

Two Rock Union School District Receives \$250,000 Department of Defense Grant

Five-year grant will provide targeted services for military impacted students.

Petaluma, CA – Two Rock Union School District has been awarded a 5-year, \$250,000 grant through the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) Program. The Department of Defense Education Activity has the critical role of supporting the education of the children of our Nation's military. The DoDEA grant will provide funds to support research-based strategies that enhance student achievement and ease the challenges that military children face due their parents military service. Two Rock Union School District is a single school district that serves the students of parents working at the United States Coast Guard Training Center (TRACEN) in west Petaluma. Sixty-five percent of the students at Two Rock come from the Coast Guard training center.

Two Rock Elementary School was 1 of 48 schools in the United State selected to receive the DoDEA grant. The grant will support the development of Comprehensive Academic and Socio-Emotional Support systems (Project CASES). The goal of Project CASES is to improve the academic achievement of military-connected students by directly addressing the academic and socio-emotional challenges that they face. Academic challenges will be addressed through the development of a tiered system of academic support. This system will include targeted research-based instructional strategies and programs, including after school and summer session tutoring. Socio-emotional supports will include the development of a school-wide behavior support system that includes individual and group counseling designed to improve coping strategies for military impacted students.

“We are excited for this opportunity to develop programs specifically focused on serving the needs of our military families,” said Toni Beal, Superintendent/Principal of Two Rock Union School. “All students at our school will benefit greatly from these additional services.”

The first year of this 5-year grant is a planning year, which begins with a Post Award grant conference in Norfolk, Virginia, and includes the development of partnerships with the United States Coast Guard Training Center along with additional training in Washington, DC in the summer.

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