ABOUT OUR PROGRAM
CARE is a partnership between the San Joaquin County Office of Education and local school districts designed to help incoming 9th graders who struggled academically in their 8th grade year. CARE gives students the tools, support and resources needed to be successful in their freshman year and also sets them up to be successful the remainder of their high school career.

Many freshmen struggle with the transition to high school. CARE provides a smaller class size that allows teachers to make sure students are not getting overwhelmed academically, socially or emotionally. The CARE program uses the high school’s adopted curriculum in all academic areas. CARE is a general education program where the majority of instruction in core academic courses will occur in one classroom with the CARE teacher.

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High school campuses that have CARE classrooms:
East Union High School
Sierra High School
Weston Ranch High School
Lathrop High School
Merrill F. West High School
The goal in CARE is to provide students with the support they need to be successful in high school. Staff from both San Joaquin County Office of Education and the traditional school site will support the students. This includes academic counseling, social-emotional counseling, administrative and attendance support.

**ENROLL IN CARE**

- The classroom is located on the school campus
- Classes have a max enrollment of 22 students
- Students can play on sports teams and join school clubs
- Students attend most core classes with the same teacher
- Students follow the same bell and lunch schedule as all Freshmen
- CARE Principal, Counselor works directly with on-site high school Administration to assist students with needed resources
- CARE teachers are in frequent contact with parents or guardians about their student’s progress
- Students have more motivation, better grades and a better outlook on school moving to 10th grade
- Teachers provide tutoring during lunch and after school
- Students are dually enrolled in district high school and San Joaquin County Office of Education.

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE**

Any incoming 9th grader that has been recommended by their school staff for any of the following reasons are eligible for CARE.

- Students who failed classes in 8th grade and are being socially promoted
- Students who had poor attendance in 8th grade
- Students who need extra motivation for school
- Students who struggle socially at school because of anxiety

**CARE OUTCOMES**

- Improved grades in school
- Improved school attendance
- Improved organizational and study skills
- A more positive outlook towards school
- A more positive outlook towards self and others
- Career and post-secondary school goals

**ACADEMIC INTERVENTION**

CARE utilizes the Exact Path assessment tool for reading and mathematics. Exact Path creates an individualized remediation plan for each student. It is designed to develop skills students need improvements in. Students have the opportunity to work on their remediation plan every day.