

Thinking of Enrolling Your Child in a San Francisco Public School?

Here is a step-by-step guide to help you understand the enrollment process and find the right school.

1. Become Familiar with Key Enrollment Facts

- You must fill out an enrollment application if (a) your child will be entering elementary school (kindergarten), middle school (6th grade), or high school (9th grade) next year; (b) your child is not in a transitional grade, but wants to transfer to a different school; (c) your child will be enrolling in an SFUSD school after attending a non-SFUSD school.
- You may request any school in the district and can list up to five schools on your enrollment application.

2. Plan Ahead to Register “On-time”

Registering “on-time” gives you a major advantage. Registering “on-time” means that you return your enrollment application before the last day of the first enrollment period, January 31, 2003 to have the best chance of receiving an assignment to a Round 1 requested school. All applications received by January 31, 2003 will be processed together. There is no advantage to submitting an application prior to this deadline, so we encourage you to take time to find out about and visit schools before you submit your enrollment applications. If you submit an application by January 31, 2003, you will receive assignment information in mid-March 2003.

A few types of enrollment applications have an earlier due date of **December 20, 2002**. These applications include:

- 9th Grade Applicants to Lowell High School
- Applicants to School of the Arts
- Pre-Assignments (See page 4 for more information)

3. Research All Your Available School Options

San Francisco Unified School District offers a wide variety of high-quality school programs. Every school is responsible for teaching our children to the same high academic standards, and each school also has unique features and services. Explore your school options to find out which schools will best meet your child’s needs. Find out for yourself. Let facts and your observations guide the schools you request.

- **Visit Schools**

We encourage you to visit the schools that you are considering for your child. It’s a great way to meet staff, find out about services, and get a feel for the environment of the school. All schools encourage visitors. We’ve listed “visitation days” in each school description. We’ve also included contact numbers for each school. Please call ahead and plan your visit with them. Take a tour, observe classes, and talk to principals, teachers, and other parents.

- **Visit the Educational Placement Center (EPC)**

The EPC provides basic information about SFUSD schools. Staff can answer your questions about enrollment procedures and assignment guidelines. The EPC distributes enrollment applications and informational materials about the enrollment process, accepts enrollment applications, and generates assignment offers.

- **Visit Our Website**

Look up information about San Francisco Unified Schools on our website at www.sfusd.edu. Our website has general information about our school district and enrollment. Many schools also have websites. Additionally, each school publishes an annual report that is available on our website. The reports include a school summary and data on demographics, attendance and test scores.

- **Contact Parent Relations and Organizations**

Call our Parent Relations Office, (415) 241-6185 to get additional information about district resources for parents. Talk with members of parent organizations such as Parents for Public Schools (PPS), (415) 468-7077, and the Parent Teacher Association (PTA), (415) 241-6048 to learn more about SFUSD schools and connect with current SFUSD parents.

- **Read the Enrollment Guide**

In November we will publish an Enrollment Guide containing detailed information about the enrollment process and all SFUSD schools. The Enrollment Guide will be available at the Educational Placement Center and at all SFUSD schools.

4. Obtain and Complete an Enrollment Application

Enrollment Applications are available at all SFUSD schools and at the Educational Placement Center located at 555 Franklin Street, San Francisco, CA 94102. You may also print out an application from our website at <http://www.sfusd.edu>.

- There are four different enrollment applications: *New Student K-5*, *Continuing Student K-5*, *New Student 6-12*, and *Continuing Student 6-12*. Pick up and complete the appropriate application for your child. If your child currently attends a San Francisco Unified School District school and will be entering middle school (6th grade) or high school (9th grade) next year, you will receive an application in the mail. If you don't receive an application in the mail by December 1, 2002, call EPC to request one.

New students and those who have recently moved will need to provide proof of address when the enrollment application is returned. The documentation of address must contain the name and address of the parent/guardian. **Any two of the following items are acceptable:**

- a utility bill dated within ninety (90) days
- automobile insurance policy
- homeowner's or renter's insurance policy
- property tax statement
- current lease
- letter from a social services or governmental agency

New students must also provide one document verifying date of birth. **Any of the following items are acceptable:**

- birth certificate
- hospital record
- passport

5. Return Your Enrollment Application

Make sure that you return your enrollment application on-time to the correct location.

- If your child is entering an SFUSD school for the first time or you are transferring your child from one school to another in a non-transitional grade, return your enrollment application to the Educational Placement Center.

**Educational Placement Center
555 Franklin Street, 1st Floor
San Francisco, CA 94102
Tel. (415) 241-6085**

- If your child is in a transitional grade (5th or 8th) in an SFUSD school, return your enrollment application to your child's current school.

Student Enrollment Timeline

Use this tentative calendar to keep track of key dates during the enrollment process.

