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Rosemead School District Congratulates Emma W. Shuey Elementary School for being Honored as a 2025 California Distinguished School



Rosemead, California – The Rosemead School District congratulates the students and staff of Emma W. Shuey Elementary School (Shuey) for being recognized as a 2025 California Distinguished School by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond. This prestigious award highlights the school’s exceptional performance and unwavering commitment to closing the achievement gap.

The California Distinguished Schools Program honors schools that demonstrate excellence in two key categories: closing the achievement gap and achieving exceptional student performance outcomes. Emma W. Shuey Elementary School's dedication to fostering an inclusive and effective learning environment has earned it this esteemed recognition.



The state selects schools for this recognition by using multiple measures to identify eligible schools based on their performance on the state indicators as specified on the California School Dashboard. Based on the data analyzed on the 2024 Dashboard, Shuey demonstrated a focus on excellence and growth in academic achievement and ensuring a positive school climate.

Located at 8472 East Wells Street in Rosemead, Emma W. Shuey Elementary serves the Rosemead community within the Rosemead Elementary School District. The school's commitment to academic excellence and student development is evident in its innovative programs and dedicated staff.

“It is my pleasure to honor and recognize these 336 elementary schools for their efforts to provide exemplary public education to all students,” said Superintendent Thurmond. “Excellent elementary schools play a critical role in the life outcomes of our young people.”

Emma W. Shuey Elementary School's achievement reflects the hard work of its educators, students, and the broader school community. This recognition serves as a testament to their dedication to fostering academic success and equity.

Principal Dr. Debra Boeve-Letcher shared the following, “On behalf of the entire Shuey staff we are honored to be recognized as a 2025 California Distinguished School. This accolade reflects the unwavering dedication of our teachers, staff, students, and parents in fostering an environment of academic excellence and inclusivity. Our collective commitment to narrowing the achievement gap and promoting equity has been pivotal in achieving this distinction. We will continue to strive for excellence, ensuring that every student is empowered to reach their full potential.”

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“Being named a 2025 California Distinguished School is a remarkable achievement for Emma W. Shuey Elementary School. This honor reflects the unwavering commitment of our teachers, staff, students, and families to academic excellence and a positive learning environment. We are incredibly proud of this well-earned recognition,” expressed Board President Mrs. Diane Benitez.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Philip D’Agostino shared, “I am excited and grateful that the Shuey Elementary School students and staff have been awarded California Distinguished School recognition this year. Receiving this award affirms the work being done to promote academic achievement, close achievement gaps, and engage students. Shuey Elementary is deserving of this honor that celebrates sustained excellence and best practices across the state.”

The District also commends the hard work and unwavering dedication of the Shuey teachers and staff. On behalf of the Rosemead School District Board of Trustees and District Administration, we are extremely proud and congratulate all students and staff for a job well done!

ABOUT THE CALIFORNIA DISTINGUISHED SCHOOLS PROGRAM:

To learn more about the California Department of Education California Distinguished Schools program and criteria requirements, please visit: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/sr/cs/index.asp>.

ABOUT THE EMMA W. SHUEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

Emma W. Shuey Elementary School is a public school serving students in Pre-School-6 grade located at 8472 East Wells Street in Rosemead, California. Established in 1953 as Wells Street School, it was later renamed to honor its first principal, Emma W. Shuey, upon her retirement in 1968. The school is a part of the Rosemead Elementary School District and serves approximately 460 students. Dr. Debra Boeve leads the school as principal, bringing over 32 years of experience in education. Shuey offers a variety of programs aimed at fostering academic excellence and personal growth. Notably, the school implements the “Leader in Me” program, which focuses on developing leadership skills in students by promoting personal responsibility, goal setting, and teamwork. Additionally, the school employs the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program to encourage positive behavior and create a supportive learning environment. Through dedicated leadership and comprehensive programs, Emma W. Shuey Elementary School strives to equip its students with the skills and knowledge necessary for lifelong success. Shuey also offers families the ASES program for before and after-school care.

To learn more about the program offerings at Emma W. Shuey Elementary School, please visit the school main office, call (626) 287-5221, or visit the school website at <http://www.rosemead.k12.ca.us/shuey>.

ABOUT THE ROSEMEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Rosemead School District (RSD) serves students who reside in Rosemead, as well as portions of El Monte, San Gabriel, and Temple City. RSD serves 2,431 students in four PK-6 elementary schools (Encinita, Mildred B. Janson, Savannah, and Emma W. Shuey Elementary Schools) and one 7-8 middle school (Muscatel Middle School). We are proud partners with the City of Rosemead and deeply value our responsibility to serve our community and its children.

For more information about the Rosemead School District, please visit www.rosemead.k12.ca.us. For more information about school educational programs, please contact

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the Educational Services Department at (626) 312-2900, extension 213. To learn more about the Mandarin Dual Language Immersion (DLI) program at Encinita Elementary School, visit <https://www.rosemead.k12.ca.us/domain/321>. We encourage everyone to follow the Rosemead School District through the free Rosemead Mobile App and download it today (for instructions, visit <https://www.rosemead.k12.ca.us>). Stay informed about the great things happening at the Rosemead School District via Twitter [@CommunicateRSD](https://twitter.com/CommunicateRSD).

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