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### **Chino Valley USD Elementary School Recognized as a 2023 CA Distinguished School**

*Hidden Trails Elementary School is one of only three awardees in San Bernardino County to receive the highest educational award in California.*

Chino, CA – Hidden Trails Elementary school in Chino Hills is one of 357 elementary schools throughout the state recognized under the 2023 California Distinguished Schools (DS) Award Program. This is the third time Hidden Trails students and staff have earned the prestigious award.

Using state indicators specified on the California School State Dashboard, the Superintendent of Schools, Tony Thurmond, honored school sites identified as closing the achievement gap among students and achieving exceptional student performance. Specific criteria analyzed through the Dashboard include assessment results, chronic absenteeism, suspension rates, and socioeconomic data.

Originally established in 1985, the California DS Program had temporarily been suspended after the global COVID-19 pandemic halted traditional reporting of state and local data. The program's return for the 2022-2023 school year makes each awardee's success even more thrilling as it celebrates the exceptional efforts of schools, districts, teachers and classified staff for their innovation, talent, and success in supporting students during one of the most challenging times in education.

"Chino Valley educators are among the most talented professionals in the field," CVUSD Superintendent Norm Enfield, Ed.D., shared. "This honor highlights the exhilarating enthusiasm and devotion each Hidden Trails teacher and staff member pours into their calling. The commitment to CVUSD students that I witness inside and outside the classroom never ceases to amaze, and I am infinitely grateful for the extensive efforts taking place at Hidden Trails Elementary and throughout the district."

For more information regarding the California DS Award Program, please visit <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/sr/cs/>

### ***About Chino Valley Unified School District:***

Founded in 1860, Chino Valley Unified School District serves approximately 26,000 students across 35 schools within the Chino Valley and South Ontario areas. Home to 18 California Distinguished schools, students receive a rigorous, 21st century education in preparation for college and career. Thriving performing arts and athletic programs, nationally recognized marching bands and engaging parent-school partnerships distinguish Chino Valley Unified School District as one of the best school districts in California. For more information about Chino Valley Unified School district, please visit [www.chino.k12.ca.us](http://www.chino.k12.ca.us).

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