

BALBOA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SEMINAR PROGRAM**

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Grades: 3/4/5
Emphasis: Multidisciplinary
Teacher(s): Tara Barber

The School Environment: OPEN GATE Program

Strongest Academic Programs: Reading, writing, and math (distinguished math program using problem-base learning and collaborative critical thinking)

Strongest Extracurricular Programs: Choir, the dramatic arts, visual arts, chess club, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, and the Harmonium After-School Program.

Balboa Elementary School has received Intel Corporation's National School of Distinction Award in the area of mathematics.

Curriculum modifications to provide depth, novelty and complexity:

- Problem-based learning, tiered assignments, and Socratic Seminar
- Interdisciplinary thematic approach
- Curriculum compacting
- Expert instruction in music, visual arts, drama, science, and math

Opportunities for student choice and creative expression:

- Environment fostering critical thinking, self-expression, organizational skills, self-discipline, responsibility, and character development
- Individualized literature and writing activities
- Research projects with student product choices

Unique activities and approaches:

- Partners with the Open GATE Program
- One-on-one tutoring with Open GATE tutors
- Instrumental Music Program
- Public speaking and dramatic productions
- Enriched mathematics including hands-on experiences, logic, elementary algebra and geometry

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BAY PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SEMINAR PROGRAM**

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Grades: 3
Emphasis: Multidisciplinary
Teacher(s): Christy Ranbarger

The School Environment: Bay Park has a focus on the social and academic development of all students. Traditional year with a YMCA before and after school childcare program.

Curriculum modifications to provide depth, novelty and complexity:

- Excellence in traditional core curriculum areas of reading, writing, mathematics, social studies and science
- Emphasis on higher-order thinking
- Curriculum integration

Opportunities for student choice and creative expression:

- Tiered assignments
- Research projects
- Student selected topics for independent study or projects
- Emphasis on critical thinking and ability to articulate understanding orally and in writing

Unique activities and approaches:

- Monthly focus on character traits schoolwide to enhance social development
- Field trips to enhance the educational program
- Band/Orchestra at grades 4/5
- Navy 3rd Fleet mentoring and tutoring
- UCSD tutors
- Before school math enhancement program
- After school programs done by site teachers in visual and performing arts

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BOONE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SEMINAR PROGRAM**

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Site Contact Person: Rita Mercier/Veronica Martinez-Jones
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Grade: 3
Emphasis: Multidisciplinary with focus on writing
Teacher(s): Ellen Taylor
Grade(s): 4/5
Emphasis: Multidisciplinary with enriched Writing, Math, and Fine Arts
Teacher(s): *Veronica Martinez

The School Environment: A model safe school learning environment

Year-round school with Six-to-Six Program and Mad Science Program

Strong Extracurricular Programs: Field trips, school newspaper, independent study, year book, and performing arts embedded in classroom instruction. Comprehensive physical education program taught by Physical Education Specialist. Comprehensive library which includes multi-media center and state-of-the-art technology.

Opportunities for student choice and creative expression:

- Independent research/projects in a variety of genres
- Tiered assignments to adjust for individual differences

Unique activities and approaches:

- Accelerated math and science program
- Border Voices poetry program
- Judges in the Classroom program
- Quarterly author celebrations
- Multicultural Fair
- Yearbook
- Student government

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DINGEMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SEMINAR PROGRAM**

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Grades: 3
Emphasis: Literacy, Math, Science, Technology
Teacher(s): *Charlyne Barad; *Joe Anthony

The School Environment: Award-winning district-designated **Scholar School**, due to consistent high academic achievement

Strongest Academic Programs: Literacy, math, science, technology, grade-level academies

Strongest Extracurricular Programs: Art Corps, music, P.E., technology, enrichment classes, Family Art Evening, Family Science Evening, school-wide art show

Curriculum modifications to provide depth, novelty and complexity:

- Team teaching
- Curriculum Compacting for accelerated learning
- Technology integrated across curricula
- Socratic Seminar
- Classroom meetings for program resolution
- Inquiry-based instruction
- Small group instruction to meet diverse student needs
- In-depth study of literature and writers' craft
- Advanced math practices emphasizing algebraic thinking, logic, problem-solving, engineering
- Science exploration beyond standards
- Use of Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Publisher, Excel, Movie Maker

Opportunities for student choice and creative expression:

- Individual research
- Culture study and sharing
- Student-directed science explorations and inquiry
- Multimedia projects using digital photography and video
- Photo-journalism
- Pen pals, individual student email accounts

Unique activities and approaches:

- After school computer club
- Third Grade Academy – grade level enrichment model
- Assortment of classroom pets builds responsibility
- One computer per child in classroom facilitates writing, research
- School garden for outdoor learning experiences
- Evening family field trips and on-site star party

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ENCANTO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SEMINAR PROGRAM**

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Grade: 3
Emphasis: Multidisciplinary
Teacher(s): *Jeanne Love
Grade(s): 4/5
Emphasis: Multidisciplinary
Teacher(s): Margaret Hernandez

Curriculum modifications to provide depth, novelty and complexity:

- In-depth writing of narratives, responses to literature, informational reports, summaries, and letters
- Socratic Seminars
- Junior Great Books program
- Curriculum compacting to allow for acceleration
- Interdisciplinary approach with strong language arts component
- Study of algebraic thinking
- ICONS for depth and complexity

Opportunities for student choice and creative expression:

- Some tiered assignments to allow for individual skill levels
- Student leadership opportunities
- Self-expression through speeches, video, models, displays

Unique activities and approaches:

- Participation in the Border Voices poetry program
- Art lessons with a local art teacher
- Math/Science Olympiad, 24 Challenge
- Multicultural Olympics
- Art/Drama Club
- Poetry Night
- Discover California – one day trip to Sacramento
- After-school tutoring

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ERICSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SEMINAR PROGRAM**

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Site Contact Person: Cliff McClelland
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Grade: 4
Emphasis: Literacy and Social Studies
Teacher(s): *Howard Fincher
Grade: 5
Emphasis: Literacy and Social Studies
Teacher(s): *Howard Fincher

Curriculum modifications to provide depth, novelty and complexity:

- In-depth study of science including rocketry, astronomy, as well as marine, earth, life and physical sciences
- Enriched and augmented curriculum in language arts and social studies
- Accelerated math curriculum emphasizing higher order thinking skills, problem solving and the scientific method
- Use of literacy circles and Socratic Seminars to probe for connections and greater depth
- Simulations in social studies

Opportunities for student choice and creative expression:

- A variety of research projects including two allowing students to explore individual interests
- Participation in theatre and creative writing activities
Hands-on science exploration

Unique activities and approaches:

- Emphasis on social studies, science and computer education
- Participation in the Judges in the Classroom program
- Study enhanced field trips to support major concepts being taught
- Community scientists and professional leaders as guest speakers.
- Technology assisted learning

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FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SEMINAR PROGRAM**

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Grade(s): 3/4/5
Emphasis: Multidiciplinary (3 separate grades in one room) with Enriched science and fine arts
Teacher(s): *Rosa Isela Perez

Curriculum modifications to provide depth, novelty and complexity:

- Problem-based learning
- Socratic Seminars to develop higher-level thinking and inquiry
- Literature circles: classics, Newbery Medal books, mythology
- Compacting of math curriculum to allow acceleration
- Advance content in social studies and science
- World History through the Fine Arts:
 - Art History
 - Drama
 - Music

Opportunities for student choice and creative expression:

- Creative problem solving (Parnes)
- Integration of technology into curriculum (Power Point, iMovie)
- Student designed multi-media presentations

Unique activities and approaches:

- Multilevel, three-year, individualized curriculum
- One-on-one with Open Gate tutors
- Emphasis on developing character, responsibility, leadership, and teamwork
- Toastmasters, Chess Club
- San Diego County Science Field Day
- Beginning American Sign Language and Spanish
- Elementary Mathematics Field Day
- Discover California – field trip to Sacramento
- Border Voices poetry program
- School Yard Gardening Program – Village Garden Club of La Jolla

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GRANT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SEMINAR PROGRAM**

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Grade(s): 3
Emphasis: Multidisciplinary enriched math, science, and humanities
Teacher(s): Denise Carroll

Grade(s): 4
Emphasis: Multidisciplinary enriched math, science, and humanities
Teacher(s): *Melinda Wollitz

Grade(s): 5
Emphasis: Multidisciplinary enriched math, science, and humanities
Teacher(s): *Patsy Kirk

The School Environment:

Magnet School Focus: Math and science

Strongest Programs: Math, science, technology, and Thursday Kid's Club

Curriculum modifications to provide depth, novelty and complexity:

- Curriculum compacting of grade-level material to allow for acceleration
- Socratic Seminars and literature circles to study multiple viewpoints, practice higher-level thinking, and promote in-depth discussion
- Complex authentic projects
- Simulations and extensive integrated instruction

Opportunities for student choice and creative expression:

- Student-designed projects
- Tiered assignments to provide for individual needs
- Web site design and development
- Multimedia projects

Unique activities and approaches:

- Integration of technology into curricula
- Enriched math and science programs in lab setting
- Vertical teaming
- Use of community professionals to enhance curriculum

