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Tahoe Truckee Unified School District

TTUSD RECENT AWARDS

>> Tahoe Truckee was named a Pacesetter community for the sixth consecutive year by the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading.

>> Superintendent Chief Learning Officer Rob Leri was named the Best Local Government Official in the Sierra Sun’s 2019 Best of North Lake Tahoe & Truckee.

>> Three of our teachers were recognized in the Sierra Sun’s 2019 Best of North Lake Tahoe & Truckee. In first place was Jesse Steele, Music Teacher at Truckee High School. Second place was Allie Everist of Tahoe Lake Elementary, and runner up was Lisa Lindeen of Glenshire Elementary.

>> Truckee High School was named to the Campaign for Business and Education Excellence’s 2018-2019 California Honor Roll.

>> Seven of our teachers earned the 2019 Placer County Teachers Who Make a Difference Award: Jason Flesock of North Tahoe High School, Carey Parlette of Cold Stream Alternative, Tamara Chisholm of Truckee High School, Adelaide Massetani of Alder Creek Middle School, Marguerite Paras of Truckee Elementary, Abby Osborn of Tahoe Lake Elementary, and Kelley Ogilvy of Kings Beach Elementary.

>> North Tahoe High School’s Dean Nordby earned the CMEA Music Educator Award for 2019.

>> Alder Creek Middle School principal, Hien Larson, was named ACSA’s 2019 Region 2 and Placer County Middle School Principal of the Year.

>> Tahoe Lake Elementary School principal, Stephanie Foucek, was named ACSA’s 2019 Placer County Elementary Principal of the Year.

>> North Tahoe High School named a California Distinguished School by the California Department of Education.

>> Alder Creek Middle School re-designated a California School to Watch: Taking Center Stage by the California State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

>> TTUSD was recognized for the second consecutive year as a Green Ribbon School District by the California Department of Education.

>> SELS was named a National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education.

>> TTUSD was placed on the College Board’s Gaston Caperton Opportunity Honor Roll for expanding access to college for typically underrepresented students.
Dear Parents and Community Members,

At TTUSD, we are committed to providing pathways to possibilities and student success. We achieve this in partnership with parents, teachers, staff, and our community. The high-quality and well-rounded education we offer for our students is possible because of the generosity and support of our community.

I am honored to serve as your Superintendent Chief Learning Officer for my eighth school year. Our award-winning school district is focused on the academic and emotional success of each of our students. We do this through a rich, diverse, and comprehensive educational experience for our scholars.

We are so fortunate to have such a strong Board of Education who embodies our district’s visions and beliefs. Our belief #1 is that students are the focus of all decisions, and our board lives by this. We are appreciative of their leadership and the fact that they always act in the best interest of our scholars. The board’s strong connection to our students and staff, as well as their presence at school and district events, is valued and integral to why they govern so effectively.

Currently, our board and leadership team are in the process of revisiting our Pathways 2020 Strategic Plan and our vision and beliefs. We want to ensure that we continue to grow and improve and that we are as strategic as possible in all we do.

TTUSD students are thriving and engaged and have strong personal connections at their schools. These connections are so important and powerful. We strive to ensure that every student has meaningful connections and relationships at their school and feel safe, comfortable, and ready for success.

We have many programs in place to ensure our students are ready for college, career, and life by the time they graduate. Here are highlights of some of our programs:

>> CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION PATHWAYS

We offer a variety of high-quality Career Technical Education (CTE) Pathways. Our CTE Pathways combine rigorous academics and hands-on learning experiences with real-world application. Each pathway provides opportunities for internships, job shadows, workplace visits, industry certifications, and competitions. The content of pathway courses is highly challenging while including hands-on learning from experts in the Tahoe Truckee community. Scholars explore college options, career opportunities, and develop key competencies, such as problem-solving, innovation, critical thinking, collaboration, and communication; all are necessary skills to thrive in today’s 21st century workplace.

We offer pathways in engineering, biotechnology, culinary, public safety, and more.

>> ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

Our scholars have access to up to 15 Advanced Placement (AP) courses at our comprehensive high schools, including Biology, Physics, Environmental Science, and Computer Science. AP classes are designed to prepare students for the rigor of college-level work and post-graduate success. We are very proud of our high number of AP offerings despite our small school sizes as it rivals high schools in large cities. Thank you Measure AA, for funding this outstanding program.

>> 1:1 TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

We have a very successful 1:1 technology program thanks to the support from the Excellence in Education Foundation. All students in grades five through 12 receive their own Chromebook for the school year to use in class and at home for their school work. This personal device is to support the day-to-day instruction and learning and support teachers as they integrate educational technology throughout their lesson plans. (Fourth graders are part of our 1:1 program as well, but the devices do not go home with them.)
**>> ATHLETE COMMITTED**

We are in our fifth year of Athlete Committed. This program supports our athletes, coaches, and parents. Athlete Committed is a community partnership designed to optimize athletic performance and health and wellness by educating athletes on the impact of nutrition, sleep, character, stress, and chemical health. Student-athlete leaders play an integral role in the implementation and promotion of this program. They promote the model, participate in training their peers, and support their fellow athletes on and off the field.

