

## DUSD | FALL 2023 DISTRICT SNAPSHOT

# Dinuba Unified

## NEW DINUBA HIGH SCHOOL

Phase 1 of your new high school is changing the skyline view of our community and ushering in a new horizon filled with fresh hope and promise. Your new high school represents hope for our students; our goal is to provide as many opportunities for our students as they move towards graduation. Building a new high school is a transformative moment in our city's history. Besides a two-story wing with 54 classrooms, there will be 4 Career Technical Education buildings. These unique buildings include Agriculture, Medical Academy, Construction Management Academy, and Transportation buildings. Phase one of your new high school is being built with state bond funds and grants without local tax obligations!

However, additional funding will be required to develop phase 2 of our high school and modernize our elementary and junior high schools to promote safety and maximize security. Many of our schools were built in the 1950s and 1960s, requiring more safety and security measures, modernized bathrooms, and updated facilities.

Safe schools remain one of our two top priorities. We are continually looking for ways to make our schools safer. We have hired a full-time Safe School Officer and 2 City of Dinuba School Resource Officers. We have a School District Safety Task Force and implemented safe school reviews at all of our sites.

As we begin a new year, we also hope to retain our standing as the highest-performing district in Math and English in Tulare County. We offer many extra-curricular activities at our schools, including Extended Learning Opportunities at our elementary school sites until 6 PM.

Thank you for the pleasure of serving you as we strive to continue cultivating excellence in our community.

Dr. Hernandez



### DUSD At-a-Glance



**6,600**  
STUDENTS

**11**  
DUSD SCHOOLS

**85%**  
LOW INCOME

**33%**  
ENGLISH LEARNERS

**1%**  
FOSTER YOUTH

**4%**  
MIGRANT YOUTH

# Chronic Absenteeism and Student Attendance

What is Chronic Absenteeism?

Students who miss 10% of school days for any reason, (excused, unexcused, ect.) are considered chronically absent. It's a warning sign that students are experiencing challenges and are missing out on classroom instruction.

Why attendance matters!

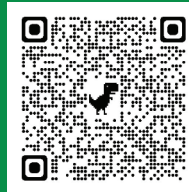
Chronic absenteeism significantly impacts a variety of student outcomes including mathematics and reading achievement, social-emotional development, grade retention and dropout (Balfanz & Byrnes, 2018; Gottfried, 2017). Reducing the amount of absences students receive will benefit students in the long run.



*Students who received perfect attendance in the 2022-2023 school year were recognized at the DHS Football game!*

**Superintendent's Goal for 2023-24**  
**Reduce chronic absenteeism**  
**by 10% district-wide**

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English



Spanish



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## Intercession Camp 2023-2024

The 2023-24 Intercession Camp is an enrichment program for 1st and 2nd grade students. There will be 15, 9-hour days of this program and the Dinuba Unified ELO-P team will be enrolling 80 students.

This program will consist of 4 coaches from the Elevo team. The purpose of the Elevo Curriculum is to use fun physically active games and sports as a vehicle to engage students in social and emotional learning.

Our first day of the camp begins on November 20, 2023. How to Enroll: Coming Soon to our DUSD Website!



## Dinuba High School Agriculture Department News

The Agriculture and FFA program is a 7-12 hands-on career technical program that develops students' potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success. Students earn University of California A-G science and art credit and can also receive Dual Enrollment credit through local community colleges. Dinuba FFA offers Floriculture, Vet Science, and Nursery/Landscape as their Spring CDEs who compete at local high schools, community colleges, and universities providing higher education tours and exposure.



The Nursery/Landscape team is the 2023 California State Champions and will be team California at the national contest this October in Indianapolis, Indiana. Students are also being recognized at the National Convention for earning their American FFA Degrees, the highest degree honor National FFA can bestow upon a student.

Our Supervised Agriculture Experience (SAE) projects allow students to engage in an agriculture project of their choosing outside of class time. One of our most popular SAE projects is livestock animals and we just finished up with the Tulare County Fair. We had over 30 students showing beef, hogs, goats, and lambs and competing in market and showmanship contests.

## HOSA

Sukhdeep Kaur is the Dinuba High School HOSA President. HOSA is the student organization for Future Health Professionals.

Sukhdeep and Elizabeth were part of the CTSO Student Leader Panel at the CTE Summit and are both seniors at Dinuba High School.

Their stories were inspiring and SkillsUSA shaped their future goals.



# Perspectives from the Construction Crew

The District had the honor of speaking with some of the men who have been working for months on your New Dinuba High School.

These gentlemen are a few of the many people who have been apart of making this idea a reality.

DUSD wants to send a huge thank you to them and the many others who have been hard at work to ensure we have a safe and beautiful new campus for our students and staff.

Left to right: Nate, Malcolm, Rod, and Andrew



*If you were a student at the new high school, what would you look forward to the most about this campus?*

**Malcolm (Superintendent)**

"The view and the location. It has been an honor to build this high school."

**Rod (General Foreman)**

"The CTE (Career Technical Education) Buildings. This school is somewhat of a throwback school because it offers lots of trades."



*What was the most challenging part of this process?*

**Andrew (Carpentry Foreman)**

"Staying on schedule after the storms earlier this year. The mud wouldn't dry up so it was hard to move forward."



*If you could share one message with students/staff who will be enjoying this new campus, what would it be?*

**Nate (Foreman)**

"I'm proud to work on a state of the art facility for kids in the Central Valley."

**Andrew**

"Follow your dreams."

**Rod:**

"Apply yourself all the time and always do your best."

**Kevin (not pictured)**

"Take advantage of learning what you can in high school."

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## Dinuba Unified is HIRING!

Join our team of dedicated staff. We are currently accepting applications for a variety of classified, certificated, and substitute staff positions. If you are interested in joining our team, check current job openings and submit an application on EdJoin.

Dinuba Unified Staff recently recognized for **20** years of service.

