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# ATLAS Learning Academy

Achievement Through Leadership, Adventure and Service

## OUR PROGRAM

ATLAS Learning Academy had a terrific start of the school year! In a little over three months after opening, we are already serving 18 students in grades 5-12.

ATLAS Learning Academy serves K-12 students using a hybrid teaching model designed to provide customized and active learning emphasizing high academic achievement, leadership, character development, outdoor education/project based learning and teamwork.

## School Board Meeting Presentation

On Tuesday, November 1st, teachers Adam Salinger, Clint Nelson and ATLAS student Brigham Cheshire made a formal presentation to the Western Placer Unified School Board concerning all aspects of ATLAS.

The presentation included:

- ATLAS Mission, Vision, Motto, and Values
- The justification for creating ATLAS
- Pictures of the building before and after school setup
- Pictures and descriptions of ATLAS 5 Core Beliefs
  - Customized and flexible A-G Compliant Classes
  - Leadership Training
  - Outdoor Education and Stewardship
  - Service Learning
  - College and Career Readiness
- Pictures and stories about our three trips this year including:
  - Long Lake Backpacking Trip
  - Lake Tahoe Day Hike
  - Yosemite 3-day camping/hiking trip
- Brigham Cheshire, ATLAS student, presented about his co-enrollment at Lincoln High School, taking part in the expeditions, as well as his independent study experience.
- We concluded with benefits connected directly to the outdoor experiences offered.
  - Students are turning in a higher level of work when work is connected with an activity that they experience.
  - Students are more engaged once back at school because of their experience together as a group.
  - Students are more interested in taking part in service activities after expeditions as they are beginning to see themselves as a part of something bigger.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

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**Board Meeting Presentation. From left to right – Brigham Cheshire, Chuck Whitecotton, Adam Salinger, Clint Nelson**



5th Grader Lindsey

## OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

- Our latest adventure was on November 15th. We completed a 5 mile loop partially on the Pacific Crest Trail and to the top of Donner and Judah peaks.
- December 12th- Snowshoe trip
- January 4th- Snowshoe Trip
- January 11th- Ski DUCK skiing trip at Squaw Valley
- January 24th- Snowshoe trip
- January 25th- Ski DUCK skiing trip at Squaw Valley
- February 1st- Ski DUCK skiing trip at Squaw Valley
- February 15th- Ski DUCK skiing trip at Squaw Valley
- February 23rd- Snowshoe trip