

town school for boys

2023-24

As a boys' school, Town provides a rich, challenging and rigorous educational experience that addresses the distinctive energy levels and developmental styles of boys. Town values being a diverse and inclusive community that nurtures integrity, self-awareness and respect in its boys, and prepares them to become productive and contributing members of an ever-changing world.

**At Town School, learning is prized,
love of school is essential
and boyhood is celebrated.**

Program Built for Boys:

- All students begin the day with morning meeting
- Social-emotional learning throughout the curriculum; dedicated Lower School SEL teacher
- 5-8 math groups: Core, Core+ and Condensed Math in 7th and 8th grades
- K-8 Director of Math Programs and Math Specialist
- Robust reading curricula with phonics instruction
- Dedicated Reading Specialists in Grades K-2
- Digital and information literacy integrated throughout the grades
- Integrated technology, robotics and computer programming
- Upper School Advisory and Experiences classes to develop students' leadership and executive functioning skills—including organization, planning, prioritization and adaptable thinking
- 8th grade culminating Capstone Projects
- Library programs that foster a love of reading across the school
- Robust K-8 Music, Studio Art and Theater Arts offerings
- Outdoor Studies for Lower School students
- Dolby Family Center for the Performing Arts available for performances and assemblies
- 2 STEM labs and rooftop garden/outdoor STEM lab with greenhouse
- Engineering Studio—new in 2023-24! State-of-the-art space and Engineering Thinking Program emphasizing ethical problem-solving oriented toward social good
- Flexible classroom spaces respond to evolving needs
- Ample space available for active play—including 2 full-sized gymnasiums, 2 rooftop play spaces, and access to Morton Street Field in the Presidio
- Additional academic-focused courses and electives as well as student led clubs including debate, economics, gardening, Geo Bee, mathletes, programming, robotics, typing, woodshop, yearbook, band, sports analytics, fitness, Lego, card games and many more

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Town School Values:

RESPECT: We respect ourselves and others.

- We treat others the way they want to be treated.
- We practice good listening, compassion and empathy.

CURIOSITY: We are curious.

- We ask questions, think critically and solve problems.
- We seek opportunities to reach our highest potential.

BELONGING: We all belong.

- We embrace and celebrate each of our unique stories and experiences.
- We seek to ensure that every member of our community feels an equal sense of inclusion.

INTEGRITY: We act with integrity.

- We have the courage to do the right thing even when nobody else is watching.
- We always try our best and when we fail, we try again.

JOY: We are joyful.

- We make space for play, fun and laughter.
- We know joy can be found in hard work, risk-taking and perseverance.

At A Glance:

- Independent boys' K-8 school
- Founded in 1939
- Head of School: Lorri Hamilton Durbin
- Lower School K-4: self-contained classrooms with at least two teachers in each classroom
- Upper School 5-8: departmentalized classes

Community:

- Student enrollment 415
- 48% of our students come from self-identified families of color
- 19% of our families receive tuition assistance
- Families from 35+ different zip codes
- Morning bus program from the southern parts of San Francisco

Building Belonging:

- Parent community meetings
- Family affinity dinners
- Upper School students of color affinity groups and GSA meetings
- Global education curriculum
- Integrated racial literacy curriculum
- Parents' Association "One Town" committee creates cultural experiences and celebrations to deepen connections, build understanding and support sense of belonging across the community
- Families receiving tuition assistance also receive reduced fees in many other school-related expenses

Town Tiger Traditions:

- Families Program builds relationships across grades, including 4th grade buddies
- Head of School greets students with a handshake every morning at the front door
- Writers Workshop Celebrations
- Service Learning experiences across grades
- All-school assemblies with student performances, special guests and community celebrations
- Outdoor Education and leadership experiences in grades 5–8
- Faculty vs. 8th grade basketball and soccer games
- Spirit Week with themed dress-up days and activities every February
- Student-run Fair donates the proceeds to a student-selected non-profit
- Annual Events: Kindergarten Bedtime Stories, Family Fun Night, Grandparents and Special Friends Day, Halloween Parade, Kindergarten Family Traditions Tasting Party, Festival of the Arts, Track Meet

Extended Day Programs:

- Morning care beginning at 7:30 AM
- After school care available until 6:00 PM
- Learning Enrichment Activities Program (LEAP) includes comic creations, drawing, creative writing, music, touch football, chess, clay modeling, moviemaking, design engineering and many more

PE and Athletics: Go Tigers!

- Regular PE schedule and ample daily movement opportunities
- Grades K–2 sports teams often organized by room parents through school/parent partnership
- Students in grades 3–8 play on Town teams offered through the Athletic Department
- Upper School sports offered include golf, volleyball, soccer, basketball, cross country, baseball, and track and field
- A team for every boy; no cuts

Love of the Arts:

Students have many opportunities for creative and artistic expression

- Band
- Ceramics
- Creative Coding
- Drama
- Digital Arts
- Drumline
- Music Class
- Percussion
- Studio Art
- TED: Technology, Engineering and Design
- Theater Arts
- Theater Tech
- Woodshop
- Ukulele



Did You Know:

- Town is in the process of implementing a Strategic Plan. Just completed: An Engineering Thinking Program and a new Engineering Studio
- Town's New Teacher Institute has trained teachers new to the profession for 33 years
- Town provides generous Professional Development funds to ensure ongoing faculty growth
- Lunch and snack are included in the tuition fee
- All students are invited to perform in a school production
- Students LOVE the library! Ask about the 40 Book Challenge
- In addition to serving as leaders in their advisories and around school, members of Student Government help run Upper School Meetings and organize events including the Halloween Parade and Town School Fair
- 100% of our trustees, 94% of our employees, and 97% of our parents/guardians contributed to Annual Giving last year

Where Families Can Get Involved:

- Serving lunch
- Volunteering in the Library
- Joining classroom celebrations
- Participating in field trips
- Serving as Admission docents
- Fundraising
- Volunteering in studio arts
- Serving as room parents
- Participating in the Parents' Association
- Attending class coffees
- Attending Parent Education events
- Supporting Boy of the Week
- Participating in faculty and staff appreciation efforts

Portrait of a Graduate:

We expect Town graduates to be agile learners and thinkers who wholeheartedly embrace life's challenges. We aim to guide their development into leaders who speak up and act with integrity and humility. We seek to help them become compassionate and kind listeners as well as global citizens who are active and engaged with their communities. We support their evolution into balanced and well-rounded young people who possess confidence and a strong sense of self. As adults, we model each of these traits in our own actions.

Members of the Class of 2023 attend 20 different secondary schools including independent day schools and independent boarding schools

The Secondary School Counselor supports the boys and their families in helping to find the best fit for each student



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