



## CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS TO WATCH

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### MOUNTAIN VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL

#### Designated 2020

Beaumont Unified School District  
San Luis Obispo County  
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#### SCHOOL CHARACTERISTICS

Community: suburban. Enrollment: 1,133. Grade Levels: 6-8. School Schedule: All grades have six periods per day, one weekly early-release day to allow for learning and collaboration, and an advisory class four days a week.

#### STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

Free/reduced lunch: 58%. Students with disabilities: 13%. English learners: 7%.

#### REPLICABLE PRACTICES

- Weekly subject-matter PLCs on early release days support data analysis, meeting specific student needs, and training and collaboration with middle-level teachers districtwide.
- The Encore advisory period provides timely, specific supports to students in character education, academic intervention, and college-and-career readiness.
- CharacterStrong advisory and leadership curriculum provides specific training in qualities such as kindness, empathy, and patience, plus challenges both students and staff to exhibit the traits.
- Staff and students are randomly assigned to one of four houses with colors and brands to build a sense of belonging.
- “Where Everybody Belongs” is an effective peer-mentoring program that pairs eighth-grade mentors with new sixth-graders for the entire year.
- Robust Career Technical Education options help lay an informed foundation for students’ college and career choices and include medical, engineering, robotics, and fine arts.