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Four Chino Valley USD Schools Recognized as a 2025 CA Distinguished School

Out of 21 schools named a CA Distinguished School in San Bernardino County, CVUSD earns the most recognitions for the State's highest educational award.

Chino, CA – Butterfield Ranch Elementary, Country Springs Elementary, Eagle Canyon Elementary, and Lyle S. Briggs K8 join approximately 336 schools throughout the state recognized under the 2025 California Distinguished Schools Award Program.

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

As an award recipient for closing the achievement gap, each CVUSD honoree, whose enrollment includes at least 40 percent of its students being identified as socioeconomically disadvantaged youths, has demonstrated exemplary overall performance in English Language Arts (ELA) and math and achieved accelerated academic growth for one or more historically underserved student groups.

Originally established in 1985, the California Distinguished Schools Program has celebrated the exceptional efforts of schools, districts, teachers, and classified staff for their innovation, talent, and success in supporting students. As noted in the CDE's press release dated March 25, 2025, the exceptional elementary schools recognized this year are illustrative of the persistence and promise of California's students, educators, and schools.

"Through their unwavering commitment, supreme passion, and collaborative spirit, our incredible educators and staff are shaping tomorrow's leaders and empowering CVUSD students to embrace a future filled with endless possibilities," CVUSD Superintendent Norm Enfield, Ed.D. shared. "Staff's efforts have not only led to exceptional student performance, but they have fostered a love of learning that will last a lifetime. I couldn't be more grateful to work with such an invested group of professionals. They are truly champions of student success!"

CA Distinguished School recipients will be honored on May 30, 2025, during the annual California School Recognition Program Awards Ceremony at the Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim, CA.

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

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 19 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 <u>www.chino.k12.ca.us</u>.