**>> UPGRADING OUR SCHOOLS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY**

A great deal of work has been underway the past five years on facility improvement projects funded by Measures E and U. We are modernizing and upgrading our aging schools and enhancing safety, so our students have the best educational experience possible. The work includes upgrading existing school building systems; updating technology infrastructure; improving performing arts, multipurpose, food service, and physical education facilities; modernizing and reconfiguring classrooms and lab buildings; constructing new classrooms, science labs, and career technical education facilities; improving outdoor learning and exterior play spaces; and upgrading student safety and campus security.

Construction was just completed at Kings Beach Elementary School. The upgrades include modernization of the core area, a new classroom wing, the new installation and repair of existing roofs, new windows in the multi-purpose room, interior and exterior paint, a new kindergarten playground, landscaping, new main corridor flooring and ceilings, and fire alarm system upgrades.

**>> CONSTRUCTION IS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY AT THE FOLLOWING THREE SCHOOLS**

**Tahoe Lake Elementary**

This project involves the major renovation of the school, which was originally constructed in 1934. The historic core is being preserved while classrooms are modernized, and new classrooms are built to replace existing modulars. Project completion date is summer 2020 in time for the 2020-2021 school year.

**Truckee Elementary**

This project involves a major renovation of the school building and site including upgrades to the existing school building infrastructure, modernization of the existing classrooms including technology infrastructure, construction of a new classroom wing and new classrooms including a new hands-on science lab, expansion and relocation of the school library, construction of a new cafeteria and kitchen, and security upgrades.

**Truckee High School**

This project involves the renovation of the existing school building and site and the construction of a new two-story classroom wing. The new “West Wing” houses science, engineering, Gone Boarding, and technology programs. Other upgrades include the construction of a new library, the modernization of the girls’ locker room, enhancing the front facade, reconfiguring and expanding the band area, improving and expanding student gathering areas, improving bus and student drop-off areas, and improving the parking layout.

We can’t thank the Tahoe Truckee community enough for their generous support to make these much-needed upgrades a reality for our students.
Teachers have one of the most important jobs in the world. Their work and impact extend far beyond the boundaries of the classroom. They educate and shape our youth. They teach them life skills. Their job takes passion, heart, and commitment.

Below, TTUSD teachers across the district share what they love about teaching.

Amy King, Alder Creek Middle School
I love being able to get to know students as people: what they love, what they do, where they come from. Sixth graders have a great sense of humor, a willingness to learn, and a need to figure things out. I think this year is one of huge change for kids, and I love seeing them through it! They learn so much more than math and science - and I have fun watching them become more capable people.

Danielle Beymer, Kings Beach Elementary
What I love about teaching is the opportunity to help create a community where all feel safe to be themselves. Where we can learn from each other and laugh together and where individuals and their growth are celebrated. It is an absolute joy to witness kids realize they have learned something new or discovered that they can do something they previously couldn’t!

Jill Zapata, Sierra High School
I love working with adolescents and providing a safe place for them to learn to be adults. I love being able to mentor and help provide a safe space for teens to transition to adulthood. I have always believed learning is the best thing you can do for yourself and I am grateful daily that I get to provide a place to help teens become better learners.

Andee Repsher, Glenshire Elementary
Teaching and watching my students flourish is my passion. I’m so fortunate to be in a classroom each and every day with amazing little minds. I love my job! I love that every day is a new adventure. I love building a community within my classroom and creating a positive learning environment where we all work hard, cheer each other on, and celebrate our successes. I love getting to know my students and their families. And last but not least, I love the energy of the new day when everyone is buzzing into the classroom SO excited to see each other like it’s been years since we’ve been together.

Jason Flesock, North Tahoe High School
What I love most about teaching is how every single day presents itself with the chance to make a long-lasting impact on the lives of my students. I love interacting with them, learning from them, inspiring a love for science with them, getting them to see new potential in themselves, and helping them see the rich connections between what they are learning and their very own lives. Simply put, the students I get to work with every day make this job so incredibly fulfilling and I could not imagine doing anything else.

Carey Parlette, Cold Stream Alternative
Throughout the past 19 years in this district, I’ve realized how lucky I am to have landed here. Experiencing this career path through Truckee High and Cold Stream continues to give me hope in our world’s future. I love, in the teaching profession, that every day brings unexpected surprises and delights and problems to solve. I am especially grateful that I am learning every day and continue to make meaningful connections with students. And, if I can inspire them to love learning, then I can feel successful.

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FROM A TEACHER’S PERSPECTIVE

Judi Scoville, Tahoe Lake Elementary
Teaching is FUN! My students keep me on my toes and I love that every day is a new day. I’m always learning from my students, and I hope I’m making a difference in their lives. Nothing is more rewarding than seeing my students grow in regards to what they know and to see their confidence grow. I have the best co-workers and I love my Tahoe Lake family.

