



Milor High School Recognized as a 2025 Model Continuation High School!

March 4, 2025 – Rialto, CA – The Rialto Unified School District (Rialto USD) proudly celebrates the exceptional achievements of Milor High School (MHS), recently recognized as a **2025 Model Continuation High School** by the California Department of Education and the California Continuation Education Association Plus (CCEA Plus). This prestigious honor, MHS's third such designation following accolades in 2019 and 2022, highlights schools demonstrating outstanding instructional strategies, flexible scheduling, and comprehensive services for at-risk youth. Under the dynamic leadership of Principal Dr. Kyla Griffin, MHS has cultivated a supportive environment that empowers students to graduate while preparing them for continued education or the workforce.

“At Milor, we believe in providing a pathway for every student to thrive, and this recognition affirms the transformative work happening on our campus daily,” said **Dr. Kyla Griffin**. “Our staff remains committed to fostering an inclusive, student-centered environment where every learner finds the support, structure, and encouragement they need to succeed.”

State Superintendent of Public Instruction **Tony Thurmond** announced that 74 continuation high schools throughout California have earned the Model Continuation High School (MCHS) distinction this year. These schools offer exemplary instructional approaches, flexible scheduling, and robust guidance and counseling services.

“The priority of our Model Continuation High Schools is to give students more than a diploma,” said Superintendent Thurmond. “The teachers and administrators aim to provide students with a student-centered approach that meets their diverse academic, social, and emotional needs, and opportunities to explore options beyond high school.”

Nearly 49,000 students are enrolled in 429 continuation high schools statewide. The Model Continuation High School designation recognizes those who go above and beyond in delivering exceptional academic and social opportunities, ensuring students receive vital resources, mentorship, and guidance.

“In the two years I’ve taught here, I’ve been amazed countless times at how our staff helps facilitate student growth,” said **Fabian Lopez**, MHS teacher. “Milor High School excels in fostering student success through the combined efforts of a supportive staff and admin, which results in an ideal learning environment for our students.”

“Milor isn’t just a school, it’s a second chance,” said **Jordan Acree**, MHS senior student and District Student Advisory Committee member. “The teachers here see us for who we are and help us become who we want to be.”

“The CCEA Plus awarded this distinction to us, again, because we fulfilled its tenets of teaching the whole child, from focusing on our students’ academic growth to concentrating on their SEL wellbeing as well,” said **Dr. Faith Mowoe**, MHS Teacher.

MHS will be honored at the CCEA Plus 2025 State Conference alongside other Model Continuation High Schools. Schools earning this recognition retain the title for three years and serve as mentors and models for continuation high schools throughout California.

“I firmly believe that every student deserves a robust, high-quality education that prepares them for the challenges of tomorrow,” said **Dr. Edward D’Souza**, Acting Rialto USD Superintendent. “Our dedicated teachers and supportive staff along with our innovative programs ensure that students not only excel academically but also develop the essential life skills needed to thrive beyond the classroom.”

