

## How Can I Learn More and Become Part of the Community at OCS?

- Visit our website at [www.ourcommunityschool.org](http://www.ourcommunityschool.org), schedule a visit to our school, or come take a school tour. Call the office or check the website for the next available date.
- OCS is a community based school and we encourage volunteerism and support from our local community. We also offer wonderful sponsorship and advertising opportunities for local businesses.
- For interested families: we have a lottery based admission policy where every child has an equal opportunity to become a part of our school. Our lotteries for available spaces in the fall are held in March for Kindergarten and May for 1st-8th grades. Families who aren't placed will be offered a space on the waiting list. Families interested should fill out an Enrollment Form which is available on our website and in the school office starting in January.

Interested in our sponsorship or advertising opportunities, donating or volunteering? Contact the Development Team at [support@ourcommunityschool.org](mailto:support@ourcommunityschool.org), or 818-350-5000 or mail in the form below:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I am enclosing my donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to support Our Community School.

I am interested in donating in-kind item(s) or services to Our Community School. Please describe:

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I am interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities.

I am interested in learning more about sponsorship & advertising opportunities for my business.



## Our Charter School...

- OCS was named Charter School of the Year in 2009.
- OCS's 2015 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress scores outperform average state traditional and charter schools. State tests are just one measure.
- OCS measures our success by how eager our students are to be at school. Our students, their families, and our staff feel a sense of belonging as valued members of our community.
- OCS is an independent public school designed by educators and parents to offer choice in a learning environment that meets the needs of every child.

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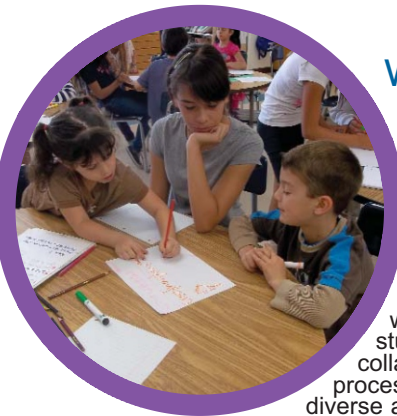
K-8TH GRADE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL



A school  
that students  
and parents  
love...







## What is Our Community School About?

Our Community School is an award winning, tuition-free, public charter school serving K-8th grades where staff members, students, and families collaborate in the ongoing process of education. Our diverse and dedicated community

balances academics with creativity, thereby fostering independent thinkers, problem solvers, and leaders using innovative music, art, P.E., garden, and technology programs. OCS students are guided to become ethical, empowered, and informed members of society. OCS has small class sizes and ensures that all children feel safe, valued, and excited about school. Our school program includes exceptional student/teacher ratio to integrate an approach of hands-on learning with academic rigor. Our 7th and 8th graders are prepared for the expectations of high school with academics and electives that meet different learning styles and interests.

### Our school program is based on three main themes:

- **Constructivism:** *Students learn through connecting new ideas to prior learning. Each experience is an opportunity to construct new meaning through discussion, collaboration, and reflection to apply new concepts.*
- **Responsive Classroom and Developmental Design:** *Developed by classroom teachers, this approach consists of practical strategies of bringing together social and academic learning throughout the school day. Through a variety of activities, students learn organizational, problem solving, and conflict resolution skills, while developing and improving their creativity, independence, cooperation, responsibility and self-discipline.*
- **Integrated Hands-On Learning:** *Our Community School's educational philosophy is that integrated curriculum enables students to understand concepts at a deeper level and to connect learning across content areas. Students are more engaged and more apt to use critical thinking skills and retain information when content learning is integrated with technology, classroom projects, field trips, service learning and the arts.*

For more information about OCS and our programs, visit us at [www.ourcommunityschool.org](http://www.ourcommunityschool.org)



## Our Community School guides our students to be:

- **Ethical:** Children learn about being of service to others through community service projects they develop and implement. OCS students are taught collaboration and participation as well as develop skills in resolving conflicts.
- **Empowered:** All students have the opportunity to be leaders, develop their public speaking skills, and gain self-confidence by participating in the student government and whole school assemblies.
- **Informed:** Students learn Common Core based integrated units of study that meet various needs and interests through hands on learning, field trips, and innovative instruction.

### We value Music, PE, Art and Technology and Garden/Outdoor Instruction.

#### Music:

- K-4<sup>th</sup> graders participate in an Orff Schulwerk developmental and educational music program that helps them develop a long lasting love and appreciation for music.
- Our 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders participate in our House of Blues Guitar and Drum Program where they learn to play a variety of songs on the guitar and at the end of the year students perform live on stage.
- Our 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders are offered music electives each semester including Music Theory, Songwriting and Urban Band.



**Physical Education:** P.E. is an essential part of a student's education at OCS. We provide a variety of activities from traditional sports to non-traditional games where every student has an opportunity to shine. Our goal is to encourage students to find something they love, lead physically active lifestyles, and carry it forward into their adult lives. We also offer an award-winning sports program for our middle school students.

**Art:** The arts are an important part of the curriculum at OCS. K-8<sup>th</sup> graders take part in art instruction led by a professional, working artist.

**Technology:** Led by Planet Bravo, an award-winning tech instruction partnership, OCS provides our K-8<sup>th</sup> graders with engaging and meaningful technology instruction.

**Garden/Outdoor Classroom:** OCS maintains a healthy organic garden. Students not only have the opportunity for hands-on

experiences with earth science, physics, and biology, they also employ their math and graphing skills, keep journals, write poetry, and read fiction and non-fiction books about gardens.

## A School Created by the Community for the Community

- Our teachers are highly qualified, experienced and credentialed.
- Parents are welcomed and involved at all levels of the school: from the school's Board of Directors, school events, and classroom volunteers.
- OCS believes that a strong home-school connection helps children succeed.
- OCS offers before and after school programs led by Champions, a partnership in high quality additional care that starts at 7:00am and ends at 6:00pm. Subsidies are available.

