

Challenges & Opportunities

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Our Goal as Educators

Sausalito Marin City School District

“The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character is the goal of true education.”

Martin Luther King, Jr.



4 Purposes of Education

*"A child miseducated is a child lost."
– John F. Kennedy*

Intellectual
Purposes

Politics and
Civic
Purposes

Economics

Social
Purposes

Superintendent's Non-Negotiables



Students prepared to enter Kindergarten.

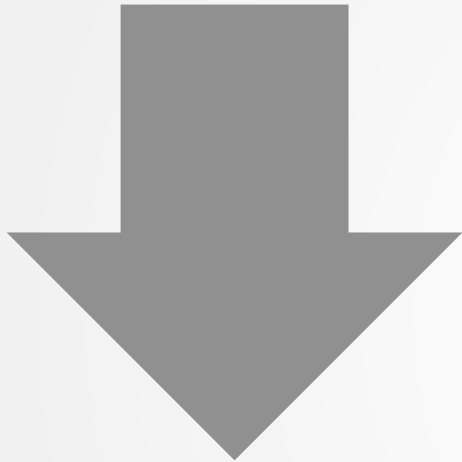


Fluent readers by
Third Grade.

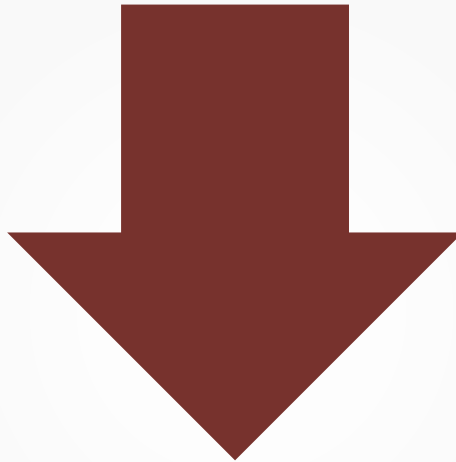


Proficient in Algebra 1
by the end of 8th grade.

Staff & Teacher's – 3 Broad Concepts



Our students will have stellar - appropriate and varied communication and language skills.



Students will be academically and culturally literate by mastering, applying, questioning and defending (the solution) core concepts and experiences.



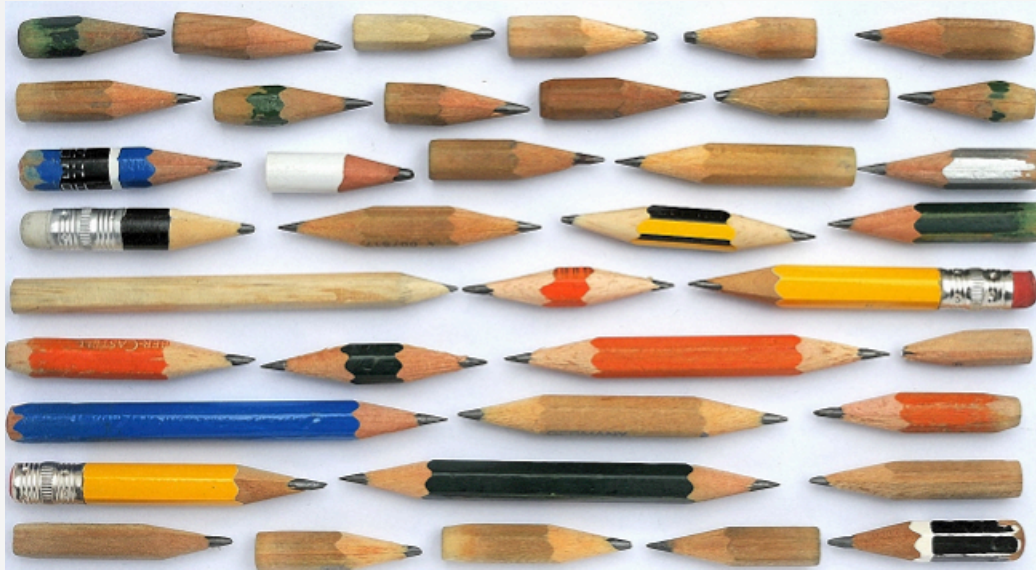
Students will fearlessly persevere to strategically and resourcefully solve academic and real world problems.

The Idea

"Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today." - Malcom X



More Time in Class



Students need more time in class – not less.

- Creation of Master Schedule that protects core academic time.
- Accountability process to ensure students are in their seats – on time- ready to learn.

Support & Structure



Student need structured support system **centered on Academic Goals.**

- Partnership with community based organization to mutually support parents and students.
- Creation of rigorous academic goals that are easily understood and disseminated.

Real World Experience



Students need real world examples and experiences to support learning.

- Partnerships with local organizations to support development of work force skills and habits.
- Field trips centered on educational goals and outcomes.

Action

"Action is the foundational key to all success." Pablo Picasso



Development of Jr. Kindergarten



Formed partnerships with **Community Action Marin & Academy of Arts and Science Charter School** to create Jr. Kindergarten Program for students entering kindergarten in the 15-16 school year.

Reading Intervention Program



Development of Robust Reading Intervention Program

- Allocate funding from Pre-K – 3 grant to fund half-day reading intervention teacher.
- Reallocation of current staff to assist with reading intervention programs.
- Creation of Marin City Reads Program - Volunteer reading support program targeting Marin City residents to enrich reading program.

Powerful Academic Goals

Powerful
Academic
Goals

Creation of Powerful
Academic Goals.

Backward
Curriculum
Map

Creation of Backward
curriculum map
focused on college or
career readiness.

Core
Concepts

Define core concepts
and experience.

Summer Learning Options

Formed partnerships to provide summer learning options.



Aim High

Aim High



Freedom School

Freedom School



Little Readers and Mathletes Programs

Bridge the Gap
Summer Reading
Program

Other Ideas

Yes, there are more things to consider!



Unifying for Excellence



Elimination of nearly all outside consultants.

Strong site leadership focused on high expectations for academic as well as social excellence.



Unification under one name – Martin Luther King, Jr.

Development of the “Panther Way”.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Academy



MLK – Chasing the Dream