<i>November 1, 2002</i>	<i>Round 1 Enrollment Period Begins</i>
<i>December 20, 2002</i>	<i>Lowell 9th Grade Enrollment Period Ends</i>
<i>December 20, 2002</i>	<i>Pre-assignment (Siblings, Newcomers, Special Day Class and Inclusion) Enrollment Period Ends</i>
<i>By January 31, 2003</i>	<i>Pre-assignment Offer Letters Mailed</i>
<i>January 31, 2003</i>	<i>Round 1 Enrollment Period Ends</i>
<i>February 14, 2003</i>	<i>Responses to Pre-assignment Offers Due</i>
<i>By March 17, 2003</i>	<i>Round 1 Assignment Offer Letters Mailed</i>
<i>March 18 until April 11, 2003</i>	<i>Counseling and Appeals Review Based on Round 1 Assignment Offers</i>
<i>April 11, 2003</i>	<i>Responses to Round 1 Assignment Offers Due</i>
<i>April 11, 2003</i>	<i>Round 2 Enrollment Applications and Waiting Pool Requests Due</i>
<i>May 9, 2003</i>	<i>Round 2 Assignment Offer Letters Mailed</i>
<i>May 23, 2003</i>	<i>Responses to Round 2 Assignment Offers Due</i>

Pre-assignments

Certain groups of students will receive assignment offers through a “pre-assignment” process prior to Round 1 of the general assignment process, pending space availability.

Younger siblings will receive a pre-assignment offer in a school if his/her older sibling is currently attending that school and will attend that school the following school year. **Parents of these students can either accept the pre-assignment offer *or* choose to seek a different assignment by participating in Round 1.** However, parents electing to participate in Round 1 will give up their pre-assignment offers. That means that if a parent elects to forego the pre-assignment process, there is no guarantee that siblings will be placed together. Older siblings will not receive priority placement at younger siblings’ schools.

The other groups of students who will receive pre-assignments offers are special education students in Special Day Classes (“SDC”) and Inclusion classes, students who will be exiting newcomer schools and programs, and students attending certain schools for which the District is required to provide transfer options under the federal No Child Left Behind Act. The District will contact all families in these groups to provide additional information and guidance regarding pre-assignments.

Attendance Area and Alternative Schools

Attendance Area Schools: Attendance area schools have defined geographic boundaries. In most cases, a school’s attendance area surrounds the school site. However, some schools also have a “satellite zone,” an attendance area that does not surround the school but is still included as part of the attendance area. Applicants residing within this boundary have a better chance of being offered assignment to their attendance area school than applicants from outside the attendance area.

Alternative Schools: Alternative schools have a unique focus or academic theme and do not have an attendance area. Where an applicant lives does not affect his or her chances of receiving an offer of assignment to an alternative school. Applicants throughout the city are assigned based on their contributions to diversity.

Understanding the Diversity Index

The Diversity Index is a computer program which helps create diversity at SFUSD schools. The diversity index simultaneously considers multiple factors shown by research to be important to creating successful learning environments. The factors used by the Diversity Index are:

1. Socioeconomic Status – Based on the student’s and / or family’s participation in any of these programs: free/reduced lunch, CalWORKS, and/or Public Housing.
2. Academic Achievement Status – Based on preschool experience for incoming kindergarteners and standardized test scores for all other students.
3. Mother’s Educational Background – Based on whether or not the student’s mother completed high school.
4. Language Status – Based upon the student’s level of English proficiency.
5. Home Language –Based on the language primarily spoken at the student’s home.

6. Academic Performance Rank of Sending School – Based upon the state Academic Performance Index (API) for students who have previously attended an SFUSD school.

The Diversity Index continuously assesses the diversity characteristics of already assigned students for a particular grade. For each available seat, the computer looks at the entire applicant pool and tentatively selects the student who will most enhance diversity using all the diversity factors. This means the student selected for each seat will generally have characteristics not widely found in already assigned students. If the diversity index selects a student for more than one of the schools he requested, the student will be assigned to the school to which he or she contributes the most diversity.

For schools with attendance areas, there are two phases of each round of assignments. First, students living in the attendance area are admitted as long as spaces are available and the students contribute to the diversity of the school based on the diversity factors. When students from the attendance area no longer contribute to the diversity of the school, all students who requested the school are considered for assignment.

Proposed Changes Being Considered

The Board of Education is currently reviewing two proposed changes to student assignment policies regarding the Diversity Index. One proposal would slightly increase the likelihood that students within a school's attendance area could be assigned to their attendance area school if they requested it. The other proposal would increase the emphasis on parent's ranking of school choices. Right now, if a student can be assigned to multiple requested schools, he or she is assigned to the school to which he or she contributes the most diversity. If the District implements the proposed change, a student who could be assigned to multiple requested schools would receive the one that his or her parent listed as the highest choice.

If the Board of Education approves either or both of these modifications, the District will obtain the approval of the federal court before implementing them.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Is there an advantage to applying early?

A: No. All general Enrollment Applications submitted between November 1, 2002 and January 31, 2003 will be considered on-time applications and will be treated equally.

All Lowell Enrollment Applications submitted between November 1, 2002 and December 20, 2002 will be considered on-time applications and will be treated equally.

Q: How many schools should I list on the enrollment application and in what order?

A: Parents / Guardians should put down the highest number of school choices (up to a maximum of five) that they believe would suit their children's educational needs. Parents / Guardians should list their choices in order of preference, with one (1) being the first choice and five (5) being the fifth choice. Families have a better chance of receiving a requested school assignment if they list multiple school choices on their Enrollment Application. If

spaces are not available at the schools requested on the application, students will be assigned to a school selected by the District.

Q: If I have a child already enrolled in one of the schools that I request, will I be given a preference for my second child to be assigned to that school?

A: Younger siblings will receive a pre-assignment offer in a school if his/her older sibling is currently attending that school and will attend that school the following school year. **Parents of these students can either accept the pre-assignment offer or choose to seek a different assignment by participating in Round 1.** However, parents electing to participate in Round 1 will give up their pre-assignment offers. Older siblings will not receive a priority placement to attend younger siblings' schools.

