

KATIE KOHLER

Educational Leader | Superintendent/Principal | District Administrator
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Transforming a 170-student rural school into a model of innovation through grit, resourcefulness, and community-centered leadership.

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Award-winning Superintendent/Principal with 17+ years in public education, including 9 years of site and district-level leadership. Known for doing more with less in a small, rural district setting. Secured over \$2.3 million in state and foundation grants to fund new construction, campus modernization, and cutting-edge programs. Built a half-acre school farm, a fully equipped MakerSpace, and led the construction of a new TK building during COVID. Drove the district to its highest-ever CAASPP scores while earning 100% staff support for four new curriculum adoptions. Deeply committed to creating schools where every kid has access to real-world learning, regardless of zip code.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

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| ✓ District Operations & Finance | ✓ Grant Writing & Facilities Planning | ✓ Staff Development & Evaluation |
| ✓ Special Education Administration | ✓ Curriculum & Instruction | ✓ CTE Program Development |
| ✓ Board Relations & Governance | ✓ Community Partnerships | ✓ School Safety & Compliance |
| ✓ Assessment & Accountability | ✓ Construction & Modernization | ✓ Rural School Innovation |

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Secured \$2.3M+ in competitive state and foundation grants for new construction, modernization, and program development
- Led construction of a new Transitional Kindergarten building (\$1M+ project) completed during COVID-era constraints
- Created a half-acre working farm and launched a TK-8 CTE Agriculture program from the ground up
- Built and equipped a MakerSpace with 3D printers, robotics, and hands-on STEM tools for all grade levels
- Drove district to historically highest CAASPP achievement levels across all tested grades
- Adopted four new core subject curriculums with 100% staff buy-in through collaborative rollout
- Led campus-wide asbestos removal and full modernization project while maintaining instructional continuity
- Co-chaired the SSDA State Conference four consecutive years (2023-2026) and presented at three
- Named Nevada County ACSA Superintendent/Principal of the Year (2023-2024)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Superintendent / Principal

2020 - Present

Chicago Park Elementary School District | Grass Valley, CA

Serve as the sole site and district administrator for a TK-8 rural community charter school with approximately 175 students and 24 staff. Report directly to a five-member Board of Trustees. Manage all instructional, operational, fiscal, personnel, and compliance functions for the district.

- Manage full district budget, annual audits, and all state and federal reporting requirements
- Write and administer grants totaling \$2.3M+ across facilities, curriculum, and program funding
- Direct all human resources functions including recruitment, labor relations, and performance evaluation
- Administer all special education services and collaborate with Nevada County SELPA
- Oversee district technology infrastructure, student information systems, and instructional technology
- Lead development and oversight of CTE, athletics, enrichment, and student leadership programs

- Chair or participate in Site Council, Charter Advisory, Curriculum, Technology, Health & Wellness, and School Safety committees

Principal

2017 - 2019

Chicago Park Elementary School | Grass Valley, CA

Provided instructional and operational leadership for a TK-8 school serving approximately 175 students and 24 staff members.

- Supervised daily school operations, student discipline, and campus safety
- Led staff evaluations, professional development planning, and master scheduling
- Managed Site Council, GATE program, and after-school enrichment and recreation programs
- Served as primary liaison between school, families, and community partners

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Eight years of classroom experience across grades K-8 in multiple Nevada County and Sacramento-area school districts, including general education, combination classes, and secondary mathematics, science, and English.

6th-8th Mathematics	<i>Union Hill School District, 2016-2017</i>
5th Grade	<i>Union Hill School District, 2014-2016</i>
6th-8th Science & Mathematics	<i>Chicago Park School District, 2012-2013</i>
Algebra & Algebra II (Part-Time)	<i>Grass Valley Charter School, 2012-2013</i>
8th Grade English (Part-Time)	<i>Union Hill School District, 2010-2013</i>
2nd/3rd Combination	<i>Alta Dutch Flat School District, 2009-2010</i>
Kindergarten	<i>Howe Ave Elementary / San Juan USD, 2008-2009</i>

EDUCATION & CREDENTIALS

- Clear Administrative Services Credential, PCOE / National University
- M.A. Educational Administration, National University
- Multiple Subjects Teaching Credential (K-12), CSU Sacramento
- B.A. Liberal Studies, CSU Sacramento

AWARDS & GRANTS

2024	Nevada County ACSA Superintendent/Principal of the Year	
2026	Strong Workforce Grant	\$242,403
2023	Middle School Foundation Grant	\$25,000
2025	Whole Kids Foundation Grant	\$3,500
2022	Office of Public School Construction - TK Classroom Grant	\$1,018,038
2019	Office of Public School Construction - Modernization Grant	\$1,100,254

LEADERSHIP & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Co-Chair, Small School District Association (SSDA) State Conference (2023, 2024, 2025, 2026)
- Presenter, SSDA State Conference (2023, 2024, 2025)
- Board Member (2024-Present) & Vice President (2025-current), Community Roots Food JPA
- Board Member, Nevada County Special Education Services (2020-Present)
- Board Member, Schools' Insurance Group JPA (2019-Present)
- Member, Nevada County SELPA Council of Superintendents (2020-Present)
- Board Member (2022-Present) & Interim Treasurer (2026), Small School District Association, Region 3
- Executive Council, Nevada County Association of California School Administrators (2020-2022)
- Member, Association of California School Administrators (2017-current)
- Member, Nevada County Master Gardener (2022-Present)