intervention and prevention are not mentioned in the policy.
8. SVUSD Board Policy 5131.6 (a-d) and Administrative Regulation 5131.6 (a-b) clearly define a comprehensive process for developing district programs related to

alcohol and other drugs, but the Jury found no evidence that substantiates the existence of a district-developed comprehensive program to comply with Board Policy 5131.6.

9. SVUSD introduced revised Board Policy 5144.1 (a-d) Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process in April 2007. The policy has a zero-tolerance clause that was intended to help eliminate the lax attitude toward alcohol and drug usage by students. Under this policy first-time alcohol or drug offenders are suspended for five days. Students who violate the policy twice are recommended for expulsion. Parents are contacted and the police may be involved depending upon the circumstances. When a suspended student returns to school, at least one counseling session is mandatory. A voluntary eight-week after-school program is available. Some school personnel voiced the opinion that the zero-tolerance approach was very punitive and that the school district did not have many alternatives to suspension/expulsion.
10. Scotts Valley City Council adopted a Social Host Ordinance in November 2008. The ordinance allows law enforcement to hold accountable the host of a gathering where alcohol is served to, consumed by, or in possession of minors. Fines for hosting such gatherings can range from \$250 to \$1,000 in a twelve month period.
11. Scotts Valley Police Department no longer provides a School Resource Officer (SRO) on the high school campus. The role of the SRO is to deter crime activity on campus and be accessible to students to create a positive relationship as well as act as a mentor. District and site officials stated that they would like to have a law enforcement officer return to the high school campus.
12. SVHS school officials indicated that the lack of surveillance cameras at the high school limits the ability to detect student alcohol use on campus. Instead, the school uses the following methods to curtail the use of alcohol and drugs on campus:
 - Three aides supervise the campus and parking lots.
 - The principal and assistant principal assist with supervision.
 - The campus is closed during school to prevent students from leaving campus.
 - Students have no lockers.
 - Five breathalyzers are used to monitor students at special events such as dances.
13. County of Santa Cruz Health Services Agency Alcohol and Drug Services personnel indicated that when high-risk youth who use alcohol are suspended or expelled they receive minimal prevention services. Therefore the County has implemented alternatives to suspension and expulsion that have reaped more favorable results. For example, the Seven Challenges program introduced in Santa Cruz City Schools is a reduction-of-suspension option that allows students an early return to the classroom by participation in the program. The program keeps students attending school and engaged in academic work. In addition, the district can claim average daily attendance funding for those students rather than lose the funding when students are suspended.
14. SVHS students who have been suspended for alcohol or drug use can meet with a certified counselor two days a week for individual sessions and after-school group sessions. The counselor is only required to see students who have been suspended.

All other counseling is voluntary on the student’s part. The Scotts Valley Rotary Club sponsors the counseling program.

15. The elementary schools no longer have a district-hired counselor. The position was eliminated as part of a budget reduction during the 2007-2008 school year. Administrators and staff have assumed many of the duties of the counselor and each elementary school has an intern from John F. Kennedy University to provide counseling for twelve students each week. Site administrators believe having a counselor is important because it is easier for students to speak honestly to a third party, rather than to teachers or the principal.
16. SVHS administrators stated that they have not implemented peer counseling and conflict resolution programs that engage students in problem solving and decision making.
17. The SVUSD leaves the implementation of alcohol and drug programs primarily to site administration and as a result, programs offered vary widely throughout the district. The suspension/expulsion policy is one of the few district-wide strategies to address alcohol and drug use among students. Per district officials, other priorities such as student achievement, special education, and budgetary challenges take precedence over the development of prevention and intervention programs.
18. SVUSD elementary and middle schools have a variety of programs in place to address alcohol and drug use. The activities are based at schools and include programs that address self esteem, empowerment, resilience, learning styles, and conflict resolution. The district-adopted curriculum *Too Good for Drugs* is used at all levels.
19. The high school offers a ninth -grade health class that addresses drug and alcohol issues. The course incorporates the *Too Good for Drugs* curriculum and other resources provided by the teacher. *Too Good for Drugs* has three core components: one curriculum for ninth and tenth- grade students, another for eleventh and twelfth-grade students, and staff development for educators.
20. County of Santa Cruz Health Services Agency Alcohol and Drug Program, the United Way, and Santa Cruz County Office of Education have a variety of programs available to districts throughout the county to assist with curbing teen alcohol use. The County has actively solicited districts to participate in evidence-based programs, many of which are offered through grant funds. Programs include: Communities Mobilizing for Change on Alcohol, Seven Challenges, Responsible Alcohol Merchant Awards, Friday Night Live, Project CURB, Teen Peer Court and Town Hall Meetings.
21. Santa Cruz City Schools district is currently implementing the Seven Challenges program at Santa Cruz High School and is expanding the program to all other high schools in the district next year.
22. Districts throughout the county have the opportunity to participate in the Together for Youth Collaborative.
23. The Scotts Valley Police Department provides Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) to the elementary, middle and high school students in SVUSD. The program is taught by a police officer and provides a series of classroom lessons that

