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## **Covina-Valley Unified Elementary Schools Named to U.S. News & World Report's 'Best K-8 Schools'**

**COVINA--** Seven Covina-Valley Unified elementary schools have been recognized among the top-performing public schools in California, according to U.S. News & World Report's 2022 Best K-8 Schools rankings.

Mesa Elementary School and Barranca Elementary School ranked in the top 15 percent of elementary schools in the state, while Merwin Elementary School, Grovecenter Elementary School and Rowland Avenue Elementary School all ranked within the top 20 percent. Workman Elementary School and Ben Lomond Elementary School also ranked in the top 25 percent.

U.S. News & World Report's inaugural K-8 rankings draw from U.S. Department of Education data on student proficiency and performance in mathematics and reading.

U.S. News & World Report analyzed student assessment data from the 2018-19 school year and considered the results in the context of socioeconomic demographics.

Covina-Valley Unified prides itself on fostering a "small district culture," where teachers and administrators know students by name and offer personalized services to teachers and students.

The District offers innovative programs at their elementary schools to best serve their diverse student body – such as computer science, access to high-speed broadband internet, 1:1 technology, and a K-5 dual-language immersion program in Mandarin, Spanish and English.

"Congratulations to our elementary schools for being named among the best elementary schools in the state by U.S. News & World Report," Covina-Valley Unified Superintendent Elizabeth Eminhizer said. "This designation wouldn't have been possible without the hard work and commitment of our students as well as our teachers, staff, parents, and community to support student success."

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