CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS TO WATCH

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SEQUOIA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Designated 2022
Fresno Unified School District
Fresno County
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SCHOOL CHARACTERISTICS


STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

African American 3.5%, Asian 11.5%, White 1.6%, Hispanic 82.9%, Other .5%

FIVE BEST REPLICABLE PRACTICES

- **School-wide Clarity**: Intentional planning, criteria for success, explicit language, mentor text
- **Interdisciplinary Teams**: Focus on skills that reinforce connections between areas of study
- **English Learner Teaching & Learning**: Explicit language instruction for text construction
- **Culture and Climate Team**: Student connection, celebrations of middle school success
- **Success Period**: 30 minutes daily for flexible grouping & MTSS Tier 2 teaming structure