



REDDING CHRISTIAN SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT 2018/2019

Dear Redding Christian School Family,

Where does all the time go? As we reflect on another amazing year at Redding Christian School, we realize that this also marks the completion of ten years on this beautiful campus, Mr. Steffens fifth year as MS/HS Principal and Mrs. Pipers eleventh year, each filled with Christ-like family of educators, children, parents, grandparents, and so many others. While last year's summer was cut short with the Carr fire, the #oneanother theme manifested itself early and often in prayer, support, and financial help for RCS families as well as others in the entire Redding community.

We cannot begin to calculate the total number of service hours our kids accumulated, but that is not as important as the fact we are being the hands and feet of God to our local community, across this country, and around the world. Unique this year are the students and families who learned how to sift, pray and help salvage through the training provided by The Salvation Army, Samaritan's Purse, Bethel Global Response, and the Billy Graham Rapid Response teams.

If you missed the school's performance of Beauty and the Beast, you missed an amazing show. Nearly 80 kids in 3rd-12th grades put together a production that left so many of us speechless. The spring concert held this year at All Saint's Episcopal Church was a fantastic culmination of vocal and instrumental musicianship. Students also participated in local art shows, winning prestigious awards in the community. The 4th and 5th graders participated in the Shasta County Spelling Bee, the first in many years. Sienna Belong was a finalist, qualifying her for the State Bee.



RCS athletes have represented the school well with character and quality of play in the 2018-19 school year. Elementary cross country had a record number of participants and completed well. Middle School volleyball teams had great seasons with the 8th graders winning our league. Seventh and eighth grade basketball teams placed and won tournaments this winter as well. Girls softball finished undefeated and in 1st place for our middle school. High School varsity volleyball won the Fall River and Los Molinos tournaments as part of their trail to the NorCal section semi-finals. The 8-man football team came up two points short of a win in the section semi-finals game. The boys' varsity basketball team was section champions and made it all the way to the state championship game, losing at the buzzer. Austin Larson

One Another...

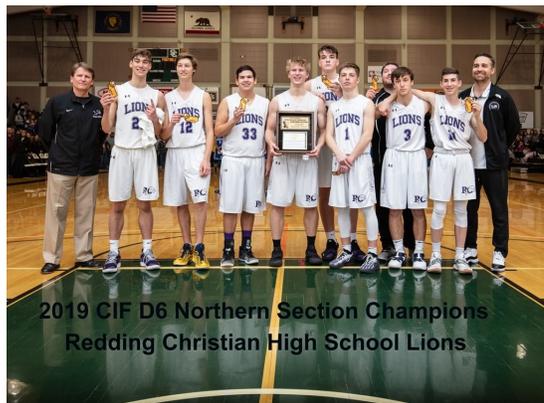
was named first team all-state in basketball for both Division 6 AND 5. The girls' varsity basketball team was also section champions and made it all the way to the state semi-finals. Jackson Black finished 2nd in two events at the Master's swim meet in the fall and Peter Mak qualified for the section championships this year in the triple jump for track and field. The girls' softball team made it all the way to the section championships too. If we were to keep going, we would be here all day. Needless to say, our kids had a remarkable year in athletics.

As our alumni welcome a new graduating class every year, we hear stories of new successes in careers, marriages, births, and we also mourn losses. Did you hear that there is a new Dr. Dinius in town? We have many young men and women proudly serving the military both domestically and overseas (Ryan, Tanner, and Austin to name a few). The international mission field is frequented by RCS alumni doing short and long term trips as they share the love of Jesus (Caroline, Hayden P., and Hayden M. among others). This year's graduating class of 23 students was offered over \$1.4 million in scholarship and joins a tradition of students following God's calling to pursue Him in their families, careers, communities and the world. (Alumni, we'd love to hear what you are doing, send us an email with updates to rcsoffice@reddingchristian.com.)

We pray a blessing over you and your kids that this summer will be a time to connect with God in a very meaningful way, that your family will dig into scripture together, and that you make time to pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ who are facing persecution for their faith. Continue to greet, pray for, love, be devoted to, have concern for, carry burdens for, bear with, and forgive #oneanother.