Carolyn Stewart, Truckee Elementary
I love being surrounded by curious little people and hearing a student say “I’m great at Science!” I love that each day is a new opportunity to make a positive difference in a child’s life. The other teachers, staff and school environment is also a big part of what I love about teaching; there’s a hustle and bustle of everyone doing what they love. I love the joy of learning, on display, each and every day and being able to do something I love where I feel like I make a difference.

Tamara Chisholm, Truckee High School
What I love about my job is that every day is a new adventure. I love making connections with students and staff! Each student is a beautiful, unique character and they challenge me to truly be present every day and reflect. I also love to learn! It’s an exciting time in education and I’m so happy and proud to be a teacher, especially in our district.

Erica Allstadt, Donner Trail Elementary
I love everything about teaching. I love teaching kids to love learning. My focus is having students fall in love with wanting to learn and once I’ve done that and immerse them in content, I get to see them challenge themselves and accomplish things they never thought they could. My kids own their learning and they have a sense of pride in themselves. This is a joy to see in action.

Diane Welch, Second and Third-Grade Combo Teacher, SELS
I am passionate about teaching and experiencing the “A-HA’s” from the students give me such joy! I love spending time with kids and getting to know them and helping them celebrate their successes and find strategies to help them overcome their challenges. Pushing students just beyond their comfort zone is when I see the most growth. Seeing students push through difficult assignments and giving them a sense of purpose for their assignments allows me to raise the bar and see them reach their goals on a daily basis.

Kathleen Tippins, Sixth-Grade Teacher, North Tahoe School
I’ve been teaching for over 20 years now and what I love most about teaching is the kids! I love getting to be with them and getting to know the kids individually, and how they operate within a team. I enjoy creating strong relationships with each of them and I like that every day is different.

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Our Classified employees are front-line employees who make a huge difference in a positive school and district environment. From transporting and feeding students to teaching them vital skills and ensuring that schools are operating smoothly, classified employees are integral to the success of TTUSD.

A few of our behind the scenes heroes share their perspective:

**Hilary Stoner**  
Wellness Coordinator, North Tahoe High School

Working with adolescents fulfills and inspires me daily. High schoolers are full of excitement about life that as an adult sometimes I take for granted. They remind me to laugh freely, celebrate milestones, and be open to new things. Working with adolescents feels like watching a flower grow, you see tremendous growth in such a short time. It’s incredible to watch them testing who they are and persevering when they make mistakes. Watching this feels exciting and fills me with hope about life and humanity.

**Peter Siebelink**  
School Bus Driver, Transportation Department

What I love about my job is that it’s not the same from day to day. I might be fixing a snow blower or working on any given vehicle in the district. I would have to say my favorite part of my job is driving any given bus route in the district and seeing kids I haven’t seen for months. Sometimes not recognizing them at first because of how much they have grown. Having a student board the bus and ask you where have you been and how you are is really special.

**Amanda Richardson**  
Donner Trail Elementary

I have several roles at Donner Trail and I do a little bit of everything around the school. My varied responsibilities keep me busy and involved with the kids. I get to interact with students throughout their day and I feed off of their energy and enthusiasm. We have a special atmosphere at Donner Trail and I really enjoy it. My favorite thing is when I get to work one-on-one with a student and I see something click. It’s such a great feeling!

**Natalie Franco**  
Campus Monitor, Alder Creek Middle School

What I admire about my job is knowing I can make an impact in a child’s life. I came from a background where I had little to no resources and because of that I always aspired to help others succeed. I love getting to know my students and building a relationship with them. I also want students to feel like they can trust adults. Overall, education is the foundation for knowledge and it’s important to serve as a positive role model because in all sincerity our students are our future leaders and everything we do as a community they look up to that example.

**Patty Cardoza**  
Registrar, Truckee High School

What I love most about my job is the people! We have a great team of people and I work with them all: students, parents, counselors, and teachers. It is very rewarding to be able to help students maneuver through high school and on to their next step - whatever that may be. I sit behind the scenes each year at our Evening of Excellence ceremony and am literally in tears over the amazing accomplishments of our students.

**Araceley Alvarez**  
Custodian, SELS

I love being at SELS and every opportunity I get to see and interact with the kids. SELS is a special place. My kids have gone to SELS and I love this school. The staff and the students are all so friendly. I love my job and appreciate it!

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Renee DeAragon  
Resource Aid, grades K-3, Glenshire Elementary

I really love the kids. My kids are grown and I love being around the young flow of life. I love getting to be the one to provide extra support for the kiddos that need it, and forming relationships and trust with kids so they feel safe and can be successful. I want every kid to have their best shot at succeeding school!

Addie Gramanz  
Instructional Aide Library Media Assistant, Tahoe Lake Elementary

I love working at Tahoe Lake Elementary with students that are so excited to learn how and what to read. Every day here is a fun-filled journey. I enjoy choosing books for read-a-loud storytime for teachers to read to their classes. When I am not having library time, I work reading individually and in reading circles with our younger students. There is nothing more rewarding than when I hear these young students start saying, “Mrs. Gramanz, I’m reading, I’m actually reading!”

