

TAHOE  TRUCKEE
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

PATHWAYS

TO POSSIBILITIES

TTUSD strives to provide “Pathways to Possibilities and Student Success” for all of our scholars with a rigorous education that is characterized by academic excellence, critical-thinking skills, and outstanding character among our students.

We believe that the Tahoe-Truckee region and our natural surroundings are precious, and therefore take every learning opportunity possible to encourage environmental stewardship among our scholars. This is possible through the generous help of our community partners.

Superintendent Chief Learning Officer

DR. ROBERT J. LERI



As we build upon our “Best Ever” year, our theme for the new school year is “Celebrating What’s Right in this World and Tahoe Truckee.” This theme from photojournalist Dewitt Jones is based on the notion of embracing an attitude of celebration in your life, both personally and professionally, and to challenge ourselves to be our best for the world. “We live in a world of possibilities...when we believe it, we’ll see it.”

There is a lot to celebrate about what’s right in our district, our Tahoe Truckee community, and our world. We have tremendous support from our outstanding staff, parents, community partners, and from Measure A. Our commitment to academic success for all students is unwavering, and we continue to build even more pathways to possibilities in our district and at each of our schools.

Some highlights for the school year:

We have a new Career Technical Education (CTE) Pathway, Introduction to Public Safety, being offered at Sierra High School this year that is open to any TTUSD high school student. This grant funded course provides scholars a glimpse into emergency response, firefighting, police, and a variety of emergency services in Truckee and beyond.

Scholars now have access to up to 15 Advanced Placement (AP) courses at our comprehensive high schools. Our AP classes are designed to prepare our students for the rigor of college-level work, setting up students for post-graduate success. We are very proud of this high number of offerings despite our small school sizes and thank Measure A for funding this outstanding program.

Based on the success of our Accelerated Learner Pilot program, we continue to build on the program and will be offering additional acceleration opportunities during the school day for the 2016 – 2017 school year. Last year, the program was offered at Glenshire Elementary and Truckee Elementary, and now it will

reach students at Tahoe Lake Elementary, Kings Beach Elementary, Donner Trail Elementary, and North Tahoe School.

Thanks to support from the *Excellence in Education Foundation*, we have expanded our 1:1 technology program even further this year. All students in grades six through 12 and some students in grades four and five will receive their own Chromebook for the school year to use in class and ultimately at home. This personal device is to support the day-to-day instruction and learning and will also support teachers to integrate



educational technology throughout their daily lesson plans.

A great deal of work has been underway this summer on facility improvement projects funded by the bond measures. Thank you again to the voters for approving both Measure E and Measure U.

Our Measure E Groundbreaking Ceremony kicked off our Measure E projects on the Lakeside on June 8. The first phase of the Facility Upgrade Project at Tahoe Lake Elementary School was completed this summer, addressing parking lot and safety improvements.

Safety enhancements were also made at Alder Creek Middle School and SELS. At Alder Creek Middle School, the parking lot was reconfigured adding new access onto Alder Drive, two crosswalks across Alder Drive, and modifications to the parent drop-off area. Technology infrastructure and furniture upgrades were also updated. At SELS, the parking lot was reconfigured to enhance student safety. This project also included installing air conditioning, and technology infrastructure and furniture upgrades.

The second phase of the Glenshire Elementary facility upgrade was completed which included interior renovation of the existing campus, security upgrades to the administration area, HVAC upgrades, and

technology infrastructure and furniture upgrades. Painting was completed at Donner Trail Elementary and new flooring was installed in their gym.

We are excited to share that the new synthetic track and restroom facility at Truckee High School are complete and open, and have already been put to use by our student-athletes.

Construction is currently underway on the East-West Field. This project addresses the existing uneven and rutted field surface on the field to improve the safety and enjoyment of the field. The East-West Field will re-open in the fall of 2017, however, sod will be placed on the softball section of the field in the spring of 2017 to allow for play in that section in the spring. Detailed timelines for the upgrades at each school site are posted on our website at www.ttusd.org.

Our Athlete Committed program, which supports our athletes, coaches and parents, begins its second year. Launched last fall, Athlete Committed is a community partnership designed to optimize athletic performance and health and wellness by educating coaches and athletes on the impact of nutrition, sleep, character, stress and chemical health. Student-athlete leaders are playing an integral role in the implementation and promotion of this program. They promote the model, participate in training their peers, and support their fellow athletes on and off the field.