Q: Will my child be guaranteed placement in the school nearest to my home?

A: If there are enough spaces at a school to accommodate all students who want to attend, all applicants will receive assignment offers. If there are not enough spaces at a school to accommodate all students who want to attend, there is no guarantee that a student from the attendance area will receive an assignment offer.

For schools with attendance areas, applicants from the attendance area will be assigned before non-attendance area students as long as there is space available and attendance area students contribute to diversity as defined by the Diversity Index. Enrollment Applications from non-attendance area students are only considered when applicants from the attendance area no longer contribute to diversity.

There is no attendance area advantage for assignments to alternative schools. Where an applicant lives does not affect his or her chances of receiving an offer of assignment to an alternative school. Applicants throughout the city are assigned to alternative schools based on their contribution to diversity.

Q: What happens if my child does not get assigned to any of the schools that I have listed on the Enrollment Application?

A: Your child will be assigned to a non-requested school, taking into account your residence and any language programs or other special needs your child may have. If you applied on-time and are unhappy with your school of assignment, you have several options that are listed below.

Q: What can I do if I am unhappy with my school of assignment? Can I appeal for a different school? Can I be put in a waiting pool for a school?

A: If you applied on-time and are unhappy with your school of assignment, you have three options. (A) You can accept the offer made by the District and request to be placed in a waiting pool for one other school of your choice. (B) You can decline the offer made by the District and come to EPC to discuss an alternate school assignment. If you choose this option, you will be able to make new requests from schools where spaces still exist. (C) You

can appeal the assignment if your student has a serious, documented medical condition that his or her school of assignment can not accommodate.

Option A: Accept Offer and Request Placement in Waiting Pool

Between March 18 and April 11, 2003, the District will begin placing students in waiting pools upon request by parents/guardians. Only students who participated in Round 1 can be placed in a waiting pool during the assignment cycle for SY 2003-04. Each student can be placed in one waiting pool.

Option B: Decline the Offer and Attend a Counseling Session

Between March 18 and April 11, 2003, EPC staff will counsel parents/guardians who declined the school assignment offered by SFUSD. Parents can only decline their school assignment offer and receive counseling for another placement if they did not receive an assignment offer to one of their listed choices. If parents/guardians attend a counseling session, staff will help them choose new requests from the list of schools with available space.

Option C: Make a Medical Appeal

Between March 18 and April 11, 2003, the Appeals Committee will consider all appeals from on-time applicants who request an alternate assignment based on documented medical conditions that meet SFUSD guidelines. If your appeal is granted, the EPC will make an appropriate school placement.

Q: How can I apply if I my child wants to attend the School of the Arts ("SOTA") or Lowell High School?

A: Lowell and SOTA have additional application requirements. Students applying to Lowell High School and/or SOTA are also encouraged to apply to other SFUSD high schools.

- **Lowell:** Lowell 9th grade applicants must submit the Lowell High School Application **and** a general SFUSD Enrollment Application by December 20, 2002 **and** take the Stanford Achievement Test Ninth Edition (SAT-9) if he or she has not done so within the last year.
- **SOTA:** SOTA applicants must submit the SOTA application **and** a general SFUSD Enrollment Application, **and** schedule an audition to take place in either January or March. SOTA applicants requesting other schools must submit their general Enrollment Application by January 31, 2003 to participate in Round 1.

Please refer to the specific application forms and instructions for these two schools for additional information.

Q: What do I do if I am interested in my child attending a charter school?

A: Families and students interested in applying to charter schools should contact the charter school(s) directly for information regarding their application procedures. Charter school applications are handled through a different process than the general enrollment process for the District's other schools. **Students may apply to charter schools and SFUSD schools**

but should not list charter schools among their school choices when completing the District's Enrollment Application.

Q: Will the SFUSD provide transportation for my child to attend any school in the SFUSD?

A: For elementary school students, the District will provide transportation to and from school if the student lives in a "satellite zone" attendance area for his or her school or if the student has been assigned to an alternative school for which there is an existing bus route with a stop near his or her residence.

For middle and high school students, the District will only provide transportation between satellite zone attendance areas for Aptos, Giannini, Hoover, and Lick middle schools and these respective schools.

For special education students, the District will provide transportation if it is part of the student's Individualized Education Plan.

Q: My child is a fifth grade student in a K-8 school. Do I have to submit an enrollment application if he or she wants to stay there for middle school?

A: No. Fifth grade students in K-8 schools who are not requesting a transfer do not have to submit an enrollment application.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DESCRIPTIONS

KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 5th GRADE STUDENTS get a head start at SFUSD with personalized instruction in the language arts and mathematics. Reading skills receive particular attention. All K-5/K-8 schools provide a comprehensive and progressive core curriculum of multicultural/multiethnic studies, citizenship, science, health and nutrition, and an introduction to the arts. Physical education stresses coordination and sportsmanship. Read these elementary school descriptions to find out more about schools that might be right for your child. We also encourage you to visit schools that interest you. For more information, go to www.sfusd.edu and look under "parents and community" and "schools directory."

