



## CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS TO WATCH

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### SEQUOIA MIDDLE SCHOOL

#### Designated 2022

Fresno Unified School District

Fresno County

Matt Ward, Principal

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#### SCHOOL CHARACTERISTICS

Enrollment: 820. Grade Levels: 7-8.

#### 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