Eric Bennett  
Instructional Assistant, Sierra High School

I really appreciate that what I do in supporting students is essentially like being an education detective. Every year, and seemingly every day, new challenges arise in helping students more effectively access their potential to learn and grow as individuals. With each new challenge comes new mysteries to crack and unique angles to explore. When that process culminates in a student feeling good about themselves or moving on to bigger things, it’s a tough feeling to top, and gets me excited for what’s next!

Alicia Lampley  
Counselor, Cold Stream Alternative

What I love about my job is our relationships with students. We have a strong commitment to learning about each of our students as a whole person so we can better understand how to best meet their needs. In addition to educational needs, we also consider everything from basic needs to social-emotional needs. We know that every student has a unique situation that requires a creative plan. And that plans must evolve alongside our students. I so appreciate the love and support we get from the community and the district and their dedication to wellness. We know that students are more successful in school when there is an emphasis on improving social, emotional and mental health. I am grateful to be in an environment that values this.

Mark Monrean  
Special Friends, Truckee Elementary

I love my job and my favorite thing about my job is the kids. I love being with the kids. I’m known as “Mr. Mark” and my claim to fame is getting 500 kids thru the cafeteria safely in two hours.

In the Special Friends program, I get to spend time with kids throughout the school day. I love dressing up for special occasions at school and making the kids laugh. The interaction with the kids is the best. When I see the kids around town and they say “hey Mr. Mark!, it brightens my day!

Marci Calderon  
Administrative Secretary, Kings Beach Elementary

I have been working at Kings Beach Elementary for over 19 years and I love it! Every day is different. I enjoy working with students because they are so kind and each one is special in their own way. Working with Kyle (our principal) and our staff it’s like having a second family. When I wake up in the morning I look forward to coming to work and starting my day.

Terri Tangney  
School Secretary, North Tahoe School

I have an amazing job! I love being in a school environment and with kids and I get to work with people who are so dedicated to our students and love what they’re doing. We all want what’s best for the kids. It’s great to be with the kids and see their growth throughout the school year and their time at NTS!

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We are proud to be a California Distinguished School. We also earned recognition in the 2019 Best High School Rankings by US News & World Report. We have a successful 1:1 technology program thanks to the Excellence in Education Foundation and funding from our district. Each student has a personal device to use in class and at home to complete assignments.

Through several partnerships and committed staff, administration, and community members, we are able to tailor courses to fit students’ active lives. Living in a world-class ski area and highly active community, many students push themselves to the highest levels within their sports, arts, and other pursuits. To do this, students need to be on the slopes, parks, studios, and trails practicing. Through the Independent Study/Ski Academy, we create schedules that allow students to pursue their dreams while attending a comprehensive high school, with support while they are away.

Students enrolled in the Academy take a minimum of three or four classes on campus, and the rest is completed through Cold Stream Alternative, online courses, or at Sierra College. An Independent Study Academy coordinator helps facilitate assignments and other needs of students while traveling for competition and training. Non-Academy students who need a flexible schedule or want to take classes elsewhere also have the opportunity to explore independent study and Sierra College classes.
**>> COURSES**

In addition to core classes, NTHS offers electives in band, art, ceramics, photography, engineering, culinary arts, Spanish language, and a variety of upper-level science courses. NTHS offers a total of 13 Advanced Placement Courses and several Career Technical Education (CTE) Pathways. For students who need additional support, we offer courses that focus on increasing literacy skills and study skills.

**>> CONNECTIONS**

Link Crew is a year-long high school transition program that welcomes freshmen and makes them feel comfortable throughout the first year of their high school experience. Built on the belief that students can help students succeed, Link Crew is a proven high school transition program that trains juniors and seniors to be Peer Leaders for the freshmen class. As positive role models, Link Crew Leaders are mentors and student leaders who guide the freshmen to discover what it takes to be successful during the transition to high school and help facilitate a successful first year.
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In addition to core classes, Truckee High School's mission is to inspire, prepare, and empower students for college, career, and a purposeful life. To meet our mission, we offer high-level curriculum delivered in a small school setting. Our diverse and rigorous programming includes Advanced Placement (AP) and Career Technical Education Pathway courses, and our teachers continue to make enhancements to the curriculum to ensure scholars get the best educational experience possible. Our focus is on well-rounded students, and we offer 16 different sports and 14 clubs students can choose from. Our student-athletes participate in the Athlete Committed program which stresses the importance of a healthy lifestyle, proper nutrition, sleep and being a good team member and student. The program is designed to optimize athletic performance, promote good decision-making, and healthy choices.

We have a Biomedical Science Pathway with Introduction to the Principles of Biomedical Science and Human Body Systems, as well as an Engineering Pathway with Introduction to Engineering Design and Principles of Engineering, which is now an honors level course.

