
Welcome to Middle School!

Ocean View School District

2008-2009 School Year



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Superintendent's Message

Adolescence can be a challenging time in the lives of our children. In addition to physiological changes, the peer group often becomes a prominent force in how preteens see the world. Such influences also have the potential to impact student learning. For these reasons, the transition from elementary to middle school can be an anxious time for both students *and* parents.

To ensure success as students begin the next phase of their educational journey, the Ocean View School District offers our community a comprehensive middle school program designed to effectively support children as they make this important move to 6th grade. From enrichment opportunities to a high-quality instructional program that has been honored by the California Department of Education, our middle schools provide children with an educational program that not only supports high levels of academic achievement, but one that is also developmentally appropriate for students at each grade level, from 6th through 8th grade.

We are proud of the programs offered in our District, and we're confident that our middle schools are second to none. We invite parents from in and around our community to take a closer look at the opportunities our middle schools provide and to rediscover what makes Ocean View School District truly an exceptional place to learn.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alan G. Rasmussen". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue horizontal line.

Alan G. Rasmussen, Ed.D., Superintendent

Ocean View School District Distinctions

National Blue Ribbon Schools

Circle View School
Marine View Middle School

California Distinguished Schools

Circle View School
College View School
Golden View School
Harbour View School
Hope View School
Marine View Middle School
Mesa View Middle School
Oak View School
Spring View Middle School
Star View School
Village View School
Vista View Middle School
Westmont School

CalSTAT Model Literacy/Leadership Award Sites

Marine View Middle School
Mesa View Middle School
Vista View Middle School

Federal Title I Academic Achievement Winners

Lake View School
Oak View School
Sun View School

Golden Bell Award Winners

Golden View School
Oak View School
Westmont School

NASA Explorer Program School

Lake View School

Outstanding Middle Schools

A Culture of Success

Ocean View middle school students are proud of their academic and athletic successes. With academic scores among the highest in the county, students know the high expectations of teachers and administrators for attending school, completing homework, and doing their best every day. This culture of success is supported by our parent communities who partner with teachers to ensure students have the resources necessary for learning.

Research shows the importance of a safe and orderly environment for students to learn. Part of creating and maintaining a safe environment is the belief by adults that students are important, and every student is everyone's responsibility.

The secret to bringing students together is the relationship teachers build with individual students and their parents. All parents and students meet at least twice per year to evaluate and reflect on student progress and set goals for improved behavior. Our responsibility of teaching students to become not only learners but also successful adults is an important one. Early adolescent children experience a wide range of changes physically, emotionally, and socially during their middle school years. Organizing middle schools to meet this wide range of needs is critical to the overall success of our students and programs. By teaching how to overcome difficulties, how to be a better person, and how to take responsibility for behavior, each child can be successful. Ocean View is committed to keeping relationships at the core of our academic programs.



Open Enrollment Program – Schools of Choice

The District's *Schools of Choice* program allows parents the opportunity to apply to the school they would like their child to attend. Since the program's inception, more than 90% of our parents annually elect to have their child remain at their home school – the local school serving their child's attendance area. This is where their friends live, and it is the school with which they are familiar. However, for a variety of personal or educational reasons, some parents choose to have their child attend another school within the District. Our program provides parents with this option on a space-available basis.

Transportation to any school other than the home school is the responsibility of parents. For more information, call our Educational Support Services Department at 714.847.2551 - x1316.

General Information | Registration Info

Middle School Registration Process

Students living in the Ocean View School District and attending their home elementary school do not need to register to attend their home middle school. However, there is an Open Enrollment process in the District that allows students to attend a school other than their identified home school. In this case, a parent should obtain the Open Enrollment request form at the elementary school where the child is presently attending. Completed paperwork indicating the preferred school of attendance should be returned to the present school of attendance. Open Enrollment requests are accepted from March 7 through April 4, 2008. Once the Open Enrollment window closes, the District will notify families whether or not their requests have been approved. Finally, students who are on Interdistrict Transfers must reapply each year. Parents must obtain an Interdistrict Transfer permit from their home district and return the completed request to the Ocean View School District Education Center. Interdistrict Transfer requests will be accepted beginning March 3, 2008. The District will continue to accept requests throughout the spring and summer months. Families will be notified by the District if their Interdistrict Transfer requests have been approved and the school site(s) where space is available.

