



SUMMIT CHARTER SCHOOL

We will prepare our students to
engage the world with integrity,
resilience and compassion.

WHY NOW?

VISION, LEADERSHIP, LOCAL CONTROL

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GUIDING PRINCIPLE: Relationship based

- Develop and deepen relationships to create a safe and enriching learning environment
- Create a school culture that incorporates relationships into all of its activities
- Strong academic achievement through nurturing relationships



ACADEMIC FOCUSES ARE RELATIONSHIP BASED

Environmental Science & Sustainability



- Creates a connection between student and earth

Cultural Literacy



- Creates a connection between people

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE & SUSTAINABILITY

- ELA, Social Studies/History, Science presented through an environmental lens
- Opportunity for **community participation**



- **School projects**, spanning **multiple grades**, that incorporate environmental science and sustainability practices
- **Empowerment** of students

CULTURAL LITERACY & SPANISH LANGUAGE ACQUISITION

- ELA, Social Studies/History, Mathematics **integrated** with **cultural content**
- **Understanding and appreciating** other experiences, background, food, celebrations, and traditions
- Consistent **designated** time for **Spanish** language instruction



THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK

Direct Experience *Dewey*

- Hands on Activities
- Project-Based Learning

Constructivism *Piaget*

- Active Participant
- Experiential Learning

Play *Vygotsky*

- Cognitive development
- Collaboration skills

Social & Emotional Learning *Goleman*

- Coping skills
- Relationships

Multi-age *Montessori, Piaget, Vygotsky*

- Flexibility, skill mastery
- Leadership

Growth Mindset *Dweck*

- Effort vs ability
- Embracing challenges and failures

Learning Design

- Social Emotional Learning
- Multi-age Classrooms
- Play
- Growth Mindset Culture
- Project-Based Learning

Examples of Teaching Methods

- Differentiation
- Scaffolding
- Flexible Grouping
- Cooperative Learning
- Spiraling
- Front Loading

"In reviewing petitions for the establishment of charter schools pursuant to this section, the chartering authority shall be guided by the intent of the Legislature that charter schools are and should become an **integral part** of the California educational system and that the establishment of charter schools should be **encouraged**."

- Establishment of Charter Schools [Cal Ed Code 47605 - 47608]



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