



# Redlands Unified School District

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REDLANDS, CA – Cope Middle School and Moore Middle School are honored among 275 high schools and middle schools as recipients of the 2017 California Gold Ribbon Schools Award.

“It is truly an honor for the programs at Moore Middle School and Cope Middle School to be highlighted and recognized as “Gold Ribbon” status by the California Department of Education,” said Miki Inbody, Redlands Unified School District Assistant Superintendent, Education Services.

The California Gold Ribbon Awards distinguishes public schools that have outstanding educational programs and practices and demonstrate achievements in implementing state standards in priority areas.

This award recognizes schools that have made gains in implementing the academic content and performance standards adopted by the State Board of Education. These include the California Standards for English Language Arts and Mathematics, California English Language Development Standards, and Next Generation Science Standards.

These schools represent examples of not just excellent teaching, learning, and collaborating, but also highly successful school climate efforts, ranging from real time conflict resolution to positive behavior intervention.

Schools were selected based on the model program or practice that has been adopted and implemented in the schools and can be replicated by other local educational agencies.

The professional learning community model at Moore Middle School utilizes a collaborative approach across grade levels and departments with its core mission to ensure that all students learn at the center.

Teachers meet as teams and grade level content groups to lesson plan and communicate for consistency and student success. Collaboration also allows for teachers to work together toward a common goal.

The success of Moore's shared approach is evidenced by their ability to surpass both the state and district averages of the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) in both English Language Arts/Literacy and Math.

"I am extremely proud of the entire staff at Moore, as well as our students and school community," said Maisie McCue, Moore Middle School principal. "The California Gold Ribbon Schools Award is the highest honor given by the State of California and to receive this award during the year of our golden anniversary, our 50<sup>th</sup> year, makes this even more exciting."

Cope Middle School has a rather inclusive Honors Program in English, Math and Science. All incoming sixth graders who are tested and identified Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) are automatically enrolled in honors. However, any student wishing to be challenged by the rigors of their accelerated Honors program may be given the opportunity to do so under certain recommendations and conditions.

Cope is also the only middle school within the Redlands Unified School District to offer an Honors Science program to its students. Based on the 2016 California Science Test (CST), 82 percent of Cope students are in the proficient/advanced categories. An overwhelming 58 percent are in the advanced range.

"I see how hard my teachers and staff work every day to provide the best possible outcomes for our students," said Lisa Bruich, Cope Middle School principal. "Being named a California Gold Ribbon School validates all their efforts in making Cope wonderful."

Bruich said the best news of all is that the Gold Ribbon distinction falls during the same week of Cope Middle School's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary which is on April 22.

"This recognition exemplifies effective practices that have contributed to each school's achievement," said Inbody. "We are thrilled to recognize the teachers and staff for demonstrating clear evidence that their programs are producing positive results."

The 2017 Gold Ribbon Schools recipients will be honored during regional ceremonies held in Costa Mesa, Santa Clara, Los Angeles, Visalia, and Sacramento.

For a complete description of the award and list of all of the 2017 California Gold Ribbon Award recipients, visit <http://www.cde.ca.gov/nr/ne/yr17/yr17rel28.asp>.

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