

CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS TO WATCH

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VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Designated 2022

Carlsbad Unified School District
San Diego County
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SCHOOL CHARACTERISTICS

Enrollment: 797. Grade Levels: 7-8.

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

African American 3%, Asian 5%, White 54%, Hispanic 31%, Other 7%

FIVE BEST REPLICABLE PRACTICES

- **Advisory:** Two days per week, 38 minutes, in grades 6-8
- **Social-emotional learning opportunities:** Counselor-created lessons and activities
- **Restorative circles:** Check-ins and conflict resolution
- **College and career readiness lessons:** College and career exploration
- **Celebrations of student accomplishments:** Music concerts, TV, ASB, and leadership