

Whitney High School – Home of the Wildcat

California Distinguished School

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School Profile 2017-2018

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Rocklin Community

The city of Rocklin lies 20 miles northeast of Sacramento. With a population of approximately 60,213, Rocklin boasts the best of both a rural community and a thriving suburban city. Most of Rocklin is newly developed within the past fifteen years, yet it is rich in history and community purpose. While Rocklin is a rapidly growing city, it maintains the small town atmosphere of a closely-knit community dedicated to the best in education, recreation, and family life. Sierra College is located in Rocklin, which provides opportunities for high school students to get a glimpse of college life and enrich their learning experiences while attending Whitney High School. William Jessup, a 4 year university, is within walking distance from Whitney's campus. Several graduates have taken advantage of this proximity and attended earning B.A. degrees.

Whitney High School

A California Distinguished School, Whitney High School is a four-year comprehensive public high school with an enrollment of 1,867. Whitney High School is one of the two comprehensive high schools in the Rocklin Unified School District. Since opening its doors in 2005, Whitney High School has established itself as an exceptional academic institution. The academic year is based on two semesters, each 18 weeks in length. The school offers students up to eight classes on an alternating schedule of 80 minute blocks with a 25 minute student support session (Intervention) offered each day. Whitney High School's design and development benefited from input from the Rocklin business and academic community. Whitney High School possesses a television broadcast studio, theater, technology center, culinary arts program, and state of the art athletic facilities.

School Staff

Credentialed staff includes 76 full-time Teachers, 10 part-time Teachers, 4 Administrators, 4 Counselors, 1 Psychologist, 2 part-time Speech Therapists, 1 Rocklin Police Student Resource Officer, and 1 College and Career Center Technician. 100 percent of Whitney High School's teaching staff is CLAD and SDAIE certified. Over 50 percent of certificated staff members have earned a Master's degree or higher.

Philosophy

The focus for the Rocklin Unified School District is on a standards based curriculum leading to a well-rounded education for all students. The core of the educational philosophy rests on the belief that all students will master the learning associated with the common set of standards. Whitney High School administrators, teachers, and support staff have collaboratively created a vision for the future which reaffirms Whitney's commitment to the personal and educational growth of each student. As a working Professional Learning Community (PLC), Whitney High School is an educational community that models the service to others it teaches and represents.

Curriculum

Business, community, and academic input were received during the development of the Whitney High School curriculum. This curriculum is based on a Mastery Learning system that incorporates information taken from the California State Frameworks, UC and CSU admission requirements, and California State Department of Education's document *Second to None*. The tenets of *No Child Left Behind* have been incorporated into both staff development and curriculum leadership efforts. Expected Schoolwide Learning Results (ESLRs) are embedded throughout the curriculum in the form of Essential Skills Assignments (ESAs). Curriculum is continually evaluated to ensure it is aligned with State Standards. At present, staff is aligning curriculum with National Common Core Standards.

Graduation Requirements

All students at Whitney High School must complete 250 credits in order to meet the graduation requirements. The credit requirements include:

Language Arts:	40 Credits	Science:	30 Credits
Math:	30 Credits	Social Science:	35 Credits
Foreign Language:	10 Credits	Physical Education:	30 Credits
Technology:	10 Credits	Visual/Performing Arts:	10 Credits
Health:	5 Credits		

Whitney High School students must also demonstrate competency in all Expected Schoolwide Learning Results (ESLRs) which incorporate the California State Standards and the new Common Core State Standards.

Whitney High School students must complete a minimum of 25 hours of documented community service. Students in the Class of 2016 completed over 45,300 hours of service. One hundred thirty five seniors were awarded a Distinguished Community Service Award by completing over 150 hours of service.

Grading System

Whitney High School's instructional methods promote mastery of academic standards. Whitney High School uses both a weighted (5.0) and un-weighted (4.0) grade point average. The grade range is: A = Distinguished; B = Commendable; C = Mastery; NC = No Credit (student has not met the minimum standards for the course).

Distinguished Scholar Diploma

This diploma is designed to recognize those students who have demonstrated academic excellence and leadership skills throughout their four years at Whitney High School. Students who have completed a minimum of twelve of the Advanced, Honors, and Advanced Placement courses offered at Whitney, maintained a 3.8 GPA, earned at least 150 hours of community service, and completed an Academic Portfolio are eligible for the Distinguished Scholar Diploma. Of the 440 Class of 2017 graduates, 16 students earned a Distinguished Scholar Diploma.

Advanced and Honors Courses

Advanced and Honors courses are offered at all grade levels in Language Arts, Math, Foreign Language, Science, Social Studies, and Art.

Advanced Placement Courses

Whitney High School currently offers 19 AP courses and one AP course in partnership with CTE Works. AP courses are offered in the following subjects: English, Statistics, Calculus AB and BC, World History, US History, Government, Microeconomics, Psychology, Biology, Chemistry, Physics I and II, Environmental Science, French, Spanish, Studio Art, Studio Art 3, and Computer Science. In 2016-2017, 770 AP test exams were administered with 76% of tests passed with a score of 3 or higher.

31% scored 3

26% scored 4

18% scored 5

SAT and ACT Results for Class of 2017

SAT Reasoning:	252 tested	ACT:	139 tested
Critical Reading Mean Score:	511 (491 CA Mean Score)	English:	24.0 (CA Mean 22.5)
Math Mean Score:	542 (500 CA Mean Score)	Math:	24.0 (CA Mean 22.7)
		Reading:	24.9 (CA Mean 23.1)
		Science:	23.9 (CA Mean 22.2)
		Composite:	24.3 (CA Mean 22.8)

Whitney High School earned a full six year accreditation through the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) in the spring of 2015.

Academic Achievement:

On June 8, 2017, 440 students in the eighth graduating class at Whitney High School were awarded WHS diplomas. Of the 440 graduates, 87% entered college the year following graduation. Approximately 78% were A-G ready by the time they graduated and of those, 40% of the graduates continued onto to a four-year college or university. Students with a weighted GPA of 4.07 ranked in the top 10 % of the Class of 2017.

Scholarships: Students in the Class of 2017 were offered close to \$2,300,000 in scholarships, awards, and grants.