



Let's Connect

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Why Families Choose Us?

Families choose Emerson because every child is known, challenged, and inspired. We nurture curious, compassionate learners who grow into confident, engaged citizens ready to make a positive difference.



The Emerson School

where otterly curious minds learn in & beyond the classroom



How We're Different

The Project Approach is a structured, three-phase method that engages children in in-depth study of real-world topics. Students actively explore subjects through hands-on research, applying math, literacy, science, and social studies skills in meaningful ways.

This approach honors different learning styles, encourages collaboration, and integrates subjects around student interests. By connecting learning to real life, the Project Approach fosters deep engagement and lasting understanding.



Mission

The mission of The Emerson School is to provide a developmentally appropriate, meaningful, and challenging education for a diverse group of children in an environment that recognizes, values, and responds to their individual abilities and needs. We will nurture compassionate, capable, and life-long learners who see themselves as being engaged members of their communities whose actions can make a positive difference.

FAQs

What is a charter school?

Charter schools are public schools that offer innovative educational approaches and expanded choices for families. They are independent 501(c)(3) organizations sponsored by Portland Public Schools, operating with greater autonomy in exchange for increased accountability, as outlined in Oregon Revised Statute 338.

How does a student enroll in a charter school?

Charter school enrollment must be fair and equitable, limited only by age, grade, and available space. If applications exceed capacity, enrollment is determined by an equitable lottery. Emerson's applications typically open in January, with a late March application deadline.

Quick Facts



The Basics

We were established in 2003 and serve grades K-5, with small classroom sizes.



Blended Grades

Creates stability with the same class & teacher for two consecutive years.



Positive Discipline

Fostering social-emotional skills that will last a lifetime.



Frequent Field Studies

Taking learning beyond the classroom and creating hands-on opportunities.

