

Quick Facts

LOWER SCHOOL

THE LOWER SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

SCHOOL DAY

8:10 a.m. to 3:10 p.m.

HOMEROOM

Student-teacher ratio avg. of 21:1+1 TA per grade (1-5) and intern per grade (2-5). 214 students total in grades 1-5.

TEACHERS AND SPECIALISTS

Homeroom teachers instruct in math, literacy, and social studies; specialist teachers for modern language (Mandarin or Spanish), science, music, art, PE and wellness, woodshop, technology, and library skills; full-time counselor.

CONFERENCES AND COMMUNICATIONS

Three parent-teacher conferences annually, one student-led, and written reports. Alternating weeks of community meetings or small, mixed-grade advisory groups.

LEARNING SPACES

Two large homerooms for each grade level, with distinct learning areas; dedicated art studio, woodshop, music and language classrooms, science lab, library, dynamic playground.

LUNCH/SNACKS

Daily choice of school lunch or bring your own.

RECESS AND FIELD TRIPS

Daily outdoor recess; day trips throughout the year and an annual class trip, which may include an overnight stay.

TECHNOLOGY

One assigned iPad for each student; digital citizenship.

TRADITIONS

Disco Friday, Fall Festival, Heritage Day, Spring Fest, and Learning Celebrations.

TRANSPORTATION

Catlin Gabel a.m./p.m. bus routes, carpool system, and TriMet.

EXTENDEND DAY PROGRAM

Typically runs from 7:15-8:10 a.m. (included in tuition) and 3:10-6 p.m. (additional cost).

CATLIN GABEL AT A GLANCE

MISSION AND VALUES

Catlin Gabel fosters compassionate and curious citizens of the world by inspiring in every student a love of learning and the courage to take responsible action. Values: integrity, inclusion, and kindness.

PRINCIPLES OF PROGRESSIVE EDUCATION

Experiential Learning, Spirit of Inquiry, Teaching the Whole Child, and Educating for Democracy.

2024-25 TUITION AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Tuition is \$37,900; Financial assistance available (FA); \$6M allocated this year; 27% of families received aid.

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATIONS AND LANGUAGES

Students come from 60 zip codes in metro area; 40 different languages spoken.

CAMPUS

67-acre main campus with fir grove, apple orchard, playing fields, and trails; 8.5-acre east campus for Community Arts Programs.

STUDENT RACE AND ETHNICITY BEGINNING AND LOWER SCHOOL

7%	Asian / Asian American
4%	Black / African / African American
2%	East Asian / East Asian American
1%	Latinx / Hispanic
1%	Middle Eastern
34%	Multiracial
4%	Southeast Asian / Indian
46%	White
1%	Not listed / Prefer not to answer



Sample Schedule

LOWER SCHOOL

2024–2025

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:10am	Arrival + Morning Circle				
8:30–9:15am	Music	Modern Languages	Music	Modern Languages 2nd-5th grade	Social Emotional Learning
9:15–9:35am		Foundational Literacy Skills	Foundational Literacy Skills	Music 1st grade (modern languages once a week)	Foundational Literacy Skills
9:35–10:50am	Immersives*	Literacy	Literacy	Immersives*	Literacy
10:50–11:30am	Lunch + Recess				
11:35–1:00pm	Interdisciplinary Studies**	Interdisciplinary Studies**	Interdisciplinary Studies**	Interdisciplinary Studies**	Interdisciplinary Studies**
1:00–2:00pm	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math
2:00–2:55pm	Interdisciplinary Studies**	Wellness	Interdisciplinary Studies**	Wellness	Community Time
2:55–3:10pm	Closing + Dismissal				

*Immersives occur for science, art, design/tinker/make, and woodshop. Students have multiple classes of one subject over a period of time and then rotate to another subject.

**Interdisciplinary Studies consists of homeroom class time that includes integrated reading, writing, math, and social studies with an emphasis on inquiry work.

To learn more about the Lower School curriculum, please visit catlin.edu/beginninglowerschool.