teach student how to resist peer pressure and live productive, drug-free and violence-free lives. In addition, the police department sponsors Red Ribbon Week held the last week of October. The Red Ribbon Week campaign asks students to pledge a drug free life through drug education and prevention activities.

24. At the time of the interviews, high school administrators and staff members were unfamiliar with programs and services within the County that assist with prevention and intervention of alcohol and drug use among students. Since the Grand Jury’s interview with the administration at Scotts Valley High School (SVHS), two DUI sentencing hearings were held on campus.
25. San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District recently held a town hall meeting for parents about teen alcohol abuse on February 26, 2009. County of Santa Cruz Health Services Agency Alcohol and Drug Program sponsored the event.
26. A Santa Cruz County Superior Court Judge, the Mayor of Scotts Valley, the Chief of Police of Scotts Valley, the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, the County of Santa Cruz Health Services Agency Alcohol and Drug Program, and approximately fifteen parents, students, and staff attended a Town Hall meeting on April 28, 2009 at SVHS.
27. Student leaders facilitated the town hall meeting and presented recent student responses on the Scotts Valley Youth Survey administered in April 2009 at SVHS. Highlights from the study indicate the following:
 - 52.1% of youth ages 14-18 get access to alcohol fairly easily.
 - 46.9% get alcohol from friends over 21.
 - 31.6% get alcohol from home without parental knowledge.
 - 56.2% drink alcohol at parties without parent/adults in the home.
 - 44.7% believe alcohol helps them feel comfortable in social situations.
 - 41.5% state alcohol is used to relieve boredom.
 - 38% state alcohol makes it easier to deal with stress or to relax.

Conclusions

1. Although SVUSD is not responsible for student drinking and the social problems connected with alcohol, students in the district would benefit greatly if chief officials of SVUSD would champion the areas of prevention and intervention of alcohol and drug usage among teens. By acknowledging the problem and joining forces with other agencies, the district could give students tools to curb life-threatening teen drinking.
2. The Student Wellness policy addresses the letter of the law by focusing on nutrition and physical activity. However, the policy does not address other health issues such as alcohol abuse that threaten the wellness of students.
3. SVUSD has a board policy on alcohol and other drugs that clearly defines the parameters for a comprehensive plan for prevention and intervention. However, the district has not coordinated the development of the plan as outlined in the policy.
4. The district’s use of suspension and expulsion as a primary intervention for student alcohol use is ineffective and does not provide enough support for students to change

behaviors and make healthy decisions. The zero-tolerance policy does not solve the problem of alcohol abuse among the students in Scotts Valley and does not have long-term impact on prevention. More positive approaches to prevention are being utilized in the county, including the Seven Challenges program in Santa Cruz City Schools which is gaining popularity and is a win-win for districts and students.

