

SCHOOLS TO WATCH-TAKING CENTER STAGE

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ABC Unified School District

Los Angeles County

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SCHOOL CHARACTERISTICS

Community: Suburban. Enrollment: 413. Grade Levels: 7-8. Schedule Seven-period day with morning homeroom; early release one day per week for collaboration.

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

Free/Reduced Lunch: 100%; English Learners: 70%.

REPLICABLE PRACTICES

- Super Six strategies school-wide: learning objectives, data walls, academic vocabulary, student engagement, higher-order thinking skills and student test chats
- Common Core supported by common planning time and learning walks
- Global honors program provides honors classes plus college-and-career and community service activities; enrichment/support through AVID, Science Olympics, etc.
- At-risk students supported by “beyond the bell” interventions such as one hour of additional instruction and Academic Saturday School focused on math and ELA
- All teachers have attended training on bullying, cyberbullying and sexual harassment
- ICES after-school program allows students to develop extra-curricular interests such as dance, cheerleading, jazz band and electronic music
- On-site community resource center: pediatric clinic; mental health services for students and families; and parenting, ESL, technology and GED classes
- Ongoing communication with parents through newsletters, Twitter, Facebook and the principal’s weekly call on Sunday nights
- Multiple language acquisition supports embedded in the school day and after school
- Alternative suspensions and culture programs have reduced the suspension rate
- Bilingual Parent Institute for Quality Education classes are offered yearly
- A counselor works two days a week with migrant education students
- District supports help math, English and science teachers transition to Common Core
- Biannual career day and STEM summer work experiences in the community
- 6th grade students make six-year academic plans via feeder/destination articulation
- Professional growth through training, PLC collaboration and conference attendance