

Chino High math teacher Diane Murillo (at podium) talks about her Advanced Placement Calculus BC students at the Aug. 18 Board of Education meeting in Chino. Some of her students are standing behind her.

She makes math fun

When Chino High math teacher Diane Murillo initially met with her Advanced Placement Calculus BC students, she remarked how great it would be if every one of them passed the test that could give them college credit or advanced placement. And they did.

All 22 passed the test, and 19 of those received a score of 5, the highest that can be achieved.

Murillo and several of her students -- now headed to college -- were honored by the Chino Valley Unified School District Board of Education at its Aug. 18 meeting in Chino.

One of Murillo's students said he liked the class so much, he wished he could have had a second consecutive period of it.

Another student said Murillo made calculators fun.

Superintendent Wayne Joseph, who worked with Murillo when he was a principal at Chino High, said she always told her students that failure wasn't an option in her class.

Murillo is married to Joe Murillo, who retired in 2008 from Chino High where he taught biology and coached girls' basketball.