

# San Jose Charter Academy



San Jose Charter Academy has always been a school of choice where families partner with us in the healthy development and education of their children, no matter their background or circumstances. Since our founding in 1998, we have worked tirelessly to ensure that our partnership with parents and the community is built on three key principles: trust, safety, and opportunity.

*Trust.* Each morning, when you send your children through our gates, you place your trust in our teachers and staff. We take this responsibility seriously, knowing that while we can never replace you, we are honored to support your child's growth and well-being. Our commitment is to operate in the best interest of every student, ensuring they feel valued, supported, and encouraged each day.

*Safety.* For students to thrive, they must feel safe—physically, emotionally, and socially. A sense of security allows children to engage in learning, explore new ideas, and develop confidence in themselves. At SJCA, we maintain a secure campus, uphold California's Department of Education's guidelines for student record confidentiality, and remain dedicated to fostering a safe and inclusive environment free from discrimination, harassment, or intimidation.

*Opportunity.* Every child at SJCA has the potential to dream big and achieve their goals. Through proven teaching methods, a commitment to academic excellence, and leadership development, we equip students with the skills to create, innovate, and imagine limitless possibilities. As our vision statement affirms:

*"San Jose Charter Academy inspires students to create, innovate, and imagine limitless possibilities:  
To dream. To do. To change."*

## Know Your Educational Rights

We also want to take this opportunity to remind families of their rights under California law:

- All children (ages 6-18) must be enrolled in school and have the right to a safe and peaceful learning environment.
- Every child has the right to a free public education, regardless of immigration status.
- Schools cannot require information about citizenship or immigration status for enrollment.
- Student education records and personal information are protected by federal and state laws and cannot be shared without parental consent, except in specific legal circumstances.
- If you have concerns about discrimination, harassment, or bullying, you have the right to file a complaint with the school.

For families facing uncertainty, we encourage you to update emergency contact information and, if necessary, consider legal measures to designate a trusted guardian who can make educational and medical decisions for your child in case of an emergency.

At SJCA, we remain steadfast in our commitment to trust, safety, and opportunity for all families. We are proud to stand with you in ensuring every student has the resources and support they need to succeed. Thank you for being an important part of the SJCA community.