



Immersion at Samohi

Para reconectarte con nuestra comunidad de inmersión, aprende sobre la inmersión en la escuela secundaria y conoce formas de mantenerte involucrado.

October 14th, 2025

5PM

¡Bienvenidos!

Welcome!



Agenda

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- Inmersión en SAMOHI
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 - Global Glimpse – juniors
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Immersion at Samohi

Instruction in Spanish through:

- **Social Studies department**

- Freshman Seminar IMM
- World History IMM
- US History IMM
- Government/ Economics IMM

- **World Languages department**

- Spanish SS 1-4,
- Spanish 5AP
- Spanish 6AP

Instrucción en español:

- **Departamento de Estudios sociales:**

- Seminario de Primer Año IMM
- Historia Mundial IMM
- Historia Americana IMM
- Gobierno/ Economía IMM

- **Departamento de idiomas:**

- Español SS 1-4,
- Español 5AP
- Español 6AP

Awards and Distinctions

THE CALIFORNIA STATE SEAL OF BILITERACY



California State Seal of Biliteracy

- Students apply in spring of senior year
- Based on:
 - Passing CAASPP score
 - Maintaining at least B average in the target language through 4th level or 3 on AP exam
 - Demonstration of fluency in target language

Sello de bi-literacia de California:

- Los estudiantes aplican en la primavera de su senior year.
- **Requisitions:**
 - Pasar CAASPP de ingles
 - Mantener al menos un promedio B en en español hasta el nivel 4 o 3 en el examen AP
 - Demostración de fluidez en español

Awards and Distinctions

Samohi Immersion Club Stole

- Must be enrolled in IMM social studies classes
- If not, must:
 - Perform volunteer/ service hours in Spanish or in support of the club; 6 hours for each year NOT enrolled in IMM class



Estola de inmersión - Club de inmersión

- Debe estar inscrito en clases de estudios sociales de IMM.

Si no, debe:

- Realizar horas de voluntariado/servicio en español o en apoyo al club; 6 horas por cada año NO inscrito en la clase de IMM

Awards and Distinctions

SMMUSD Immersion Medallion

- Immersion student transcripts are examined for qualification
- Based on:
 - Taking all available Social Studies Immersion classes (except AVID FS)
 - Minimum 2.0 GPA
 - Take Spanish SS through 4SS



Medalla de inmersión del distrito:

- Los expedientes académicos de los estudiantes de inmersión se examinan para determinar su calificación.

Basado en:

- Tomar todas las clases de inmersión en estudios sociales disponibles (a menos que sean de nivel AP, SMC o de verano) Este requisito es diferente para la clase del 28 donde la única excepción será AVID Freshman Seminar
- Promedio mínimo de 2.0
- Tomar SS español hasta 4SS



GLOBAL GLIMPSE

Open the eyes of tomorrow's leaders

PARENT INFORMATION



WHO WE ARE

Global Glimpse is a nonprofit that provides **powerful international travel and leadership opportunities** to high school students from diverse backgrounds.

- Students engage in pre-trip workshops that prepare them to participate in a structured 11-day international experience focused on **service-learning, cultural immersion, and leadership development** in the Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, and Panama.
- The program builds **empathy, agency, and global perspective** to empower students to **succeed in college** and drive change locally and globally.
- We are the only youth travel organization that places **diversity and equity** at the heart of our model. Check out our scholarship model:





STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Global Glimpse's tuition price this year is \$4950. **HOWEVER...**

EVERY PARTNER SCHOOL STUDENT receives a \$1,000 scholarship for getting accepted into the program lowering tuition to \$3950.

AND additional sliding-scale need-based scholarships are available for any students whose annual family income is below \$225,000!

THAT MEANS THE TOTAL COST COULD BE AS LOW AS \$500!!!

The program cost includes:

- 4 virtual pre-trip workshops, run by Global Glimpse staff
- 11 days of international travel programming, including **airfare**, excursions, in-country food, housing and transportation
- *Optional* Alumni Ambassador program in your Senior year





WHERE WILL YOU TRAVEL?!

The Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, or Panama?