ALAMO ELEMENTARY (K-5)

Hours: 8:40 am-2:40 pm (Kinder: 7:45-11:45 am or 11:45-3:45 pm)

Address: 250 - 23rd Avenue @ California Street (Richmond District)

Phone: (415) 750-8456

Visitation Days: Wednesdays at 9:00 am

Uniforms: No

After-School Program: Richmond District Neighborhood Center

Alamo School, a National Blue Ribbon School, provides opportunities for students to share the richness and contributions of many cultures. Children develop positive self-esteem and cooperative learning skills. The Friends of Alamo School Foundation supports a strong academic program by providing funds for enrichment programs, grants for teachers, and consultants in art, music and physical education. Active parent and community involvement are evident throughout the school. Alamo's volunteer program is used as a model for other schools. For more information, please check www.alamoschoolfoundation.org.

ALVARADO ELEMENTARY (K-5)

Hours: 7:50 am-1:50 pm

Address: 625 Douglass Street @ 22nd Street (Noe Valley)

Phone: (415) 695-5695

Visitation Days: Tuesdays at 9:30 am

Uniforms: No

After-School Program: Park and Recreation Program, and Alvarado After-School Program.

Two Programs: Spanish Two-Way Immersion and General Education Program

Alvarado School provides a top-quality, child-centered program in two strands. Parents may select Alvarado's English-language strand or its English-Spanish Two-Way Immersion Program, developing fluency in both languages for English Language Learners and English-proficient students. Alvarado emphasizes quality literature, apprenticeships in the arts and investigative science projects. Computer technology supports all the disciplines. Alvarado has received the California Association of Bilingual Educators' Seal of Excellence Award. K-2 students in the English-only strand now study Spanish as a second language, with plans in the works to expand the program through 5th grade. Artists in residence helped install a ceramic studio in an old storage space, where the school community created the magnificent ceramic mural at Alvarado's Eureka Street entrance.

ARGONNE ALTERNATIVE ELEMENTARY (K-5)**Hours:** 8:30 am-2:40 pm (Kinder: 8:30am-1:50 pm)**Address:** 680 – 18th Avenue @ Cabrillo Street (Richmond District)**Phone:** (415) 750-8460**Visitation Days:** Call for dates and times (Tuesdays and Thursdays)**Uniforms:** No**After-School Program:** Richmond YMCA after-school childcare program, Chinese Language after-school program

Argonne Year-Round Elementary School provides a warm and supportive atmosphere. The program applies multiple intelligence theory to daily learning. Argonne's teaching staff integrates classroom instruction with real-world experience through thematic/interdisciplinary studies and a wide variety of field trips. Argonne's schedule begins in July and ends in June, with longer breaks during the school year. This allows more enrichment activities and requires less time for students to relearn forgotten content. Families participate through volunteering in classrooms and helping with special projects, governance and other activities.

BRYANT ELEMENTARY (K-5)**Hours:** 7:50 am-1:50 pm (Kinder: 8:50 am-1:50 pm)**Address:** 1050 York Street @ 22nd Street (Mission District)**Phone:** (415) 695-5780**Visitation Days:** Thursdays**Uniforms:** No**After-School Program:** SFUSD Child Development Program; 21st Century; Extended Learning 1:50-5:30 pm

Colorful murals brighten Bryant's outside walls and reflect the school's focus on multimedia technology. Bryant enriches literacy with interactive programs in the computer lab, a full-time technology resource teacher and networked computers in every classroom. Parents volunteer in the classroom and participate in shared decision-making for the school. Bryant offers an English Plus Spanish Program, a student garden, a trilingual parent newsletter and camping programs for older students. Students develop effective communication strategies by participating in a strong conflict resolution program. A grant from Healthy Start provides additional resources and services for preschool and school-age children.

BUENA VISTA ALTERNATIVE ELEMENTARY (K-5)**Hours:** 9:30 am-3:30 pm (Kinder: 9:30 am-2:35 pm)**Address:** 2641 - 25th Street @ Utah Street (Potrero Hill)**Phone:** (415) 695-5875**Visitation Days:** Starting November, school tours every Wednesday morning**Uniforms:** No**After-School Program:** Buena Vista Childcare Program, 285-0221, is a fee-based program offering after-school care for grades K-5 during recess and summer as well as during the school year.

Buena Vista's English-Spanish Two-Way Immersion Program develops fluency in both languages for English Language Learners and English-proficient students. Students master both English and Spanish by the 5th grade. Buena Vista celebrates Latin American tradition,

exploring culture through the arts, history and holidays. 5th grade students have the opportunity to travel with parents and teachers to Mexico for an exciting spring week of service and learning. Parents, students, staff and the community work together to maintain a school atmosphere full of excitement about learning and respect for children.

CABRILLO ELEMENTARY (K-5)

Hours: 7:50 am-1:50 pm (Kinder: 7:50 am-12:50 pm)

Address: 735 - 24th Avenue @ Balboa Street (Richmond District)

Phone: (415) 750-8464

Visitation Days: Monday - Friday

Uniforms: No

After-School Program: Richmond After-School Collaborative

Cabrillo's dedicated teachers offer a comprehensive curriculum stressing academic excellence with an emphasis on music, visual and performing arts, and physical education. The enriched curriculum benefits from San Francisco's community resources such as museums, opera, symphony, live theater, and on-site performances. Students who need assistance in learning English are supported through ESL instruction. Parents work cooperatively with school staff to provide artists in residence and computers in the classroom. Our mission is to help children "learn in different ways."

