



CALIFORNIA SCHOOL TO WATCH VISITOR'S GUIDE



Robert A. Millikan Affiliated Charter & Performing Arts Magnet Middle School



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2016 School Statistics

Community: Large city
Enrollment: 1900
Grade Levels: 6-8
School Schedule: Six periods with specialized homeroom

Student Demographics

- 53% White
- 27% Hispanic/Latino
- 10% African American
- 7% Asian
- 2% Filipino
- 1% American Indian/Alaska Native
- 1% Two or more races
- 1% Pacific Islander
- 36% Free/Reduced Lunch
- 6% English Learners

2014-15 ELA - met/exceeded 57%
2015-16 ELA - met/exceeded 62%
2014-15 Math - met/exceeded 46%
2015-16 Math - met/exceeded 50%

(Visit <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ar/index.asp> to view this school's data for prior years.)

School Characteristics and Replicable Practices

Academic Excellence

- Rigorous standards-based instruction coupled with ongoing assessment and review of that data play an integral role in instructional planning.
- A team of teachers works together to plan instructional strategies, field trips, activities, and culminating projects that address the common core standards.
- Performing Arts Magnet Program
- Specialized academies connect students to rigorous academic coursework, fieldtrips, and projects; academies to which students may belong are Civics, Math, Dance, Performing Arts, Cinematic Arts Academies or the School of Advanced Studies (SAS).
- The extensive visual and performing arts program has 13 full-time art, media and performance teachers with outstanding facilities.
- A full-time Interventions Coordinator integrates core intervention program and develops personalized supports to meet student learning needs.
- Before- and after-school intervention program provides free homework assistance.
- Recognized as an Intel – School of Distinction Finalist, California Gold Ribbon School and Los Angeles Music Center Bravo Awards – School wide winner.

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Developmental Responsiveness

- The school Performing Arts Magnet has many schools-within-a-school configurations to meet the needs of adolescents.
- Both student responsibility and respect are emphasized across campus.
- Many teachers employ instructional strategies that are infused with the arts allowing for innovation for culminating projects.
- Technology is across the curriculum and is integrated to facilitate and support learning in a variety of ways, including three computer labs, 13 full classroom computers carts, SmartBoards and LCD projectors.
- Restorative Justice, Peer Mediation Team, Rainbow Council, Performing Arts Ambassadors, and other special interest groups provide ongoing socio-emotional support to assist students in developing their own identity and resolving disputes and disagreements through nonviolent means.
- Students donate time to perform or serve at community festivals, elementary schools, nursing homes, and shelters.
- Millikan Student Leadership sponsors a variety of activities and focused community service efforts.
- Visitations from Medal Of Honor Recipients, film and media specialists and civic leaders.
- MilliCON is presented as weeklong event that collaborates with artists, parents, and community members to discuss career potentials for artistically bound students.

Social Equity

- Collaborative working relationships between special education and regular education students and teachers ensure inclusion that is equitable and successful.
- Students with disabilities have access to the exceptional performing arts and technology programs.
- Daily homeroom period includes a variety of special programs that are accessible to all students.
- An extensive performing arts elective program includes dance, drama, instrumental music, vocal music, Afro-Caribbean drumming, jazz band, costume design, cinematic and musical theatre
- Visual Arts electives that include traditional art, computer and film electives.
- Ongoing partnerships with a variety of community arts agencies provide cultural assemblies and special instructional workshops that highlight ethnic groups represented in the Millikan student body.
- Character education program develops strong citizenship skills.
- Alternatives to suspension include early behavior interventions.

Organizational Support

- Department cadres and the instructional leadership team collaborate regularly to identify at-risk students and provide focused support in meeting content standards.
- Support teams are designed to provide focused intervention for students unable to reach proficiency in English or Math on the SBAC.
- Modified Tuesday schedule provides teachers with weekly professional learning opportunities.
- Professional Learning Committees align Common Core framework and District mandates to school's Affiliated Charter plan.