We have several changes in school site leadership roles and positions as a result of retirements and other changes. We welcome Kerstin Kramer, Principal, Glenshire Elementary who comes to our District from Snoqualmie, Washington. Jenni DeWald is our new Assistant Principal at Alder Creek Middle School, and Tara House is our new Coordinator of ELD and Accountability.

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CELEBRATING SUCCESSES

- » The Class of 2016 included 252 graduates from TTUSD high schools, and 84% are continuing to post-secondary colleges and universities. Many will be attending top universities across the country, and we are very proud of all of them. Our graduates received over \$2 million in scholarships, many from our generous community.
- » Tahoe Lake Elementary School and Kings Beach Elementary School both received the 2016 California Gold Ribbon School Award and were recognized as Title I Academic Achieving Schools.
- » North Tahoe High School and Truckee High School ranked in the top 30 high schools in Northern California and top 10% of High Schools by *US News & World Report*. Truckee High School earned a Silver Medal!
- » Tahoe Truckee was again recognized by the National Campaign for Grade-Level Reading as a ‘Pacesetter’ for our early literacy work. A large part of this recognition is based on our efforts to eliminate barriers faced by children from low-income families on the path to becoming proficient readers. Tahoe Truckee was cited for making “measurable progress” in summer learning — one of the three Campaign strategies.
- » Our 2016 Teachers of the Year are Kim Warren of Alder Creek Middle School and Laura Hartung, of North Tahoe High School. Our 2016 Classified Employees of the Year are Dorothy Gadsby, Para-Educator and Instructional Assistance, Teresa Ketrone, Support Services, Clem Sarabia, Operations and Jorge Abac, Transportation. Jorge Abac was also recognized by Placer County Superintendent of Schools Gayle Garbolino-Mojica as the Placer County Transportation Employee of the Year!
- » Placer County “Teachers Who Make a Difference” recipients were Erin LeFevers, North Tahoe High School, and Brian Kehoe, Alder Creek Middle School.
- » Don Harder, our Transportation Fleet Manager, earned national recognition as the 2016 “Garage Star” by School Transportation News. There were over 100 other fleet supervisors from around the country nominated!
- » Derek Bosserman won the state title in the California School Bus Road-race and went on to compete in the International School Bus Safety Competition, earning fourth place in the transit bus category.



NORTH TAHOE HIGH SCHOOL

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North Tahoe High School (NTHS) is an award-winning high school located just outside of Tahoe City that provides students course offerings competitive with some of the largest high schools in the state. We have a critically acclaimed band program, a full spectrum of varsity level sports, endless opportunities for clubs, and personalized learning plans with flexible scheduling.

We are proud to have been awarded the California Gold Ribbon Award as well as the Title 1 Academic Achievement Award. We were also identified as one of the best high schools in the country by *U.S. News & World Report*.

We will continue our 1:1 technology program, with Chromebooks for every student provided by funding from the Excellence in Education Foundation and the school district. Each student will have a personal device to use in class and at home to complete assignments, and teachers will integrate the use of educational technology throughout their learning plans.



» INDEPENDENT STUDY / SKI ACADEMY

Through several partnerships and committed staff, administration, and community members, NTHS is able to tailor courses to fit students' active lives. Living in a world-class ski area and highly active community, many students push themselves to the highest levels within their sports, arts, and other pursuits. To do this, students need to be on the slopes, parks, studios and trails practicing. With the creation of the Ski Academy seven years ago, NTHS has been creating schedules that allow students to pursue their dreams while attending a comprehensive high school with support while they are away.

Students enrolled in the Ski Academy take a minimum of three or four classes on campus and the rest are completed through Cold Stream Alternative, online courses, or at Sierra College. An Independent Study Academy coordinator helps facilitate assignments and other needs of students while traveling for competition and training. Non-Academy students who need a flexible schedule or want to take classes elsewhere also have the opportunity to explore independent study and Sierra College classes.



» COURSES

In addition to core classes, NTHS offers electives in band, art, engineering, culinary arts, music production, drama, Spanish language, and a variety of upper-level science courses. This year, NTHS will offer a total of 15 Advanced Placement Courses, including AP Statistics and AP Human Geography, which are new this year.

