School Characteristics and Replicable Practices

Academic Excellence

- School-Wide Instructional Focus on Critical Thinking that guides all stakeholders. All students work on critical thinking every day through rigorous questions at all DOK levels and by using Thinking Maps.
- Sierra Vista is a 1-to-1 student to device school. All students receive a personal laptop.

2017-2018 SCHOOL STATISTICS

Designated in 2018

Community Size - Suburban
School Enrollment - 885
Grade Levels - 6, 7, 8
School Calendar - Traditional
Free and Reduced Lunch 65.8%
English Learners 5%
Students With Disabilities 14.3%

2017-2018 School Demographics

- Hispanic 63%
- White 24%
- African American 1%
- Asian 6%
- Native American <1%
- Pacific Islander <1%
- Filipino <1%
- Two or More 1%
- Other 3%
• Sierra Vista is a Coding Magnet school. All students will code every year in Sierra Vista. Students can take additional course to gain proficiency. With this extra education, Sierra Vista’s students will be prepared to fill the job gap in computer science fields.
• Students increase in conceptual knowledge by having to justify all responses.
• Students learn to write, provide evidence, and analyze all topics using the M.E.A.L. writing paradigm.

Developmental Responsiveness
• Sierra Vista takes a strong stance against bullying. Our W.E.B. (Where Everyone Belongs) program runs a 6th grade orientation that pairs new students with 8th grade leaders. This ensures all our new students come in with a group of friends and resources.
• Our teachers focus on rewarding the excellent behaviors of our students through our Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports program. Students can earn Falcon Dollars for positive interactions on campus which they can redeem for rewards.
• Our students receive Character Education through our elective classes.
• We reward academic excellence and improvement through our Renaissance program.
• Sierra Vista offers its students two electives which allow students to pursue additional interests or receive intervention when needed.

Social Equity
• Sierra Vista offers our parents classes through our Saturday school academy that educate them on various topics involving our students.
• Our staff connects with our students through the Student of the Month program. All staff members recognize a student and treat them to a lunch.
• Our campus offers an annual Make-a-Wish rally. This event raises money for a terminally ill child and grants Holiday wishes for students on campus. The entire event is funded by donations from students and staff.

Organizational Support
• Sierra Vista offers in-school and afterschool tutoring for our students. Our interventions are based off standards-based assessments.
• Our PLCs consistently look at student work and reteach concepts that require additional attention.
• Our Instructional Leadership team constantly examines the state of the school using on site data and research.