



## Reasons to Celebrate Excellence in Humboldt County Schools ...

- ✓ In 2002-2003, **Humboldt County's college-bound seniors' average combined SAT score of 1081 ranked 5th among California counties.** Humboldt County's average SAT score was 69 points higher than the state average and 55 points higher than the national average.
- ✓ More than **99 percent of Humboldt County public school teachers are fully credentialed** compared to the state rate of 88 percent. **Seven local teachers have earned National Board Certification** from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. The average years of teaching experience for Humboldt County public school teachers is 15 years. The state average is 13 years.
- ✓ Humboldt County's **average pupil-teacher ratio is 18 to 1.** The state average ratio is 21 to 1.
- ✓ Humboldt County's ratio of students per computer - 4.2 to 1 - is **better than the ratio in 41 California counties.**
- ✓ Ten years ago, 19 percent of Humboldt County high school graduates had completed the course work necessary for admission to the University of California or the California State Universities. Today, over **30 percent complete the requirements.**
- ✓ Over a 20-year period, Humboldt County **students have consistently scored above state averages in reading and math** on state standardized assessments, including the California Assessment Program (CAP) tests, California Learning Assessment System (CLAS), and most recently the Standardized Testing and Reporting program's SAT9, CAT/6, and California Standards Tests.
- ✓ The Humboldt County Science Fair typically attracts more than 400 projects judged by over 150 community volunteers. Students with the top placing projects in the Humboldt County Science Fair compete in the California State Science Fair against nearly 1,000 entries from throughout the state. In recent years, local **students have brought home the highest honors the California State Science Fair** has to offer, "Science Fair Project of the Year" and "Science Fair Student of the Year," plus numerous first, second, and third place ribbons and special category awards.
- ✓ Since 1986, **57 Humboldt County public schools have been recognized as California Distinguished Schools** by the California Department of Education, and **six local schools have been recognized as National Blue Ribbon Schools.**