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## **High School District Changes School Name**



El Dorado Union High School District Community,

The El Dorado Union High School District is excited to unveil the new Pacific Crest Academy, a change in name with a purpose.

In the fall of 2019, when there was a change in Administration, teachers and parents commented on the desire to change the name of the EDUHSD Virtual Academy as it does not accurately represent the school. This was confirmed as they went through the WASC process in 2020 when the visiting committee met with a variety of groups including students, parents, and staff.

In the spring of 2021, they began gathering ideas for a new name through class conversations, staff collaboration, and utilizing Google Forms. The list was narrowed down through a voting process that involved staff, students and parents. Once the final name was selected, a group of students, staff, and a district representative worked together to create school colors and a new logo. A school motto will be voted on in the near future as well.

At a recent Board Meeting, the EDUHSD Board of Trustees voted unanimously to change the name of EDUHSD Virtual Academy to Pacific Crest Academy to better reflect the school culture in place at the site.

Director of Educational Options & Innovations, Leslie Redkey, commented "The name change is something our school community has desired for three years. 'Virtual' does not define our learning environment. We offer a unique in-person program but offer flexibility in combination with the necessary support to help students succeed."

The school offers a nationally recognized program based on smaller class sizes, personalized education and an emphasis on completion of college courses and student internships. To find out more about the school and its curriculum and philosophy, visit: <https://pacificcrest.eduhsd.k12.ca.us/>