These pathways use the nationally recognized Project Lead the Way curriculum, and students are exposed to a comprehensive curriculum with hands-on projects and high-level lab studies. Capstone classes are offered at Sierra College where our students can earn dual credits – credits for both high school and college.

Additional Career and Technical Education courses include Culinary Arts and Computer Science. We are proud to offer 15 rigorous Advanced Placement (AP) courses thanks to funding from Measure AA. Measure AA also supports our student’s physical and mental well-being with funding for courses in health, physical education, and fine arts including drama, music and art courses.

We have a new welding class. We also offer an innovative board design class, Gone Boarding, where students work in groups to design, construct, and learn to ride all types of boards including surfboards, snowboards, skateboards/longboards, stand-up paddleboards, wake surfboards, and wakeboards. This unique class encompasses math and arts, along with
science, engineering, and business. Truckee High School has a number of outstanding facility improvements that were recently completed including our new career technical education (CTE) and science classroom wing on the west side of the campus. Additional upgrades are underway, all of which are designed to enhance the educational experience at Truckee High School. We are so grateful for the community's support in making this possible.

>> OUR VISION

Truckee High School will be a safe, healthy, and collaborative educational environment where staff, students, parents, and community contribute to the academic, social/emotional, and physical development of THS students. The school will provide a variety of learning opportunities through rigorous coursework and co-curricular activities in a culture of connected relationships. Students will be thoughtful, resilient, productive, and contributing members of their communities who take pride in their school. Parents will be engaged, involved, and supporting partners of the school community.

The community will partner with THS to support students in learning life skills to be successful in a changing world.

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>> ENRICHMENT

Four days a week we offer enrichment and intervention classes. Some enrichment classes provided in this school year include College & Career Readiness, AP preparation, and Adulting. Adulting is our student success program and includes personal finances, business letter writing, college application essays, and current event exploration.
Sierra Continuation High School is a WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) accredited school, like other TTUSD high schools, and serves students that may have struggled in a traditional setting and have now found their way in an alternative school.

Everything we do at Sierra High, we do for the students. We have a highly talented and award-winning staff that does a tremendous job supporting our students to ensure they are successful.

We provide innovative and flexible academic programs for our students. Multiple ages and grade levels of students make up each of our classroom’s population offering a unique blend of scholars. This enables a heightened interaction with staff members that lends itself to very collaborative learning environments. Straight A students, struggling students becoming scholars, and part-time college students sit shoulder to shoulder at Sierra High.

Sierra High School continues to hold the honor of being recognized as a Model Continuation High School. Out of the 460 Continuation High Schools in California, there are about 30 to 40 schools that receive this distinction each year. We go through the lengthy application process and a site visit to qualify for a nomination and then await a decision from the State of California. This process is repeated every three years to maintain our award status. We are very proud of the fact that Sierra High School has been a Model School since 2000.

At Sierra High, we offer rigorous courses and programs for our students. We have a successful career pathway course, Emergency Response, which is directly connected to the next level of coursework at Sierra College. This pathway is open to all TTUSD high school students and exposes students to various careers in public safety, including firefighting and other emergency services. Partnering with Truckee Fire, students participate in multiple drills led by local firefighters. This hands-on training is highly impactful and helps students decide if this is a career path they want to pursue.

We are incredibly grateful for our strong partners inside and outside of TTUSD that work with our students to support their goals and dreams.
Alder Creek is THE place for middle schoolers! We create a learning environment that strives for excellence and always puts the needs of our scholars first. Home of the Cougars, ACMS is a place where students thrive emotionally, socially, and academically. We realize that the transition to middle school can be a challenging time for students, and we focus on building strong relationships with each student, so they always feel welcome and connected to others as they face the crucial years of early adolescence.

At Alder Creek Middle School we provide rich educational experiences to prepare our students for college and career in the 21st century. We have world-class teachers who personalize learning to engage and challenge every scholar. Our students experience a rigorous and relevant curriculum including acceleration in math, Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), a three-year vertical writing plan, and social studies, including the use of the Document Based Questions (DBQ) curriculum. Our Accelerated Learner program also provides differentiated opportunities for accelerated learners and GATE students.

At ACMS, we create opportunities where middle school students can develop a sense of belonging to and responsibility for their role in developing a healthy school community for everyone. Our scholars can participate in leadership, clubs, and sports, so they can grow, learn, and thrive as individuals, inside and outside of the classroom. Our wide range of opportunities match the diverse needs of our students, including Band, Robotics, Coding and Socratic seminars, Renaissance, Odyssey of the Mind, art, foreign language, lifelong fitness, outdoor education, and more.

As James Comer says, “No significant learning can occur without significant relationships.” We are committed to creating a learning environment that instills a sense of belonging for all students so that they feel safe, valued and respected as individuals and contributing members of our school community. We want students to have a voice in their learning and to continue to be motivated to do as well as they possibly can. We believe in the “Cougar” way: community, respect, and open-mindedness. Our school community helps provide the framework for individual and school success.

