



Fostering  
Independence,  
*Creativity,*



and Critical Thinking  
in Each Student



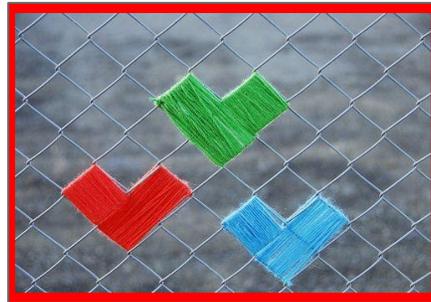
## Helpful Facts

**School Start Time:** 8:30 AM  
Drop off available at 8:00 AM

### Dismissal Times

**Tuesdays:** 1:05 PM  
**Kinder M,W,Th,F:** 2:15 PM  
**1-8 Grade M,W,Th,F:** 3:15 PM

**Number of students:** 440 total  
272 in K-5  
168 in Middle School



## After School Program

Our After School program is designed to serve the needs of all our families and is offered entirely onsite until 6pm. There is room for all CACS students in After School. The program is fee-based with financial aid for families that qualify. Our program consists of outdoor recess, snack, and indoor enrichment activities which can include science or art projects, seasonal projects, and games with a homework option for upper grades. Additional fee-based opportunities include: Academic Chess, Academy of Tae Kwondo, AVE Capoeira, Tree Frog Treks, and Blue Bear guitar.

## Enrollment Information

Application forms can be picked up at the CACS office or on our website.

CACS is part of San Francisco Unified School District and operates on the same enrollment schedule. However, as a Charter school, we have our own application form and separate admissions lottery. Application and enrollment is free.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE**  
**3pm • January 13, 2017**

### Preferences are given for:

- ★ Children of staff members
- ★ Siblings of currently-enrolled students
- ★ SF residents

CACS actively recruits a diverse student population whose families support the school's mission and educational philosophy. CACS strives to attain a racial and ethnic balance reflective of the city of San Francisco.

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## Mission

The mission of Creative Arts Charter School is to provide Kindergarten to 8th-grade students of San Francisco with an innovative, high-quality education that focuses on an arts-integrated, hands-on curriculum, with the overall goal of giving our students a lifetime appreciation of learning and the development of their unique talents and abilities.

## Academic Approach

Creative Arts bases its teaching methods on *Constructivist Learning Theory* which says that people construct their own understanding and knowledge of the world through experiencing things and reflecting on those experiences. All of the grade levels use project-based learning whenever possible to help students understand the relationships between academic subjects, technical and life skills, and the greater world.

## Arts-Integrated Approach

The arts program lies at the heart of the overall educational experience of every student at Creative Arts Charter School. We use art integration as a key approach for learning in the classroom and define *Arts Integration* as an approach to teaching in which students construct and demonstrate understanding through an art form. Students engage in a creative process which connects an art form and another subject area and meets evolving objectives in both.

## Restorative Practices Model

At CACS we use a restorative approach which sees conflict or misbehavior as an opportunity for students to learn about the consequences of their actions, to develop empathy with others, and experience how to make amends in such a way as to strengthen the community.

## Lower School (K-5) Highlights

- ★ Small class size capped at 22 for K-3 and 24 for 4-5
- ★ Project-based, arts-integrated curriculum aligned to Common Core
- ★ Social-emotional development program and positive discipline system known as *Responsive Classroom*
- ★ Weekly visual art, dance, music; theater starting in 1st grade
- ★ *Class Looping*: the practice of placing the same group of students with the same teacher for two years, helping to ensure sustained relationships between teachers and students
- ★ Book buddies between upper and lower grade levels



## Middle School Highlights

- ★ Small class size capped at 28
- ★ Rigorous, project-based and arts-integrated approach to learning
- ★ Humanities program based in Common Core
- ★ Math program that uses *Complex Instruction* strategies
- ★ Adolescent-focused social-emotional development program known as *Origins Developmental Design*
- ★ Studio arts electives: dance music, theater, visual arts or photography/graphic arts for 150 minutes per week
- ★ Homework club after school
- ★ Free inclusive sports program for all 5th-8th graders: volleyball, tennis, track, basketball, futsal, table tennis

