

Sierra Sands Unified School District

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7 Elementary Schools
2 Middle Schools
1 High School
1 Continuation School
Enrollment 5,717



Mission Statement

We are committed to providing the highest quality education to all K-12 students within a safe environment. We believe the school shares with the family, church, and community the responsibility for developing life-long learners who are responsible, productive citizens.

District Profile

Sierra Sands Unified School District serves an enrollment of approximately 5,700 with seven elementary schools, two middle schools, a comprehensive high school, a continuation high school, an adult school, an independent study center, and an alternative placement center. The District has achieved fiscal solvency through excellent management and is a leader in state and national efforts for support of public schools. The Board of Education places a priority on the recruitment of a highly qualified professional staff and supports and encourages inservice training and professional development. The Board's commitment to high quality instructional programs is pursued through upgrading courses of study and textbooks, and consideration of innovative programs for improved instruction. The courses of study and demanding levels of proficiency adopted for each grade level and as graduation requirements by the Board encourage excellence in pupil achievement. Sierra Sands Unified School District offers excellent elective, fine arts, and activities programs. Pupils in the Sierra Sands Unified School District achieve above the state average, earning state and national awards and recognition in many areas, such as state science fairs. Many Sierra Sands students qualify for military academy placements.

The Sierra Sands Unified School District is located in the Indian Wells Valley of California's beautiful high desert. The valley, averaging 2,500 feet in elevation, is surrounded by the magnificent Sierra Nevada, Coso, and Argus Mountain Ranges. The city of Los Angeles is a three-hour drive to the south, and Bakersfield, the Kern County seat, is two hours to the west. Summer temperatures average 90 degrees with low humidity and pleasant breezes. Even the hottest days, when temperatures exceed 100 degrees, give way to pleasant evenings and beautiful sunsets. Winter daytime temperatures are often in the 60's and 70's, and although night and early morning temperatures sometimes fall below freezing, there is very little precipitation, and snow is rare.