

Press Release

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Rosemead School District Announces the Recognition of Muscatel Middle School for their Recognition as a Leader in Me 2024 Lighthouse Academic Honor Roll by Covey Education



Rosemead, California – The Rosemead School District is pleased to announce that Muscatel Middle School has been recognized as a *Leader in Me* 2024 Lighthouse Academic Honor Roll school by Covey Education. The Academic Honor Roll distinction recognizes its outstanding academic proficiency and leadership development. This prestigious recognition underscores the school's dedication to promoting student growth and achievement.

The Lighthouse Academic Honor Roll acknowledges *Leader in Me* schools that have met the rigorous criteria necessary to achieve and maintain Lighthouse School Certification while demonstrating exemplary academic growth or proficiency based on state accountability standards. Muscatel Middle School's percentile ranking of 83.9 places it among the top-performing schools in the state, showcasing its dedication to academic excellence.

This recognition is determined through an independent analysis conducted by Schooldigger.com, a nonprofit organization that evaluates school performance data nationwide. To qualify, schools must meet or exceed the 85th percentile in academic proficiency or demonstrate at least a 5% growth in their percentile ranking from the previous year. Muscatel Middle School's remarkable performance underscores its effectiveness in fostering a culture of learning and leadership.

In celebration of this accomplishment, Muscatel Middle School will receive a special decal to affix to its Lighthouse Banner, symbolizing its continued excellence and leadership. The school remains committed to upholding high academic standards and empowering students to reach their full potential.

Principal Dr. Hugo Moreno shared the following, "I am thrilled to announce that Muscatel Middle School has been recognized as a recipient of the Leader in Me 2024 Lighthouse Academic Honor Roll. This distinction celebrates our school's commitment to fostering student leadership and academic excellence, which is made possible through the collaboration of our dedicated educators, supportive families, and exceptional students."

"Muscatel Middle School's recognition as a Leader in Me Lighthouse Academic Honor Roll school is a testament to the dedication of our students, educators, and families in fostering a culture of leadership and academic excellence. We are incredibly proud of this achievement and grateful for the commitment to student growth and success," expressed Board President Mrs. Diane Benitez.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Philip D'Agostino shared, "I am immensely proud of the students and staff at Muscatel Middle School being selected for the Lighthouse Academic Honor Roll by Covey Education. This award affirms how the school compels students to use their academic abilities and leadership skills to positively impact their classrooms, their teams, and the wider school community. A culture where students not only excel in their studies but also help others, take responsibility, and demonstrate the qualities of effective leaders is evident in Muscatel. Great job!!!"

The District also commends the hard work and unwavering dedication of the Muscatel teachers and staff. On behalf of the Rosemead School District Board of Trustees and District Administration, we are extremely proud and congratulate all students and staff for a job well done!

ABOUT THE MUSCATEL MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Muscatel Middle School is a public school that serves students in grades 7-8, located at 4201 North Ivar Avenue in Rosemead, California. The school is a part of the Rosemead Elementary School District and serves approximately 477 students. Dr. Hugo Moreno leads the school as principal in partnership with Mr. Roberto Pineda as Assistant Principal, bringing over 43 years of experience in education. Muscatel offers a range of programs designed to promote academic excellence and personal growth. Notably, the school implements the "Leader in Me" program, which focuses on developing leadership skills in students by promoting personal responsibility, goal setting, and teamwork. Additionally, the school utilizes the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program to promote positive behavior and cultivate a supportive learning environment. Muscatel has been recognized for its academic performance, ranking within the top 30% of California public schools and providing extracurricular activities, clubs, sports, and other recreational opportunities. Muscatel also offers families the ASES program for before and after-school care.

To learn more about the program offerings at Muscatel Middle School, please visit the school's main office, call (626) 287-1139, or visit the school website at http://www.rosemead.k12.ca.us/muscatel.

ABOUT THE ROSEMEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Rosemead School District (RSD) serves students who reside in Rosemead, as well as portions of El Monte, San Gabriel, and Temple City. RSD serves 2,431 students in four PK-6 elementary schools (Encinita, Mildred B. Janson, Savannah, and Emma W. Shuey Elementary Schools) and one 7-8 middle school (Muscatel Middle School). We are proud partners with the City of Rosemead and deeply value our responsibility to serve our community and its children.

For more information about the Rosemead School District, please visit www.rosemead.k12.ca.us. For more information about school educational programs, please contact the Educational Services Department at (626) 312-2900, extension 213. To learn more about the Mandarin Dual Language Immersion (DLI) program at Encinita Elementary School, visit https://www.rosemead.k12.ca.us/domain/321. We encourage everyone to follow the Rosemead School District through the free Rosemead Mobile App and download it today (for instructions, visit https://www.rosemead.k12.ca.us). Stay informed about the great things happening at the Rosemead School District via Twitter @CommunicateRSD.