

History

In 1975 when the educational system was exploring alternative avenues of teaching, a group of concerned parents approached Chico Unified School District and requested a traditional program that would bring education back to the basics. With the support of the District, the Academics Plus Program (APP) was then staffed with four teachers whose educational philosophy was consistent with that of the program.

Today

The Academics Plus Program is a Kindergarten through 6th grade program housed at Sierra View School. We still value the traditional teaching of the basic curriculum in a structured environment, using materials & teaching methods that remain consistent with the original program philosophy. While emphasis is on the basic academic skills, we do feel we must go beyond the basics & have built into our program a strong science, social studies, music, visual & performing arts and technology curriculum. Because of the success of our program, few vacancies occur and almost all students continue through 6th grade.



TECHNOLOGY, SCIENCE

SOCIAL STUDIES

Combining the best practices of a traditional school with the benefits of new technologies, Sierra View provides one of the most comprehensive technology programs in the North State. Starting in the primary grades, students are brought to the computer lab to gain familiarity with the computer and to facilitate the mastery of basic math and language arts skills.



In the intermediate grades, students are taught to touch type, given basic word processing skills, and learn to use PowerPoint to give presentations. Additionally students may develop skills in website design, animations, and movie making.

The students' experience is further enhanced by teaching solid curriculum in science and social studies. We recognize that children love to do experiments, learn facts, and relate what they learn to their every day world. Hands-on activities, interactive activities, and book learning are all crucial in providing a well-rounded education for youngsters.

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SIERRA VIEW Academics Plus Program

Traditional Teaching of Basic Curriculum



A Structured Learning Environment



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What **Academics Plus** can offer your child

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Parent involvement and educational expectations are the foundation of the Academics Plus Program (APP). Parent involvement is crucial for the success of our students, and parents can participate in their child's education in a variety of ways. Assisting with homework, reviewing and returning weekly progress reports, assisting in the classroom, supporting staff recommendations, maintaining open communications with the teachers and principal at all times, supporting the Parent Advisory Council (PAC) and following program "Guidelines for Success" are just a few of the ways parents can be involved in the program. Numerous studies have shown that parent participation in education is the highest single indicator of a child's academic success! We believe all children, regardless of ability, should be able to succeed in school, they should be challenged to reach their full potential, and they learn best when they are happy.



REGISTRATION is open to all K-6th grade students in the Chico Unified School District, with priority given to students in the Sierra View Boundary Area. Enrollment is not based on academic qualifications. However, students are held to a high level of academic achievement. You must register your child at your neighborhood school and complete an Academics Plus Program application. Siblings of current APP students receive priority in kindergarten, provided they enroll on the first day of registration. A lottery draw will then be conducted to fill remaining openings. A waiting list is maintained for those students who are still interested in the program after classes have been filled. Applicants will be contacted when openings become available. If you decline the opening, you have the option of being placed at the bottom of the waiting list for a subsequent opening.

Building FUTURE LEADERS through a positive, fun, safe learning environment

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

PAC is comprised of six Academics Plus Program parents elected to the council by all program parents to serve a two year term. The council positions consist of a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, and (2) Special Event Coordinators. Monthly meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 2:45 PM in the school library. All parents, and teacher representatives are encouraged to attend. Its work is based on a set of guidelines which



are reviewed annually and revised when deemed necessary to benefit the overall success of the program. The Parent Advisory Council, as its name implies, assist the school district in dissemination of information, planning, development, implementation and evaluation of the objectives of the APP. The council also helps facilitate communication through email, and written information, assist teachers in planning, development, implementation and evaluation of all program goals and core curriculum.