

EXCEL ACADEMY



January School Highlights



1063

556

1619

Warner

Helendale

Total

Enrollment



January Highlight



EXCEL ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

is named a
2023 California
Distinguished School!

*Congratulations to our teachers, staff,
students, and families!*



LISTEN TO INTERVIEW WITH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Heidi Gasca

JAN | 11th | 2023

5:00, 6:00, & 7:00AM

Positive News shoutout
from Colleen Quinn @
8:00am



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Listen in as Heidi talks about
Excel Academy's recent
California Distinguished Schools
recognition!

*Excel Academy is one out of 356
schools in the state, one of three
schools in San Bernardino County
and the only school servicing the
high desert area to receive this
honor!*

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Publications Recognizing EACS' Achievement!

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Excel only High Desert school to earn 'Distinguished' award by CDE

Audio report by Andrew Caravella Jan 10, 2023 Updated Jan 10, 2023

Interview with Excel Academy on CDE 'Distinguished' award

Most Popular

- Driver takes his own life in BVR Tesla crash
- Here's what you need to know about Victorville's first-ever Sprouts
- Man leaves crisis center, walks into traffic and dies
- SoCal Edison worker killed on the job in Barstow
- Police stand off with Marine veteran ends in arrest
- Los Angeles fire captain tops city's highest-paid list with \$712,000 in 2022
- Prisoner trio found guilty of murder at Victorville prison
- Motorcycle gang member gets 10 years for killing policeman

California Charter Schools Association

California Department of Education Honors 48 Charter Schools as Distinguished Schools

NEWSROOM / CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION HONORS 48 CHARTER SCHOOLS AS DISTINGUISHED SCHOOLS

SACRAMENTO, CA

January 11, 2023

California Charter Schools Association (CCSA) today announced that 48 charter public schools have been recognized by the California Department of Education (CDE) as Distinguished Schools. The California Department of Education's Distinguished Schools program recognizes exceptional public schools for their work in closing the achievement gap or in achieving exceptional student performance.

"Being named a California Distinguished School is a tremendous honor and a testament to the communities of public school educators, students, families, and community members who make these schools exceptional places of learning. The 48 charter public schools that were recognized have successfully leveraged their autonomy and flexibility to reimagine public education for their students," said Myrna Castrejón, CCSA President and CEO. "The ability of these schools to weather the pandemic storm and combat the learning loss that was so prevalent in communities across the state is worthy of recognition. These schools are shining examples of why charter public school favorability is at historic levels and an important reminder of the positive impact that charters have on California's public education system."

The charter schools recognized as 2023 Distinguished Schools are:

SOCAL
San Bernardino, Helendale Elementary
· Excel Academy Charter

SAN DIEGO
San Diego, Warner Unified
· Excel Academy Charter

CCSA California Charter Schools Association

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Board Governance Highlights

FEBRUARY 2023



DID YOU KNOW...

Excel Academy had its very first Theater Production on January 20, 2023! More than 100 audience members were in attendance to watch 19 Excel Students sing, act, and perform. They did an outstanding job!

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		1 WASC Visit 	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 EACS Spring All Staff PD 	9 EACS Board Meeting 	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 CSRP Awards Ceremony 	17	18	19
20	21	22 CCSA Office Visit 	23 Helendale Site Visit 	24	25	26
27	28	29				

BOARD MEMBER RESOURCES & UPDATES

• Board Meetings in Chula Vista

Starting March 12, 2023, Board Members have the option to attend Board Meetings from the private conference room in Chula Vista, reserved by Excel Academy. If Board members choose to continue attending Board Meetings from their home, AB 361 requires them to keep their door open to any members of the public who wish to listen in from the Board Members' location

**333 H. Street
Chula Vista, CA 91910**



• CSRP Awards Ceremony



Excel Academy will be awarded the California Distinguished School Award on Feb. 16, 2023 at the Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim, CA. Those registered to attend can join in the morning for awards and photos (specific time slot between 9:30-2:00pm), and attend the banquet and show in the evening from 6:00-8:30pm

Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Visit

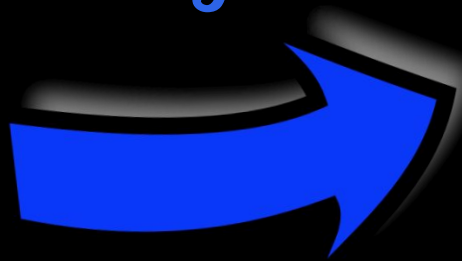


The visiting WASC Committee met with the EACS team from January 30 - February 1 to review and assess the six focus areas of the school. At the conclusion, the committee ranked Excel Academy as Effective and/or Highly Effective across all categories. We are so proud of the hard work our entire staff put into the WASC process!