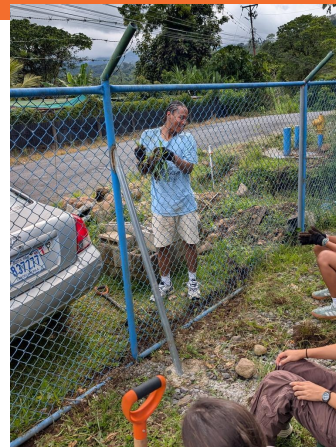


DOMINICAN REPUBLIC





COSTA RICA





PANAMA





WHY SHOULD YOU APPLY?

Explore the world!

Travel and learn about cultures in other parts of the world.

Become a leader.

Improve your leadership skills by communicating with others, stepping up, and stepping out of your comfort zones.

Open your mind to new experiences.

You will get the chance to try new foods and activities, and see how other people live.

Become part of a family.

During the trip, you get really close to your fellow Glimpsers and you rely on one another.



Global Glimpse

- Student presentation this coming Wednesday October 22nd, during Flex Time for JUNIORS
- If you are interested in hearing more, please reach out to kvalentiner@smmusd.org.
- Dates for in-person **parent info session** in LA are available as well as online/virtual options
- Student **Application deadline: Wednesday, November 12**



parent info sessions:

1. The week of 11/3-11/7 likely around 6pm at [Animo Watts](#)
2. The week of 11/3-11/7 likely around 6pm at [DaVinci Schools](#)
3. Thursday, November 6th at 6 pm at [Maywood Center For Enrichment Studies](#)
4. [Any Virtual Info session](#) (the LA Tab lists all the in person sessions)

Lastly, here are summer 2026 trip dates for LA that you can relay to students:

- C2A-LA: Constanza, Dominican Republic: 6/18-6/28
- CH1B-LA: Chitre, Panama: 6/30-7/11
- T2C-LA: Turrialba, Costa Rica: 7/14-7/24
- C2C-LA: Constanza, Dominican Republic: 7/21-7/31

Activities for Student Involvement

- Fundraising: Y'all West (Spring), Parent Donations
- Volunteer events: Sugar skulls w/ Ms. Williams (10/24) ; Edison Fall Festival (11/1); Family and friends Dance at Edison; Y'all West (Spring); movie nights @ Edison; (JAMS)
- Our yearly Immersion Senior Celebration – (set up/ clean up hours for underclassmen junior parents) Saturday, June 6th at 11
- - **email donation link in the near future**
- Recaudación de fondos: Y'all West (primavera) Donaciones de padres.
- Eventos de voluntariado: Festival de Otoño de Edison (1/11); Y'All West Book Faire (primavera); (JAMS)
- Nuestra celebración anual de inmersión para estudiantes de último año – (horas de instalación y limpieza para estudiantes de primer año) Sábado 6 de junio a las 11
- - **Enlace de donación por correo electrónico en un futuro próximo**



Ways for parents to get involved

- Ask your students about the club meetings or upcoming volunteer events
- Donate items for the Y'all West fundraiser
- Help with organization of Senior Celebration Event with officers of Immersion Club
- Pregunte a sus alumnos sobre las reuniones del club o los próximos eventos de voluntariado.
- Done artículos para la recaudación de fondos de Y'all West
- Ayuda con la organización de la graduación de inmersión con funcionarios del Club de Inmersión.

Edison Graduation is June 6th

All Immersion participants from elementary through high school will be invited to the celebration.

La graduación de Edison es el 6 de junio

Todos los participantes del programa de inmersión desde la escuela primaria hasta la secundaria serán invitados a la celebración.



EDISON PTSA Scholarship

The Edison Academy will be giving scholarships to graduating Samohi Immersion Students who participated in the Immersion Program K-12.

Requirements

The Immersion Student must:

- 1) be an eligible Immersion student who is an Edison Alumni.
- 2) plans to attend college.
- 3) has a 2.75 GPA or above.
- 4) write 2 short essays, one in Spanish and one in English.

Please choose two (2) different topics to write about, One essay in Spanish and one essay in English (300-500 each).

1. What are your future plans upon graduating from Samohi and how has your participation in the Immersion program influenced those plans?
2. Why do you think being bilingual/biliterate is important?
3. How has participating in the Immersion Program broadened your understanding of your culture and/or the culture of others?

Donation link for the immersion
club, [click here](#)

¡Gracias!



¿Preguntas?