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Woodcrest JHS is Recognized as a Microsoft Showcase School for the Sixth Straight Year
As one of only 30 schools awarded the esteemed title in the nation, staff continue their dedication to transforming students' lives by providing an immersive and engaging learning environment.

Chino, CA – Chino Valley USD's Woodcrest Junior High School has been identified as one of 30 schools in the nation to earn the Microsoft Showcase School title for embracing technology as a catalyst for positive change and weaving it into the fabric of their educational programs to enhance student engagement, collaboration, and achievement. The 2023-2024 school year marks the sixth year the school has earned the distinction.

Woodcrest JHS joins a global community of approximately 383 Showcase School sites across 45 countries that amplify the use of technology to drive school-wide transformation and efficiencies by using Microsoft's K-12 Education Transformation Framework. The framework is a guide for education leaders to navigate the complexity of transformation impacting every aspect of instruction.

Guided by life-changing education principles, the global Showcase School community comes together to tackle challenges, celebrate successes, share learnings, and try new solutions in a vibrant Microsoft Teams online community. Showcase Schools initiate immersive and inclusive experiences that inspire lifelong learning while encouraging all students to achieve their potential by taking a student-centered approach of exploring all aspects of teaching and learning. Collaboratively envisioning and creating an intentional culture of innovation and learning, students are empowered to achieve more through the development of essential future-ready skills.

As Woodcrest students and educators continue their innovative education journey, they are supported by Microsoft, Microsoft partners, and CVUSD technology trainers through capacity building, transformation guidance, peer learning, amplification opportunities and early access to research and solutions.

This year, the school also celebrates five of its remarkable educators earning the esteemed honor of being named a Microsoft Innovative Educator Expert (MIEE). Mr. Patrick Lindsey, Mr. Timm Yurk, Ms. Jennifer Quijano, Ms. Sarah Wagner, and Ms. Mercy Colocho are proudly part of a 30,000+ educator network where each member has demonstrated a deep commitment to integrating technology into their classroom. As an MIE Expert, these dedicated professionals share a passion for leveraging Microsoft tools and solutions to create immersive and engaging learning environments for CVUSD students.

To learn more about Woodcrest JHS's commitment to the future of digital transformation in education and how staff are enthusiastically pushing the boundaries of what is possible in education, visit the school webpage at <https://www.chino.k12.ca.us/Woodcrest>.

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.

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