Theater Arts Production

Play Me!



Theater Arts Production




Excel Academy was proud to put on the very first Theater Production, Dare to Dream, presented by a full cast of Excel Academy Students!


January Social Media Campaign


Creative Learning Series

PROJECT-BASED LEARNING CURRICULUM & CCPS


Mystery Science  Mystery Science is offering free trials right now through June! It's a great way for K-5th graders to do project-based science.

A great resource for hands on activities and current trends in education for elementary, middle, and high school students.


WeAreTeachers.com  WeAreTeachers.com

Oak Meadow  Curriculum that allow students to participate in experiential explorations that combine core knowledge, creative problem-solving, and artistic skills.

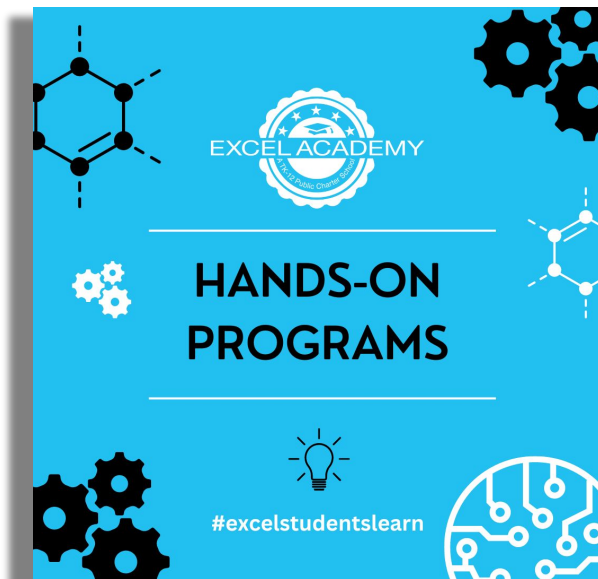
Curriculum for creative, hands-on, and gifted learners.

Moving Beyond the Page  Moving Beyond the Page

Video-based lessons and a la carte books for Geometry, Physics, Chemistry, and Art/

Waldorf Homeschool Curriculum  Waldorf Homeschool Curriculum

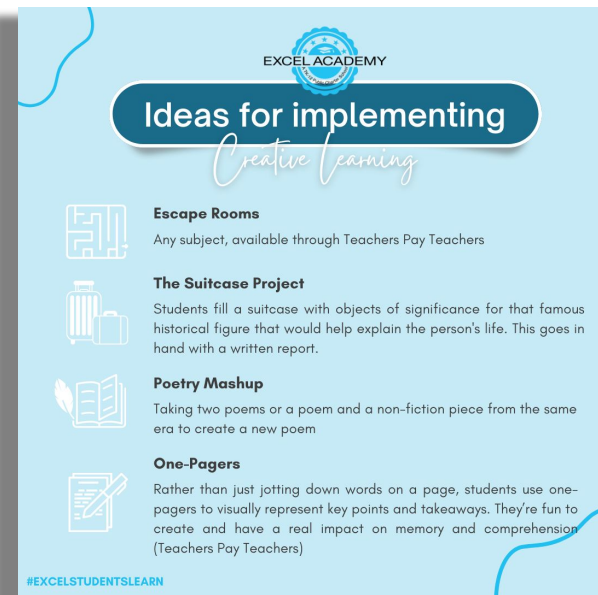
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The Art of Public Education

HANDS-ON PROGRAMS

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Ideas for implementing *Creative Learning*

Escape Rooms
Any subject, available through Teachers Pay Teachers

The Suitcase Project
Students fill a suitcase with objects of significance for that famous historical figure that would help explain the person's life. This goes in hand with a written report.