» COLLEGE PLANNING

Naviance, a college and career planning website is used extensively by students in Pathways to help them identify college and career paths that may be right for them. Naviance also provides a free SAT prep course for students, and NTHS offers a free on-site SAT prep class for interested juniors and seniors. Additionally, NTHS will administer the PSAT to all 10th and 11th graders to help support their career goals and to prepare them for the SAT.

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Truckee High School is a community high school that offers high-level curriculum delivered in a small school setting. We provide diverse and rigorous programming for our scholars and continue to make enhancements to ensure our students get the best educational experience possible and are college and career ready. Our focus is on well-rounded students, and we offer 16 different sports and 14 clubs for students. Student athletes participate in Athlete Committed, a program that is designed to optimize athletic performance and promote a healthy lifestyle.

Truckee High offers several career educational pathways that utilize the nationally recognized Project Lead the Way curriculum. We have a Biomedical Science Pathway with Introduction to the Principles of Biomedical Science and Human Body Systems, as well as an Engineering Pathway with Introduction to Engineering Design and Principles of Engineering. New this year is a Computer Science Pathway which includes Introduction to Technology, Introduction to Computer Science and AP Computer Science. Students are exposed to a very comprehensive curriculum with hands-on projects and high-level lab studies. Capstone classes are offered at Sierra College where our students can earn dual credits – credits for both high school and college!

We also have a project-based learning program called PEAK (Precision, Endurance, Action, and Kindness) offered to ninth grade students. A 10th-grade program will be added for 2017 - 2018.

Funding from Measure A allows us to provide 15 Advanced Placement (AP) courses that put our scholars on a path to post-graduation success. Measure A also supports our student's physical and mental well-being with funding for courses in health, physical education, and fine arts to include Drama, Music, and Art.



Students

start by setting personalized goals, learn about skills and interests, and explore career options based on those interests. They can then search for colleges, apply for scholarships, and track admissions status. Along with our counselors, Naviance also helps students plan a course of action to reach their goals and find resources to prepare academically.

» PSAT TESTING

The PSAT will be available at no cost to all 10th and 11th-grade students. This gives students the opportunity to take a practice SAT and possibly qualify 11th-graders for the National Merit Scholar Program. Counselors may also use test data to determine AP Potential and identify areas of strength for future Advanced Placement course selection. By offering the PSAT to all students, we hope to identify strengths and encourage students who might not have otherwise taken college prep courses. Thanks to Measure A, THS will once again be bringing the Zaps New SAT test preparation workshop to Truckee High School. This will be available free of charge for any of our 11th-graders who take the PSAT.

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» TECHNOLOGY

We are very excited to incorporate technology into all of our classrooms and assignments. This year we will continue to offer a 1:1 technology program, thanks to the Excellence in Education Foundation and the school district. Every student will have a device to use in class and take home to complete assignments. Teachers will continue to incorporate technology into the classroom.

» WELLNESS CENTER

Our Wellness Center is a community-supported program that provides students with a place to meet and discuss important issues and to receive peer and advisor emotional support and resource referrals. Health and well-being courses and seminars are also offered through the Wellness Center.

» COLLEGE PLANNING

Truckee High will continue the use of Naviance for all students, a website that “through self-discovery and collaboration with parents, teachers, and school counselors, enables students to find college and career pathways that are right for them.”



ALDER CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Alder Creek is where middle school students thrive emotionally, socially, and academically. This is evident from our school-wide acknowledgment from the state and nation as an award-winning school, A School to Watch. This year offers more opportunities for our students as we strive to find ways that to continue to improve and excel. As a community, we embrace our scholars by celebrating what is right in the world and our school. We will continue to be our best for our scholars and the world!

At Alder Creek Middle School (ACMS), we have established the principles of rigor, relevance, and relationships to guide us as educators. These principles represent our values and our shared purpose. The rigorous curriculum our scholar's experience includes acceleration in math, Next Generation Science Standards, three years of articulated writing, and social studies. We teach students lifelong skills that foster high-level thinking, regular chances to synthesize, analyze, and critique.

We are committed to innovation, creative thinking, and academic excellence. Project-based learning has transformed our classrooms into engaging environments in which students apply concepts to real-world problems. We create opportunities that are especially appropriate for middle-school students so they can develop a sense of belonging to and responsibility for their own communities. Our scholars are engaged in learning and have a real sense of purpose.

