

Continuation schools in S.D. County win honors

Several continuation high schools in San Diego County have been named as Model Continuation High Schools for 2020 by state Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond.

Forty-three schools in California were named by the program. In San Diego County, four schools were among those recognized. They are: Abraxas High School, Poway Unified School District; Garfield High School, San Diego Unified School District; **Twin Oaks High School, San Marcos Unified School District;** and Valley High School, Escondido Union High School District.

“This recognition is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and determination of the teachers, school staff and administrators who are helping these students to thrive personally and academically,” said Thurmond in a statement. “With the right guidance, encouragement and support, students in continuation high schools can access the same career and college opportunities after graduation as their peers in traditional school settings. These model schools give students a chance to not only succeed in high school but in life.”

The recognized schools offer various opportunities for their students to achieve academic and social success. Continuation schools provide a high school diploma program for students ages 16-18 who have not graduated from high school, are required to attend school and are at risk of not completing their education. The Model Continuation High Schools were chosen based on a competitive process that involved assessments and data. The process included a peer review panel and on-site visit.

The recognition program is a collaboration between the California Department of Education and the California Continuation Education Association. The program honors continuation high schools for the comprehensive services they provide at-risk youths through instructional strategies, flexible scheduling, guidance and counseling.

The 43 schools recognized will retain their designation for three years and will be recognized at the 2020 CCEA State Conference May 1-3 in San Diego. Visit cde.ca.gov/sp/eo/ce/index.asp or cceanet.org.

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