Blessings,

RCS Administration



Class of 2019

From the SCHOOL BOARD

*“Love must be sincere, hate what is evil, cling to what is good.
Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.
Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.
Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer.” Romans 12: 9-12*

In His wisdom, God laid it upon the heart of RCS to have the theme of One Another for this past school year. This was decided in June of 2018, with no knowledge of what was in store for our community. In July, the Carr fire brought loss and hardship to Shasta County and also to many of our RCS families. It was through His infinite wisdom that God had RCS focus on this important theme as we traveled this road in 2018-19. We needed one another to navigate this journey in order to uplift, encourage, support and restore lives back to a sense of normal. This theme was again needed with more losses as a result of the Camp fire, the heavy snow in February and even golf ball sized hail in May. Romans 12:10 reminds us to be devoted to one another in love.

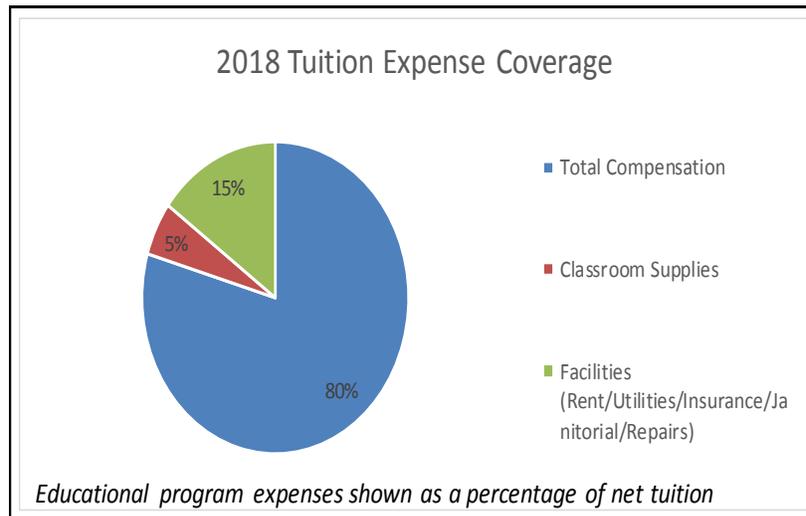
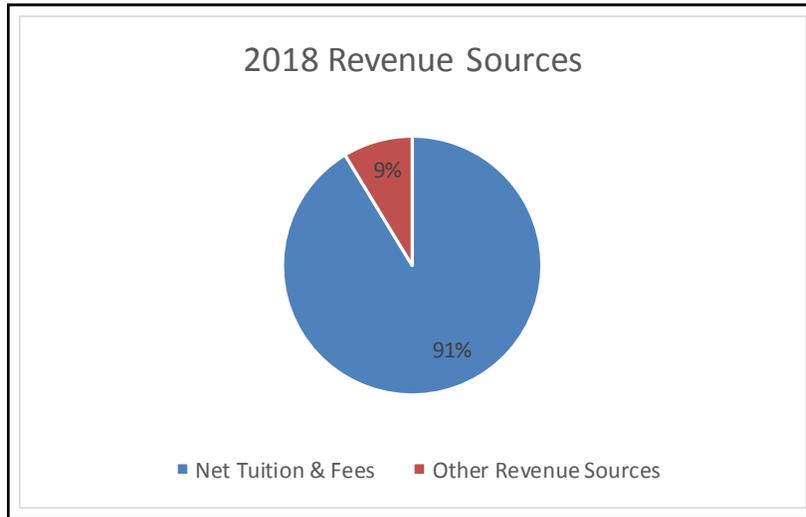
This love for one another was demonstrated in our RCS community by various donations from other families, students and even other schools wanting to help those RCS families that were directly affected by the fire. Many of our HS small groups incorporated helping the victims of the fires into their community service days and in their individual community service hours. RCS used this opportunity to become the hands and feet of Jesus to our community through constant prayer and encouragement for those affected by loss.

Prayer is what RCS was founded on and continues to be the rock solid foundation RCS is building upon. As a board, we continue to have two meetings per month with one of these meetings devoted to prayer for the school, the staff, students, families and whatever situations may need specific prayer. We count it a privilege and honor to be able to bring these requests before our Lord.

In March we went through accreditation with ACSI/WASC. We were humbled by the amount of help and time spent by the various teams made up of staff, parents, grandparents, students and board members to cover each section that was required to pass accreditation. We were awarded a six year term with a half day Midterm visit. This was really the best we could have been awarded. We were blessed and encouraged by the ACSI/WASC team's comments regarding our school, staff and students. It is always great to get such positive feedback from outside sources on how our school compares to other schools in our state. RCS is considered one of the leaders in Northern California in providing Christian education.