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HAWTHORNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SEMINAR PROGRAM**

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Grade(s): 3/4
Emphasis: Multidisciplinary enriched by current events and high level thinking
Teacher(s): *Lana Sherman
Grade(s): 5/6
Emphasis: Multidisciplinary enriched by hands-on science and field study
Teacher(s): *Tric Smith

The School Environment:

Strongest Academic Programs: Literature, Mathematics, and Science

Strongest Extracurricular Program: Chess Club, Choir, Instrumental Music, Theater, Art

Curriculum modifications to provide depth, novelty and complexity:

- Problem-solving/logic-based math curriculum
- Scientific process hands-on inquiry in conjunction with theory
- Compacting of curriculum/tiered assignments
- Accelerated pacing
- Simulation games
- Socratic dialogue

Opportunities for student choice and creative expression:

- Border Voices poetry program
- Creative projects and research reports
- Theater/Music/Art
- Competition and contest opportunities

Unique activities and approaches:

- Numerous field studies including multi-day travel
- Rigor/Challenge/High Morale
- Active parent foundation
- Learning style methodology/Supportive classroom environment
- Unconventional Program for Unconventional Thinkers

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HEARST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SEMINAR PROGRAM**

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Grade(s): 3/4
Emphasis: Written language
Teacher(s): *Jean Feinstein
Grade: 5
Emphasis: Mathematics
Teacher(s): *Chris Vasquez

Curriculum modifications to provide depth, novelty and complexity:

- Acceleration of curricula through curriculum compacting
- Kaplan's Interdisciplinary Thematic Model at all grade levels with themes rotating on a 3-year vertical continuum
- In-depth exploration of topics beyond the scope of the state curriculum standards

Opportunities for student choice and creative expression:

- Self-selection of topics for research and investigations
- Self-expression of ideas through speeches, models and displays, PowerPoint presentations
- Individualization of instruction to meet exceptional needs and learning styles of Seminar students
- Student leadership opportunities

Unique activities and approaches:

- Focus on current issues
- Border Voices poetry program
- Small learning community and very active parent organization

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JOHNSON MAGNET SCHOOL FOR EXPLORATION AND TECHNOLOGY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SEMINAR PROGRAM**

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Grades: 3/4/5
Emphasis: Literacy
Teacher(s): Debbie Reels

The School Environment:

Strongest Academic Programs: Science and technology

Strongest Extracurricular Programs: NASA Explorer activities with astronauts; chorus instruction and choral productions; instrumental music instruction

Curriculum modifications to provide depth, novelty and complexity:

- Emphasis on higher-order thinking
- In-depth studying of children's classical literature
- In-depth study of the writing process – authentic products emphasizing student-selected topics
- Hands-on science explorations utilizing the scientific method and enhanced with consultants and field trips
- Simulation games in the subjects of science and social studies
- Independent study projects
- Weekly art lessons with a community artist

Opportunities for student choice and creative expression:

- Tiered and compacted assignments for individual differences
- Student designed projects
- Individualization of instruction to meet the needs and learning styles of Seminar students
- Nurturing environment fostering creativity and critical thinking

Unique activities and approaches:

- NASA scientists and personnel as guest speakers
- Technology-assisted learning
- Study enhanced field trips to support major concepts being taught
- Ninety-minute weekly technology instruction in updated computer lab with computer specialist

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JONES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SEMINAR PROGRAM**

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Grade: 3
Emphasis: Multidisciplinary
Teacher(s): *Cindy Albers, *Melissa Sanders
Grade(s): 4/5
Emphasis: Multidisciplinary
Teacher(s): *Ninette Bartley

The School Environment: Small learning community, year-round, Six to Six

Strongest Academic Program: Literacy, Math, and Technology

Strongest Extracurricular Programs: Student Council, dance, cheerleading, martial arts, Chess Club, Mad Science, Stock Market game

Curriculum modifications to provide depth, novelty and complexity:

- Interdisciplinary themes
- Curriculum compacting
- Emphasis on higher-order thinking
- Enriched opportunities in science, social studies, and academic skill development
- ICONS for depth and complexity
- Socratic Seminar
- Kohlberg's Moral Dilemmas
- Parnes Problem Solving
- TABA teaching strategies

Opportunities for student choice and creative expression:

- Tiered assignments
- Student selected topics for independent study
- Integration of technology such as digital photography, "Power Point," and/or web sites for publication of studies.

Unique activities and approaches:

- Off-campus educational experience
- Field trips to enhance science and fine arts
- Instrumental music at 5th grades
- Science exhibition
- Border Voices poetry program
- Math Olympiad
- Toast Masters
- Weekly hour-long technology instruction in updated 30 station computer lab

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LA JOLLA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SEMINAR PROGRAM**

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Grade: 3
Emphasis: Multidisciplinary
Teacher(s): *Irene Akiyama

Grade: 4
Emphasis: Multidisciplinary
Teacher(s): Amy Mueller

Grade: 5
Emphasis: Multidisciplinary
Teacher(s): *Johanna Weber

The School Environment:

The focus is on strong academic rigor to develop academic potential.

Curriculum modifications to provide depth, novelty and complexity:

- Excellence in traditional core elements of reading, writing, science, social studies, and mathematics
- Integration of visual and performing arts, music and physical education into core curriculum
- Expert instruction in visual and performing arts, including choral music, instructional music at grades 4-5, and art

Opportunities for student choice and creative expression:

- Emphasis on critical thinking and creativity
- Development of a love of extended learning
- Refinement of oral and written presentation skills
- Research projects

Unique activities and approaches:

- Experts in fields ranging from marine science to poetry
- Field trips to enhance the educational program
- News teams and Socratic Seminars
- Major dramatic production with study of theatre
- Emphasis on developing self-confidence, motivation, and well-roundedness
- Before-school Spanish class
- UC Berkeley's M.A.R.E. school-wide, K-5 marine education

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LOMA PORTAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SEMINAR PROGRAM**

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Grades: 3/4
Emphasis: Multidisciplinary with math and technology focus
Teacher(s): Kelly Magaudda

The School Environment:

Strongest Academic Programs: Literacy, math

Strongest Extracurricular Programs: Physical Education, music

Curriculum modifications to provide depth, novelty and complexity:

- Weekly oral language
- Problem-based learning
- Curriculum compacting
- Tiered lessons

Opportunities for student choice and creative expression:

- Flexibility of higher level thinking assignments
- Diverse computer-based experiences

Unique activities and approaches:

- Visual Arts emphasis
- Technology-based learning

MARVIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SEMINAR PROGRAM**

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Grade: 3/4
Emphasis: Multidisciplinary
Teacher(s): *Marilyn Henetz
Grade: 4/5
Emphasis: Multidisciplinary
Teacher(s): *Sharon Johnson

The School Environment: Marvin is a beautiful, park-like campus with grass, trees, and flowers.

Strongest Academics: Literacy, Math, & Science

Strongest Extracurricular Programs: Academic Chess, Mad Science, Karate, Cheerleading, Aerobics, Music program for grades 4 and 5.

Curriculum modifications to provide depth, novelty and complexity:

- Acceleration through curriculum compacting
- In-depth exploration of topics beyond set curriculum
- Open-ended questions activate higher-order thinking
- Socratic Seminars for Literature and Social Studies
- Junior Great Books-Shared Inquiries

Opportunities for student choice and creative expression:

- Self-selection of topics for in-depth exploration
- Individual instruction to meet needs and learning styles
- Self-expression of ideas through presentations, reports, and literary responses

Unique activities and approaches:

- Mini-society with monetary system, economics, banking and investing (Stock Market study)
- Integration of technology / internet research
- Enriched science program (with lab on site)

MCKINLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SEMINAR PROGRAM**

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Grade: 3
Emphasis: Multidisciplinary
Teacher(s): *Nancy Rose-Weber
Grade(s): 4/5
Emphasis: Multidisciplinary, enriched with science and technology
Teacher(s): *Monika Gardner

The School Environment:

Strongest Academic Programs: Writing and science

Curriculum modifications to provide depth, novelty and complexity:

- In-depth study of literature built around challenging texts
- Socratic Seminars and literature circles
- Writing workshop, writers' notebook, and authentic products emphasizing student-selected topics
- Enriched mathematics allowing for acceleration of curriculum and problem solving through exploration
- Hands-on science explorations utilizing the scientific method and enhanced with consultants and field trips
- Taba strategies encouraging students to discover generalizations and essential questions

Opportunities for student choice and creative expression:

- Tiered mathematical lessons that move students to greater levels of understanding
- A variety of student inquiries, independent research, and creative projects in science and social studies
- Annual musical productions

Unique activities and approaches:

- Integration of technology, field trips, student newspaper
- Award-winning physical education program

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MILLER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SEMINAR PROGRAM**

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Grade: 3
Emphasis: Multidisciplinary with enriched drama and science
Teacher(s): *Rene Vallely
Grade(s): 4/5
Emphasis: Multidisciplinary with enriched science, drama and computer literacy
Teacher(s): *Mimi Hendrix

The School Environment: Year-round school with Six to Six Program

Strongest Academic Programs: Language arts and science

Strongest Extracurricular Programs: Field trips, debate, preparation and computer exploration

