



CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS TO WATCH

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O.J. ACTIS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Designated 2022

Panama-Buena Vista Union School District
Kern County
Patrick Spears, Principal
2400 Westholme Blvd. Bakersfield CA, 93309
(661) 833-1250

SCHOOL CHARACTERISTICS

Enrollment: 739. Grade Levels: 7-8.

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

African American 14.2%, Asian 2.1%, White 14.6%, Hispanic 64.9%, Other 2%, American Indian 1.0%

FIVE BEST REPLICABLE PRACTICES

- **IMPACT Program:** A 5-day transformational learning experience/suspension alternative
- **Actis Live:** A daily student-run news program that reinforces core school values
- **Actis Bootcamp:** End-of-summer campus tour; sessions on organization & core values
- **ACT Cards:** Earned by students who show core values; prizes broadcast on Actis Live
- **Coffee with the Principal:** Open forum for families to ask questions and raise concerns