God has truly blessed RCS! We want to continue to honor Him with our school and everything that is in it. We look forward to next school year and the blessings and lessons that God has in store for us. We pray that everyone has a restful, fun and safe summer.

REVENUE & EXPENSE ALLOCATION



Important Dates

Below are some of the dates for the upcoming school year. A **full** calendar will be e-mailed with the summer letter at the beginning of August. We hope this will help you in being able to plan ahead.

Aug. 12th - Back to School Picnic

Aug. 14th - 1st day of School

Aug. 21 -23rd - HS Spiritual Emphasis Aug. 22 -23rd - MS Spiritual Emphasis

Aug. 26th - Back to School Night

Sept. 26-27th - ACSI Admin/Teacher Convention (No School)

Oct. 16-18th - Parent Teacher Conference (Elem. Minimum Days) MS/HS Conference in evening

Oct. 25-26th - HS Fall Drama

Nov. 25-29th - Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 23 - Jan 3rd - Christmas Break

Feb. 17-21st - Presidents Days Observed

Mar. 27-28th - Cascade Theatre

April 6-10th - Easter Vacation

Apr. 27-May 1st - Terra Nova Testing (K-8th Grade)

May 28th - Kindergarten & 8th Grade Promotion

May 29th - High School Graduation

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RCS TESTING RESULTS

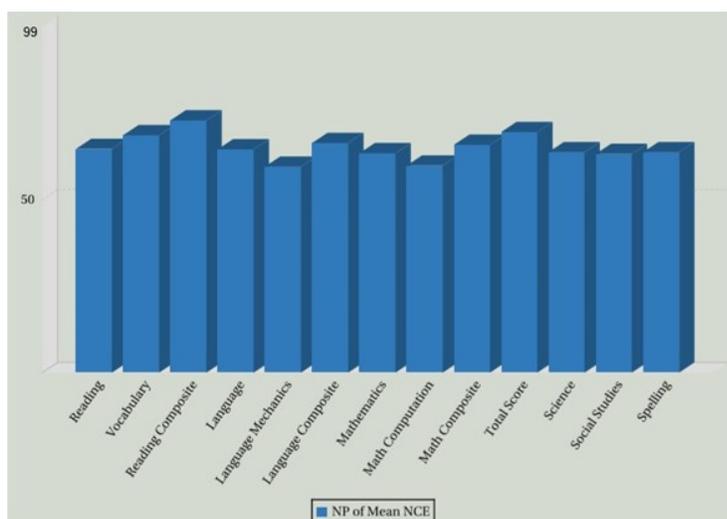
Redding Christian School utilizes varied approaches to measuring student learning outcomes. Within the daily practice of classrooms are the constant and intentional focus on being academically excellent, effective communicators, responsible citizens all while pursuing spiritual growth. These are documented quarterly with the RCS ESLR rubric. The results of ESLR evaluations can include modifications to instructional and assessment strategies, improved technological integration, classroom management initiatives, and many more aspects of the teaching learning environment designed to improve student understanding.

RCS also administers nationally normed tests: PSAT and Terra Nova 3. There are other tests that teachers and administration prepare students to take such as the SAT, ACT, AMC 10 & 12, and the Far Northern CA Science Bowl. Preparation includes awareness of testing strategies, content and format of exams, all while keeping a Christian worldview perspective on how these assessments are a litmus test to current academic standing as it relates to finding and pursuing God's will in their lives.

Terra Nova (Kindergarten—8th grade)

Terra Nova tests are administered in the spring of every year to all students in K-8th grades. Faculty use time during early fall professional development to look at each grade level and subject matter as part of the transitional planning occurring between grade levels. They identify trends, drilling down to include individual student's scores in each subcategory. For example, the 6th grade has experienced lower than expected results year-after year. Sixth grade is often a year with above average transition of students in and out of RCS. When digging deeper into the data and individual sub-scores, students new to RCS often times had minor gaps that manifested in lower overall testing averages. Those gaps are identified and by 8th grade the overall score averages have increased.

As an example, below is an overview of the 2018 testing results for RCS 6th graders, 2019 were not yet available. NP of Mean NCE means the national percentile based on that year's national averages. The top line shows that RCS 6th graders had an average score better than 75% of all other 6th graders who took the Reading test in 2018. Our Total Score was the 82nd percentile, meaning our average is better than 82% of all test takers.

