

Whitney High School – Home of the Wildcats

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School Profile 2023-2024

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Rocklin Community

The city of Rocklin lies 20 miles northeast of Sacramento. With a population of approximately 75,381, Rocklin boasts the best of both a rural community and a thriving suburban city. Rocklin has been one of the fastest growing cities in California, with approximately 65% growth since 2000, 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. Rocklin has an estimated workforce of 35,331 with a median household income of \$131,347. Approximately 48% of Rocklin citizens over the age of 25 hold a bachelor's degree or higher. Sierra College is located in Rocklin, which provides opportunities for high school students to have dual enrollment as well as enrichment opportunities while attending Whitney High School.

Whitney High School

Whitney High School is a four-year comprehensive public high school with an enrollment of 1981. 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 30 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 as well as a JROTC program.

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 a 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.

Our Aspiration: The mission of Whitney High School, a leader in providing diverse student opportunities, is to ensure each student achieves personal goals, develops individual purpose, and becomes college and career ready. Each student will be a strong self advocate in a culture distinguished by character, critical thinking, communication, collaboration, and creativity that promotes safety and social growth. Whitney High School... FIND PURPOSE. FIND PASSION. FIND YOU.

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. Because of this, Whitney High School does not issue letter grades of “D” or “F.” Any student earning below a 70% in a course or who has not demonstrated mastery will receive a no credit “NC” and will need to retake the course if it is required for graduation. Whitney High School course requirements for graduation are as follows: Whitney High School students also must complete a minimum of 25 hours of documented community service through non-profit organizations. Those that perform over 150 hours of service are awarded a Distinguished Community Service Award.

Grading System

Whitney High School’s instructional methods promote mastery of academic standards. Whitney High School uses both a weighted (5.0) and unweighted (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).

A = 90% - 100% B = 80% - 89% C = 70% - 79% NC = 69% or Below

Advanced Placement Courses, Advanced, Honors and Dual enrollment Courses:

Whitney High School currently offers 19 AP courses. AP courses are offered in the following subjects: Statistics, Calculus AB and BC, World History, US Govt & Politics, US History, Microeconomics, Psychology, Biology, Chemistry, Physics I, Physics 2, Environmental Science, Seminar, Spanish Language, Computer Science A, Computer Science Principles, English Lang & Comp, English Lit & Comp.

AP and Dual enrollment courses are not typically offered to freshmen and only a few are available to sophomores. WHS transcripts reflect a weighted grade for honors and AP courses, but not for advanced or dual enrollment courses even if they are considered more rigorous than the standard version of the same course. Dual enrollment students receive high school credit on the WHS transcript as well as college credit on a separate transcript from Sierra College. 49% of students in the class of 2023 took AP Classes while at Whitney High School and those who did took an average of 3 AP classes. The counseling department recommends that students take no more than 3 advanced, honors or AP courses in a given school year.

Post-secondary Plans:

From the class of 2023, 89% of the graduates sought post-secondary education immediately after graduation. 48% matriculated to a 4 year degree-granting institution, 41% to community college, and 2% to tech or trade school. 1% of students entered the military, 5% entered the workforce, and 3% took a gap year or had other plans.

Clubs and Activities

Athletics: Whitney High School hosts a number of athletic teams which participate in the Sierra Foothill League. Student athletes are expected to maintain the highest of academic and moral standards. Whitney High School offers the following sports: Basketball, Baseball, Cheerleading, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball, Stunt, Swim, Tennis, Track, Volleyball, and Water Polo.

Honors/Honor Society: National Honor Society (NHS), California Scholarship Federation (CSF), Whitney High School Distinguished Community Service Award.

Award Winning Programs: BITA (Architectural and Structural Engineering), Broadcast (WCTV-19), Culinary, Dance, Digital Art (graphics), Future Business Leaders of America, Music (choral & instrumental), Publications (yearbook), Theatre