

<b>Visiting Committee Report</b> <b>Chapter I – General Information</b>
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## **Identifying Information**

*San Mateo Union High School District (SMUHSD)*  
San Mateo Adult and Community Education  
789 E. Poplar Avenue  
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## **San Mateo Union High School District**

There are six comprehensive high schools, a continuation high school, and an adult school in the San Mateo Union High School District, which is a basic aid district. There are five elementary districts, three private high schools, and two community colleges within the district's service area.

## **Adult and Community Education in San Mateo Union High School District**

The service area includes the cities of San Bruno, Millbrae, Burlingame, Hillsborough, San Mateo and Foster City, with a combined population of over 220,000. The adult education program was established as a part of the San Mateo Union High School District in 1962. Currently, there are classes at 37 locations throughout the service area.

A major adult education site on Poplar Avenue is contiguous to the San Mateo High School campus and consists of the SMART Center, and five other buildings, which are older portables with 15 classrooms, and are used solely for adult education. The SMART Center is a modern, three year old facility that is the greatest physical change to the school in years. It is a 15,000 sq. ft. building housing counseling, clerical, and administrative offices, the adult high school/basic skills/GED prep programs, two computer labs, two large meeting rooms, the server rooms, and an instructional resource library.

Classes are operated on a year-round calendar running a full program for 12 months. Many classes begin and end on a traditional semester calendar. ESL, the largest single program, operates on a year-round trimester calendar. Many classes, especially vocational and fee-based, have unique start/stop dates. ESL, Citizenship, ABE/Adult Secondary, and the Older Adult program are open entry/open exit programs.