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Nicolet Middle School Celebrates the Promotion of the Class of 2026

BANNING, CA — More than 250 students were celebrated during the Nicolet Middle School Promotion Ceremony on Wednesday, June 3, as families, friends, staff, and community members filled the campus stands to honor an important milestone in the lives of the District's eighth-grade students.

The atmosphere was filled with excitement, pride, and celebration as students crossed the stage and were recognized for their accomplishments throughout their middle school years. Families packed the stands, cheering on students as they completed an important chapter of their educational journey and prepared to take the next step toward high school.

The promotion ceremony highlighted many of the traditions that make Nicolet Middle School a special place for students and families. The program included the Presentation of Colors by the Nicolet Middle School Cadet Corps, the National Anthem performed by Assistant Principal Dr. Byron Williams, remarks from Principal Dr. Cami Thomas, student addresses from ASB President Yuritzy Morales, a performance by the Nicolet Middle School Advance Band, and the presentation of more than 250 members of the Class of 2026 as they officially completed their middle school journey.

Throughout their time at Nicolet Middle School, students embraced the school's values of Tradition, Integrity, and Education while participating in academics, athletics, visual and performing arts, leadership opportunities, and extracurricular activities. The promotion ceremony served as an opportunity to reflect on those experiences while looking ahead to future opportunities at Banning High School and beyond.

"This promotion ceremony represents years of hard work, growth, and perseverance by our students," said Dr. Cami Thomas, Principal of Nicolet Middle School. "Today, we celebrated more than 250 Palominos as they completed an important chapter of their educational journey and prepared to take their next steps toward high school. I am incredibly proud of the resilience,

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character, and determination demonstrated by the Class of 2026, and I look forward to seeing all they accomplish in the years ahead."

Banning Unified School District Superintendent Terrence Davis congratulated the students and recognized the support provided by families, teachers, counselors, administrators, and support staff who helped guide students to this achievement.

"Today was a celebration of achievement, opportunity, and community," Superintendent Davis said. "As I looked across the packed stands filled with families, staff, and supporters, it was clear how many people have invested in the success of these students. The Class of 2026 has much to be proud of, and I encourage each student to continue building on the foundation they have established at Nicolet Middle School as they begin their journey toward graduation and their future goals."

As the ceremony concluded, students officially joined the ranks of Nicolet Middle School alumni and took an important step toward becoming future Broncos. The District extends its congratulations to every member of the Nicolet Middle School Class of 2026 and wishes them continued success in the years ahead.

Additional Resources

View Ceremony Photos:

<https://banning-usd.smugmug.com/2025-2026/June-2026/NMS-Promotion-Ceremony>

Watch the Ceremony:

https://youtube.com/live/rZG_AOwtOq8?feature=share

View the Commencement Program:

<https://canva.link/nicoletmspromo26>

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About Banning Unified School District:

Banning Unified School District serves nearly 4,300 students across its schools and is one of the largest employers in the city of Banning, with over 600 dedicated staff members. The District's

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mission is to collaborate as a diverse community to develop responsible, respectful, and prepared students who achieve their full potential. Guided by its vision to prepare, inspire, and educate, Banning USD is committed to fostering a supportive environment where students can thrive academically and personally.

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Dr. Cami Thomas, Principal at Nicolet Middle School welcomes students, families and staff to the 2026 Promotion Ceremony.

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ASB President Yuritzy Morales of Nicolet Middle School delivers her speech to the Class of 2026, congratulating them on this great achievement.

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