



## Alder Creek Middle School

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### Designated in 2016

Alder Creek Middle School  
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## School Statistics

Community: Rural  
Enrollment: 497  
Grade Levels: 5-6-7-8  
School Schedule: Seven period day with advisory once per week and a literacy/ELD period. Wednesday minimum day. Common content area preps. Zero period and after school classes offered

### Student Demographics

27%	Hispanic
69%	White
.1%	African American
.6%	Filipino
.5%	Asian
.1%	Pacific Islander

36%	Free/Reduced Lunch
30%	English Learners

## School Characteristics and Replicable Practices

### Academic Excellence

- Extensive elective offerings include RTI, film making, service learning, art, forensic science, music, digital citizenship, and brain games
- School wide emphasis on effective instructional strategies such as: design thinking, explicit direct instruction, problem-based learning, Google classroom, and interdisciplinary instruction
- Differentiated learning is a school-wide focus

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**Developmental Responsiveness**

- Daily advisory class to address school climate and social emotional issues  
Music, Choir, and Drama Programs. Club opportunities include Leadership/Student Council, Yearbook, Peer Helpers, Safe School Ambassadors, Sources of Strength, Club Live, Chess Club, Coding Club, Writing Club, Book Club, Friday Night Live Mentoring, Envirolutions, and SkiDUCK.
- Shared partnerships with University of Reno, Sierra College, and Sierra Nevada College to create opportunities for learning for both staff and students. Students experience a “college for a day” and professors and students volunteer in the classrooms

**Social Equity**

- Academic support available before, during, and after school includes tutoring, homework club, mentoring, and after school GATE science. Schedule allows for pullout for enhancement and support classes in order to reteach specific content skills or access to RTI classes in math and English
- Offers multiple opportunities for service learning as well as opportunities for mentoring through Positive Rolling life skills art program, and Big Brothers/Big Sisters
- Effective use of technology as tool for instruction throughout the school. 1:1 computer ratio

**Organizational Support**

- Shared prep time utilized to create common assessments, build rubrics, review formative assessments, and plan responses to learning
- The majority of the staff have been trained in leadership coaching