Curriculum modifications to provide depth, novelty and complexity:

- Kaplan's interdisciplinary thematic approach to curricula using the theme of change
- Socratic Seminars and literature circles explore multi-dimensional characters, complex plots, and unanswered questions

Opportunities for student choice and creative expression:

- Self-selection of topics for research and investigations
- Self-expression through speeches, models, and displays
- Opportunities to work with consultants in art, music, science
- Student leadership opportunities

Unique activities and approaches:

- In-depth look at the works and time of Shakespeare
- Earth science, physical science and marine science, e.g. MAD Science and The Mars Society
- Study of Latin and Greek prefixes
- Opportunity to participate in school-wide instrumental music and drama productions
- Opportunity to experience the United States Justice System: Judges in the Classroom

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MIRMAR RANCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SEMINAR PROGRAM**

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Grade: 3
Emphasis: Multidisciplinary with enriched science
Teacher(s): *Carla Latimer

Grade: 4
Emphasis: Humanities
Teacher(s): *Cathy Kijak

Grade: 5
Emphasis: Multiple Intelligences
Teacher(s): *Lynn Thomas

The School Environment: K-5

Strongest Academic Programs: Literacy, math

Strongest Extracurricular Programs: Enrichment classes, music, running club

Curriculum modifications to provide depth, novelty and complexity:

- Flow of instruction aligned with differentiated curriculum
- In-depth study of writing
- Curricula are compacted to accelerate learning opportunities
- Active questioning for extending explorations and fostering critical and divergent thinking
- Use of Socratic Seminars to enhance critical-thinking skills
- Research-based inquiry method

Opportunities for student choice and creative expression:

- Opportunities to work with consultants in art, music, science, and writing
- Use of technology to augment communication skills

Unique activities and approaches:

- Accelerated math program
- Special field trips, e.g. Biology Marine Floating Lab (3rd), Star of India(5th), and all day trip to Sacramento (4th)
- Priority on teamwork, individual responsibility, character development, leadership and time management skills
- SAY after-school program and choir are offered

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OAK PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SEMINAR PROGRAM**

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Grade: 3
Emphasis: Multidisciplinary
Teacher(s): *Mick Rabin
Grade(s): 4/5
Emphasis: Multidisciplinary with an emphasis on literacy and music
Teacher(s): *Judith Scarpa-Bush

The School Environment:

Magnet Focus: Music and technology

Strongest Academic Program: Literacy

Strongest Extracurricular Program: Music

Curriculum modifications to provide depth, novelty and complexity:

- Thematic interdisciplinary curriculum
- In-depth study of literature through novels with critical discussions of literary elements
- Problem-based learning and curriculum compacting
- Critical thinking skills enhanced through Socratic Seminars
- Use of Taba model to develop higher-level cognitive processes
- Artistic presentations to complement research projects

Opportunities for student choice and creative expression:

- Opportunities for independent study/research projects
- Tiered assignments to adjust for individual differences
- Integration of technology into the curriculum
- In-depth study of persuasive, narrative, and procedural writing

Unique activities and approaches:

- Students participate in instrumental music or choir program
- Multi-grade class provides a cohesive program and a nurturing, encouraging environment
- Simulations and field trips
- Inventors Showcase
- Yearly GATE Anthology

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PACIFIC BEACH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SEMINAR PROGRAM**

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Grade: 3
Emphasis: Multidisciplinary with Enriched Math,
Science and Humanities
Teacher(s): *Sheri Mehl
Grade(s): 4/5
Emphasis: Multidisciplinary
Teacher(s): *Dave Sandler

The School Environment: Small learning community – we have high expectations for our students.

Strongest Extracurricular Programs: Orff-based choral music program, after-school Spanish, instrumental music, Chess Club, Socratic Seminar

Curriculum modifications to provide depth, novelty and complexity:

- Critical thinking skills enhanced through genre study.
- In-depth study of newspapers through shared inquiry and Socratic Seminar
- Five paragraph essay/letter writing via Writers' Workshop
- Thematic approach using the theme of "change."
- Curriculum compacting/tiered assignments/ICONS for Depth & Complexity
- Problem-solving and real world applications in mathematics
- Hands-on science explorations utilizing the scientific method.

Opportunities for student choice and creative expression:

- Border Voices Poetry/Living Museum Biography Research Project
- Monthly Art-Attack Project
- Student inquiries, independent research and creative projects in science and social studies

Unique activities and approaches:

- Discover California: One-day field trips to San Francisco/Sacramento
- Newspapers in Education Political Cartoon/Letter to the Editor Contest
- Uniform binder/notebook system to promote organization/time management
- Fantasy Baseball/Skateboard Science
- Priority on teamwork, individual responsibility, character development

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PERKINS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SEMINAR PROGRAM**

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Grade:	3/Cluster
Emphasis:	Multidisciplinary
Teacher(s):	Ann Marie Stuart-Olsen
Grade:	4/Seminar
Emphasis:	Multidisciplinary
Teacher(s):	Mayra Standley
Grade:	5/Seminar
Emphasis:	Multidisciplinary
Teacher(s):	*Emily West-Genest
Grade:	6/Cluster
Emphasis:	Multidisciplinary
Teacher(s):	*Maureen MacKenzie

The School Environment:

Strongest Academic Program: Literacy – Reading and writing

Strongest Extracurricular Programs: ASB, music, cheerleading

Curriculum modifications to provide depth, novelty and complexity:

- In-depth study of world events and cultures
- Writing in different genres
- Expression of mathematical concepts using various representations
- Socratic Seminar
- Thematic interdisciplinary approach using global themes

Opportunities for student choice and creative expression:

- Group projects and activities
- Emphasis on discussion and negotiating meaning
- Independent study projects
- Literature circles
- Photography
- Tijuana sister-school activities

Unique activities and approaches:

- Opportunities to participate in school-wide instrumental music and drama productions
- Downtown location allows Seminar students to interact with the city's business community
- Classroom chess program

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SILVER GATE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SEMINAR PROGRAM**

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Grade(s): 3/4
Emphasis: Multidisciplinary
Teacher(s): *Mary Bryant

Curriculum modifications to provide depth, novelty and complexity:

- Compacting and accelerating curriculum to allow students time to delve deeper into the sciences and social studies
- Public speaking, science, fine arts
- Emphasis on creative writing
- Interdisciplinary approach with science or social studies themes

Opportunities for student choice and creative expression:

- Student-produced mini novels
- Participation in the stock market and baseball statistics programs
- Annual musical production
- Computer lab
- Science lab

Unique activities and approaches:

- Field trips to enhance learning in academic areas
- Hands-on science experiments
- Use of consultants to enhance art activities
- Students' accomplishments bound into a book at the end of the year

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SPRECKLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SEMINAR PROGRAM**

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Grade: 3
Emphasis: Multidisciplinary including math, science, and performing arts
Teacher(s): *Deron Bear

Grade: 4
Emphasis: Multidisciplinary including math, writing, and performing arts
Teacher(s): *Margaret Araiza

Grade: 5
Emphasis: Multidisciplinary including science, writing and math
Teacher(s): *Janet Weigel

The School Environment:

Strongest Academic Programs: Math, science, reading and writing

Strongest Extracurricular Programs: Spanish, music, performing arts, technology, art

Curriculum modifications to provide depth, novelty and complexity:

- Mathematical power is developed through an enriched program in algebra, problem solving, and geometry
- In-depth studies in physics, chemistry, biology, physiology, oceanography, and rainforests
- Curriculum compacting and tiered assignments
- Socratic Seminars
- Shared inquiry to examine complex plots and multi-dimensional characters

Opportunities for student choice and creative expression:

- Student writing: editorials, poetry, speeches
- Science investigations and field study

Unique activities and approaches:

- Math Quest and Star Math
- Toastmasters
- Border Voices poetry program
- Rollercoaster physics and design
- Model rocketry
- Living history days 3, 4, 5
- Drama production 3, 4

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**This description is subject to change.

SUNSET VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SEMINAR PROGRAM**

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Grades: 3/4
Emphasis: Multidisciplinary with focus on math and science
Teacher(s): *Becky Reid NBCT

The School Environment:

Strongest Academic Programs: Literacy, math, and science

Strongest Extracurricular Programs: Spanish, visual and performing arts, physical education, technology

Curriculum modifications to provide depth, novelty and complexity:

- Inquiry-based model
- Simulations in social studies
- In-depth studies of children's literature/classics
- Socratic Seminars about meaningful text
- Interdisciplinary approach in science and social studies

Opportunities for student choice and creative expression:

- Curriculum compacting and tiered assignments allow students to work at their own competency levels
- Diagnostic tests and flexible grouping allow students to achieve at their own instructional levels
- Ten weeks of poetry with Border Voices poet

Unique activities and approaches:

- Collaboration with BEEP (Built Environment Education Program) architects to complete student designed building project
- Daily Spanish instruction
- Award winning physical education program
- Curriculum-based musical plays
- Project-based learning

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TIERRASANTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SEMINAR PROGRAM**

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Grade(s): 3/4
Emphasis: Multidisciplinary - In-depth science and social studies
Teacher(s): *Bill Sprong
Grade(s): 4/5
Emphasis: Multidisciplinary – Technology integration with science and social studies
Teacher(s): *Jennifer Lench, NBCT

The School Environment: Our mission “is to work with parents and students to foster a learning environment characterized by mutual respect and to enrich learning experiences so that skills and attitudes are developed that will prepare students to be positive, productive, and responsible members of society.”

