

GENERAL INFORMATION
Number of Schools, Students, Sports
Mascots, Cities, Counties, Sports, etc.
Who we are!!

45th historical “tidbit.”

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Total number of member schools – 565 (there are 1,620 high schools in California)

Total population of high school students in California – 1.9 million

Total population of high school students in CIF-SS High Schools – 752,725

Total number of student/athletes in CIF-SS – 275,069

On the average 35% of public high school student participate on athletic teams

On the average 50% of private high school students participate on athletic teams

CIF-SS has 9,809 teams playing a team sport

Number of Public Schools - 363 (64%)...685,000 students

Number of Private Schools - 202 (36%)... 67,000 students

Interesting: 91% of the total CIF-SS student population is in public schools

145 Public School Districts served

Schools located in 220 different cities (of the 220 cities:105 cities with only one High School)

Area served by CIF-SS – 61,244 “square miles”

8 California Counties contain CIF-SS Schools...Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Luis Obispo, Ventura, Santa Barbara, Kern

Average school size overall by enrollment – 1,332

Average school enrollment (Public) – 1889

Average school enrollment (Private) – 332

Schools over 3,000 population - 35

Schools under 100 population - 50

Schools under 20 population - 17
Number of boarding schools – 16
Number of freelance schools (no league affiliation) – 20
Number of all boy’s schools – 14
Number of all girl’s schools – 22

Number of leagues – 88
Largest league by enrollment – Moore League (average of 3,900)



Largest Public Schools by enrollment – 5,000 Paramount High School
4,500 Roosevelt
4,470 Long Beach Poly
4,284 Downey
4,000 Long Beach Jordan

Smallest Public Schools by enrollment – 28 Sage Oak Charter
48 Cuyama Valley

Largest Private Schools by enrollment - 2,100 Mater Dei
1,725 Santa Margarita
1,328 Alemany
1,300 Cathedral
1,300 Chaminade
1,300 Orange Lutheran

Smallest Private Schools by Enrollment - 18 Orion Academy
25 Delphi Academy

School farthest:
North – Coast Union
South – Avalon
West – Coast Union
East – Twentynine Palms

If Avalon played Coast Union, they would have to travel 440 miles round trip including a boat trip.



Unique location:

Avalon – on Catalina Island

City with the most CIF-SS schools:

Los Angeles (28)

Riverside (15)

Anaheim (13)

Santa Ana (13)

Most popular mascot:

#1 Eagles (37)

#2 Lions (219)

#3 Knights (16)

#4 Warrior (14)

Mustangs (14)

99 schools have mascots that no other school have

There are a total of 201 different mascots in the CIF-SS

Unique Mascots:

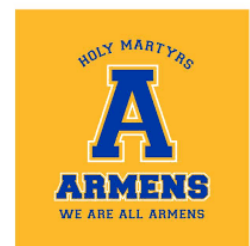
Armens - Holy Martyrs

Belles – St. Mary’s Academy

Breakers - Laguna Beach

Burro – Burroughs Ridgecrest

Buster the Bulldog - Portola



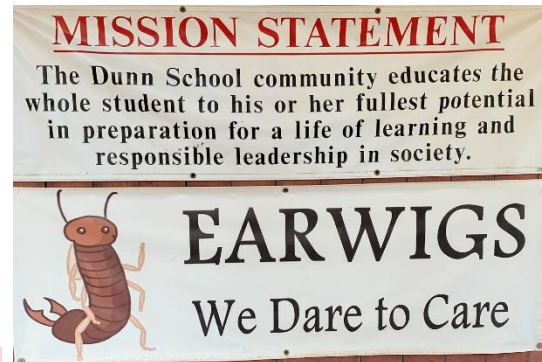
Contenders - Faith Baptist
 Fighting Frogs – Ribet Academy
 Flashes - Fillmore
 Gales - Holy Family
 Kares - Rio Hondo Prep
 Koalas – Connelly
 Magi – Anaheim Discovery
 Nitros – Glendale (Dynamiters)
 Rajahs - Indio
 Seraphs - St. Bonaventure
 Tarbabe - Compton
 Toads - Thacher
 Tologs - Flintridge Sacred Heart



The most unique nicknames:

#1 Earwigs (Dunn School)

#2 Spuds (Ojai Valley)



Northwest of Santa Barbara is the Dunn School in Los Olivos, home of the **Earwigs**. Jon Hooten, the school’s director of strategic engagement, said legend has it that when the Dunn School purchased its property in 1957 there was a dilapidated barn on the land. When the door was opened, earwigs gushed out. “In my mind,” Hooten said, “I see this tidal wave of earwigs just flooding out of this old red barn.” The story probably isn’t true, he said. From what he can tell, the name didn’t surface until the 1970s. Regardless, he thinks the pincher-bearing insect is the perfect nickname for the private, 250-student middle and high school. There is no official mascot, but students sometimes create a papier-mache Eddie the Earwig to help inspire them for big games. There’s also Earwig Nation, a slogan slapped onto bumper stickers and T-shirts.

“Don’t ask me what an Earwig Nation is,” Hooten said, “but I guess we’re it.”

It could be worse. Hooten said the school typically hosts weekly all-student assemblies under a big oak tree, and when one of them happened to fall on April 1 he and another school official pulled a practical joke. The other guy happened to be wearing a red sweater, so staffers cut out some black paper circles and taped them to his back before he addressed the student body. “We’ve had a research firm come in and examine our mascot, the Earwigs,” the man said. “And my announcement today is we are changing the mascot.”

