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Adobe Bluffs Elementary School Awarded International Honor: *Confucius Classroom of the Year.*



Poway Unified School District's Adobe Bluffs Elementary School was awarded the Confucius Classroom of the Year award at the 13th Annual Confucius Institute Global Conference held in Chengdu, China.

Adobe Bluffs' Principal Edward Park, and a small delegation of educators and students, flew to China to accept the award – the Confucius Classroom of the Year plaque – on behalf of the school – which was the only elementary school recognized at the awards ceremony.

"I consider this award a prestigious honor," said Park. "To be recognized internationally for our efforts to create world class learners and global citizens right here in Poway Unified, and to be the only elementary school in the world to be recognized by the Confucius Institute is a reflection on our amazing staff and students."

The award is based on a wide variety of criteria including, the quality and scale of teaching, the number of cultural Programs made available to students, collaboration with other Confucius Institutes, digital development, character development, and more.

Adobe Bluffs Elementary School offers its students two foreign language and culture program options: the Dual Language Immersion program and the Foreign Language in Elementary School (FLES) program.

The Dual Language Program at Adobe Bluffs is a 50/50, two-way Immersion Program — with a classroom consisting of an equal number of native English-speaking and native Mandarin-speaking students. Dual immersion offers students the unique opportunity to learn within the context of a bilingual, bicultural classroom. The focus of instruction is not on the learning of two languages, but rather on the learning of academic content by using two languages. Teachers use the same curriculum, standards, and assessments as other teachers in the Poway Unified School District. The 3 main goals of the program are that students will achieve bilingual proficiency in both English and Mandarin, students will reach high levels of academic achievement in both languages, and students will become cross-cultural ambassadors for the school, community, and society.



Adobe Bluffs Elementary also hosts the Foreign Language in Elementary School (FLES) program, which exposes all students to twice-a-week Mandarin language and Chinese culture lessons, as well as unique guest speakers and cultural performances.

To learn more about the mandarin programs, please visit <https://www.powayusd.com/ABES>

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