

Norris Elementary School District

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3 Elementary Schools

1 Middle School

Enrollment 3,577

Mission Statement

The educational philosophy of the Norris District is built on the following principles:

- A **BELIEF** in the worth and dignity of each and every person.
- A **RESPECT** for the knowledge and a strong commitment to provide quality educational opportunities for each of our students.
- A **CONVICTION** that democratic societies have more to offer than totalitarian societies.
- A **FAITH** in reason and in an orderly solution of conflict.
- A **BELIEF** in the protection of personal liberties within the limits of the law.
- A **BELIEF** that our success as an educational institution is measured primarily by the success and achievement of our students.

District Profile

The Norris School District started with the donation of one acre of land from Bob Norris' homestead. The District was formed and the boundary established in 1880. In 1882 the first Norris School was built. This first school was a one room red structure that can still be seen at Pioneer Village, Kern County Museum. Students arrived to school on horseback or on horse drawn vehicles over narrow dirt roads. Drinking water came from a hand pump, a bucket and a communal dipper. A wood stove heated the room that contained students from grade levels first through eighth.

The original building was used for 32 years before it was moved to the Rosedale Ranch where it was used for grain storage until it was presented to Pioneer Village in 1959. In 1917 there were 196,000 one-room schools in the United States. Today there are 400 such schools. At Norris we want to maintain the one-room school atmosphere. An atmosphere where there is a bond between students and their teachers, with a high degree of parental involvement and a sense of loyalty between our community and the schools that serve them.