Student learning extends to unique outdoor education opportunities. Thanks to Measure A and parent donations all sixth-grade students attend the week-long Shady Creek Outdoor School in Nevada City. This residential outdoor education program supports our student's educational experiences with hands-on, active learning. Not only do they learn through hands-on experiences but they also grow emotionally and socially by becoming stewards of the earth.

Our teachers continue to use a wide variety of instructional methods that infuse technology. Thanks to the Excellence in Education Foundation and the school district, we have a comprehensive 1:1 technology program where all students receive their own Chromebooks to use during the school year. The Chromebooks support collaboration and critical thinking in the classroom and at home.

ACMS staff is committed to ensuring that all students feel safe, secure, and well-known. We want every student to feel welcome and connected to others during their crucial years of early adolescence. Part of our curriculum includes Second Step and Let's Get Real, which address character education and bullying. Seventh and eighth-grade boys participate in a Life Skills Art Program, Positively Rolling, with community mentors in which they paint on skateboard decks. The goals of these programs are to decrease aggression, violence, bullying and substance abuse and to increase social, emotional, and school success. We enlist parents, students and teachers to understand the teenage brain and use the language of empathy and compassion throughout the school and home.

Each student has a weekly Advisory period that serves as our universal safety net. It is designed specifically to ensure that every student has an adult advocate to whom they can turn for support and guidance.

The educational options at our school recognize and address the diverse needs of students. These options include Band, Acceleration, GATE, Robotics, Coding, Socratic seminars, Odyssey of the Mind, art, foreign language, yearbook, leadership, lifelong fitness, outdoor education and more. Our student council promotes activities to keep all students involved, including Spirit Week, School Olympics, and dances. Additionally, our scholar-athletes compete in many sports programs, including cross-country running, basketball, Nordic skiing, girls' volleyball, wrestling, and track and field.

We actively engage parents as partners in recognizing the implications of the significant changes affecting middle school children. At this stage in an adolescent's life, parent and teacher interaction is especially important. We welcome ideas and suggestions as together we create a learning environment that continues to strive for excellence and always puts the needs of our scholars first. With your voice and support, Alder Creek Middle School will continue to be an awesome place to learn for all middle-schoolers!



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NORTH TAHOE SCHOOL

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At North Tahoe School, we believe deeply in the importance of creating and maintaining a safe and respectful learning community for all where students achieve academic success through continual growth and effort. We accomplish this through the development of caring and trusting relationships with students and families. Additionally, we work diligently to build a common language and understanding for what a safe, respectful and responsible campus looks and sounds like at North Tahoe School. Our positive culture is reinforced through advisory class using our Second Step curriculum, school-wide assemblies, student council support, student announcements, daily student recognition and our amazing counseling department. The committed work of our school community will result in all students being college and career ready for the 21st Century and prepared to be thoughtful and productive citizens.



Academically, we strive to provide all students with challenging and engaging learning opportunities. This begins with rigorous core academic classes for all students with a focus on reading, writing, speaking, listening and critical thinking around complex texts and high cognitive tasks. We foster an academic culture that values the importance of mistakes to further learning, encourages academic risks, provides opportunity for creative thinking, engages students in collaboration and focuses on effort and growth.

Teachers integrate technology into their classrooms to deepen student knowledge in content areas and further student's technology, presentation, and research skills. We have a very successful 1:1 technology program thanks to the Excellence in Education Foundation and support from our district. Individual Chromebooks are checked out to every sixth - eighth-grade student to use during the school

year. Students travel with their device from class to class and can take their Chromebooks from school to home as well for educational use.

We believe that students need additional enrichment opportunities to grow and develop. We offer an enrichment period during the school day to meet students at their level whether that be to support meeting state standards or to deepen and forge connections within those standards. Additionally, through the support of Measure A, we are able to extend opportunities for art, band, technology and physical education. Lastly, enrichments also take the form of a variety of outdoor experiential learning with field trips to Sagehen, Mono Lake, Catalina Island as well as within our own learning playground out our backdoor.

North Tahoe School also provides activities outside of the school day to support learning and provide enrichment such as homework help, Jazz Band, and the Eco-Action Club provided through our partnership with SWEPC. There are also a variety of sports that North Tahoe School students can participate in, including basketball, cross-country, Nordic skiing, girls' volleyball, and track and field.

