

AT-A-GLANCE

Nea's name is from a West African saying: "Nea onnim no sua a ohu" meaning 'One who does not know can know from learning'.

Nea's school culture was founded with West African influences. Our school's logo, along with our Nine Nea Principle symbols, are Adinkra symbols. They are decorative and also convey messages of traditional wisdom about navigating life. The symbol in our logo is the Adinkra associated with the "Nea onnim ..." adage and with our central principle of **Lifelong Learning**.

Nea VOCABULARY

- **Lead Facilitator** = Principal
- **Assistant Lead Facilitator** = Assistant Principal
- **Facilitators** = Teachers
- **Learners** = Students
- **Lower Village (LV)** = TK thru 5th grades (Elementary School)
- **Upper Village (UV)** = 6th through 12th grades (Middle & High School)
- **PTSA** = Parent Teacher & Student Association: A parent-led organization that supports and fundraises for the school
- **Nea Ninjas** = School Mascot
- **Tree** = Nea's multipurpose room where Upper Village learners are scheduled for academic work periods. The Tree acquired its name from the iconic Baobab Tree of the African continent where it is known as the "tree of life."
- **Academies** = Structured work period for additional academic growth
- **Mindful Break** = Learners may request a 2-minute Mindful Break during independent or group work time using the blue card
- **ARC** = Education Specialist Resource Room
- **Akoma Buddies** = LV-UV buddy program (*Akoma* means "heart")
- **BoaMe** = UV Learners serve as Teacher Assistants (From the West African saying "*Boa me na me mmoa wo*" meaning 'Help me and let me help you')
- **Ninja Star Cards** = Positive Behavior Recognition program

LEARNER-LED MODEL

- **CCC** = Contemporary Community Citizenship, a bi-monthly village assembly. At the Upper Village level, CCC's are led by learners in our leadership program.
- **JC** = Judicial Committee, a learner-run peer disciplinary council of UV, meets weekly to consider issues related to infringement of rules outlined in the Nea Handbook.
- **LLC** = Learner-Led Conference. Learners present work to parents & classmates, twice a year, offering learners the opportunity to reflect on their intellectual growth, practice their public speaking skills, and show off their best work.
- **Con Con** = Constitutional Convention. Annual event where the UV learners plan and lead a review the rules in the learner handbook, make suggestions for rule and policy changes, and share ideas for improving our community.
- **L2L** = Learning to Learn, a homeroom type class that meets once a week on Wednesdays for Upper Village

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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

MUST HAVE A '3' OR HIGHER

- A) History/Gov/Econ - 3 Years
- B) English - 4 Years
- C) Math - 4 Years
- D) Science - 3 Years
- E) Foreign Language (LOTE) - 2 Years
- F) Visual & Performing Arts - 1 Year
- G) College Prep Elective - 1 Year
- Physical Education - 2 Years
- Current Life Issues - 1 Semester
- CCC - 4 Semesters

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- Community College Course - 1 Semester
- Senior Internship - 20 Hours
- Community Service - 60 Hours
- Senior Impact Project
- Senior Presentation

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ATTENDANCE

- **Tardies:** Learners are tardy when they are not in class and seated at the beginning of each class period or are late to return after leaving the classroom.
- **Absences:** Learners are absent when they are not present for one or more class periods or Tree periods during the school day.
- **Excused:** Tardies and absences due to illness, health-related appointments, family emergencies, bereavement, court appearances, and religious observances are excused if reported to the office within 72 hours.
- **Unexcused:** Tardies due to learners or family members “running late”, oversleeping, finishing homework, losing track of time, missing the bus, or ordinary traffic delays are unexcused. Absences due to family travel, family guests, vacations, birthdays or other celebrations are unexcused.
- **Truancy:** Learners shall be classified as truant if absent from school without a valid excuse three full days in one school year, or tardy or absent for more than any 30-minute period during the school day without a valid excuse on three occasions in one school year, or any combination thereof.
- **Independent Study Contract** = For absences of three consecutive school days or more, families can enter an agreement to complete work outside the classroom while they are away from school. This will excuse their absences provided work is completed, returned & verified. Learners can be on Independent Study for a maximum of 14 consecutive school days.

GOOD TO KNOW



- **MAP** = Measure of Academic Progress, is a computerized adaptive test which helps us make informed decisions to promote academic growth
- **SBA** = Smarter Balance Assessments (CA State testing)
- **Benchmarks** = Assessments designed by facilitators to improve and promote their teaching and learning by providing information that can be used to monitor learner progress
- **PowerSchool** = Student information system. Online Grade Book. Email Ms. Jasmine if your login is not working.
- **LV Quad** = Lunch/snack area between rooms 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9.
- **My School Bucks** = online registration for school lunch (see handbook).
- **Boys & Girls Club** = Located near the park, learners use the facilities for PE. Some families utilize the afterschool program which is NOT part of our school, but we work in close partnership with them.
- **College Classes** = Nea offers Concurrent Enrollment in college classes for High Schoolers who earn a C or higher in all their classes.
- **Community Service** = 20 hours required each year to graduate
- **Work Permits** = Issued once you’ve been hired or selected.
- **Seminar** = Class periods are referred to in this way. Our school does not use a bell system, so learners are responsible to get to seminar
- **ACLCL** = Sister school next door. Alameda Community Learning Center (Grades 6-12). Learners are not allowed to be on each other’s campus.
- **CLCS** = Community Learning Center Schools. District Office for Nea & ACLCL

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9 Nea PRINCIPLES

<p>CURIOSITY (SEPTEMBER)</p> 	<p>ORGANIZATION (OCTOBER)</p> 
<p>PERSISTENCE (NOVEMBER)</p> 	<p>COMPASSION (DECEMBER)</p> 
<p>ACCOUNTABILITY (JANUARY)</p> 	<p>PROBLEM SOLVING (FEBRUARY)</p> 
<p>COURAGE (MARCH)</p> 	<p>TEAMWORK (APRIL)</p> 
<p>INTEGRITY (MAY)</p> 	<p>REFLECTION OF THE 9 PRINCIPLES (JUNE)</p>