

MISSION

San Francisco Day School educates, nurtures, and inspires girls and boys of diverse backgrounds to achieve their highest academic and creative potential, to embrace ethical values, and to become active contributors to their communities.

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We believe that when intellect and imagination are intertwined, our students delight in the discovery of connection: in their academic and creative pursuits, in their relationships, and in all that they experience here. Every day we help our students emerge as flexible and resourceful learners. Because when we do, our students light up with the call and capacity to take on the complexities of their day and of a diverse world.

VALUES

EXPERIENCES THAT BRIDGE INTELLECT AND IMAGINATION.

The San Francisco Day School Curriculum is born of our belief that education works best when students' hearts are in the work. Thus, we value a best practices approach to education that employs a creative, imaginative curriculum to engage students' hearts and minds. And because we know every heart and mind is different, we value teaching and learning that optimizes each student's strengths in an environment where each individual can grow and thrive.

MINDSETS THAT ENCOURAGE AND EMPOWER GROWTH.

San Francisco Day School understands and appreciates that everyone has the capacity to learn through perseverance and sustained effort. Further, SF Day values the process of learning as much as we value what is learned. Thus, our program is intentional in striking a balance between developing resiliency and perseverance, on one hand, and developing patience and appreciating the time it takes to truly understand, on the other.

COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS THAT INSPIRE AND CONNECT.

San Francisco Day School values the personal growth that happens when students and their families feel supported by each other and the school. Our families model respect and kindness for each other and the school. Families in turn support SF Day as we fulfill our mission of providing a rich educational program for their children.

DIVERSITY THAT IS BROAD, EVOLVING, AND ENRICHES EVERYONE.

San Francisco Day School believes that diversity is ever evolving and is therefore a prerequisite to learning. The school values when many voices and perspectives are sought out and included. Thus, we recruit, welcome, and celebrate children, families, faculty, and staff that reflect the broad range of diversity in the Bay Area. The school invites its families, faculty, and staff to come together and work toward a common set of goals in an inclusive and supportive community.

RESPONSIBILITY TO OURSELVES, EACH OTHER, AND SOCIETY.

San Francisco Day School values personal and institutional behaviors that are guided by strong moral purpose. Thus, we dedicate time and resources to robust service learning opportunities which emphasize a mutual responsibility to make judgments based on ethical principles of equity and justice, and the importance of kindness, caring, and support toward and for one another. Members of the SF Day community are encouraged to stand up for their own convictions and learn the essentials of teamwork: cooperation, collaboration, and resolution of conflict.