BESSIE CARMICHAEL ELEMENTARY/FILIPINO EDUCATION CENTER (K-5)

Hours: 8:40 am-2:40 pm

Address: 55 Sherman Street @ 7th Street (South of Market)

Phone: (415) 695-5695

Visitation Days: Tuesdays

Uniforms: No

After-School Program: Before- and after-school programs at no cost.

Bessie Carmichael/ Filipino Education Center offers English Plus Spanish in addition to English Plus Filipino and English Language Development. The Filipino Education Center's recent move to the "Bessie" campus enhanced the emphasis on literacy and cultural appreciation. Specially Developed Academic Instruction in English enhances the academic development of all students. A federal grant supports math, science and technology education. The nearby Yerba Buena Center for the Arts provides programs to students and staff. Physical education is supplemented by the Parks and Recreation Center across the street. The PTA provides funds for a library aide. With its proximity to downtown, Bessie Carmichael benefits from many community and business volunteers who tutor in the classrooms and in on-site before-school and after-school programs.

DR. GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER ELEMENTARY (K-5)

Hours: 8:30 am-2:40 pm

Address: 1360 Oakdale Avenue @ Lane Street (Bayview/Hunter's Point)

Phone: (415) 330-1540

Visitation Days: Friday mornings. Afternoon visitations by appointment.

Uniforms: Yes

After-School Program: No

Dr. George Washington Carver, a structured academic elementary school, is recognized as a California Distinguished School. The balanced curriculum emphasizes oral and written language development, science and multicultural education. The technology plan uses computers to reinforce reading, math, written language and critical thinking skills both in the lab and in classrooms. The IRISE initiative, a culturally rich approach to increasing language and math skills, is designed to engage African American students. This curriculum links culture, history, music, arts, theater, science, economics and technology.

CESAR CHAVEZ ELEMENTARY (K-5)

Hours: 8:40-2:40 (Kinder: 8:40-1:40)

Address: 825 Shotwell Street @ 22nd Street (Mission District)

Phone: (415) 695-5765

Visitation Days: First Tuesday of each month

Uniforms: No

After-School Program: YMCA childcare program; Jamestown Community Center academic enrichment program

Cesar Chavez Elementary School's vibrant mural has become a neighborhood landmark. Incorporated in its colorful images are the core values that the school community strives for: academic excellence, respect for diversity, strength in character and personal growth. A rigorous academic program emphasizes reading, writing, math, sciences and the arts. The dedicated and caring teachers and support staff provide a nurturing learning environment. Parents participate in various ways, including multicultural celebrations and school decision-making. Classroom computers and a computer lab enrich students' educational experiences. Cesar Chavez offers English Plus Spanish and English Plus Cantonese Programs, an effective IRISE program and a gardening/eco-literacy program. The Cesar Chavez site includes a preschool. The Cesar Chavez community, like the school's namesake, works toward a better future for all children.

JOHN YEHALL CHIN ELEMENTARY (K-5)

Hours: 9:30 am-3:30 pm

Address: 350 Broadway @ Montgomery Street (North Beach)

Phone: (415) 291-7946

Visitation Days: Fridays

Uniforms: Yes

After-School Program: After-School Learning Enhancement Program

John Yehall Chin Elementary School, located at the quiet end of Broadway at the gateway to the Financial District, bears the name of a revered educator and community leader. Our small school provides personalized attention. Instruction is geared to the students' unique needs. Our school encourages hands-on activities and uses manipulatives to foster understanding. JYC encourages students to explore and extend their learning, and to appreciate all cultural heritages. The multidisciplinary curriculum interweaves science, social studies, art and music. JYC expects students to master basic skills in reading, writing and mathematics. On-line classroom computers and a mini computer lab allow Internet access for research and communication.

CHINESE EDUCATION CENTER (K-5)

Hours: 8:30 am-2:35 pm

Address: 657 Merchant Street @ Kearny Street (Chinatown)
Phone: (415) 291-7918
Visitation Days: Open scheduling with prior arrangement with Principal.
Uniforms: No
After-School Program: No

The Chinese Education Center is a one-year program to meet the educational needs of newly arrived non-English proficient elementary students. In addition to a strong English component in oral language, reading and writing, the CEC teaches subject matter bilingually. Chinese Language Arts and computer instruction are provided daily. The program orients students and families to their new community, and develops basic personal, social and academic skills. CEC is also a resource for local institutions of higher learning, especially for teachers of *English Language Learners.

CLARENDON ALTERNATIVE ELEMENTARY (K-5)

Hours: 9:30 am-3:25 pm (Kinder: 9:30 am-2:25 pm)
Address: 500 Clarendon Avenue @ Panorama Drive (Midtown Terrace/Forest Hill)
Phone: (415) 759-2796
Visitation Days: Wednesdays in November & December. Call for dates.
Uniforms: No
After-School Program: Before- and after-school private program, 759-1897.
Two Programs: Second Community and the Japanese Bilingual-Bicultural Program

All Clarendon students participate in an enriched curriculum appropriate for gifted and high-ability students. Clarendon offers two distinctive programs. Our Japanese Bilingual-Bicultural Program provides Japanese language and cultural instruction for both Japanese and native English speakers, and actively promotes parent participation. The Second Community program promotes strong parent participation, project-based learning and Italian language instruction. Parent organizations fundraise to support enhanced enrichment activities including dance, music, visual art, physical education, computers and field trips. Each classroom is linked and students have supervised access to the Internet from their classrooms, as well as the technology center.

