



SCHOOLS TO WATCH-TAKING CENTER STAGE

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OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES INTERNATIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Designated 2007; Re-Designated 2010, 2013, 2016, 2019

Los Angeles Unified School District

Los Angeles County

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SCHOOL CHARACTERISTICS

Community: Large city Enrollment: 1,590; Grade Levels: 6-8; School Schedule: Sixth grade has two-teacher cores; seventh and eighth grades have six periods.

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

66% Hispanic/Latino; 17% White; 6% Asian; 6% Filipino; 5% African American; 0% Two or more races; 0% American Indian/Alaska Native; 0% Pacific Islander; 65% Free/Reduced Lunch; 7% English Learners

SCHOOL CHARACTERISTICS AND REPLICABLE PRACTICES

- In addition to district professional development focus areas, the Holmes Professional Development Committee plans professional development for the school.
- Students have multiple opportunities to display their learning through portfolios, student-led conferences, family nights, and curricular exhibits.
- In addition to Common Core Accelerated Math classes, students are also supported in English and math in tutoring programs. English Learners are supported by a double period of Highpoints curriculum.
- Holmes bell schedule allows for common planning time and professional development with departments, teams and grade levels.
- To personalize the learning environment and allow for interdisciplinary instruction students are scheduled into interdisciplinary teams which provide common planning time for teachers.
- Students are offered many opportunities to explore their interests in the arts and technical fields through clubs, activities and courses such as: word processing, Action Lab career choices, stock market, coding through mathematics, photo journalism, Oydsey of the Mind, Holmes Robotics, and Bug Club.
- To support the transition to middle school, Holmes hosts a New Student Orientation Day which includes presentations by administration and staff and activities led by student leaders.
- Through a partnership with Cal State Northridge's performing arts theatre, students are able to participate in workshops, field trips, and other cultural activities.
- Holmes provides equal access to the curriculum through a long standing collaborative teaching program benefiting English Learners and students with special needs.
- School culture is enhanced by the fully implemented PBIS program, which includes training of all staff in restorative justice practices.