



K Best Private School

Santa Fe Christian

This college-prep Christian private school in Solana Beach is "dedicated to academic excellence, and devoted to nurturing and equipping the hearts, minds, bodies, and souls" of its students. Its lower school was recognized in 2011 as a National Blue Ribbon School, the only private school in the state, and one of only 49 private schools in the nation. (858.755.8900, www.sfcs.net)

Best Public School

Torrey Pines High School

A National Blue Ribbon School and California Distinguished School, Torrey Pines in Carmel Valley is a powerhouse in both academics and athletics. Its vision: "to be a dynamic community of lifelong learners who make significant contributions to our world." (858.755.0125, www.tphs.net)

Best Children's Activity Center

Rancho Santa Fe Community Center
The center, which has been serving
Rancho Santa Fe for more than 40
years, rates highly with residents for
its enrichment, recreation, and
outreach. Classes range from Tiny
Tumblers to Manners Matter!, along
with Junior Dunkers and Moms & Tots.
(858.756.2461, www.rsfcc.org)

Best Toy Store Geppetto's

Locally owned and operated by the Miller family for more than 30 years, Geppetto's now has seven stores in San Diego County, inspiring and delighting children of all ages with classic toys. (619.294.8878, www.geppettostoys.com)

Best Nanny/Domestic Staffing Company Seaside Nannies

Former preschool teacher Dara Green founded this referral agency more than two decades ago to pair families with the perfect nanny, whether short or long-term, or for special events. She

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 also offers ongoing support and resources. (619.384.5505, www.seasidenannies.com)

Best Retirement Community

La Costa Glen

Called the "Cadillac" of retirement communities, La Costa Glen offers independent living in the rolling hills and valleys of coastal Carlsbad, with upscale amenities, services, and activities. (800.852.4384, www.lacostaglen.com)

Best Pediatrician

Suzanne Mills, MD

This board-certified pediatrician and mother of two sure knows her kid stuff! In practice in San Diego for more than 25 years, Dr. Mills and staff believe in spending time with patients and educating families to help children reach their highest potential. (858.481.1151, www.millspediatrics.com)

Best Pediatric Dentist/Orthodontist

Dental Specialty Associates Dental pros J. Patrick Davis, Matt Davis, Edna Pamaran, and orthodontist Terrie Yoshikane have been putting smiles on faces at their Encinitas practice for years, using the most up-to-date procedures, applications, and techniques in an office that is also kid-friendly and fun. (760.942.1131, www.dsadental.com) ANDREA NAVERSEN