We are very proud of our current efforts to provide a high-quality, well-rounded experience for all students while continuing to find ways to improve. We look forward to having you become part of our Laker community!



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GLENSHIRE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Glenshire Elementary School is a California Distinguished School that serves approximately 500 students from Transitional Kindergarten through fifth grade. In partnership with our families and community, students at Glenshire Elementary experience a balanced education addressing the individual needs of each child. We enhance the differentiated instruction happening in every classroom through intervention, enrichment and accelerated learner support.



For all children to succeed, it is necessary to integrate social, emotional, and physical development with a strong academic curriculum, within a safe, secure and peaceful environment. Using the Second Step curriculum, students are taught to be kind, respectful, safe, and

responsible. As evidenced by our most recent parent survey, the environment at Glenshire Elementary is warm and nurturing with a strong sense of community.

Our exceptional Visual and Performing Arts program is an integral part of the overall curriculum at Glenshire, and we integrate the arts throughout our curriculum to encourage divergent thinking, problem-solving skills, and creativity.

Thanks to our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), we are able to offer a wide range of enrichment classes for our students before and after school. Classes include violin, guitar, ukulele, yoga, Spanish, German, and track. Also,



the PTO supports many community-building and educational activities such as the Holiday Breakfast, Family Dance, New Family Tea, Family Math Night, Arts for the Schools performances, and the SWEP Science Night. Family involvement has a very positive impact on student success, and we encourage you to be involved in your child's education and part of a positive community.

Glenshire Elementary continues to benefit from the passage of Measure U with the second phase of facility upgrades complete. We have beautiful new flooring, freshly painted hallways and classrooms, along with updated furniture and technology.

We are proud of our passionate, highly qualified, award winning staff and our dedicated families!

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KINGS BEACH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

KINGS BEACH

Kings Beach Elementary is a Two-Way Spanish/English Immersion school based on the 90/10 model, serving grades Transitional Kindergarten through fourth grade. Our program provides an immersion model for English-speaking students, as well as an additive bilingual model for Spanish-speaking students. All students learn a second language without compromising their first language.



Our classes are composed of an equal mix of native Spanish-speakers and native English-speakers who assist and learn from one another, allowing second language acquisition to occur naturally. The social interaction between students is a delight to behold. They truly learn from one another, developing high levels of confidence and self-esteem through their studies of two languages.

An emphasis on Spanish instruction in the early grades allows English-speakers ample exposure to the target language: Spanish. Spanish speakers have the

opportunity to expand their vocabulary and build a strong base in their first language. This enables students to be more successful as they begin to acquire English orally, and later as they transfer reading and writing skills into English. By the end of fourth grade, the goal is that all students will be able to read, write, and speak fluently in both Spanish and English.



Our dedicated staff works tirelessly to ensure the best educational experience for all our students. Learning comes alive as the beauty of both languages is explored through literature and song. Kings Beach Elementary students are supported by strong language programs and bilingual teachers as they continue on to North Tahoe School and then at North Tahoe High School.

This popular program attracts students from both Truckee and North Tahoe. We are extremely grateful for the strong community partnerships and parent support that we have at Kings Beach Elementary.

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DONNER TRAIL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Donner Trail Elementary is a multi-age magnet school nestled along the South Yuba River on Donner Summit. We have a strong reputation for academic excellence for all students and our dedicated teachers and staff empower our students to be successful as scholars and as members of our community. We maximize our students' potential by tailoring teaching and learning to the individual child ensuring acceleration, additional support, and engaging hands-on experiences. We meet the learning needs of all students and every child succeeds at Donner Trail!

Donner Trail offers small class sizes and a strong community atmosphere. We weave academics through an environmental science focus, real-life applications, and character and leadership development for our students. The multi-age aspect of our classrooms provides daily opportunities for powerful peer mentoring, targeted differentiation and a schoolwide shared love of learning.

We have a tradition of an environmental science focus at Donner Trail Elementary, and we are fortunate to include our beautiful natural surroundings in our studies. For example, every September we have our annual Yuba River Day where students bond with our natural setting and kick off a year of exploration with numerous inquiry and project-based learning experiences. Additionally, Donner Trail Elementary has led the district in experience-based outdoor education and has been the hub for the area's Winter Survival Program!