Parent and teacher interaction is especially important at this stage in a youth’s life. Parents are our partners and we encourage all to be actively involved in their adolescent’s education. We enlist parents, students, and teachers to understand the teenage brain and use the language of empathy and compassion throughout the school and at home.

Alder Creek has been recognized for our commitment to innovation, creative thinking, and academic excellence. In 2016 and 2018, we were one of 11 middle schools selected as a California Schools to Watch - Taking Center Stage model middle school. We were also named a 2017 Gold Ribbon School by the state of California. We continue to build on our successes and strive to find ways to improve and provide even more opportunities for our students.

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Cold Stream Alternative School is a WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) accredited school, like other TTUSD high schools, that provides alternative education options and flexibility to students throughout our school district, primarily at the high school level, but we also support middle school students.

Cold Stream offers an Independent Study program tailored to meet the needs of families who want more flexibility from our educational model while remaining part of the Tahoe Truckee Unified School District. Classes and instruction are provided in Truckee and in a classroom at North Tahoe High School. We provide small class sizes and personal instruction along with a rigorous, yet flexible schedule that allows our scholars to work from home or while traveling. Cold Stream offers a project-based, hands-on curriculum served by four multi-certificated teachers. While our students are still held to high standards of achievement, flexibility is the key for students in Cold Stream. Students can meet with their teacher(s) once a week or more, and take multiple subjects so that they can also take classes at Sierra College or at one of TTUSD’s traditional schools.

Students can enroll full-time and graduate from Cold Stream with an accredited high school diploma or choose to take just one course while attending another TTUSD school. Each year over 100 students from the TTUSD utilize Cold Stream to earn credits through part-time or full-time enrollment.
At North Tahoe School, we believe deeply in the importance of creating and maintaining a safe and respectful learning community for all where students achieve academic success through continual growth and effort. We accomplish this through the development of caring and trusting relationships with students and families. We work diligently to build a common language and understanding of what a safe, respectful, and responsible campus looks and sounds like at North Tahoe School. Our positive culture is reinforced through the advisory class using our Second Step curriculum, school-wide assemblies, student council support, student announcements, daily student recognition, and our amazing counseling department. The committed work of our school community will result in all students being college and career ready for the 21st Century and prepared to be thoughtful and productive citizens.

Academically, we strive to provide all students with challenging and engaging learning opportunities. This begins with rigorous core academic classes for all students with a focus on reading, writing, speaking, listening and critical thinking around complex texts and high cognitive tasks. We foster an academic culture that values the importance of mistakes to further learning, encourages academic risks, provides an opportunity for creative thinking, engages students in collaboration and focuses on effort and growth. Teachers integrate technology into their classrooms to deepen student knowledge in content areas and further student’s technology, presentation, and research skills. We have a very successful 1:1 technology program thanks to the Excellence in Education Foundation and support from our district. Individual Chromebooks are checked out to every student to use during the school year. Students travel with their device from class to class and can take their Chromebooks from school to home for educational use.

We believe that students need additional enrichment opportunities to grow and develop, and we offer an enrichment period during the school day to meet students at their level whether that be to support meeting state standards or to deepen and forge connections within those standards. Additionally, through the support of Measure AA, we are able to extend opportunities for art, band, technology, and physical education. Enrichments also take the form of a variety of outdoor experiential learning with field trips to Sagehen, Mono Lake, Catalina Island as well as within our own learning playground out our backdoor.

North Tahoe School also provides activities outside of the school day to support learning and provide enrichment such as homework help, Jazz Band, and the Eco-Action Club provided through our partnership with Sierra Watershed Educational Partnership. There are a variety of sports that our students can participate in, including basketball, cross-country, Nordic skiing, girls’ volleyball, and track and field.

We are very proud of the high-quality, well-rounded experience we provide for all students while continuing to find ways to improve.
Donner Trail Elementary is a multi-age magnet school nestled along the South Yuba River on Donner Summit. We are known for our academic excellence and rigor for all of our scholars. We maximize our scholars’ potential by tailoring the teaching and learning to the individual child, ensuring acceleration, intervention, and engaging hands-on experiences. Every child succeeds at Donner Trail!

Our dedicated teachers and staff, caring parents, and supportive PTO, work in concert to ensure a rich education that is focused on learning and the well-being of our scholars. Our collective vision at Donner Trail Elementary is to balance rigorous literacy instruction and application of math with learning experiences that are meaningful both academically and socially. The multi-age aspect of our classrooms provides daily opportunities for powerful peer mentoring, targeted differentiation, and a schoolwide shared love of learning.

We weave academics through an environmental science focus that is evidenced weekly in and out of the classrooms. Additionally, Donner Trail Elementary is a part of SWEP’s Green Team and participates in recycling daily. With the support of our community partners who fortify our inquiry and project-based science learning, our scholars will exceed all expectations.