Curriculum modifications to provide depth, novelty, and complexity:

- Enriched math lab setting
- Curriculum compacting to allow for acceleration
- Class meetings using Kohlberg’s method of examining moral dilemmas
- ICONS for depth and complexity

Opportunities for student choice and creative expression:

- Character education
- Focus on interpersonal and intra-personal intelligences
- Independent study
- Technology integration using Power Point and imovie
- Drama integration

Unique activities and approaches:

- Consultants such as Border Voices Poetry Program and San Diego Junior Theater
- Literature circles and simulations
- Colonial Day Program (5th graders)
- Study of Latin and Greek prefixes
- Field trips to USS Midway, Reuben Fleet Theater, La Jolla Museum, Young Musicians Concert at Copley Hall, San Diego Opera performances, overnight study experience aboard the Star of India
- Electronic field trip to Williamsburg, VA
- Science lab
- Science fair
- Multicultural week
- Art Corps
- After-school drama classes
- After-school chess club
- County History Day Competition (grades 4-5)

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ZAMORANO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SEMINAR PROGRAM**

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Grade(s): 3/4
Emphasis: Multidisciplinary
Teacher(s): *Gabriel Martinez
Grade: 5
Emphasis: Multidisciplinary
Teacher(s): *Kris Hatch

The School Environment: Year-round, fine arts focus

Strongest Academic Programs: Literacy, math, science, and art

Strongest Extracurricular Programs: Every class takes field trips each year, including museums, missions, universities, nature habitats, historic sites, and cultural events.

Curriculum modifications to provide depth, novelty and complexity:

- Thematic interdisciplinary approach
- Advanced experiences in classic literature, scientific inquiry and accelerated resources
- Curriculum compacting to accelerate and then to broaden knowledge through enrichment projects, activities, and field experiences

Opportunities for student choice and creative expression:

- The classroom as laboratory, using a wealth of advanced technology, and equipment
- Exploration of the arts and sciences
- Challenging ideas and concepts among academic peers
- Safe space to explore the gifts of individuals

Unique activities and approaches:

- Challenging, inspiring literature ranging from classic tales to science fiction through Socratic Seminar and projects
- Accelerated, enriched math, Math Field Day
- Outdoor botany observation stations, hands-on opportunities with animals and habitats, visiting scientists and engineers.
- Playwriting, pottery, drawing, painting, regular and digital photography

*Teacher is GATE certified with at least three years experience.

**This description is subject to change.

BELL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL SEMINAR PROGRAM**

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Grade: 6
Emphasis:
Teacher:
Grade: 7
Emphasis: Humanities
Teacher(s): James Essex, English; *Paula Spedding, Social Studies
Grade: 8
Emphasis: Humanities
Teacher(s): *Evy Newton, English; *Barbara Bechtel, History

The School Environment:

Strongest Academic Programs: English, history, science, computers

Strongest Extracurricular Programs: Drama, Six to Six, clubs

Curriculum modifications to provide depth, novelty and complexity:

- Problem-solving and inquiry-based instruction in science and math
- Interdisciplinary teaming in English and history
- Socratic Seminars

Opportunities for student choice and creative expression:

- Vibrant drama program
- Multicultural, cross cultural activities
- Learning in a multicultural environment

Unique activities and approaches:

- Projects which involve students across grade levels
- Culturally diverse community outreach through publications

*Teacher is GATE certified with at least three years experience.

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CHALLENGER MIDDLE SCHOOL SEMINAR PROGRAM**

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Grade: 6
Emphasis: Interdisciplinary
Teacher(s): *Deborah Robbins, Social Studies and Language Arts;
Kelly Nowkowski, Math, Science/Social Studies

Grade: 7
Emphasis: Humanities
Teacher(s): *Ann Dee Baird, English; *Mary Martinez, Social Studies

Grade: 8
Emphasis: Humanities
Teacher(s): *Generia Perkes, English; *Charles Hurley, Social Studies

The School Environment: Humanities and science

Strongest Academic Programs: English and history

Strongest Extracurricular Programs: Special trips both in and outside of California, orchestra/band, choir, journalism, foreign languages, Math Challenge 24, Six-to-Six Program

Curriculum modifications to provide depth, novelty and complexity:

- Interdisciplinary approach to all four core content curricula
- Emphasis on discussion, questioning, and thinking skills
- Pacing and expectations based upon Bloom's Taxonomy, especially evaluation, synthesis and analysis
- Socratic Seminars, independent research
- Primary source research and analytical writing

Opportunities for student choice and creative expression:

- Art, music, and oral communication enhance the curricula
- Emphasis on creativity and critical thinking as well as basic skills
- Student choice in projects, collaborative group work, presentations, and reading reflections
- Student-centered simulations

Unique activities and approaches:

- Humanities curriculum connecting historical events, literary thought, and current events
- Analysis of primary and secondary sources
- Writing, illustrating and bookbinding

*Teacher is GATE certified with at least three years experience.

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CORREIA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL SEMINAR PROGRAM**

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Grade: 7
Emphasis: Humanities and Technology
Teacher(s): *Keri Peach
Grade: 8
Emphasis: Humanities and Technology
Teacher(s): *John Snedden

The School Environment: Interdisciplinary teaming with teachers sharing a common planning time

Strongest Academic Programs: Integrated technology, science, humanities

Strongest Extracurricular Programs: Art, music, special education

Curriculum modifications to provide depth, novelty and complexity:

- Literature, big ideas, Socratic Seminar topics with the history/social science standards as the driving force
- Integrated technology
- Curriculum compacting
- Interdisciplinary thematic teaching

Opportunities for student choice and creative expression:

- Multiple methods to present work/projects including online blogs and discussion forums, web-pages, e-portfolios, oral presentations, traditional reports, debates, panel discussions, and dramatic productions
- Science fair participation

Unique activities and approaches:

- Incorporation of multimedia techniques including web design, video production, and computer literacy
- Web-based classrooms, assignments, lessons, and assessments.
- Emphasis on developing responsibility to self, school, community and the greater society

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DANA MIDDLE SCHOOL SEMINAR PROGRAM**

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Grade: 5
Emphasis: Math, Social Studies, Language Arts
Teacher(s): Bonnie Elias, Language Arts; Joe Quezada, Math/Social Studies
Grade: 6
Emphasis: Math, Social Studies, Language Arts
Teacher(s): *Nikki Mitchell, Language Arts; *Kathryn Robertson, Math/
Social Studies

The School Environment:

Strongest Academic Programs: Language Arts and Social Studies

Strongest Extracurricular Programs: Visual and performing arts

Curriculum modifications to provide depth, novelty and complexity:

- Critical thinking skills enhanced through Socratic Seminars
- Abstract and complex approach to material
- Use of simulation games and cross-disciplinary studies
- Open-ended discussion, tiered assignments

Opportunities for student choice and creative expression:

- Panel discussions, oral presentations, debates and dramatic productions
- Use of technology to create multimedia projects
- Dramatic productions, spring musical production

Unique activities and approaches:

- Focus on academic, social and emotional needs of pre-adolescent learners
- Emphasis on literary and historical analysis in expository writing
- Development of academic abilities through acceleration
- Team teaching for specialization, challenge, and enriched interdisciplinary curricula

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GRANT MIDDLE SCHOOL SEMINAR PROGRAM**

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Grade(s): 6
Emphasis: Humanities
Teacher(s): *Trish Ashe, Language Arts; *Anne Anthony, Social Studies
Grade(s): 7
Emphasis: Humanities
Teacher(s): *Trish Ashe, Language Arts; *Anne Anthony, Social Studies

The School Environment:

Magnet School Focus: Humanities, math and science

Strongest Programs: Instrumental Music (orchestra and band)

Curriculum modifications to provide depth, novelty and complexity:

- Socratic Seminars enhance student learning and optimize critical thinking skills
- Junior Great Books develop analytical thinking skills and foster open-ended discussion
- Literature circles allow student choice and promote optimal discourse methods
- Strategies from Kohlberg examine moral reasoning and Taba for logical development

Opportunities for student choice and creative expression:

- Writers Workshop (including submission of work for publication)
- Independent, student-directed research projects
- Simulations
- Course electives include: Spanish, marine biology, media technology, fine art, Math Olympiad, and Science Fair

Unique activities and approaches:

- Renaissance Faire
- Junior Model United Nations program
- Recreation of Socrates' trial
- Tribes program to develop a sense of community
- Extensive student garden which hosts a yearly farmers' market

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KROC MIDDLE SCHOOL SEMINAR PROGRAM**

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Grade: 7
Emphasis:
Teacher(s):
Grade: 8
Emphasis:
Teacher(s):

The School Environment:

Strongest Academic Programs: English, History, Science, and Math

Strongest Extracurricular Programs: Media production, DC trip, band, choir, fine arts, yearbook, computers

Curriculum modifications to provide depth, novelty and complexity:

- Interdisciplinary thematic approach to explore complex relationships in literature and social conflicts
- Socratic Seminar using texts for the college bound
- Problem solving in social studies
- Curriculum compacting

Opportunities for student choice and creative expression:

- Cross-curricular examination of theories and connections between social science and societal issues
- Problem-based learning places teacher as individual tutor and project facilitator
- Reading and writing workshop model

Unique activities and approaches:

- Emphasis on technology for research and web publishing
- Thematic emphasis on the part prejudice plays in society and its effects on social conflicts through the ages
- Special attention to social emotional needs
- Unique five-period day schedule
- Academic support and enrichment classes for all students

*Teacher is GATE certified with at least three years experience.

