



SCHOOLS TO WATCH-TAKING CENTER STAGE

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ROSS ACADEMY OF CREATIVE AND MEDIA ARTS

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SCHOOL CHARACTERISTICS

Community: Suburban; Enrollment: 590; Grades: 7-8; School Schedule: Six-period day including a thirty-minute homeroom and zero-period P.E. class. Early dismissal on Friday for teacher collaboration.

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

0.5% American Indian/Native American; 13% Asian/Asian American; 10% Black/African American; 13.5% Filipino/Filipino American; 55% Hispanic/Latino; 1% Pacific Islander; 6.6% White; 0.5% Other; 51% Free/ Reduced Lunch; 19% English Learners

SCHOOL CHARACTERISTICS AND REPLICABLE PRACTICES

- School schedule provides weekly planning time during student early release day and quarterly non-student days for curriculum alignment, creating common assessments, and analyzing data.
- PBIS is used as a total school behavior plan. Additional specific interventions include Systems to Encourage Peace, and Pointing Adolescents Toward Health.
- Math students are offered SDAIE math classes, support classes, and a summer school course to accelerate placement in advanced math.
- All core teachers collaborate to create common assessments. Science and history classes collaborate yearly on a common project-based learning assignment.
- Honors classes are offered in all core curriculum, and double blocks of math and English classes are offered for students needing additional assistance.
- After school intervention classes, a tutoring center, and a Friday homework recovery program are also available.
- Students remain with the same teacher for two years in a daily homeroom class and receive mentoring and academic support.
- WICOR strategies are implemented schoolwide in core classes.
- Ross offers a wide range of co-curricular activities, such as media broadcasting; marching band; color guard; mathletes; Science Olympics; improvisation and drama; and speech and debate, which develop students' interests beyond the classroom.
- Zero-period P.E. provides opportunities for students to take more than one elective.