ELS/Silicon Valley

- Opening August 15, 2011
- Located in The Oaks Shopping Center, across the street from ELS Partner School, De Anza College
- Situated in central Cupertino
- Hours of operation are 8:00am – 5:00 pm Monday-Friday

Nearby Cities and Attractions
- San Jose, California is just 16 kilometers away
- San Francisco is less than an hour’s trip by car, 1 hour by train from student residence

Benefits of studying at ELS/Silicon Valley
- Safe and friendly — Silicon Valley is home to some of the nicest neighborhoods in California!
- Conveniently located – ELS/Silicon Valley is located right across the street from De Anza College where students have access to the fitness center, library and cafeteria. The Oaks Shopping Center is also home to many restaurants, shops, a gym and a movie theater.
- Convenient Student Residence – Downtown Sunnyvale boasts many restaurants, cafes, shopping and a direct train to other Bay Area cities.

- Great transportation – the bus terminal is one block away. We have a great bus and train system, so students don’t need a car.
- We have great teachers who love teaching! All of our teachers are certified.
- Year-round mild climate - enjoy many outdoors activities and shopping centers.

Special Programs or Skills Enhancement Classes
- ELS/Silicon Valley offers exciting Skills Enhancement Classes.

Testing Services
ELS/Silicon Valley will offer the following exams in 2012:
- TOEFL® iBT

Cupertino and the state of California
Capital – Sacramento
Nickname – The Golden State
State bird – California valley quail
State tree – California redwood
State flower – California poppy
State population – 37,254,000 (2010)
- The city of Cupertino is suburban, with a population of 58,300.

Climate
- Year-round mild climate
- Mild, wet winters
- Hot, dry summers
- Summer temperatures average 20°C, while winter temperatures average 9°C

Public Transportation
- The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) offers public transportation throughout Santa Clara County, including shuttles, buses and a light rail system.
- Mineta San José International Airport - Just 16 kilometers from Cupertino; accessible by public transportation
- San Francisco International Airport – 50 kilometers from Cupertino; also can be reached by public transportation

Cupertino is a planned city
- Closest counterpart to a downtown is the busy intersection of Stevens Creek and De Anza Boulevards, locally known as the Crossroads, near the site of the tiny village of old Cupertino.
Downtown Sunnyvale

- Commercial area is designed to be walker-friendly. Currently bordered by two open-air shopping centers and the high-rise Cupertino City Center – a mixed-use complex at Cali Mill Plaza (with offices, newly built condominiums, Le Boulanger Bakery, Armadillo Willy’s Barbecue Restaurant and Cypress Hotel).
- One block further southeast is the smaller Cupertino Civic Center, which includes City Hall and local branch of the county library.
- Area includes a park with cricket pitch.
- Cupertino offers more than 60 hectares of parkland, and a variety of indoor recreation can be had at the Cupertino Sports Center.
- City also hosts a number of annual events:
  - Annual Crab Feed is the city’s largest community event and features a live auction along with all the crab you can eat
  - Annual Cherry Blossom Festival which honors Cupertino’s sister city of Toyokawa, Japan
  - Lunar New Year Unity Parade, held every March, brings the city’s broad spectrum of cultures together
  - Moon Festival of Silicon Valley is a cultural fair that takes place in the Cupertino Memorial Park every September

Notable residents (or former residents)

- Adyashanti - spiritual teacher
- Aaron Eckhart - actor
- Steve Jobs - co-founder of Apple, Inc.
- David Kramer - Professional soccer player

Did you know?

- Cupertino was once a renowned fruit growing region and this tradition is still honored in the annual Cherry Blossom Festival.
- De Anza College is a widely respected educational institute, but also of note is the fact that Faria Elementary School is ranked as the #1 elementary school in the state.
- Cupertino was named after the town of Copertino, Italy.
- The city’s name means “little blanket.”
- The Cupertino-based Crystal Children’s Choir is the largest of its kind in California.
- Monte Vista High School is ranked 23rd in the USA.
- Cupertino became the City of Cupertino on October 10, 1955.
- Cupertino’s Farmer’s Market is held at the Vallco Shopping Mall.
- De Anza College in Cupertino has 22,000 students.
- The annual household income of Cupertino is $118,635
- Cupertino and Naperville, Illinois are the only US cities with populations of more than 50,000 and annual household incomes over $100,000.

Downtown Sunnyvale

- Ronnie Lott- Former defensive player for the National Football League’s San Francisco 49ers and Oakland Raiders
- Bryan Mantia - drummer for Primus and Guns n’ Roses
- Steve Wozniak - co-founder of Apple, Inc.