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LEWIS MIDDLE SCHOOL SEMINAR PROGRAM**

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Grade:	6
Emphasis:	Humanities – The Classical World
Teacher(s):	Karen Lynn, English and Social Studies
Grade:	7
Emphasis:	Humanities – The Modern World
Teacher(s):	*Chris Silvestri, English; *Paul Kaplan, Social Studies
Grade:	8
Emphasis:	Humanities – American Studies
Teacher(s):	*Joni Kunzler, English; *Mark Nelson, U.S. History

The School Environment:

Strongest Academic Programs: Humanities and math (algebra and geometry)

Strongest Extracurricular Programs: Jazz Band, Builder's Club, National Junior Honor Society

Curriculum modifications to provide depth, novelty and complexity:

- Socratic Seminars
- In-depth cross-curricular analysis of fine arts
- Humanities focus through thematic instruction
- In-depth investigation and real-world application
- Problem-based learning, project-based learning

Opportunities for student choice and creative expression:

- Model United Nations
- Award winning music program
- Science Fair projects
- Full elective and fine arts program
- Border Voices poetry participation
- Geography Olympiad
- Field trips (Floating Marine Lab, Museum of Tolerance, East Coast Trip)

Unique activities and approaches:

- Technology-based curriculum in all classes
- Service-based learning
- Civil War museum
- iMovie projects

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MANN MIDDLE SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL COMPLEX**
SEMINAR PROGRAM – SCHOOL OF EXPEDITION

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Grade: 6
Emphasis: Humanities
Teacher(s): TBA
Grade: 7
Emphasis: Humanities
Teacher(s): Mary Maycock, English and History
Grade: 8
Emphasis: Humanities
Teacher(s): *Karen Jackson, English and History

The School Environment:
Strongest Academic Programs: Humanities and science

Curriculum modifications to provide depth, novelty and complexity:

- Socratic Seminars
- Simulations
- Problem-based activities
- Interdisciplinary approach using global themes

Opportunities for student choice and creative expression:

- Service learning
- Multimedia projects
- Drama productions
- Debates focusing on global issues

Unique activities and approaches:

- Field trip to Museum of Tolerance
- Social action projects

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T. MARSHALL MIDDLE SCHOOL SEMINAR PROGRAM**

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Grade: 6
Emphasis: Humanities, Math
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*Joseph Lepetri, English

Grade: 7
Emphasis: Humanities
Teacher(s): *Nancy Retter (NBCT, EA/Gen), English; * Joseph Lepetri, English

Grade: 8
Emphasis: Humanities
Teacher(s): Andrea Wright, English; *Steve Olds, History

The School Environment:

Strongest Academic Programs: Humanities and science

Strongest Extracurricular Programs: After-school clubs (15), music program

Curriculum modifications to provide depth, novelty and complexity:

- Debates, using strategies from Kohlberg to examine moral reasoning and Taba for logical development
- Tiered lessons to support individual student needs
- Linking of historical situations and themes to current events
- Use of primary source research as the basis for analytical writing
- Vocabulary development, including the study of morphemes

Opportunities for student choice and creative expression:

- Original plays, historical dramatizations, and poetry
- Simulations and Renaissance Faire
- Independent student-directed research projects

Unique activities and approaches:

- Interdisciplinary study of fine arts, practical arts, and literature
- History with a focus on adaptations and accuracy
- Tribes program (tribes.com) to develop a sense of community
- Participation in Junior Model United Nations

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MARSTON MIDDLE SCHOOL SEMINAR PROGRAM**

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Grade: 6
Emphasis: Humanities, Math
Teacher(s): *Andi McCausland, English and Social Studies

Grade: 7
Emphasis: Humanities
Teacher(s): *Linda Ponsford, English; Joan Schioldager, Social Studies

Grade: 8
Emphasis: Humanities
Teacher(s): *Katie Redman, English; Rick Selby, U.S. History

The School Environment:

Strongest Academic Programs: Humanities, science, and foreign language

Strongest Extracurricular Programs: Instrumental music, C.J.S.F., Si Se Puede, Community Service

Curriculum modifications to provide depth, novelty and complexity:

- Discussions and writing assignments which examine, clarify and synthesize complex ideas
- Exploration of multiple solutions to project-based assignments
- High-level vocabulary study, literature circles
- Socratic Seminars and simulations to allow for examination of differing points of view
- Examination of language, history, fine arts, philosophy and ethics through interdisciplinary approach

Opportunities for student choice and creative expression:

- Students create multimedia projects and/or web pages
- Attention to individual learning styles
- Independent study

Unique activities and approaches:

- Strong emphasis on technology: 7 class sets of iBook laptops, one eMac media lab, and one iMac computer lab
- Literary publication
- Video production

*Teacher is GATE certified with at least three years experience.

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MONTGOMERY MIDDLE SCHOOL SEMINAR PROGRAM**

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Grade: 6
Emphasis: Language Arts Block
Teacher(s): *Sarah Gladd
Grade(s): 7/8
Emphasis: Language Arts
Teacher(s): *Sarah Gladd

The School Environment:

Strongest Academic Programs: Language arts, social studies, math, and art

Strongest Extracurricular Programs: Washington D.C. Club, geography bee, school-wide fairs, student exhibitions, multimedia production, spelling bee, New York Theater Trip

ELECTIVES: Project Lead the Way, Mesa, AVID, ASB, Yearbook, Art, Tech

Curriculum modifications to provide depth, novelty and complexity:

- Critical thinking enhanced with Socratic Seminars, shared inquiry, and literature circles
- Use of Kohlberg's method of reasoning in class – discussions and tables
- Exploration of interdisciplinary connections between language arts, social studies and art
- Writer's workshop model
- Dimensions of Depth and Complexity

Opportunities for student choice and creative expression:

- Flexible grouping based on student interests and projects
- Border Voices poetry project
- Playwrights' project
- Individualized projects and tiered assignments

Unique activities and approaches:

- End-of-year exhibition
- Student centered portfolios
- Integration of language arts, history, art, and technology
- Focus on performance and publication for a variety of audiences
- In-depth simulations and role-playing
- Multimedia capacity and video production

*Teacher is GATE certified with at least three years experience.

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MUIRLANDS MIDDLE SCHOOL SEMINAR PROGRAM**

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Grade: 6
Emphasis: Language Arts, Social Studies
Teacher(s): *Susan Minnicks, Language Arts

Grade(s): 7
Emphasis: English and History
Teacher(s): *Anita Graham, English; *Susan Minnicks, English;
Regina Gresling Taylor, World History and Geography

Grade(s): 8
Emphasis: English and History
Teacher(s): *Anita Graham, English; *April Micolino, English;
*Demian Hartman, U.S. History

The School Environment:

Strongest Academic Programs: Humanities and writing

Strongest Extracurricular Programs: Science Olympiad and Math Counts

Curriculum modifications to provide depth, novelty and complexity:

- Socratic Seminars, mock trial, gallery guide, debates
- Abstract, complex approach to material, text, and writing
- Open-ended discussions, tiered assignments, compacting
- Accelerated program that promotes brain and emotional development with Taba's method of questioning, Kohlberg's theory of moral reasoning, and Parnes's problem solving approach
- Use of primary source research as a basis for analytical writing

Opportunities for student choice and creative expression:

- Investigative research and process-centered assignments based on real problems; intensive writing and challenging reading
- Self-directed learning and independent projects
- Multiple options and self-directed learning

Unique activities and approaches:

- Participation in the National Mythology Exam
- Real life application of critical thinking
- Integration of left and right brain learning
- Authentic reading and rigorous writing development

PACIFIC BEACH MIDDLE SCHOOL SEMINAR PROGRAM**

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Grade: 6
Emphasis: English, Social Studies, Science, Math
Teacher(s): Amy Winheimer (IB); *Daniel Sloan; *Tish Haake

Grade(s): 7
Emphasis: English, Social Studies, Science, Math
Teacher(s): Ann Nguyen; Don Wood; Juliana Liebke

Grade(s): 8
Emphasis: English, Social Studies, Science, Math
Teacher(s): Dan Fox; *Robert Mihalik; Bob Swigart

The School Environment:

Strongest Academic Programs: English, social studies, science, math, and IB Programme

Strongest Extracurricular Programs: Community service/Builders Club

Curriculum modifications to provide depth, novelty and complexity:

- Curriculum compacting
- Socratic Seminar
- Independent research
- Moral reasoning strategies (Kohlberg)

Opportunities for student choice and creative expression:

- Multi-media presentations
- Group and individual projects
- Independent research

Unique activities and approaches:

- A fully integrated and interdisciplinary curriculum through the adoption of MYP
- Emphasis on critical thinking, interconnectedness of subjects, and real-life application of Learning

*Teacher is GATE certified with at least three years experience.