As with all the schools in Tahoe Truckee Unified School District, Donner Trail Elementary is supported by the community through Measure AA. Measure AA funds enrichment and intervention opportunities for our scholars, social and emotional support, and technology and its infusion into the classroom.

We are so appreciative of the community’s support to make our facility upgrades possible. The additional wing and front office provide an even better place for learning and a safer place for our scholars. We are grateful to our community and our families who are models of participation and support.
Glenshire Elementary School is a California Distinguished School that serves approximately 540 students from Transitional Kindergarten through fifth grade. In partnership with our families and community, students at Glenshire Elementary experience a balanced education addressing the individual needs of each child.

For all children to succeed, it is necessary to integrate social, emotional, and physical development with a strong academic curriculum, within a safe, secure and peaceful environment. We use the Second Step curriculum, and students are taught to be kind, respectful, safe, and responsible. Our school counselor and teachers weave mindfulness practices into their classrooms to support the developing self-regulation skills of our students.

In addition to the direct social-emotional instruction in the classroom, we have a fifth-grade Safe School Ambassador program that engages student leaders in promoting a positive school culture. These Safe School Ambassadors (SSAs) help to resolve conflicts, defuse incidents, and support isolated and excluded students. Restorative practices are used by the SSAs and the administration team to promote a peaceful school climate where students actively participate in addressing issues and incidents at school. Positive student behavior is celebrated through school-wide events like stuffed animal day and pajama day.

Cultivating student leadership as a school has produced student-led projects such as Fresh Air Day. On Fresh Air Day, families are encouraged to walk, bike, carpool or take the bus to school. As a result, the number of students driven to school on that day was reduced by 30%. We are proud of our student leaders and all they are accomplishing.

Our exceptional Visual and Performing Arts program is an integral part of the overall curriculum at Glenshire, and we integrate the arts throughout our curriculum to encourage divergent thinking, problem-solving skills, and creativity.

Thanks to our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), we are able to offer a wide range of enrichment classes for our students before and after school. Classes include violin, guitar, ukulele, yoga, martial arts, improv, chorus, and track. Also, the PTO supports many community-building and educational activities such as the Holiday Breakfast, New Family Tea, Family Movie Night, Parent-Child Dance, Arts for the Schools performances, and the SWEP Science Night.

We are proud of our passionate, highly qualified, award-winning staff and our dedicated families!
Kings Beach Elementary is a Two-Way Spanish/English Immersion school based on the 90/10 model, serving Transitional Kindergarten through fourth-grade.

Our program provides an immersion model for English-speaking students, as well as an additive bilingual model for Spanish-speaking students. All students learn a second language without compromising their first language.

At Kings Beach Elementary, students are provided the same opportunities as every other elementary school with the difference being that all teachers speak and teach in Spanish every day. We provide learning opportunities in all academic areas and have multiple curriculum-enhancing field trips at every grade level.

The emphasis on Spanish instruction in the early grades allows English-speakers ample exposure to the language. Spanish speakers have the opportunity to expand their vocabulary and build a strong base in their first language. This enables students to be more successful as they begin to acquire English orally, and later as they transfer reading and writing skills into English. By the end of fourth grade, the goal is that all students will be able to read, write, and speak fluently in both Spanish and English.

Our dedicated staff works tirelessly to ensure the best educational experience for all our students. Learning comes alive as the beauty of both languages is explored through literature and song. Kings Beach Elementary students are supported by strong language programs and bilingual teachers as they continue on to North Tahoe School and then North Tahoe High School.

Our popular program attracts students from both Truckee and North Tahoe. We are extremely grateful for the strong community partnerships and parent support that we have at Kings Beach Elementary.
At Tahoe Lake Elementary, we are proud to be a California Gold Ribbon School, a California Distinguished School, and a hands-on science school! Our science focus continues to grow, and Tahoe Lake is excited to provide more hands-on, experiential, inquiry-based learning for our students every year. Our focus is to make all learning engaging, exciting, and relevant. We do this through a science lens using the fantastic resources of Lake Tahoe’s natural environment that we encounter every time we step outside. We aim for all of our students to become skilled problem solvers and explorers as they grow. We believe that a solid foundation in science and critical thinking prepares our students for great future accomplishments.

Tahoe Lake also emphasizes developing the confidence and connections of each child through learning, achievement, and reflection. We value our school community and encourage parents to be involved in the classroom, with committees, and at family nights. A love of learning, critical thinking, social responsibility, and fun are incorporated in the nurturing of our future citizens.

In addition to science and the California Standards, our students have many opportunities for enrichment in art, performance, music, outdoor learning, and conversational Spanish.

Our learning adventure continues at “Camp Tahoe Lake” this school year. We’ll look forward to moving into our remodeled and upgraded home in Tahoe City in the fall of 2020. Students and staff will enjoy the addition of a greenhouse, a fully equipped science lab, new kindergarten classrooms, modernized classrooms, technology upgrades, and “TLC” for our beautiful Little Auditorium and library in our historic core.
Truckee Elementary School is a High Performing Title I school and a cherished piece of our Truckee community. Our school is a reflection of our community, and we embrace the inclusive culture of language, ethnicity, backgrounds, and abilities.