Some students were excited at the prospect of something more normal. Others lamented the idea of losing something unique. Then came the big reveal: “We’re now the Dunn Ladybugs!”

The news was met with silence for a few moments, the students no doubt wondering how they could have gone from Earwigs to something worse. Finally, everyone realized it was a joke. “Some people love it, some people hate it,” said Hooten, “but it’s part of who we are.”



From The Story of Ojai Valley School by Patricia L. Frey

“Spuds”

Carl Cooper explains: In an attempt to reduce the problems of loose tongues causing trouble with game officials, I tried to get the boys to substitute words like “peaches” and “marshmallows” for swear words. After one poorly played game I called the team “marshmallows” and forced them to all carry deflated soccer balls with them. The next time they played well and I gave them the name “spuds,” a name that definitely was better than a fat mushy candy ball.

“Spuds are hardy and, without a doubt, a name that is unclaimed by any other

school. Now our school cheer went, ‘Hingy Chingy Wingy Wa-Go, Spuds!’ In a few weeks the girls’ volleyball team was using the cheer ending with ‘Go, Spudedettes.’ In a meeting with (Headmaster) Dok Smith we concluded that the Spuds was not encumbered with a specific gender and the school ‘became’ one with Spud.”



Match-ups that would be fun to see:
The Lightening vs. the Flashes



The Roadrunners vs. the Coyotes
The Hornets vs. the Yellowjackets
The Waves vs. the Breakers
The Saints vs. the Sun Devils or the Red Devils vs. the Diablos
The Aztecs vs. the Conquistadors
The Fighting Irish vs. the Fightin Scots or the Highlanders
The Toads vs. the Fighting Frogs
Buster the Bulldog vs. the Burro

Most popular colors:

#1 Blue & Gold (25)
#2 Red & White (20)
#3 Green & Gold (17)

Most unique color:

Purple, Vegas Gold, White St. Jeanne de Lestnnac

Schools with single Color: 6

School with four colors: Red, Blue, White, Gold Los Alamitos

Schools with same name:

Burroughs	Santiago
Cabrillo	Valencia
Canyon	Wilson
Centennial	
La Quinta	
Notre Dame	
Pacifica	
Poly (3)	

Unique types of schools:

American Indian schools

Charter Schools

Court Assigned Schools

Prep Schools

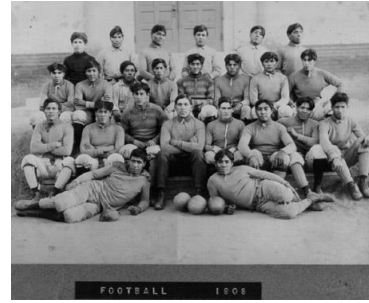
Religious

Special Education Schools

School for the Deaf

Schools for the Arts

Special academic academies...leadership, honors, technology, international, aerospace, public safety, careers, etc.



Early football team...Sherman Indian Institute..1908

THE STATISTICALLY AVERAGE SCHOOL IN CIF-SS:



Name: Named after a city

Colors: Blue & Gold

In a league with 5 other schools

Public

Location: Los Angeles

Enrollment 1,889

Public

Coed

Mascot: Eagles

Demographics:

40% Caucasian

35% Latino

10% African American

10% Asian

5% Other

32 languages spoken



“29”

How many Approved Sports in the CIF-SS?

Quantifying the exact number of sports that the CIF-SS considers to be “Approved Sports” (Bylaws-Article #126) is difficult. There are major sports, sports with less than 20% membership participation (considered to be “non-Championship sports” Bylaw 1200 – Approved Sports), sports that are declining in number of participants, i.e., gymnastics and State CIF Sports.

The total number of Approved Sports offered by the CIF-State is **22!** That number is somewhat based on the season of sport.

CIF-SS CHAMPIONSHIP SPORTS - 26

Baseball
Boys Basketball
Girls Basketball
Cheerleading – Competitive
Boys Cross Country
Girls Cross Country
Football



Boys Golf
Girls Golf
Boys Lacrosse
Girls Lacrosse
Boys Soccer
Girls Soccer
Softball
Boys Swimming and Diving
Girls Swimming and Diving
Boys Tennis
Girls Tennis
Boys Track and Field
Girls Track and Field
Boys Volleyball
Girls Volleyball
Boys Water Polo
Girls Water Polo
Boys Wrestling
Girls Wrestling

CIF-SS NON-CHAMPIONSHIP SPORTS - 3

Coed Badminton...there is a State CIF Regional Championship in Badminton
Boy Gymnastics
Girls Gymnastics

Approved by State, but not offered:

Boys Skiing and Snowboarding...California Nevada Interscholastic Skiing
and Snowboarding Federation
Girls Skiing and Snowboarding

All other sports that high school students compete in which may be interscholastic are considered to be school "Club Sports." The next sport that may be considered for inclusion is Beach Volleyball. Historically looking through the minutes of the State CIF and the CIF-SS you will find many sports that were suggested for "approval" but were denied such as boxing and surfing.

Throughout the over 100 years of CIF-SS there has been numerous sports “suggested” for interscholastic competition including:

Archery
Bowling
Boxing
Checkers
Chess
Curling
Cycling
Equestrian
Gaming
Fencing
Handball
Horseshoes
Ice Hockey
Roller Hockey
Judo
Karate
MMA
Moto-cross
Polo
Push Ball
Quoits
Rifle shooting
Rowing
Rugby
Rodeo
Sailing
Squash
Speedball
Sumo
Surfing



Taekwondo
Weight lifting
Etc.