**This description is subject to change.

ROOSEVELT MIDDLE SCHOOL/INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE MAGNET SEMINAR PROGRAM**

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Grade: 6
Emphasis: Humanities
Teacher(s): Keryn Kober, Humanities
Grade(s): 7
Emphasis: Humanities
Teacher(s): *Patty Keitel NBCT, English; Jennifer Jay, History
Grade(s): 8
Emphasis: Humanities
Teacher(s): *Nelson Cortes, History

The School Environment:

Strongest Academic Programs: Humanities, math and science/technology

Strongest Extracurricular Programs: Six-to-Six after-school program (free of charge) including guitar, Tae Kwon Do; Partnership with San Diego Zoo; Girls in Science; Junior Theatre; Garden Club; soccer

Curriculum modifications to provide depth, novelty and complexity;

- Interdisciplinary thematic approach modeled after the Middle Years Programme of the International Baccalaureate Organization
- Guiding questions and six “Areas of Interaction” to examine connections between content areas
- Intercultural awareness
- Socratic Seminars, problem-based learning, simulations

Opportunities for student choice and creative expression:

- Students as experts in problem-based projects
- Multimedia productions, symposiums, and oral presentations
- Student exhibitions such as constitutional debates at SDSU, displays, and projects

Unique activities and approaches:

- Partnership with the museums in Balboa Park – Learning on Location program
- Grades six through eight work together on a series of symposiums that are geared towards creating a Sophisticated Scholar.
- Educational excursions to historical/cultural sites such as the Getty Museum and Museum of Tolerance
- Intensive application of the IB Learner Profile

*Teacher is GATE certified with at least three years experience.

**This description is subject to change.

STANDLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL SEMINAR PROGRAM**

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Grade: 6
Emphasis: Humanities
Teacher(s): *Ray Conseur/*Don Weedmark, Genre Studies;
*Hiram Gonzalez, Social Studies

Grade(s): 7
Emphasis: Humanities/Science/Math
Teacher(s): *Maire Juergens, English; *Judi Lattimore, Social Studies;
*Joe Krupens, Science

Grade(s): 8
Emphasis: Humanities/Science/Math
Teacher(s): *Reissa Schragger-Cole, English; U.S. History, TBA;
*Joe Krupens, Science; *Phillip Huszar, Math

The School Environment:

Strongest Academic Programs: English, math and science

Strongest Extracurricular Programs: Music

Curriculum modifications to provide depth, novelty and complexity:

- Interdisciplinary thematic approach in English and social studies
- In-depth exploration and research of subject matter and concepts
- Constructivist inquiry-based approach to building knowledge and understanding
- Intensive writing workshops

Opportunities for student choice and creative expression:

- Border Voices poetry program
- Project-based learning with authentic products
- Author studies and interactive, dialectical journals
- Dramatic presentations
- Wide variety of writing assignments

Unique activities and approaches:

- Rigorous implementation of core curriculum coupled with an emphasis on student-centered learning and inquiry
- Vertical and interdisciplinary teaming to ensure academically challenging, sequential Curricula
- Strong emphasis on student-centered study with teacher conferencing and facilitating

WANGENHEIM MIDDLE SCHOOL SEMINAR PROGRAM**

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Emphasis: Humanities
Teacher(s): *Peggy (Meg) Reilly, Genre Studies and Social Studies

Grade(s): 7
Emphasis: Humanities
Teacher(s): *Peggy (Meg) Reilly, English; *Dianna Venderhurst, World History

Grade(s): 8
Emphasis: Humanities
Teacher(s): *Martina Fehlhaber, English; *Dianna Vanderhurst, U.S. History

The School Environment:

Strongest Academic Programs: Humanities, science, 6th grade pre-algebra

Strongest Extracurricular Programs: Electives, including drama, music, broadcasting, and web design

Curriculum modifications to provide depth, novelty and complexity:

- Multidisciplinary and thematic approach
- Socratic Seminars in all subjects
- Gardner's multiple intelligences
- Technology component in all subject areas, including math

Opportunities for student choice and creative expression:

- Integrated curricular studies in humanities to offer living museums, historical fairs, field trips, newscasts, simulations, debates, and dramatic presentations
- Exceptional elective program, including band; chorus; orchestra; drama, web design; broadcasting; ASB; Spanish 1-2 and 3-4; and an elective wheel offering art, wood and metal shops, photography, and computers
- Participation in J-MUN (Junior Model United Nations)

Unique activities and approaches:

- A pre-algebra class for sixth-grade students
- Humanities-based units of study planned with teams of teachers
- Rigorous science program that includes the design of inventions and a science fair project in grades six and eight, respectively
- One of the few middle schools to offer 7th grade GATE science

*Teacher is GATE certified with at least three years experience.

**This description is subject to change.

CLAIREMONT HIGH SCHOOL SEMINAR PROGRAM**

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Grade: 9
Emphasis: Humanities
Teacher(s): *Paula Riley, English; *Meg Moore, Honors World History
Grade(s): 10
Emphasis: Humanities
Teacher(s): *Noelle Palumbo, English; *Meg Moore, AP European History

The School Environment: Mesa College is a collaborative partnership with Clairemont, providing several college level class offerings on campus. AP Incentive Grant offers summer enrichment classes for AP students, workshops for parents and additional AP classes. We are a school-wide AVID Program that offers tutorials and additional support systems for all students (college-level tutors, etc.)

Strongest Academic Programs: Clairemont offers 14 AP classes. We are beginning to expand with on-line AP courses. We offer AP courses in math, science, social studies, language, art, and computer science.

Strongest Extracurricular Programs: Academic League, Drama, Athletics, Music, various clubs (Key Club, Mecha Club, Circle of Friends, Seminar Club, etc.)

Curriculum modifications to provide depth, novelty and complexity:

- Socratic Seminars
- Field trips to museums, including the Museum of Tolerance
- Attendance at drama productions
- Interdisciplinary approach to curricula
- In-depth study of authors
- Rigorous AP classes
- Mesa College courses taught on and off campus

Opportunities for student choice and creative expression:

- Multi-media classes offerings
- Theater Tech. and Drama for theatrical productions
- Musical opportunities (jazz band, orchestra, guitar, marching band)
- Student newspaper and broadcast
- Literature Club
- Peer Counseling Program
- College Tour in the spring for juniors for five days, visiting up to ten universities

Unique activities and approaches:

- Small class sizes
- Creation of clubs of interest (Literature Club, Gay/Straight Alliance)
- Field trips and organized trips to foreign countries
- Mesa College class offerings on campus during the school day (Political Science 1-2, Health and Nutrition, Oral Communications, Psychology, Sociology, College Success)

*Teacher is GATE certified with at least three years experience.

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**CRAWFORD HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL COMPLEX
SEMINAR PROGRAM – INVENTION AND DESIGN EDUCATIONAL ACADEMY****

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Emphasis: English/Independent Study
Teacher(s): *Sandra Gonzales, Adv. English 1-2, Adv. English 3-4, Honors American Literature 1-2, Independent Study

The School Environment:

Small School Focus: Engineering, architecture, and automotive technology

Strongest Academic Programs: Advanced Placement, Business Environments, School-wide exhibitions, Pre-calculus, and AVID

Curriculum modifications to provide depth, novelty and complexity:

- Socratic Seminars
- Effective research through investigative, independent study
- Emphasis on inquiry and scientific investigation

Opportunities for student choice and creative expression:

- Presentations and projects utilizing Dreamweaver, CAD, and PowerPoint
- Science fair participation

Unique activities and approaches:

- Rigorous instruction within a small school setting of 400 students in grades 9-12
- Job shadowing, internships, and career exploration through established business partnership
- Grade level exhibitions

PATRICK HENRY HIGH SCHOOL SEMINAR PROGRAM**

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Grade(s): 9
Emphasis: Humanities
Teacher(s): *Linda Good, English (World Literature); Matt Pruden, GLOPED

Grade(s): 10
Emphasis: Humanities
Teacher(s): *Dan Miller, Adv. English 3-4; *Bill Bowles, AP World History

Grade(s): 11
Emphasis: Humanities
Teacher(s): *Valerie Stevenson, AP English Language; *Sandra Swikard, AP U.S. History

The School Environment:

Strongest Academic Programs: 19 AP offerings; full foreign language program in Spanish, French, German, and Japanese

Strongest Extracurricular Programs: Science Olympiad, Academic League, Model United Nations

Curriculum modifications to provide depth, novelty and complexity:

- Socratic Seminars
- Project-based learning
- Interdisciplinary and thematic approach at 9th and 11th grades
- Student choice for activities and level of complexity

Opportunities for student choice and creative expression:

- Group and individual projects and presentations that integrate analytical and creative expression
- Independent study, project choices
- Engineering Academy
- 10th grade Extended Creative Writing Project
- Optional international travel
- ATLAS (Advanced Transportation, Land, Air, and Sea) Program
- BACA class with GIS programming

Unique activities and approaches:

- Strong art history thread throughout
- One-on-one writing instruction at all levels, performance-based options at all levels
- Performance-based options at all levels
- Opportunities to attend culturally significant field trips
- 9th and 10th grade strong research skills development
- 9th grade one-to-one laptop ratio for integration of technology skills

*Teacher is GATE certified with at least three years experience.