Our school’s mission highlights our passion for supporting the children of our community: Within our caring, diverse and inclusive preschool through fifth-grade learning environment, Truckee Elementary School’s mission is to empower and inspire students to reach their full potential through engaging and challenging instruction and learning that emphasizes literacy across all content areas, embraces the diversity of our neighborhood, and values what makes each child unique. In collaboration with our Truckee Community, our students will become safe, responsible, and respectful citizens.

We are proud to be a recipient of the 2018 Education for Global Economy: California’s Model Programs Award for our blended English Language Development Program. Our “Blended ELD” is a school-wide walk-to-learn program that embraces and maximizes the diversity of our school by providing targeted literacy, speaking, and listening learning in safe and collaborative classrooms.

Our outstanding teachers and staff are passionate about meeting the needs of all of our students, and we are here because we love children. We love ensuring that our students meet and exceed expectations, and we love it when our Truckee Cubs surprise even themselves. We prioritize securing a safe, responsible, and respectful campus through our Cub Character education. We also support social-emotional growth through lessons that span transitional kindergarten through fifth grade, mindfulness, Special Friends, and our amazing counseling support.

At Truckee Elementary, we weave a variety of unique programs and resources together to empower and inspire our Truckee Cubs. We meet the wonderfully diverse needs of our students through outstanding standards-based instruction everyday, systematic intervention supports when students struggle, and GATE and Accelerated Learner Services that allow for further differentiated instruction when students excel.

We provide 1:1 technology for our third, fourth, and fifth-grade students to support responsible and engaging 21st century learning. New this year, our kindergarten and first grade classrooms will have brand new pods of iPads to support literacy and learning.

Thanks to Measure AA, we have physical education, an amazing science lab, and an outstanding music program that ensures high levels of performing arts education for all students. Transitional Kindergarten through grade five. We are so grateful for the before-school enrichment that our PTO offers our students, including yoga, ceramics, robotics, and track and field!

Not only is Truckee Elementary a great school, we serve as a community hub. Many valuable programs that serve our children and community partner with us on campus including the Boys and Girls Club, the Family Resource Center’s Family Room, our Truckee Elementary preschool, and the Parks and Recreation before school morning program. Our proximity to Truckee High allows us to benefit from a whole team of high school teacher assistants every day. Our students enjoy field trips to their “Fab Lab” and engineering classes.

We have exciting upgrades underway at Truckee Elementary that our current and future students will benefit from, thanks to generous support from our community for Measure U.
Sierra Expeditionary Learning School (SELS) is a K-8 public charter within the Tahoe Truckee Unified School District, serving approximately 210 students. SELS inspires a diverse group of learners to achieve academic excellence and develop a strong sense of character and community. The curriculum is implemented through project-based expeditions and fieldwork that challenge students to think critically while also fostering their natural curiosity and love of learning.

At the heart of Expeditionary Learning are learning expeditions — interdisciplinary units aligned with state and district standards. This approach is experiential and community-based, involving students in real-world studies with guiding questions and original research to create high-quality products for audiences beyond the classroom.

Our goal is to awaken a love of learning in young people and to give them the ability and desire to carry on learning throughout life. We believe that an educated person needs to have a strong sense of self and the realization of his or her gifts and talents. We help our students cultivate the following capacities:

**Creativity** — think creatively, work creatively with others and implement innovations

**Critical Thinking** — reason effectively, use systems thinking, analyze, and solve problems

**Communication** — communicate clearly and collaborate with others

**Adaptability** — adapt to change and be flexible

**Initiative** — manage goals and time, work independently, and be self-directed learners

**Accountability** — prioritize, set and meet goals, and achieve results

**Character** — take responsibility for self and others by showing empathy, kindness, and courage

**Information** — access and apply information technology effectively

At SELS, we are committed to ensuring that all of our students acquire these abilities, so they can thrive in a changing world and be a contributor to the community. Peer collaboration and character education are organic in our curriculum and “We are Crew, not Passengers” is our motto. Students are given responsibility for their own learning. When afforded respect, fairness, kindness, discipline, and appropriate instruction, we believe that every child is capable of fully achieving his or her potential.

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SCHOOL FACILITY UPGRADES ARE UNDERWAY THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT

TRUCKEE HIGH SCHOOL’S BEAUTIFUL NEW WEST WING
The West Wing houses our Career Technical Education (CTE) Pathways, Science, art, and more! The modernization of the existing building is underway.

TRUCKEE ELEMENTARY
This project includes the construction of a new classroom wing, a new cafeteria, a makerspace “Learning Lab” and the modernization of the existing classrooms.

TAHOE LAKE ELEMENTARY
The original building was built in 1934 and this project involves a major renovation of the entire school.

KINGS BEACH ELEMENTARY
This project includes construction of a new classroom wing and upgrades throughout the school.