Poetry Mashup
Taking two poems or a poem and a non-fiction piece from the same era to create a new poem

One-Pagers
Rather than just jotting down words on a page, students use one-pagers to visually represent key points and takeaways. They're fun to create and have a real impact on memory and comprehension (Teachers Pay Teachers)

#EXCELSTUDENTSLEARN

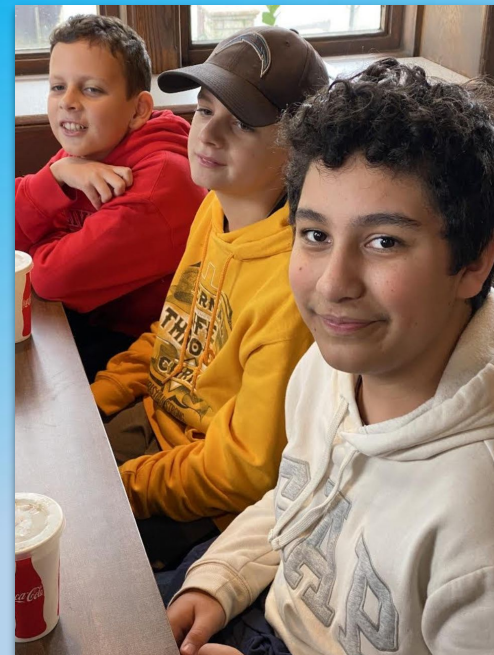
Outdoor Classroom



Marine Mammal Cruise Field Trip



Virtual 7th Grade Class Meet-Up

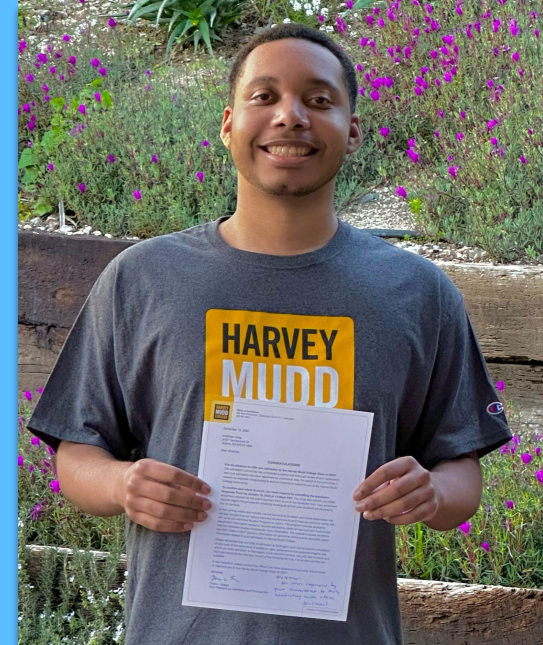


Student Spotlight

Matthew Craig is a senior at Excel Academy and has blossomed during his years with Excel. He has had Math and Science teachers that have rekindled his love of learning. The more he learned the more his confidence began to build. Matthew found his strengths in Math and science, however found challenges in Writing and Literature. Excel however offered a curriculum that would help him along the way.

Matthew has now maintained an impressive GPA, become a member of the National Honor Society and started a club, helping build computers for kids who love gaming as a way to get them excited about STEM. He has been accepted into first choice school, Harvey Mudd—one of the most competitive universities in the US!

Matthew Craig



Staff Highlight:

Megan Anderson



Megan Anderson is the Assistant Director of Human Resources at Excel Academy and has brought a tremendous amount of wisdom, insight, and knowledge to the team! She has implemented incredible resources and initiatives that have improved the performance evaluation process, staff culture, professional development, and salary structure. We are so grateful for her!

Leadership Staff Training & PD

	Business Services & Operations Leadership	★ <i>Management & Leadership Skills for New Managers and Supervisors</i>
	Special Education & Intervention Teams	★ <i>ACSA Every Child Counts Symposium</i>
	Gen Ed Leadership	★ <i>Diversity Matters: Recognize & Overcome Unconscious Bias</i>
	Executive Director	★ <i>ACSA Superintendents Symposium</i>

Looking forward to...



*CCSA Conference
Mar. 13-16, 2023*



*CSRPA Awards Ceremony
Feb. 16, 2023*



*Spring All Staff PD
Feb. 8, 2023*



Thank you!

