



## CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS TO WATCH

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### TWIN RIVERS CHARTER SCHOOL

#### Designated 2020

Sutter County

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#### SCHOOL CHARACTERISTICS

Community: rural. Enrollment: 461. Grade Levels: TK-8. School Schedule: The school has a regular seven-period day every day except for Wednesday, an early-release day that features a middle school advocacy class for social-emotional skills. There are nearly four hours of PE per week; students are pulled out of electives for intervention as needed.

#### STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

Free/reduced lunch: 31%. Students with disabilities: 7%. English learners: 9%.

#### REPLICABLE PRACTICES

- The PLC model has been instrumental for boosting student achievement; all teachers must serve on at least one team, yet teams have a great deal of autonomy over their practice.
- Weekly interventions are built into the master schedule for Wednesdays during the “What I Need” period. Students are grouped for timely support on an ELA or math target. Once they demonstrate mastery, they rejoin their elective class.
- College-and-career readiness classes offer enrichment, extension, and intervention for each individual student. For example, Integrated Math 1 is overseen by math teachers but gives students the agency to explore mathematical skills at an extension level.
- A modified traditional school calendar provides extended breaks in both fall and spring to enhance enrollment and retainment.
- Parent education avenues include Parent University in the fall, Parent Café in the spring, parent council meetings that focus on academics, meetings that center on social-emotional topics, and ELAC meetings that feature a parent education component.
- The life management course gives students skills in money management, food safety, nutrition, recipe preparation, and sewing repairs.