

## What's Behind Summit's Record of Success?

Summit's outstanding record of success is based on a number of factors, including:

- A well-developed hiring process that has ensured a high degree of outstanding teachers and administrators.
- A clearly focused mission emphasizing "a rigorous, academic curriculum that promotes high levels of student effort and academic achievement."
- A diverse student population that helps create a vibrant school community.
- A school that is small enough to be safe, caring and community-oriented.
- A well-rounded academic program.
- Providing support for students who need an extra hand - i.e. tutoring, math and literacy labs, literacy support, special education, 504 plans, etc.
- Placing students in many subjects by academic level and interest rather than solely by grade level to enable students to be challenged at their full potential.
- Teaching cross-curricular skills in all core subjects.
- Positioning our resources where they will most directly benefit our students.
- A school culture that values scholarship, meaningful academic achievement and creativity.
- A site-based management structure that allows us to operate with greater autonomy and less bureaucracy.
- A standards-based and benchmark-driven curriculum with clear, measurable objectives.
- A high degree of parental involvement, and of accountability to our parents, that is based on the belief that parents should have a great deal of input into their children's education.
- Being data-driven and reflective. We set annual improvement goals for ourselves each year, look at data from a number of sources (such as surveys and test results), and then measure how well we have progressed in achieving these goals. This reflection and data analysis provides guidance for changes and improvements in our program.