



Pendergast District Receives National Honor through Everfi

Only five percent of districts nationwide achieve Champion District status

September 22, 2020 – Phoenix, Arizona – [Pendergast District](#) is proud to achieve the status of Everfi District Champion. The seal, awarded to less than 5% of districts nationally, highlights the dedication that Pendergast has put into preparing students for their brightest possible future both in and out of the classroom!

This recognition acknowledges the dedication of PESD staff to transformational change in the interest of equity and the well-being of all students. This honor is provided by EVERFI, a digital education organization focused on helping educators address the most challenging issues affecting society, including financial literacy, social-emotional learning, health and wellness, inclusion, and college and career readiness.

Pendergast District is proud to join a few other premier districts including Los Angeles Unified, Mesa Public Schools, Clark County Nevada Schools and Chapel Hill-Carrboro Schools in receiving this coveted status.

Dr. Lily Matos DeBlieux, Pendergast superintendent shares, “We are honored to be one of fewer than five percent of districts across the nation to earn the EVERFI Student Impact Champion designation. Our educators are dedicated to teaching the whole child because we know that it not only impacts how healthy and productive students are during their time with Pendergast District schools, but also their well-being and success far beyond the K-12 years. EVERFI has supported school districts with online educational programming. They have helped our schools through transformational change in the interest of equity and the well-being of our students. We will proudly place the seal on our website and social media channels that honor and elevate the visibility of our school district in meeting high standards for student wellness and whole-child education and serves as a beacon of our commitment to our students, staff, families and the communities we serve.”

To learn more about the EVERFI Champion Seal, visit <https://everfi.com/k-12/champion-seal/>.