5. SVHS has implemented very few prevention and intervention programs to educate students on the dangers of alcohol and drug use.
6. The School Resource Officer provided by the police department was a valuable asset to the high school campus.
7. Elementary and middle school administrators in SVUSD have appropriately addressed the needs of students and introduced programs to deal with the many facets of student wellness.
8. Despite efforts to use other resources at the elementary level to fill in for a district-hired counselor, there continues to be a void. Interventions with troubled students would be enhanced by having a staff counselor.
9. High school staff members who work directly with students during health classes and after alcohol and drug violations are familiar with the pressures that students face with reference to alcohol and drug usage. Although they are on the front line of working with students, they are not familiar with the CHKS responses for Scotts Valley students and they are not part of a school-coordinated team to plan and implement programs to prevent alcohol and drug abuse.
10. SVHS tenth through twelfth grade students would benefit from the *Too Good for Drugs* curriculum.
11. Student resourcefulness and leadership could be tapped by instituting problem-solving programs such as peer counseling and conflict resolution.
12. SVUSD and SVHS personnel have been reluctant to participate in county-offered programs and activities.

Recommendations

1. SVUSD officials should provide leadership, direction, and support to schools, parents, students, and community to launch a united effort aimed at reducing the life-threatening behaviors associated with teen drinking.
2. SVUSD should develop a better understanding of the reliability and relevance of CHKS information. In addition, an analysis of the county, state, and national trends would add a broader perspective from which to view the magnitude of the teen drinking problem in the district. CHKS results from county organizations should be available for review by teachers, counselors, parents, and students.
3. The student wellness policy in SVUSD should be expanded to include other health-related issues such as intervention and prevention of alcohol and drug use among Scotts Valley students.
4. The SVUSD Board of Education should acknowledge the alcohol problem among teens and prioritize the development of a comprehensive plan as stipulated in Board Policy and Regulations 5131 (a-d) Alcohol and Other Drugs. The plan should incorporate proven evidence-based strategies that provide assistance to students with

alcohol and drug problems. A coalition of school staff, parents, students, and outside agencies should be organized to develop and monitor the comprehensive plan.

5. SVUSD should work with Scotts Valley Police Department to reinstate the School Resource Officer to the high school campus when budgetary restrictions allow.
6. SVUSD should have a suspension reduction policy linked to intervention programs to reduce the number of students suspended for alcohol use and to engage students in a common-sense approach to addressing alcohol and drug issues.
7. SVUSD should find innovative ways to expand counseling services at the elementary level.
8. SVUSD and SVHS should utilize county and outside agency resources that assist students with alcohol and other drug prevention and intervention.
9. All staff members who teach or counsel students regarding alcohol prevention should be part of the planning team that addresses prevention and intervention solutions. The many resources provided through county agencies should be available for use by staff.
10. SVHS should incorporate the *Too Good for Drugs* program into the core curriculum for tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade students.
11. SVHS should consider offering more health classes especially for eleventh and twelfth grade students to bridge learning with life experiences.
12. SVHS should involve students in self-help strategies such as peer counseling and conflict resolution, as well as countywide programs such as Friday Night Live and the Together for Youth collaborative.

Commendations

1. The Grand Jury commends the Scotts Valley Unified School District elementary and middle school administrators for addressing student issues by developing effective strategies and programs to assist students.
2. Scotts Valley Police Department is commended for championing the issues of teen alcohol and drug use and for providing consistent community leadership in prevention and intervention awareness programs.
3. The Grand Jury commends County of Santa Cruz County Health Services Agency Alcohol and Drug Program for working with other agencies and school districts to develop and implement a variety of programs that decrease the use of alcohol by teens.

Responses Required

Respondent	Findings	Recommendations	Respond Within / Respond By
Scotts Valley Unified School District	6 - 9, 11, 13, 15, 17	1 – 8	90 Days October 1, 2009
Scotts Valley Board of Education	7 - 9, 11, 13, 17	1 – 8	90 Days October 1, 2009
Scotts Valley High School	5, 12, 13, 16, 19, 24	8 – 12	90 Days October 1, 2009
Scotts Valley Police Department	10, 11, 23	5	90 Days October 1, 2009

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District Administrators

Board Members

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School Administrators and Staff

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Administrators

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Two years of California Physical Fitness Tests

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Composition and minutes from the local student wellness committee for the past two years

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