

CIMS named ERP Honor Roll School

Cobalt Institute of Math & Science was recognized in May 2018 as a 2017 - 2018 Educational Results Partnership (ERP) Honor Roll School for our high achievement and student success!

The Honor Roll program, sponsored by the Campaign for Business and Education Excellence (CBEE), is part of a national effort to identify higher-performing schools and districts that are improving student outcomes. CIMS is one of 1,798 public schools in California to be recognized.

The 2017 - 2018 ERP Honor Roll utilizes public school student achievement data to identify successful schools and districts. Our school stands above others in the state because of our demonstrated ability to get students to grade level achievement and beyond.

Schools that receive the ERP Honor Roll distinction have demonstrated consistent high levels of student academic achievement, improvement in achievement levels over time, and a reduction in achievement gaps among student populations.

Here are a few important facts about the ERP Honor Roll:

- It's the only award given in collaboration with business leaders
- It includes graduation and dropout rate data
- It establishes a higher bar of performance than any other award
- It is conducted by Educational Results Partnership, a nonprofit organization that maintains the nation's largest database on student achievement

Because of our accomplishment, we will be featured on the ERP Honor Roll website and a banner has been designed for us to hang proudly at our school.

We are thankful for the hard work of our students and teachers here at CIMS. This recognition is a testament to the sustained focus on academic results and commitment to student success that our school and parent community have shown over the years.

To view the report, go

to <http://edresults.org/HonorRoll/HonorRollDetails?stateCode=36679346114698&State=CA>



CIMS receives Gold Medal ranking, named one of Best U.S. High Schools

Cobalt Institute of Math & Science was awarded a GOLD MEDAL ranking in the 2018 US News & World Report Best High Schools list. CIMS was ranked No. 83 in California and No. 486 in the nation.

The only other school that ranked in the Victor Valley Union High School District was University Preparatory, who ranked 106 in California and 620 in the nation. UP received a silver medal.

The California rankings included 700 schools in the state. Of those schools, only 85 (included CIMS) earned a gold medal, 439 earned a silver medal and 174 earned a bronze medal.

Here in the High Desert, silver medals were awarded to Academy for Academic Excellence (367 in California) and Riverside Preparatory School (376 in California). Bronze medalists included Serrano High School (546 in California) and Sultana High School (560 in California).

READ THE FULL REPORT at <https://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/california/rankings>



CIMS Nationally Recognized for PLTW

Cobalt Institute of Math & Science was recognized in March 2018 as a Project Lead The Way (PLTW) Gateway Distinguished School!

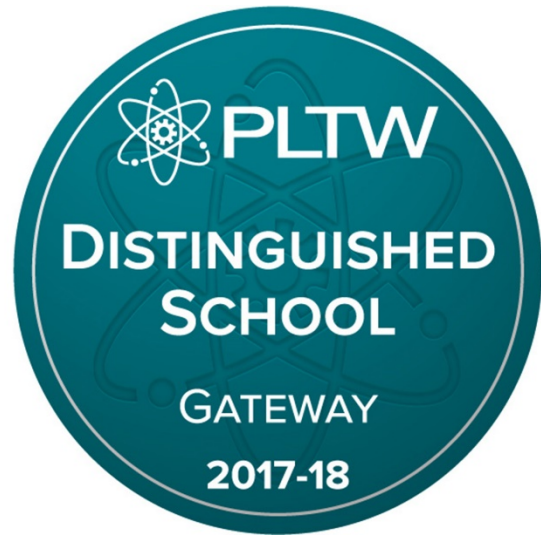
CIMS is one of just 110 schools across the U.S. to receive this gateway honor. PLTW is a nonprofit organization that serves millions of K-12 students and teachers in over 10,500 schools across the U.S.

These programs inspire and engage students in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM), and prepare them with the knowledge and skills they'll need to succeed in any career path they choose.

"CIMS began offering PLTW in 2012, and now 100 percent of our students participate in a PLTW program. Since PLTW, CIMS has become one of the highest performing schools in Victor Valley Union High School District and roughly 80 percent of our graduates have gone on to study science and engineering at four-year universities," said Principal Dr. Melda Gaskins.

The PLTW Distinguished School recognition honors schools committed to increasing student access, engagement, and achievement in their PLTW programs. To be eligible for the designation, CIMS had to meet the following criteria:

- Offer at least one PLTW Gateway unit at each grade level;
- Have more than 50 percent of the student body participating during the 2016-17 school year;



- Have 25 percent of students advancing to high school participate in two or more units.

Through PLTW programs, students develop STEM knowledge as well as in-demand, transportable skills that they will use both in school and for the rest of their lives, on any career path they take. PLTW Gateway empowers students to lead their own discovery and uncover a range of paths and possibilities they can look forward to in high school and beyond.

“It is a great honor to recognize Cobalt Institute of Math & Science for their commitment to students,” said Vince Bertram, President and CEO of PLTW. “They are a model for what school should look like, and they should be very proud of ensuring students have the knowledge and skills to be career ready and successful on any career path they choose.”

Cobalt Institute of Math & Science is part of a community of K-12 schools, colleges and universities, and corporate and philanthropic partners across the country united around a passion for providing students with inspiring, engaging, and empowering learning opportunities.

For more information on Project Lead The Way, visit pltw.org.

Read the article in the Daily

Press: <http://www.vvdailynews.com/news/20180312/cutting-edge-education-rare-accolade-cobalt-recognized-as-project-lead-way-distinguished-school>