



Hemet Unified School District



A Special Report on the
Extraordinary Successes of
Our Award-Winning Schools

Hemet Unified School District is on the move—Celebrate with us!



Spring 2026

Dear HUSD Community,

We have a lot to celebrate these days at Hemet Unified School District (HUSD)—and it's all worth sharing with you! Please take a moment to read this Special Report to learn why we're celebrating. Join us in taking this opportunity to recognize HUSD students, families, teachers, schools, the education community, and more!

Thank you for your continued support and investment in our local schools. We appreciate you!

Christi Barrett

Dr. Christi Barrett
*Superintendent of Hemet USD
Award-Winning Schools*



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Eight Reasons to Celebrate!

1

Literacy rates are UP! Our literacy rates have improved nearly 5% thanks to the successful implementation of a new, evidence-based literacy curriculum across all grades.



2

Student attendance is UP! Our commitment to student engagement has resulted in a dramatic 19% reduction in chronic absenteeism, the highest improvement in Riverside County!



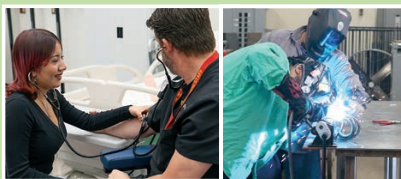
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College & Career readiness is UP! We successfully increased college and career readiness by 10.1% to join the highest California School Dashboard level of achievement, all while maintaining rigorous academic standards.



4

Career Technical Education (CTE) programs ranked #1 in the state! Our rigorous CTE programs are ranked 1st in the State of California for the creation of pre-apprenticeship program opportunities.



5

Graduation rates are UP! Our graduation rate has continued its upward trajectory, reaching a high of 91.9% at the close of the last school year, outpacing the state average.



6

Campuses are transforming into modern teaching and learning centers! We have successfully completed 264 capital projects across all school sites since 2019, transforming our teaching and learning environments and earning recognition of our facilities staff and schools.



7

HUSD leads with responsible business practices! HUSD maintains unwavering fiscal prudence and responsible, long-range financial planning practices—while always being good stewards of taxpayer funding.



8

A recognized leader in innovation and continuous improvement! We've gained significant recognition for systemic innovation and continuous improvement, successfully building a scalable and sustainable framework for future growth.



Recent Awards & Recognitions:

Carnegie Foundation

for the Advancement
of Teaching



- ▶ **The Carnegie Award for Impact**
Among only three nationally recognized first time recipients of the 2026 award

- ▶ **California Schools to Watch**
Acacia Middle School; Idyllwild School;
Rancho Viejo Middle School

- ▶ **Top Pre-Apprenticeship Pathways**
5th best District in California for pre-apprenticeship programs

- ▶ **National Blue Ribbon Schools Program**
Western Center Academy

- ▶ **AVID National Demonstration School**
Dartmouth Middle School; Diamond Valley Middle School; Rancho Viejo Middle School; West Valley High School

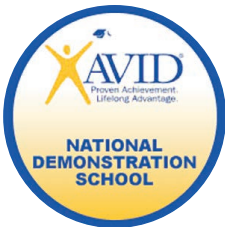
- ▶ **International Baccalaureate (IB) World School Recognition**
West Valley High School

- ▶ **ACSA Award**
 - Three-time Superintendent of the Year
 - Negotiator of the Year
 - Administrator of the Year

- ▶ **CSBA Golden Bell Award**
For our fourth consecutive year!

- ▶ **Model Continuation High School**
 - Alessandro Continuation High School— awarded six years in a row!
 - College Board Recognition
 - AP Access Award
 - Silver Designation Award
 - Computer Science Female Diversity Award
 - Big Future Ambassadors

- ▶ **CABE — California Association for Bilingual Education**
 - Bilingual Educators Succeeding Together Award (BEST)
 - Honors and Scholarships



International
Baccalaureate®

association of
california school
administrators



California Association for Bilingual Education

"We are thrilled to honor these educators for the impact they are having on student experience and outcomes... [Hemet USD is] doing powerful work to equip young people for success."

**— Timothy F.C. Knowles, *President*
*Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching***

COUNTYWIDE AWARDS

- ▶ Riverside County Office of Education – Educators of the Year

STATEWIDE AWARDS

- ▶ California Distinguished Schools Program
- ▶ California Gold Ribbon Schools (Retired)
- ▶ California Exemplary Arts Education Award
- ▶ California Pivotal Practice Award (CAPP)
- ▶ California Green Ribbon Schools Award
- ▶ California Schools to Watch
- ▶ California Purple Star
- ▶ California State Seal of Biliteracy
- ▶ Title I Academic Achievement Award (Retired)
- ▶ Top Apprenticeship Pathways

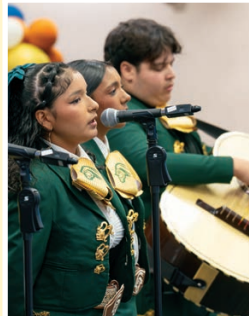
NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED AWARDS

- ▶ National Blue Ribbon Schools Program
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SPECIALIZED AWARDS

- ▶ ACSA Administrator of the Year Award
- ▶ ACSA Negotiator of the Year Award
- ▶ Golden Bell Awards
- ▶ California Civic Learning Award
- ▶ CSU Seal of Excellence
- ▶ California PBIS Coalition Awards
- ▶ Career Technical Education (CTE) Exemplary Program Awards
- ▶ Model Continuation High Schools Recognition
- ▶ California Exemplary Dual Enrollment Award
- ▶ Excellence in Museum Education Award
- ▶ California Young Reader Medal
- ▶ College Board's AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award
- ▶ College Board AP Access Awards
- ▶ CABE BEST Award
- ▶ National League of Innovative Schools Digital Promise Award
- ▶ Southern California ReliEF Fund -Excellence in Safety Awards

** Partial List*



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