CLEVELAND ELEMENTARY (K-5)

Hours: 9:30 am-3:35 pm (Kinder: 9:30 am-2:30 pm)
Address: 455 Athens Street @ Persia Street (Excelsior District)
Phone: (415) 469-4709
Visitation Days: 10:00-1:00am, Monday to Friday
Uniforms: No
After-School Program: Offered through the YMCA at Cleveland for 2nd to 5th graders.

Cleveland Elementary School has students from China (including Hong Kong), India, Vietnam, Germany, the Philippines, the Middle East and a number of Latin countries. The teachers at Cleveland surround our amazing students with rich literature and numerous approaches for students to become effective readers and writers. This year, these approaches will include additional new computer software packages. In addition to literacy, the entire teaching staff at Cleveland works very hard in the areas of math and science improvement. In 2000-2001, these efforts resulted in higher than school district average scores for the third grade mathematics performance assessment and higher writing assessment scores for all fourth grade students in the

Spring of 2002. Cleveland Elementary is a school in transition. With school district and parental support, Cleveland is on a fast track to improvements in literacy, mathematics, science and technology. These improvements include recent work on the school site facility.

DR. WILLIAM L. COBB ELEMENTARY (K-5)

Hours: 8:40 am-2:40 pm

Address: 2725 California Street @ Scott Street (Lower Pacific Heights)

Phone: (415) 749-3505

Visitation Days: Thursday mornings

Uniforms: Yes

After-School Program: Buchanan YMCA at Dr. Cobb (afternoon only). SFUSD Child Development Program (morning and afternoon).

Named for a beloved San Francisco educator and former principal, Dr. William L. Cobb School offers a strong academic program to a small student population. Well-planned instruction enriched by a library, iMac computer lab, extensive garden, and field trips ensure student achievement. All classrooms are Internet-connected. Activities such as instrumental music, Student Council, Junior Coaches, Academic Achievement Assemblies, and nutrition and cooking develop self-esteem, build community and broaden outlooks. Enrichment opportunities include Circle of Care (gardening, counseling, and after-school classes), numerous tutors and volunteers, SF Ballet School, poets and artists in residence, Student of the Week, enrichment for accelerated students, and the annual Literacy Festival. Family involvement is welcomed through the Parent-Teacher Council, shared governance and volunteerism. The Cobb Family Resource Center and Family Liaison promote family education as well as opportunities for involvement and support.

CREATIVE ARTS CHARTER SCHOOL (K-8)

Hours: 9:00 am-3:05 pm

Address: 1512 Golden Gate Ave @ Scott St. (Western Addition)

Phone: (415) 749-3647

Visitation Days: Call school for times

Uniforms: No

After-School Program: Available on site 1:15-6 pm.

Creative Arts Charter School is a general education program designed to stimulate creative talents of students. Creative Arts provides an innovative general educational program that enables each child to reach his or her intellectual and emotional potential. Language arts, math, science, and social studies are taught through the vehicle of creative arts. The arts focus is coordinated through hands-on, experiential learning. Parents collaborate with faculty to determine goals. Class size is small, with no more than 24 children per classroom even in upper grades. Facilities include creative arts spaces, places for parent gatherings, hands-on manipulatives, computers and an extensive outdoor naturescape for work/play experiences and appreciation.

WILLIAM DE AVILA ELEMENTARY (K-5)

Hours: 7:50 am-1:50 pm

Address: 1351 Haight Street @ Masonic Avenue (Haight Ashbury)

Phone: (415) 241-6325

Visitation Days: Wednesdays, call for appointment

Uniforms: No

After-School Program: Infusion One for Grades 2-5

Two Programs: Japanese Bilingual-Bicultural Program and General Education

Centrally located in San Francisco's legendary Haight-Ashbury District, William De Avila School emphasizes language arts, critical thinking, fine arts, and multicultural literature and customs. Students access computers in both the classroom and computer lab. Enrichments such as the Haight Street Halloween Parade, School Safety Fair, San Francisco Symphony's Adventures in Music Program, Student of the Week and peer tutoring develop children's self-esteem and build community. The Japanese Bilingual-Bicultural Program offers Japanese language and cultural instruction to both English-proficient students and Japanese-speaking *English Language Learners. The native Japanese teaching assistants, the Sensei, bring authenticity and sensitivity to the program and are one of its most valuable elements. Family participation is strongly encouraged.

DR. CHARLES R. DREW ALTERNATIVE ELEMENTARY (K-5)

Hours: 8:35 am-2:40 pm (Kinder: 8:35 am-1:45 pm)

Address: 50 Pomona Avenue @ Thornton Street (Bayview District)

Phone: (415) 330-1526

Visitation Days: Monday – Friday mornings

Uniforms: Optional

After-School Program: Offered through the SFUSD Child Development Program.

The motto at Dr. Charles R. Drew Alternative School is "Children First." The school is known for its nurturing atmosphere and strong academic program. Students meet high standards for academic achievement and behavior. Dr. Charles R. Drew offers hands-on, minds-on project-based learning. Teachers receive ongoing training in mathematics, science and writing. Our school offers a unique Orff Schulwerk music program, computer instruction and monthly field trips. Upper-grade students participate in an outdoor education program that takes extended trips to natural settings throughout the Bay Area. A corporate partnership with Tetra Tech provides academic support through tutors and a pen pal program. Advent Software volunteers provide additional literacy support.

