



***Arroyo Elementary School, an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School in the Ontario-Montclair School District, named a 21st Century Learning Exemplar, a national recognition of educational excellence.***

**Ontario, California, November 7, 2017** - P21 has designated Arroyo Elementary School in the Ontario-Montclair School District as a 21st Century Learning Exemplar school for 2017-2018. Arroyo School earned this award for its outstanding practices in equipping students with the necessary skills and knowledge for success in college, career, and life.

In order to become part of the P21 Exemplar Program, schools and districts must demonstrate not just an adequate implementation of the Framework for 21st Century Learning, but also expertise in the elements of: Student Agency, Distributed Leadership, a Climate of Achievement, Engaged Community, and use of Evidence and Research.

Arroyo Elementary is authorized as an International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Program (PYP) school and students engage in learning through inquiry. The school promotes student-driven action to impact the community and world. Arroyo staff members are committed to supporting, instructing, and challenging students throughout their education. The school provides a warm, caring environment that promotes mutual respect and communication while incorporating the needs of the whole child.

“The Board of Trustees is very excited that our Arroyo Elementary was selected for this honor. I am very proud of our hard-working teachers and staff members for giving it their all each day to support student learning and development. Because of their efforts, Arroyo students are thriving”, stated OMSD Board President Elvia M. Rivas.

“Arroyo is a special place for students, staff, and families. We continuously reflect upon our practices to learn and grow. To be part of the P21 Exemplar Program is an extraordinary honor for our Arroyo community,” said Principal Kristie Bennett.

Arroyo educators strive to actively involve families and diverse community organizations to enhance student learning. Students are prepared with technology skills that reflect the needs of a 21st century learner while offering students multiple enrichment opportunities. The school is notable for its efforts to increase student reflection, knowledge, and curiosity.

David Ross, CEO at P21 stated, “P21’s Exemplar Program works to identify innovative education paradigms across the country. When policymakers say ‘show me what you mean,’ we turn to our P21 Exemplars for hard evidence.”

As part of uplifting the best practices from Arroyo Elementary School, P21 will develop a case study and release it to the public for free download at [p21.org/exemplars](http://p21.org/exemplars) in the Spring of 2018.

Arroyo Elementary School is part of the Ontario-Montclair School District (OMSD) serving students in San Bernardino County, California. The District is the third largest elementary district in California, with more than 21,665 Transitional Kindergarten (TK) through eighth grade students attending 26 elementary schools and 6 middle schools. OMSD offers a variety of magnet and academy programs, each of which is uniquely designed to provide an option for students to fully immerse in an enhanced specially designed course of study.

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