Donner Trail students are also highly engaged in classroom learning. We hold high expectations for students' reading, writing, math, speaking, and listening skills. Donner Trail consistently meets and exceeds academic expectations for our students as we guide them to explore these skills through the lenses of science, social science, and art. Our collective vision at Donner Trail Elementary is to balance rigorous literacy instruction and application of math with learning experiences that are meaningful on both academic and social levels.



Our Measure U facility upgrades are underway and we are so appreciative of the community's support to make this possible. In 2017, the additional wing and main upgrades will begin, making Donner Trail Elementary an even better place for students! We are proud of our passionate, highly qualified, and award-winning teachers and staff and our dedicated families are models of participation and support! With district and community partners, our inquiry and project-based science learning will exceed all expectations.

Our students are the true heart and soul of what makes Donner Trail such a special place, and we look forward to many learning adventures with our students.

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TAHOE LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Tahoe Lake Elementary School in Tahoe City is proud to be a California Gold Ribbon School, a California Distinguished School, and a hands-on science school! Our science focus continues to grow, and Tahoe Lake is excited to provide more hands-on, experiential, inquiry-based learning for our students every year.

Our focus is to make all learning engaging, exciting, and relevant through a science lens using the amazing resources of Lake Tahoe's natural environment that we find every time we step outside. We aim to lay a solid foundation for

our students to become skilled problem solvers and explorers as they grow. We believe that a solid foundation in science poises our students for great future accomplishments.

Tahoe Lake also emphasizes developing the confidence and connections of each child through learning, achievement, and reflection. We value our school

community and encourage parents to be involved in the classroom, with committees, and at family nights. A love of learning, critical thinking, social responsibility, and fun are incorporated in the nurturing of our future citizens.

In addition to science and the California Standards, our students also have many opportunities for enrichment in art, performance, music, outdoor learning, and Spanish language studies.

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TRUCKEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Truckee Elementary School is a High Performing Title I school and was recognized by the Campaign for Business and Education Excellence as a STEM Honor Roll school for the second consecutive year. We cherish the fact that our school is at the heart of the community with the most diverse campus in TTUSD. It is within this context that each child at Truckee Elementary develops a better understanding of their place in the world. We accomplish this through reading, writing, and math, as well as with the incorporation of technology, arts, and physical education.



Our outstanding teachers and staff are diligent in providing a coordinated system of learning that integrates subject areas and ensures that learner's needs are met. We promote a safe, responsible and respectful campus through our character education curriculum Second Step, and caring relationships amongst staff, students, and the larger school community!

Parent support is a BIG celebration at our school. We recognize the importance of parents in a child's education and provide multiple opportunities for parents to get involved in the Truckee Elementary School community. Whether it's volunteering in class, driving on field trips or attending evening school events,

we couldn't have such a fantastic school without our parents' support! This year we welcome our new PTO President Alisa Bennett. To get involved in our PTO email them at truckeeelPTO@gmail.com.

Our students also benefit tremendously from the strong community support we have at Truckee Elementary. We are so lucky to have partnerships with local businesses such as the Tahoe School of Music, Waltman Construction, Zano's, Shaffer Paving and Western Nevada Supply! Finally, the support we receive from the Excellence in Education Foundation and Measure A truly make our school and district a better place!

If you haven't already, we invite you to join the Truckee Elementary School learning community and enroll your child into the journey of discovery, learning and fun!

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COLD STREAM ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL

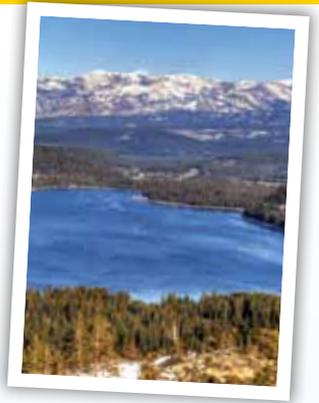
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Cold Stream Alternative School provides alternative education options and flexibility to students throughout Tahoe Truckee Unified School District, mostly at the high school level but we also support middle school students. Cold Stream offers a program tailored to meet the needs of families who want more choices in our educational model while remaining part of the Tahoe Truckee Unified School District. Classes and instruction are provided in Truckee, North Tahoe High School, and at the Rideout Community Center Building just outside of Tahoe City.