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LA JOLLA HIGH SCHOOL SEMINAR PROGRAM**

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Grade(s): 9
Emphasis: Humanities
Teacher(s): *Mary McBride, English; *Pat Vreeland, English; David Mika, World History

Grade(s): 10
Emphasis: Humanities
Teacher(s): *Jewel Weien, NBCT, World Literature; *Jack Lawrence, AP European History

Grade(s): 11
Emphasis: Humanities
Teacher(s): *Jewel Weien, AP Language and Composition; Jack Lawrence, AP American History

The School Environment:

Magnet School Focus: Autonomous site pilot

Strongest Academic Programs: 19 AP offerings

Strongest Extracurricular Programs: Creative and performing arts programs, state and national winners of academic competitions

Curriculum modifications to provide depth, novelty and complexity:

- Socratic Seminars, Model United Nations simulations, debates
- Emphasis on primary-source documents and critical thinking
- Emphasis on contemporary issues and various world views
- Examination of history through literature and art
- Emulation of literary modes

Opportunities for student choice and creative expression:

- Sophomore Talent Show and Salon historical simulation
- Use of dramatic monologue and song
- Original play production by juniors
- Portfolio presentation, self-reflection, academic research project, choice of types of individual projects, e.g. mask-making, murals, PowerPoint presentations

Unique activities and approaches:

- Two-hour Humanities Seminars at grades 10, 11
- Sequenced, integrated English and history curricula
- Service Learning

*Teacher is GATE certified with at least three years experience.

**This description is subject to change.

MADISON HIGH SCHOOL SEMINAR PROGRAM**

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Emphasis:	Academic Foundation, Science, Math, Technology
Teacher(s):	*Mike Norton, Seminar English; *Paul Anderson, Advanced World History
Grade(s):	10
Emphasis:	Humanities, Liberal Arts, Science, Math, Technology
Teacher(s):	*Mike Norton, English; *Ron Moss, AP European History
Grade(s):	11
Emphasis:	Humanities, Liberal Arts, Science, Math, Technology
Teacher(s):	*Rachel Rice, AP English, Language and Composition; *William Hawthorne, AP U.S. History
Grade(s):	12
Emphasis:	Humanities, Liberal Arts, Science, Math, Technology
Teacher(s):	*Tom Staninger, AP Language and Literature Mesa Community College, Political Science

The School Environment:

Strongest Academic Programs: Advanced Placement

Strongest Extracurricular Programs: DaTA (Design and Technology Academy), SOTA (School of the Arts), athletics, PSAT/NMSQT and SAT preparation, Robotics, and "Hawkeye" multimedia productions, music production

Curriculum modifications to provide depth, novelty and complexity:

- Socratic Seminars, debates, senior portfolio presentations
- Interdisciplinary themes, e.g. utopian societies, the civil rights movement
- Tiered lessons, curriculum compacting, inquiry-based learning

Opportunities for student choice and creative expression:

- Project-based learning allows for project choice in English, Music Theory, Hawkeye
- AP Computer Science and the DaTA program allow for student creativity in software programming and design
- Extensive technology training i.e. Adobe, PageMaker, I-Movie
- C++, and MOUS certification
- Journalism and yearbook

Unique activities and approaches:

- AP program; Mesa College courses; Pt. Loma Nazarene University Now College Credit Program
- Teen Court program
- Job shadowing opportunities and partnership with the San Diego County Bar Association and Biogen Idec
- Project Lead the Way, Rochester Institute of Technology
- Break Through High School 2006 – Bill and Melinda Gate Foundation
- 2006 List of America's Best High Schools by Newsweek.

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MIRA MESA HIGH SCHOOL SEMINAR PROGRAM**

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Grade(s): 10
Emphasis: Humanities/AP
Teacher(s): *Derrick Knapp, English; *Shirley Duchock, AP European History

Grade(s): 11
Emphasis: Humanities/AP
Teacher(s): Courtenay Pearson, AP English Language/Seminar English

The School Environment:

Strongest Academic Programs: English, history, calculus, statistics, music theory

Strongest Extracurricular Programs: Band, ROTC, Future Educators of America, Key Club

Curriculum modifications to provide depth, novelty and complexity:

- Literary analysis, Socratic Seminars
- Participation in *Read Across America* (9, 10, 11)
- Team teaching/vertical teaming
- Cross disciplinary studies
- Collaborative activities across grade levels
- Higher level subject matter content

Opportunities for student choice and creative expression:

- Diverse offerings within Seminar program
- Analytical-based study in preparation for AP classes
- Instruction based on use of multiple intelligences
- Variety of options for independent study and research

Unique activities and approaches:

- Collaborative activities across grade levels
- Humanities team-teaching activities

*Teacher is GATE certified with at least three years experience.

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MISSION BAY HIGH SCHOOL SEMINAR PROGRAM**

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Grade(s): 9
Emphasis: World Cultures and Math
Teacher(s): *Sam Sample, English; Gualter Moura, Math; *Joe Panian, World and U.S. History

Grade(s): 10
Emphasis: English and Math
Teacher(s): *Sam Sample, English, Art History; Gualter Moura, Math; *Joe Panian, World and U.S. History

Grade(s): 11/12
Emphasis: International Baccalaureate
Teacher(s): *Sam Sample, Theory of Knowledge; Gualter Moura, IB Math; Nathan Sheehy, IB World Literature

The School Environment:

Strongest Academic Programs: History/social studies and mathematics

Strongest Extracurricular Programs: Athletics, Jazz Band

Curriculum modifications to provide depth, novelty and complexity:

- Dialogue seminars
- Fundamentals of rhetoric
- Variations of the writing process
- Close reading of classic and contemporary world literature
- Introduction to the mathematician's world
- Team Teaching

Opportunities for student choice and creative expression:

- Independent study topics
- Argumentation (classical and modern)
- Language analysis
- Student publications

Unique activities and approaches:

- Interdisciplinary topics and activities incorporating mathematics as well as Humanities
- Emphasis on oral language development

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MORSE HIGH SCHOOL SEMINAR PROGRAM**

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Emphasis:	Humanities
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Grade(s):	10
Emphasis:	Humanities
Teacher(s):	*Jim Giardina, AP European History; Jeff Meyer, Advanced English 3-4
Grade(s):	11
Emphasis:	Humanities
Teacher(s):	*Jim Giardina, AP U.S. History; Jeff Meyer Advanced American Literature
Grade(s):	12
Emphasis:	Humanities
Teacher(s):	*Jim Giardina, AP Government; Jeff Meyer, AP English Literature and Composition

The School Environment:

Strongest Academic Programs: Humanities and mathematics

Strongest Extracurricular Programs: Academic League and orchestra

Curriculum modifications to provide depth, novelty and complexity:

- Cross-disciplinary studies in English and social studies to include philosophy and art history
- Socratic Seminars
- Six of the Seminar courses are Advanced Placement

Opportunities for student choice and creative expression:

- Border Voices poetry project
- Community mentors
- Monthly creative expression days

Unique activities and approaches:

- Humanities emphasis is engaging, rigorous, and life-broadening

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POINT LOMA HIGH SCHOOL SEMINAR PROGRAM**

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Grade(s): 9
Emphasis: Humanities
Teacher(s): Ron Moss, Adv. World History; *Cynthia Hedges, English

Grade(s): 10
Emphasis: Humanities
Teacher(s): Ron Moss, AP World History; *Cynthia Hedges, English

Grade(s): 11
Emphasis: American Studies/Humanities/Independent Study
Teacher(s): Ron Moss, AP U.S. History and Independent Study;
*Cynthia Hedges, AP Language and Composition

Grade(s): 12
Emphasis: Literature/Independent Study
Teacher(s): *Cynthia Hedges, AP Literature/Independent Study

The School Environment:

Strongest Academic Programs: Spanish language studies, science

Strongest Extracurricular Programs: Music program and ROP business program

Curriculum modifications to provide depth, novelty and complexity:

- Two-year, 2-hour per day, team-taught humanities study of Western and non-Western history, literature and art (9/10)
- Interdisciplinary approach designed to emphasize the connection among people, cultures, and change over time
- American studies 2-hour block examines contemporary American cultural values and ideologies as well as our philosophical foundations
- Socratic discussion, accelerated reading, and independent study
- Field trips and guest speakers

Opportunities for student choice and creative expression:

- Group and individual projects and presentations integrate analytical and creative expression
- Independent study, project choices

Unique activities and approaches:

- Close collaboration between teachers to integrate curriculum
- Cohesive 4-year program in a two-hour block format to allow for flexible use of time in the Seminar environment
- Program-wide activities and lessons that involve students at all grade levels of Seminar
- Cohesive 4-year program

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SAN DIEGO HIGH EDUCATIONAL COMPLEX SEMINAR PROGRAM – SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES **

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Emphasis: Humanities, Science, IB Middle Years Program
Teacher(s): *Jaime Enochs, English; Jon Strebler, World History;
Rocio Guillermprieto, Spanish; *Philippe Poncey, French

Grade(s): 11
Emphasis: IB Diploma Courses in all areas
Teacher(s): *Janet Cheney, Math HL; *Tonia Berman, IB Chemistry;
*Chris Steussy, Theory of Knowledge; Dwayne Stegner, IB
Biology

Grade(s): 12
Emphasis: IB Courses in all areas
Teacher(s): *Chris Steussy, IB World History HL; *Jaime Enochs,
IB English HL; Tim Towler, IB Biology HL

The School Environment:

Magnet School Focus: International Baccalaureate, world language continuation, Writing Academy

Strongest Academic Program: IB

Strongest Extracurricular Programs: Internships, job shadows, “You and the Law”

Curriculum modifications to provide depth, novelty and complexity:

- Cross-disciplinary studies
- Socratic Seminars
- Problem-based learning
- Internationally regulated and recognized rigor within the academic curriculum

Opportunities for student choice and creative expression:

- Internships
- IB curricula offerings across the academic spectrum
- Authorized International Baccalaureate school for the middle years and diploma programs
- International travel
- Junior college trip

Unique activities and approaches:

- Corporate internships
- Literary and artistic field trips that take advantage of San Diego High School’s unique city location

*Teacher is GATE certified with at least three years experience.

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SCRIPPS RANCH HIGH SCHOOL SEMINAR PROGRAM**

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Grade(s): 9
Emphasis: Humanities
Teacher(s): *Brady Kelso, English; *Irene Segade, History

Grade(s): 10
Emphasis: English
Teacher(s): *Joan Gass, English; Program coordinates with AP European History

Grade(s): 11
Emphasis: American Studies
Teacher(s): *Ronnie Ebel, Seminar AP Language and Composition;
*Tom Ihlbrock, Seminar AP U. S. History

The School Environment:

Strongest Academic Programs: 19 AP courses offerings

Strongest Extracurricular Programs: Performing arts and academic teams

Curriculum modifications to provide depth, novelty and complexity:

- Rigorous curriculum using college level texts
- Simulation games and cross-disciplinary projects
- Socratic Seminars, supplemental reading

Opportunities for student choice and creative expression:

- Simulations, film units, art projects, Salons—grades 9 and 10
- Model United Nations, academic teams grades 9-12
- Self-selected research projects

Unique activities and approaches:

- Debates
- Mock constitutional convention
- Grade-level interdisciplinary creative projects

*Teacher is GATE certified with at least three years experience.

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SERRA HIGH SCHOOL SEMINAR PROGRAM **

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Grade(s):	9
Emphasis:	Philosophy and the Personal Credo
Teacher(s):	*Liz Ward, English
Grade(s):	10
Emphasis:	Diverse Populations
Teacher(s):	Tami Thoro, English; Erin Clark, AP World History
Grade(s):	11
Emphasis:	The Great American Dream
Teacher(s):	*Christine Edwards, AP Language and Composition; *James Richards, AP U.S. History
Grade(s):	12
Emphasis:	Choices for the Future
Teacher(s):	*Lynda Lavine, AP English Literature

The School Environment:

Strongest Academic Program: English

Strongest Extracurricular Programs: NJROTC, band, cheerleading, drama, journalism, ASB, and athletics

Curriculum modifications to provide depth, novelty and complexity:

- Rigorous curriculum using college level texts
- Simulation games and cross-disciplinary projects
- Socratic Seminars, supplemental reading

Opportunities for student choice and creative expression:

- Independent study opportunities in AP Macro/Micro Economics and AP World History for highly self-directed juniors and seniors
- Simulations, film units, art projects, Salons—grade 9
- Model United Nations, academic teams grades 9-12
- Self-selected research projects

Unique activities and approaches:

- Debates
- Mock constitutional convention
- Grade-level interdisciplinary creative projects

*Teacher is GATE certified with at least three years experience.

**This description is subject to change.

UNIVERSITY CITY HIGH SCHOOL SEMINAR PROGRAM**

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Emphasis: Humanities
Teacher(s): *Sandra Mann, Advanced Biology; *Roseanna Concannon, English

Grade(s): 10
Emphasis: Humanities
Teacher(s): Donna St. Aubins-Vehar, English; Steve Roy, AP World History

Grade(s): 11
Emphasis: American Studies
Teacher(s): Kate Neale, AP English Language

The School Environment:

Strongest Academic Program: Seminar / AP Program

Strongest Extracurricular Programs: Competitive academic teams, music, drama, community service clubs, athletics

Curriculum modifications to provide depth, novelty and complexity:

- Cross-disciplinary studies in core humanities block at the 9th and 10th grade levels
- Student-facilitated Socratic, Paideia and Meeting-of-the-Minds Seminars in all grades and subjects
- Curriculum-generated field trips to museums and theaters in San Diego and Los Angeles

Opportunities for student choice and creative expression:

- Projects in all classes that include analytical and creative components.
- Individual and group activities promote both independence and collaboration.
- Writing within the curriculum for student publication and competition at the site, local, state and national levels
- Multiple opportunities for independent research.

Unique activities and approaches:

- Multi-grade level Seminar activities provide a cohesive program and nurturing, encouraging environment
- Individualized articulation and guidance grades 9-12
- Active alumni involvement provides connections to colleges, internships, and careers.

*Teacher is GATE certified with at least three years experience.

**This description is subject to change.

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION SEMINAR PROGRAM**

School Sites: Mount Everest Academy, Twain, A.L.B.A.,
Garfield, Muir, and other Alternative Education Sites

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Grade(s): 3-12
Emphasis: Multidisciplinary
Teacher(s): *Lissa J. Brown

Curriculum modifications to provide depth, novelty, and complexity:

- Field trips, workshops, guest speakers linked to curricular areas
- Individualization to meet student needs

Opportunities for student choice and creative expression:

- Independent study and enrichment activities

Unique activities and approaches:

- One-on-one work with mentors in the community
- Community involvement
- Interaction and socialization among students, parents and teachers
- School-to-career focus
- Program flexibility

*Teacher is GATE certified with at least three years experience.

**This description is subject to change.

SAN DIEGO SCHOOL OF CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS SEMINAR PROGRAM**

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Emphasis: Humanities
Teacher(s): *Lisa Lee, Grade 6; Joyce Miaisin, Grade 6 Science;
*Lindy Meyer-Ward, Grades 7 & 8
Grade(s): 9
Emphasis: Humanities
Teacher(s): *Bridget Persons, English; *Roxanne Pompilio, GLOPED
Grade(s): 10
Emphasis: Humanities
Teacher(s): *Andrew Barbolla, English; *Roxanne Pomilio, AP World History

Magnet School Focus: Creative and performing arts

Two Strongest Academic Programs: Humanities: English and history

Two Strongest Extracurricular Programs: Student exhibitions/productions in all arts areas, participation in choral, dance, and instrumental national competitive tours.

Curriculum modifications to provide depth, novelty and complexity:

- Differentiated lessons to meet individual needs
- Socratic Seminars, debates, literary analysis and expository and persuasive writing products that focus on real-world problems/audiences
- Strong interdisciplinary focus
- AP-oriented vertical teams (6-12) help prepare students in lower grades for the rigor of Advanced Placement classes

Opportunities for student choice and creative expression:

- Extensive AP offerings in high school including Art Studio and AP Music Theory
- Math placement commensurate with ability including high- school math courses available to middle school students at the 7th and 8th grade

Unique activities and approaches:

- Work with community mentors to consider future career options in medical and biotechnology fields
- Visual and performing arts experiences with the interdisciplinary Seminar curriculum
- Opportunities for SCPA students to participate in choral, dance, visual and instrumental national competitive tours

*Teacher is GATE certified with at least three years experience.

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SEMINAR PROGRAMS FOR THE LEARNING DISABLED

School Sites: Tierrasanta Elementary and Farb Middle School

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Teacher(s): TBA
Grade(s): 5-8
Emphasis: Multidisciplinary
Site: Farb Middle School, 4880 La Cuenta Drive,
San Diego, CA 92124 Phone: 858-496-8090
Teacher(s): Erin Henry

Contact the site principal for further information concerning the characteristics of each program.

Curriculum modifications to provide depth, novelty, and complexity:

- Enriched academic curriculum which emphasizes both core content and training in deficit areas
- Gestalt whole-part instructional method
- High level of abstract reasoning/complexity
- Tiered lessons

Opportunities for student choice and creative expression:

- Independent study and enrichment activities
- Individual pacing and participation in decision making

Unique activities and approaches:

- Specialized reading written language training
- Technology
- Mainstreaming as indicated

NOTE: Eligibility criteria are determined through the Special Education department. Contact the student's current school Site-based Diagnostic Resource Teacher to determine placement options.