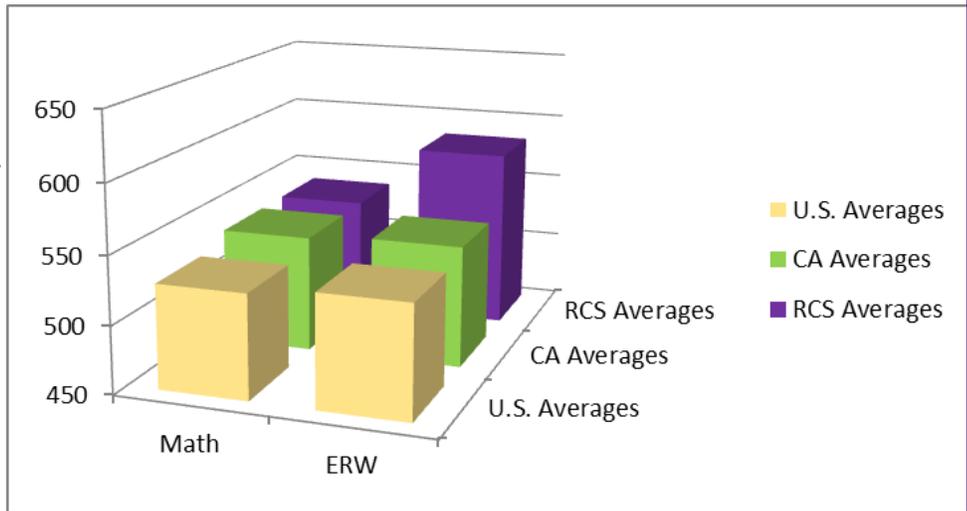


Subtest Name	# of Students	Mean SS	NP of Mean NCE
Reading	29	683.0	75
Vocabulary	29	689.8	81
Reading Composite	29	686.6	86
Language	29	680.6	75
Language Mechanics	29	669.2	67
Language Composite	29	675.1	78
Mathematics	29	690.4	73
Math Computation	29	676.0	68
Math Composite	29	683.4	77
Total Score	29	684.7	82
Science	29	685.5	74
Social Studies	29	679.6	73
Spelling	29	682.9	74

SAT/ACT TESTING RESULTS

SAT

The SAT has undergone significant change since the beginning of 2016. No longer are students required to complete the writing/essay component, and instead the mechanics of writing are assessed through the other two components; Critical Reading and Mathematics. These past years continue to see RCS students scoring higher than both the state and national averages. Among college bound seniors in California and across the nation taking the



SAT test, RCS has demonstrated their competitive academic standing. Typically, the higher the percentage of the student body who take standardized tests, the lower the overall average tends to be. The SAT is a voluntary test in California with about 60% of students taking the test yielding a combined average of 1080 on a 1600 point scale. With 85% of RCS high school students taking the SAT, the seniors averaged 1120 this year, above the state and national averages.

According to the College Board, SAT test takers who meet or exceed the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (ERW) or Math benchmarks on the exam have a 75% chance of earning at least a C or better in a first-semester, credit-bearing course in history, literature, social science, writing, algebra, statistics, pre-calculus, or calculus. National averages have 48% of test takers meeting both benchmarks, California is at 41%, and RCS comes in with an overall average of 62% meeting both benchmarks.

PSAT

All Sophomores and Juniors at Redding Christian School take the PSAT every October. For students with ISP and 504 plans, accommodations are requested through the College Board and administered as such. Pursuing excellence in academics includes preparation for nationally normed testing. Almost every college and university in the nation will accept the SAT as part of the admission process. Additionally, with the increased exposure to Common Core Standards and the close association between those standards and the SAT suite of assessments, RCS has chosen to focus efforts on preparing for these tests in addition to the school's curriculum standards.

Preparation for the PSAT includes formal introductions for all 10th and 11th graders during part of their school day classes, email communications and both online and physical resources provided to parents, and specific curricular concepts and problems discussed and evaluated in Math and English classes. Middle and High School teachers have taken the PSAT during professional development time, evaluated specific forms and styles of questions, content, and trends in an effort to use similar language, format, and where necessary, added content to further assist in assessment preparation. Recent changes and additions in courses has been the recognition by History and Science teachers of the need to include more charts and graphs as a means for interpreting trends and evaluating concepts. Math teachers at the middle school level have started using more function notation earlier in the application of linear equations. English teachers are using past PSAT questions as reading evaluations. PSAT Benchmarks for Evidence-Based Reading and Writing for RCS are above national averages every year.