We provide small class sizes and personal instruction along with a rigorous, yet flexible schedule that allows our scholars to work from home or while traveling. Cold Stream offers a project-based, hands-on curriculum served by four multi-certificated teachers. While our students are still held to high

standards of achievement, flexibility is the key for students in Cold Stream. Students can meet with their teacher(s) once a week or more, and take multiple subjects, so that they can also take classes at Sierra College or at one of TTUSD's traditional schools.

Students can enroll full-time and graduate from Cold Stream with an accredited high school diploma or choose to take just one course. Each year over 100 students from all schools in TTUSD utilize Cold Stream to achieve credits through part-time or full-time enrollment. We are offering French again this year as a language option.



SIERRA EXPEDITIONARY LEARNING SCHOOL

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Sierra Expeditionary Learning School (SELS) is a K-8 public charter within the Tahoe Truckee Unified School District, serving approximately 212 students. SELS inspires a diverse group of learners to achieve academic excellence and develop a strong sense of character and community. The curriculum is implemented through project-based expeditions and fieldwork that challenge students to think critically while also fostering their natural curiosity and love of learning.

At the heart of Expeditionary Learning are learning expeditions – interdisciplinary units aligned with state and district standards. This approach is experiential and community-based, involving students in real-world studies with guiding questions and original research to create high-quality products for audiences beyond the classroom.



The goal of SELS is to awaken a love of learning in young people and to give them the ability and desire to carry on learning throughout life. We believe that an educated person needs to have a strong sense of self and realization of his or her gifts and talents. We help our students cultivate the following capacities:

» **Creativity** – think creatively, work creatively with others and implement innovations

- » **Critical Thinking** – reason effectively, use systems thinking, analyze, and solve problems
- » **Communication** – communicate clearly and collaborate with others
- » **Adaptability** – adapt to change and be flexible
- » **Initiative** – manage goals and time, work independently, and be self-directed learners
- » **Accountability** – prioritize, set and meet goals, and achieve results
- » **Leadership** – guide, lead others, and be responsible to others
- » **Information** – accessing and applying information technology effectively

At SELS, we are committed to ensuring that all of our students acquire these abilities, so they can thrive in a changing world and be a contributor to the community. Peer collaboration and character education are organic in our curriculum and “We are Crew, not Passengers” is our motto. Students are given the responsibility for their own learning. When afforded respect, fairness, kindness, discipline, and appropriate instruction, we believe that every child is capable of fully achieving his or her potential.

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SIERRA HIGH SCHOOL

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Sierra Continuation High School is made up of a unique and talented blend of scholars, educators, support staff, and community members who, as role models and mentors, are vested in creating a high quality, nurturing, and safe learning environment. Sierra High School is dedicated to providing our scholars with the education, guidance, and support necessary to succeed in all aspects of life. Multiple local entities contribute to the success of Sierra High, and we thank all of you for generous donations of not only funding but your countless hours to our scholars.

Sierra High School has continued to earn the California Model Continuation High School recognition year after year, an honor we have received continuously since 2000. We are one of only 24 California continuation schools, out of 479 in the state, who has received this distinction.

Sierra High School offers flexible scheduling matched by multi-credentialed staff members to allow students the avenues and options to succeed. Multiple ages and grade levels of scholars make up each classroom population. This unique blend of students allows a heightened interaction with staff members that lends itself to great collaborative learning environments. Progress is assessed through authentic measurements including performance-based outcomes.

Sierra High School provides classroom, individualized and personalized educational, emotional and social developmental opportunities. Each year

around 33% of our scholars attends Sierra College in conjunction with their high school course work.

A scholarship milestone was reached at the June 2016 graduation with over \$162,000 worth of scholarships awarded to the Sierra High School scholars.

Improvements to our campus have occurred over the last two years thanks to Measure U, and school district funding. Sidewalks, a parking lot, air conditioning, carpet, paint, technology and furniture upgrades, and a flag pole are among the many improvements.

Sierra High School is proud to offer an Introduction to Public Safety course this year funded by a grant from the California Department of Education. This course is open to any TTUSD high school students. This course offers students a glimpse into emergency response, firefighting, police, and a variety of emergency services in Truckee and beyond.

Our district also offers the STEPP and Next STEPP centers as early childhood care on the Sierra High School campus. The staff members that make these programs function are an amazing group of not only caregivers for our young community members, but teachers of young minds.

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