

## Carmichael Recreation and Park District

### La Sierra Community Center

The **Carmichael Recreation and Park District** owns and operates the La Sierra Community Center (formally the La Sierra High School). This site is 36.8 acres of land and 144,700 sq ft of buildings. The District has successfully operated the Center since 1984 and is home to many recreational activities and commercial tenant space.

The La Sierra Community Center is operated as a **Recreational Center** that includes community classrooms for various recreational programs, two gymnasiums for organized volleyball and basketball programs, a large community hall for wedding receptions and events, and a 50,000 sq ft skate park. The District also operates an *after-school program, summer day camps, youth sports leagues and numerous community programs throughout the year.*

Outside space includes soccer fields used by various groups such as the **Capital Valley Soccer League, Sacramento Valley Womens Soccer League** and the ball fields are used by the **Carmichael Little League**. During school hours M-F the fields are open for our tenant use.

Our lease spaces include the **Sacramento Fine Arts Center** which was established in April 1986. SFAC is a California nonprofit corporation whose mission is to contribute to the cultural life of our community. Established jointly by independent art clubs, it is dedicated to the creation and presentation of the visual arts. The Center is entirely self-supporting and operated by volunteers. Its operation is made possible by memberships, contributions, sales and rentals of art work, and numerous community fund-raisers.

La Sierra is also home to the **Chautauqua Playhouse**, a non-profit organization that opened its doors at this location in 1985. Since that first season, Chautauqua has produced a season of six plays per season (running from September through May) plus a six-show children's theatre season under the direction of Marie Raymond. There is also a children's theatre workshop in voice, drama and dance conducted in Spring, Fall and Summer sessions.

Additional tenants include non-public schools. All are partners with the California Department of Education and have operated successfully in cooperation with the District recreational programs and other tenants on site. The **Laureate Learning Center** serves youth 8 -17 years with emotional disorders which preclude them from being appropriately served in public schools. **Paragon** is a separate school program from Laureate Learning Center but is part of Laureate Inc. There is no program at this time (8/2011) The **Paragon Program** is a co-ed school addressing the need of students with various disabilities and emotional issues. Both have been our tenants and provided services since 1991. Also associated with Laureate and Paragon is the **Mathiot Group Home** who operate their administrative offices at La Sierra Community Center and provide counseling services to the children. They have been tenants since 1996 and serve 7 group homes in the area..

**Lynn's School of English** is a private company who serves as a language school and has been a tenant at La Sierra Community Center since 2005.

Our newest tenant is **Community Collaborative Charter School** beginning on September 2010. This is a charter school for K – 8<sup>th</sup> graders. This program is dedicated to meeting the needs of the whole child by partnering with community resource providers. It is the mission of CCCS to provide high quality curriculum, instructional support, and community and social resources to families and students.

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