



SCHOOLS TO WATCH-TAKING CENTER STAGE

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SUNNYMEAD MIDDLE SCHOOL

Designated 2016; Re-Designated 2019

Moreno Valley Unified School District

Riverside County

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SCHOOL CHARACTERISTICS

Community: Urban; Enrollment: 1475; Grade Levels: 6-7-8; School Schedule: Six-period schedule with zero-period offerings. Flex period on Wednesday for staff development.

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

1% American Indian/Native American; 2.4% Asian/Asian American; 12.3% Black/African American; 79% Hispanic/Latino; 1.3% Pacific Islander; 4% White; 8% Other; 90.0% Free/Reduced Lunch; 21.6% English Learners

SCHOOL CHARACTERISTICS AND REPLICABLE PRACTICES

- Counselors articulate with five feeder elementary schools to facilitate smooth transition to middle school.
- Weekly flex-time provided for grade, department, and focus group articulation.
- Joint partnerships with families are an important part of school vision. Multiple parent groups exist to engage families and elicit input.
- Ongoing PD provided to help staff recognize and address the problems and challenges students face. Students are offered classes in anger management and peer mediation.
- Achievements of students celebrated in numerous ways. In addition to traditional honors, students are recognized for showing compassion and respect, doing good deeds, and civic responsibility.
- Collaborative resource classes, study skill classes, and before and after school one-on-one/small group instruction support students in need of academic assistance.
- Intervention classes utilize research-based curriculums including READ 180, Systems 44, Achieve 3000, English 3D, and AVID.
- Additional staff support instruction including two instructional coaches, behavior intervention specialist, and counselors.
- Time provided for teachers to meet in cross-team and cross-curricular teams to analyze data, and develop needed interventions.
- Big 7+ School-Wide Commitments utilized by all staff to ensure best first instruction.