

## About This School

### Contact Information (School Year 2012-13)

School		District	
<b>School Name</b>	Eel River Charter	<b>District Name</b>	Round Valley Unified
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### School Description and Mission Statement (School Year 2012-13)

The Eel River Charter School (ERCS) serves students K-6 in a safe school, with interdisciplinary, holistic, hands-on curriculum. The school was founded in 1994 by parents. Parents and community members continue to govern the school.

The Eel River Charter School's mission statement was evaluated and re-written in 2006. The new mission statement is "Working with families in community through holistic teaching to develop educated, responsible, compassionate people".

The goal of the Eel River Charter School is to engage parents/families in the educational process, thereby providing the support structure and overlapping spheres of influence necessary for students to attain an integrated perception of learning. ERCS employs three part-time aides to assist the teachers in the 3 multi-grade level classrooms. ERCS also employs an office manager, a part time business manager, and a part time lunch server and custodian.

Eel River Charter School is a direct funded charter school. ERCS does not have a principal/director or superintendent. The volunteer school Board, comprised of parents of students handles the administrative duties, such as student discipline and employee management. The office manager, business manager, and teachers handle the routine, day to day decisions and this core staff is accountable to the ERCS Board. The ERCS Board designee approves all school expenditures.

ERCS routinely has fewer than 10 students per grade level, thus test results are not published to protect the privacy of the students in regards to the Science, History, and Physical Fitness testing. Due to the small school size, ERCS does not have statistically significant sub-groups, other than economically disadvantaged, and a similar schools ranking is not provided.

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### Opportunities for Parental Involvement (School Year 2012-13)

Parents commit to 2 parent work hours per week, per child enrolled at the school. ERCS runs on parent power: parents founded this school, and they form the final link in the chain of command. Depending on their interest, families choose how they will contribute. They do everything from administrative tasks (governing the school) to augmenting curriculum, chaperoning field trips, teacher's aides, facilities maintenance, cleaning facility, dumping garbage, yard duty, and general yard work. In 2012-13 the parents from 28 families contributed two thousand forty-nine (2049) hours to the school.

Parent involvement benefits the students: not only do the children see the pieces of their lives come together in coherence, but also they recognize a measure of their own worth in their parents' efforts. Students see that education is important because their parents invest time in their school. When parents walk into their child's school, that child feels excited, proud, and loved.

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