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Firebaugh High School Receives ACS WASC Accreditation for Strong Academic Programs

LYNWOOD, CA – Marco Antonio Firebaugh High School received a six-year accreditation from the Accrediting Commission of Schools, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACS-WASC) for its excellence in meeting the needs of students and providing them with a high-quality education.

Accreditations from the commission are based on the school's overall work plan, evidence of acceptable student achievement and commitment to improvement. Schools that meet the rigorous standards set by the commission are considered to be trustworthy institutions for student learning. Firebaugh's accreditation status is through June 30, 2029, with a two-day mid-cycle visit during the 2025-26 school year.

"It's a rewarding feeling to have been recognized for the hard work we do every day to ensure every student at Firebaugh High School feels valued and is encouraged to follow their dreams," Principal Larry Reed said. "We have a great future ahead of us here, and this accreditation will provide us with many more opportunities for improvement."

Firebaugh High School has consistently shown dedication to student success by providing ample college and career opportunities through events that include the annual HBCU Caravan, college and career fairs, workshops and more.

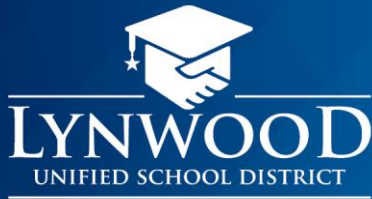
The school also promotes social-emotional wellness via its Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program. The PBIS program supports students' behavioral, social and emotional learning and has proven to increase their positive academic experiences throughout their academic journeys.

Additionally, Firebaugh High School provides students with access to ethnic studies courses, Dual Immersion programs, teen summits and the District-wide African American Parent Advisory Council to enhance the District's equity and inclusion efforts.

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“WASC accreditation is an intense and rigorous process that serves as a testament to the dedication of our Firebaugh team to providing a high quality education to our students and families,” said Superintendent Gudiel Crosthwaite, Ph.D. “Congratulations to Firebaugh High School and thank you to all of the staff and teachers who are committed to providing students with everything they need to succeed.”

PHOTO CAPTIONS

LUSD_WASC_1: Firebaugh High School students receive acceptances and scholarships during the HBCU Caravan held on Jan. 23, 2023.

LUSD_WASC_2: Firebaugh High School has received a six-year WASC accreditation from the Accrediting Commission of Schools. Pictured are (from left to right) Firebaugh High School Assistant Principal Kristine Estrada, Assistant Principal Kaytan Shah, Assistant Principal Alex Vieira, and Principal Larry Reed.

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- ★ People of great character who inspire and lead by example
- ★ The instilling of courage to be creative
- ★ The transformative uses of technology
- ★ Safe and clean environments
- ★ The honoring of all voices of our community