Richland High School

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Model Continuation School

Richland High School (RHS) has been selected as a Model Continuation High School by the California Department of Education. RHS is one of 35 continuation high schools honored out of 452 schools across the state.

The announcement was made in February by State Superintendent Tom Torlakson. "I applaud the dedicated administration and staff on their work to assist and motivate at-risk students and help them reach their full potential," Mr. Torlakson said. "The positive and nurturing climate these schools have created inspires students to do well in their academic work and also to contribute to their communities."

Mr. Torlakson personally acknowledged RHS in the press release by highlighting two technology-driven instructional programs, saying, "Richland High School in Orange has developed a technology infrastructure to support its strong science, technology, engineering and math curriculum and career technical education classes."

The Model Continuation Education Recognition Program recognizes outstanding schools that provide exemplary services to at-risk youth through the use of innovative instructional strategies, flexible scheduling, guidance and counseling. This is a first-time award for Richland High School.

"We are extremely proud of our achievement and recognition," said Dr. Briseño Simonovski, Richland's principal. "This work could not have been accomplished without the amazing team at Richland. The teachers and staff give so much heart and work tirelessly to assist every student to achieve their college and career goals. I am so proud of our team!"

RHS is a very special place for students and staff. RHS school activities and services keep students focused on 21st century programs and opportunities. Thanks to the support of the district and local groups, RHS is focused on making students feel connected the moment they arrive to school.

RHS will retain its designation as a Model Continuation High School for three years.