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Hacienda La Puente Unified Schools Earn Top Honors in 2022 Best K-8 Schools Rankings

CITY OF INDUSTRY, CA – Hacienda La Puente Unified’s elementary and middle schools have been listed among the top performing public schools in California, according to U.S. News & World Report’s 2022 Best K-8 Schools rankings.

Nine Hacienda La Puente Unified schools ranked in the top 20 percent of schools. Los Molinos Elementary School and Wedgeworth Elementary School ranked in the top 5 percent and Mesa Robles Middle School earned a spot in the top 4 percent.

The [methodology](#) for the U.S. News & World Report’s inaugural K-8 rankings focuses on student proficiency and performance in mathematics and reading, based on data from the U.S. Department of Education. The formula for the rankings considered student assessment data from the 2018-19 school year, as well as the assessment results in the context of socioeconomic demographics.

In total, more than 7,850 California elementary and middle schools were ranked, according to the report.

Other top elementary school performers in Hacienda La Puente Unified School District were Grazide Elementary, ranking in the top 6 percent; Mesa Robles Elementary School in the top 13 percent; and Los Altos Elementary in the top 18 percent.

The District’s top-performing middle schools included Cedarlane Middle School, ranked in the top 10 percent; Lassalette Middle School in the top 14 percent; and Fairgrove Middle School in the top 15 percent.

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Hacienda La Puente Unified high schools have also been recognized by U.S. News & World Report; Glen A. Wilson High School and La Puente High School were included in the 2021 Best High Schools list, ranking in the top 5 percent and 20 percent of high schools nationwide, respectively.

Hacienda La Puente Unified provides a variety of educational programs aimed at bolstering student engagement and achievement, such as dual immersion, science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM) and C-STEM/robotics.

“Being acknowledged for our students’ achievements at an abundance of schools illustrates not only our students’ hard work, but also the unwavering support of our teachers, staff and administrators,” Hacienda La Puente Unified Superintendent Dr. Alfonso Jiménez said. “We are proud of all of our schools and applaud their efforts and recognition. We thank our Board of Education for their support and setting priorities that focus on high academic expectations for learning with innovative learning environments.”

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