EL DORADO ELEMENTARY (K-5)

Hours: 7:50 am-1:50 pm (Kinder: 7:50 am-1:20 pm)

Address: 70 Delta Street @ Harkness Avenue (Visitacion Valley) Phone: (415) 330-1537

Visitation Days: Tuesday mornings

Uniforms: Yes

After-School Program: No

Located on a hill above Visitacion Valley, El Dorado reflects San Francisco's cosmopolitan multiculturalism. A team effort supports the school's philosophy of a "whole child" approach. Faculty, staff and parents work together to build a nurturing environment. 5th grade students are offered an after school tutorial to prepare for their transition to middle school. El Dorado provides many opportunities for children to celebrate their cultural heritage, their special talents, their academic growth and their successes.

FAIRMOUNT ELEMENTARY (K-5)**Hours:** 8:35 am-2:40 pm (Kinder: 8:35 am-2:00 pm)**Address:** 65 Chenery Street @ Randall Street (Between Glen Park/Noe Valley/Mission Districts)**Phone:** (415) 695-5669**Visitation Days:** Wednesdays at 9 am**Uniforms:** Yes**After-School Program:** Fairmount After-School, 824-1236, offers after-school care (grades K-5) for a fee. High Gear Achievers, 584-6933, offers a tutorial program.**Two Programs:** Spanish *Two-Way Immersion and General Education Program

Fairmount views all members of the community as teachers and learners, offering many programs supporting learning for families as well as students. Parents may select Fairmount's English-Spanish Two-Way Immersion Program, which develops fluency in both languages for English Language Learners and English-proficient students. Support for families includes family literacy workshops, Spanish and English classes for adults, and cultural celebrations. Fairmount emphasizes literacy and mathematics, incorporating activities that apply students' skills in real-life situations. Teachers integrate the arts and technology into all aspects of the curriculum. Graduate students from the University of California-Berkeley work with Fairmount's staff to develop writing and mathematics. San Francisco City College provides science curriculum training for teachers and hands-on activities for students at its Mission Science Center near Fairmount.

LEONARD R. FLYNN ELEMENTARY (K-5)**Hours:** 8:40 am-2:40 pm (Kinder: 8:40 am-2:00 pm)**Address:** 3125 Cesar Chavez Street @ Harrison Street (Bernal Heights/Mission District)**Phone:** (415) 695-5770**Visitation Days:** Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays**Uniforms:** Yes**After-School Program:** Offered through the SFUSD Child Development Program.

Leonard R. Flynn School is a caring community where teachers work collaboratively to develop a creative, respectful and protective learning environment. Skilled professional teachers, a full-time librarian, and reading and technology specialists enhance the curriculum. All children have the opportunity to learn Spanish, art and music. Technology is incorporated into the academic program. Our school works to guide children in developing character and values. Every parent is expected to support education by participating in the Home Reading Program and Read Aloud Days.

GARFIELD ELEMENTARY (K-5)**Hours:** 7:50 am-1:50 pm**Address:** 420 Filbert Street @ Grant Avenue (North Beach)**Phone:** (415) 291-7924**Visitation Days:** A tour is scheduled every Thursday at 8:30 am**Uniforms:** No**After-School Program:** No

Garfield School, located near Coit Tower, provides a solid academic program with a strong literacy focus, integrating art and technology. Our educational program strives to meet the cultural and linguistic needs of our population, as well as to prepare students for shaping the 21st century. The "Success For All" reading program and a strong math program enrich the curriculum. Volunteers work with students as computer mentors. As part of a comprehensive technology plan, all students have access to classroom computers.

GLEN PARK ELEMENTARY (K-5)

Hours: 8:40 am-2:40 pm

Address: 151 Lippard Avenue @ Bosworth St. (Glen Park/Sunnyside)

Phone: (415) 469-4713

Visitation Days: Anytime, but preferably on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays

Uniforms: No

After-School Program: No

Glen Park's theme, "Language Arts through the Arts," promotes classroom themes featuring People, Imagination and Environment (P.I.E.). Student work based on this theme captures attention in hallway and classroom displays. Students participate in service learning, including caring for greenery and landscaping around the school. Class work might incorporate manipulatives and multimedia equipment or dramatizing a work of literature. Glen Park's staff believes that all individuals are teachers and all individuals are learners. In the "Weekly Cluster Program," teachers confer on research, curriculum and effective strategies, while students participate in inter-group, cross-age, and multi-ethnic experiences. Activities include language arts enrichment projects, computer technology, library/media center, preparing performances with artists in residence and multicultural study groups.

GOLDEN GATE ACADEMY ELEMENTARY (K-5)

Hours: 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Address: 1601 Turk Street @ Pierce Street (Western Addition)

Phone: (415) 749-3509

Visitation Days: Any Wednesday morning

Uniforms: Yes

After-School Program: The Extended Learning Program is available to K-5 students from 3:00 until 6:00 pm.

Golden Gate Elementary School is centrally located close to City Hall, Alamo Square and Japantown. Golden Gate embraces diversity, strives for excellence, and develops literacy and citizenship. A comprehensive approach involves the home, the school and the community. Golden Gate uses research-based programs including Scholastic phonics, Reading Results, Harcourt Brace Math, and Write Source Language Arts. America Reads one-on-one tutoring is offered throughout the day and during the extended learning after-school program. An English Plus program in Cantonese is available K-3. A computer lab is used for classroom projects, training and instruction.