Registration Checklist for New Students

If a student has just moved into the Ocean View School District attendance area or if a student is planning to return to the District, parents should refer to the following checklist to register their child:

- ✓ Pick up enrollment packet at your home school.
- ✓ Return all forms to the home school office.
- ✓ Provide the school office with two proofs of residency – gas, electric, or water bill. Phone and cable bills will not be accepted.
- ✓ Bring your child's birth certificate and immunization record. Your child must have all required immunizations prior to the first day of school.
- ✓ If your child will be taking the bus, complete the bus application in the enrollment packet.
- ✓ Please call 714.847.2551 x1316 for more information.

Middle School Curriculum

English/Language Arts

All students are enrolled in core English/Language Arts. Your child will refine and extend fundamental skills in reading, writing, listening, and speaking that prepare him or her to be successful in high school and beyond. Students will learn how to write clear, coherent, focused essays as preparation for more in-depth essays and research. Critical thinking skills, vocabulary, and grammar are developed through standards-based direct instruction as well as integrated into specific writing assignments.

The English/Language Arts curriculum addresses the California State Standards:

- Reading comprehension
- Word analysis and vocabulary development
- Writing strategies
- Literary response and analysis
- Written and oral conventions
- Listening and Speaking strategies

Mathematics

Your child will continue to build on previous mathematical instruction with the goal of all eighth grade students enrolled in Algebra I. To achieve this state goal, students must understand previously learned mathematics as well as demonstrate good study habits and work completion in order to maintain the pacing required for higher-level mathematics. Grade six math covers the eight strands of the California Mathematics Framework, and grade seven Pre-Algebra is the foundation course for Algebra I.

The mathematics curriculum addresses the following California State Standards:

- Number sense
- Geometry
- Algebra and functions
- Measurement and geometry
- Probability/statistics
- Logic



Science

Your child will learn that scientific progress is made by asking meaningful questions and conducting careful investigations. To understand this concept and to address the content in the three strands, your child will develop his or her own questions and perform investigations. Students will develop critical thinking, problem solving, decision making, inquiry, and research skills.

The Science curriculum addresses the following California State Standards:

- Earth Science
- Life Science
- Physical Science

History—Social Science

Your child will be introduced to the concepts of courage, self-control, justice, heroism, leadership, deliberation, and individual responsibility. The concept of civic behavior is reinforced through empathy for how people lived and worked long ago, and through following rules and respecting the rights of others.

The History—Social Science curriculum addresses the following California State Standards:

- Attributes of good citizenship
- Geography and economics of the school and its surroundings
- Awareness of the past

Physical Education

Aligned with California State Standards, our Physical Education program focuses on promoting physical fitness and skill development while reinforcing the importance of following directions, playing safely, and life long health. Students work with Physical Education teachers to evaluate their fitness levels and learn how to improve areas of weakness. Students also learn how making healthy choices further support their physical well-being.

Electives

Literacy is essential, yet research shows that by exposing students to a rich, varied curriculum inclusive of the arts, connections to learning are built. Each middle school includes electives in the school schedule to build connections and extend learning for students. The elective program varies by middle school depending upon expertise of the staff.

Electives may include Industrial Arts, art, peer mediation program, leadership, health, technology/media, conversational Spanish, Spanish I, musical theater, instrumental music, and vocal/performing music.



Interventions

Our schools are committed to the success of each and every student. For a variety of reasons, some students may require additional support in order to master foundational skills in English/Language Arts and Mathematics. As a result, our schools offer a wide range of effective, research-based intervention programs that are strategically designed to accelerate learning and address specific skill deficiencies to bring students within an acceptable range of grade-level performance.

Gifted and Talented Education (GATE)

