

California City Middle School—South Mojave USD

Location: North Central South

County: Kern County

Demographics: Small city or town

Exemplar Area:

Working as a team in curricular areas to teach reading

Contact:

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Strengths:

- Established a collaborative atmosphere
- Positive teacher and student relationships

Struggles:

- Socioeconomic struggles

Summary:

California City Middle School uses all curricular areas to utilize and teach reading strategies. Introducing the Project READ agenda through the leadership team, they hope to inspire, motivate, and change the culture surrounding the staff and be a direct positive reflection on the students. They have become aware that their willingness to change, expand, and challenge their students/instructional needs can be obtained through research and by developing game-changing methodologies.

Advice for Success:

1. Teach with enthusiasm, excitement, and flair to build student engagement.