

SAN LUIS COASTAL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

HISTORY OF TEACH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

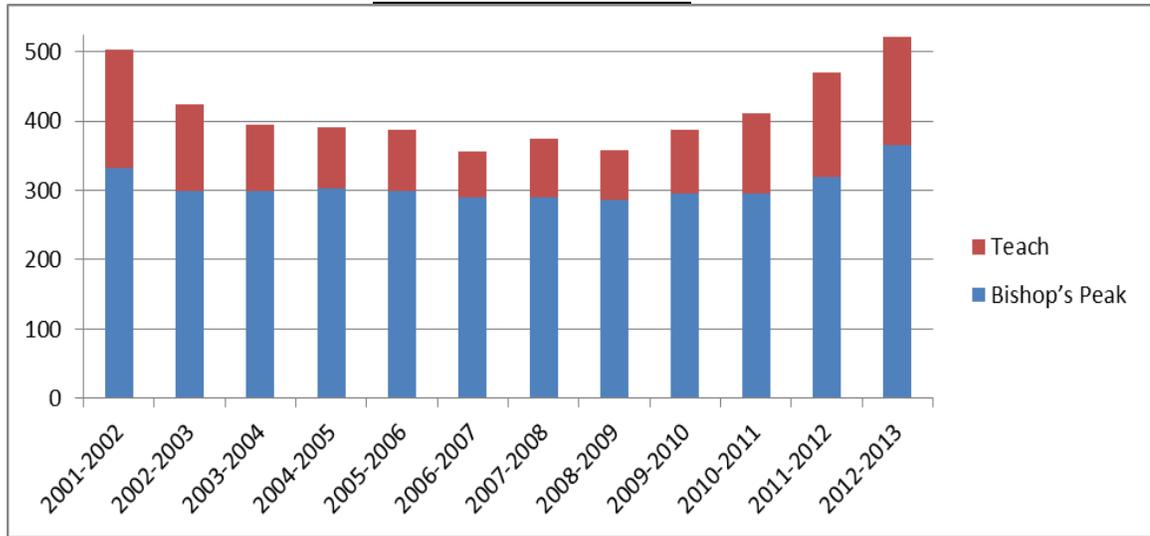
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The Story Behind Teach School

- **1980:** A group of parents persuaded the Board of Trustees and superintendent to create an alternative to the site-based pull-out GATE program existing at the time. As a result, an “alternative program” began at the Grand Avenue campus (“old Pacheco”) where three classes in grades 4-5-6 were established to accelerate and enrich the instruction of these students. Teachers volunteered for the positions, and students were screened on the basis of high academic performance.
- **1984:** The alternative program in SLCUSD was split to two sites, one at the old Pacheco campus and the other at Sunnyside Elementary School in order to serve the Los Osos and Morro Bay areas. Problems emerged among the K-6 school site staff and parents, and the alternative program staff and parents.
- **1986:** The Board of Trustees recombined the programs, again at the old Pacheco campus.
- **1987:** The “alternative program” moved to the Charles E. Teach School campus (current Pacheco Elementary campus) where it shared the site with the district’s Educational Services Department.
- **1991:** The “alternative program” had grown to nine classrooms, three at each grade level – fourth, fifth, and sixth grades.
- **1992:** The name ***Charles E. Teach School Alternative Program*** was designated, and a specific school code was provided by the State of California.
- **1993:** Superintendent Edwin Denton created an Ad Hoc Committee to identify various community attitudes and viewpoints being expressed to members of the Board of Education and the administration about the Charles E. Teach School Alternative Program. These viewpoints ranged from demands to abolish the program to requests for its expansion.
- **1993:** Superintendent Denton made seven recommendations to the Board of Trustees – one of which was to change the official name to ***Charles E. Teach School*** - as the term “alternative program” created confusion and/or a sense of elitism among certain members in the community.
- **2001:** In the face of severe budget cuts necessitating the closure of some elementary schools, the Board of Trustees and Superintendent Steven Ladd elected to combine two schools onto one campus. Charles E. Teach School was moved to the Bishop’s Peak campus where the two schools share the site to this day.
- **2004:** A Board study session was held to examine the Teach School program model and ask fundamental questions such as the value of homogeneous vs. heterogeneous classroom settings, meeting the needs of accelerated or motivated learners across the district, and educational research that supports the current model at Charles E. Teach School.
- **2013:** Capacity concerns arose on the shared campus of Bishop’s Peak and Teach Schools as a result of young families moving into the Bishop’s Peak neighborhood.

ENROLLMENT HISTORY



*The chart above represents enrollment at CBEDS. See data table at end of this report.