Prospective Families Information
2024
Welcome!

Admin
Teachers
Parents
Ohlone School

- Two choice programs with one philosophy
- 21 classrooms, six of which are Mandarin-immersion
- Provides all PAUSD resources
Presentation Overview

Core Values
Goals of an Ohlone Education
Multiage Classrooms
Progress Reports/Grades
Homework
School Bells
Projects
Farm
Community Commitments
Is Ohlone a Good Fit?
Next Steps
Core Values

- Self-Awareness
- Trust and Respect
- Developmental Approach
- Growth and Assessment
- Meaningful, Relevant Curriculum
- Multi-dimensional Learning
- Cooperation and Collaboration
- Student-Teacher-Parent Partnership
Goals of an Ohlone Education

- Self-Awareness
- Independent Thinking
- Time Management
- Democratic Values
- Acceptance and Compassion
- Citizenship and Community
- Lifelong Learning
- Physically Awareness
- Risk Taking/Creativity

Project-Based Learning
Why are there multiage classrooms?

- Olders/Youngers
  - Mentorship
  - Leadership
  - Cross-grade friendships
- Student-Parent-Teacher Partnership
- Developmental Approach
  - Differentiation
Why don’t we give grades?

In support of growth mindset..

Provide frequent feedback
Foster parent-teacher partnership
Host parent-teacher conferences
Celebrate individual development
Provide end-of-year narratives
Why don’t we assign homework?

- Kids need down time

- We do - for specific reasons:
  - More practice, if needed
  - Missed work due to time management in class
  - Long-term projects
  - Preparing for middle school
Why aren’t there school bells?

- Allows flexibility
- Develops awareness
- Builds responsibility
- Requires a conscious choice to return to class
Why do we use first names?

Promotes:
- Mutual respect
- Partnership
- Relationship
- Connection
How does Ohlone support social-emotional learning?

- It is embedded in everything we do
- Lessons designed to promote cooperation and collaboration
- Class meetings are foundational
- Conflicts are addressed through collaborative problem-solving
Why is there a farm?

- Outdoor classroom:
  - Vegetable garden
  - Fruit orchard
  - Animal paddock
  - Native habitat
  - Bee hives

*Farm Council: funding, volunteerism, management

https://ohlone.pausd.org/school-life/the-farm
Parent Community

Parents are an active & integral part of the school:
  Volunteer Opportunities
  PTA
  Room Parents
  Farm*
  Core Values Committee*
  Site Council
  PiE

*Unique to Ohlone
Ohlone Community Commitments

Core Values Committee
- Parent education
- Community-building events

Farm Council
- Twice-a-day animal care
- Monthly workdays
- Farmer’s market
Is Ohlone a good fit for your child?

Ohlone emphasizes and celebrates independence and student-driven collaborative learning.

Self aware
Self regulate
Self starter

Ohlone is not a neighborhood school.
Is Ohlone a good fit for your family?

We expect that you actively volunteer, participate, and engage in the Ohlone community.
Next Steps - Kindergarten students

- Read about our school at ohlone.pausd.org
- Complete registration with PAUSD by February 24.
- Fill out the choice school application form by February 24, 4pm. *only one program*

**Notification via email:** Either a placement offer OR a waitlist number.
Next Steps - Grades 1-5

Waitlists:

- No deadline, since there is no lottery.
- Please email henders@pausd.org for application
- Students are added to the waitlist for that grade in the order of their application received.
- No specific notification date. We will start to look at openings in early summer.
- No need to call - we will reach out if/when there is a spot for you!!
Thank you!
Go to https://ohlone.pausd.org/ for more info.