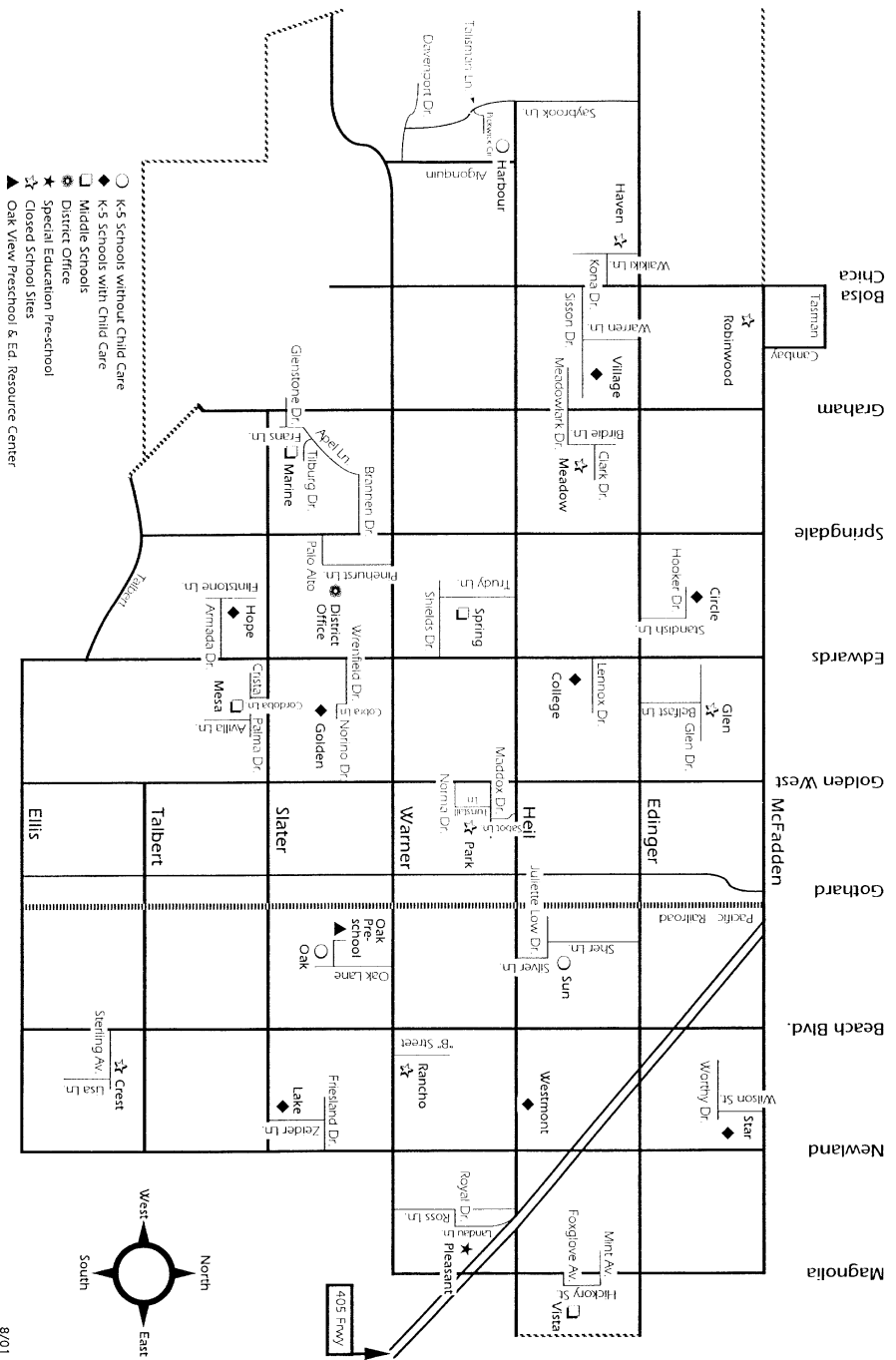
Students who have been identified as gifted have two educational options in Ocean View. The first option is that the child may remain at the neighborhood home school and participate in a GATE cluster program in which gifted students are grouped together in Honors classes for English/Language Arts and Mathematics.

The second option for gifted students is to participate in the GATE Magnet program offered at Mesa View Middle School. In this educational setting, children are homogeneously grouped with other gifted students. This research-based model not only facilitates differentiating the curriculum through depth, complexity, novelty, and acceleration, it also provides the opportunity for gifted students to interact with, learn from, and be challenged by one another in the classroom. Teachers utilize Socratic Questioning, Inductive and Deductive Reasoning, Synectics, and group investigation to make learning more meaningful for GATE students. In addition to the academic curriculum, the GATE Magnet program also offers gifted students the opportunity to participate in a variety of extracurricular enrichment activities and competitions.



District Map

OCEAN VIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT



School Information

Important Information About Your Child's School

School: _____

Phone Number: _____

The Principal: _____

School Office Hours: _____

Start Time: _____ Dismissal Time: _____

Parental Involvement (PTSA/PTSO): _____

Transportation: _____

Homework Hotline: _____

Advisement Teacher: _____ Email: _____

Other: _____

Contact Information

MIDDLE SCHOOLS	ADDRESS	PHONE
Marine View Middle School Principal: Carol Parish	5682 Tilburg Drive Huntington Beach, CA 92649	846 - 0624
Mesa View Middle School Principal: Leona Olson	17601 Avilla Lane Huntington Beach, CA 92647	842 - 6608
Spring View Middle School Principal: John Drake	16662 Trudy Lane Huntington Beach, CA 92647	846 - 2891
Vista View Middle School Principal: Robert Miller	16250 Hickory Street Fountain Valley, CA 92708	842 - 0626



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