

# Teaching Resources

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- Spend some time reviewing the County, District, and school web page. Look for mission statements, demographic information, a feel for the size of districts/schools, what they highlight as special programs, etc.
- Research on the WEB the Academic Performance Index (API) for the schools in your area of interest.
- The District Office - ask for brochures, booklets or fact sheets, salary schedules.
- Individual schools - tour the physical layout; visit classrooms; pick up any school newspapers, school handbook, parent packet; ask for "November Report Card" or School Accountability Report Card (SARC); ask about curriculum, after-school activities, student demographics, style of instruction, discipline approach, future goals and expected changes in the school.
- County Office of Education - study the county directories; ask for brochures, county reports, articles from newspapers, listing of any distinguished schools in county, statistics on student achievement, a copy of the County School Directory for yourself, information on local charter schools or magnet schools.
- Chambers of Commerce - information on local area, economic base and major industries, maps and demographical information.
- Newspapers - recent articles - or subscribe to one(s) in targeted area(s).
- Career Center(s) - Humboldt State University or other California State Universities, have County Directories, some district literature and vacancy announcements.
- TALK TO PEOPLE! - Real estate agents, grocery store clerks, parents at local playground.

### Web addresses that are helpful:

California County Offices of Education	<a href="http://www.yubacoe.k12.ca.us/cal_ed_offices.html">http://www.yubacoe.k12.ca.us/cal_ed_offices.html</a>
RAND California Statistics	<a href="http://ca.rand.org/stats/">http://ca.rand.org/stats/</a>
California Department of Education	<a href="http://www.cde.ca.gov/">http://www.cde.ca.gov/</a>
California Education Data Partnership	<a href="http://www.ed-data.k12.ca.us/AudienceTracking/Registration.asp">http://www.ed-data.k12.ca.us/AudienceTracking/Registration.asp</a>
U.S. Department of Education	<a href="http://www.ed.gov/index.jhtml">http://www.ed.gov/index.jhtml</a>