GRATTAN ELEMENTARY (K-5)

Hours: 7:50 am-1:50 pm (Kinder: 7:50 am-12:50 pm)

Address: 165 Grattan Street @ Cole Street (Cole Valley)

Phone: (415) 759-2815

Visitation Days: Tuesdays or by appointment

Uniforms: No

After-School Program: Offered through the SFUSD *Child Development Program. Grattan After-School Program, 664-3164, is also available for a fee.

Grattan Elementary is a small, public school nestled in the hillside of a vibrant city neighborhood. It is a kindergarten through fifth grade school with approximately 250 students. The school offers a structured program with an emphasis on developing basic skills, supplemented with additional programs in arts and sciences. The school's balanced approach to the development of the whole child fosters critical thinking, nurtures social and emotional growth, encourages respect for self and others, and inspires a lifelong love of learning. Community-building activities are an integral part of Grattan Elementary, with monthly family evenings and fundraisers (such as an annual film festival) contributing to the school's enrichment programs. A technology laboratory and newly renovated library provide special places for the children to expand their skills and imagination. This year the school has been recognized with an award from Superintendent Arlene Ackerman for exceeding its API growth target and improving test scores. It boasts an award winning, innovative composting and recycling program. Grattan is one of five San Francisco schools participating in the Exxon Math Project, which has increased all students' achievement in mathematics and provides professional development and support for the teachers.

GUADALUPE ELEMENTARY (K-5)

Hours: 8:40 am-2:40 pm

Address: 859 Prague Street @ Cordova Street (Crocker Amazon District)

Phone: (415) 469-4718

Visitation Days: Wednesday mornings, please call to make an appointment

Uniforms: Yes

After-School Program: "Gallopers" After School Program for 1st-5th grade students at no cost. SFUSD *Child Development Program for Pre-K through 2nd grade; space based on income.

Comprehensive educational and enrichment programs make Guadalupe a productive and successful learning environment. Staff members focus on developing the whole child, particularly social skills, decision-making and self-esteem. The student-centered curriculum meets high academic standards. Critical thinking and problem-solving skills are embedded in the curriculum. Computer literacy is integrated into the instructional program, supported by a state-of-the-art computer lab. Resident artists provide enrichment programs in creative and performing arts. Guadalupe celebrates its rich ethnic and language diversity in classrooms and at school wide events. Guadalupe offers an English Plus Spanish program.

BRET HARTE ELEMENTARY (K-5)

Hours: 8:35 am-2:40 pm (Kinder: 8:40 am-2:35 pm)

Address: 1035 Gilman Avenue @ Griffith Street (Bayview District)

Phone: (415) 330-1520

Visitation Days: Tuesdays-Thursdays from 9:00 to 11:00 am

Uniforms: Yes

After-School Program: Barry Bonds Sylvan Tutorial, B.A.S.E.S., America SCORES, Kid's Stock, Presidio Arts, and various academic tutorials. SFUSD Child Development Program offers after school care for grades Pre-K-5; availability based on income.

Bret Harte Elementary School is located in the Bayview Hunter's Point district within walking distance of beautiful Candlestick Cove State Reserve Shoreline and Candlestick Stadium. Bret Harte's curriculum and programs challenge the learner academically, enhancing character, values and aspirations. We are the elementary Arts Magnet School offering interdisciplinary learning including visual and performing arts. In September 2002, we launched Arts in the City, arts infused math classes. Arts specialists and classroom teachers develop and co-present lessons (one hour weekly per class) integrating music, dance, and mathematics. Performing arts specialists provide music and dance classes (1/2 hour weekly) for students in all grades. A visual arts studio and resource room provides exciting hands on mixed media, visual arts lessons utilizing an abundance of supplies that stimulate the learner and help students make connections to the curriculum as well the world. Our expanded instrumental music program with an experienced instructor provides lessons to students on the full range of instruments (brass, woodwind, percussion, and string). Academic support programs include Link n' Learn (Sylvan On-Site Reading Tutorial & Lightspan), English-Plus Spanish, and Speech Therapy. Technology is integrated throughout the curriculum, supported by a new iMAC laboratory. All classrooms are fully internet accessible.

HILLCREST ELEMENTARY (K-5)

Hours: 7:50 am-1:50 pm

Address: 810 Silver Avenue @ Cambridge Street (Portola District)

Phone: (415) 469-4722

Visitation Days: Anytime

Uniforms: Yes

After-School Program: The After-School Learners Program is available until 5 pm daily.

Hillcrest School, located on one of San Francisco's sunniest hills, has served its community for many decades. The staff is committed to high academic achievement, working together and sharing successful strategies to implement an enriched curriculum. Instruction embraces the "Different Ways of Knowing" program, which addresses children's varied natural learning styles and infuses art into instructional practices. Science and math instruction are supported by a grant offered by the National Science Foundation. Hillcrest offers programs in Intensive English, English Plus Spanish and English Plus Cantonese. Hillcrest offers networked computers in classrooms and the lab.

JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY (K-5)

Hours: 8:40 am-2:40 pm (Kinder: 8:40 am-1:40 pm or 9:40 am-2:40 pm)

Address: 1725 Irving Street @ 19th Avenue (Sunset District)

Phone: (415) 759-2821

Visitation Days: Anytime

Uniforms: No

After-School Program: Offered through the SFUSD Child Development Program.

Jefferson Elementary School near Golden Gate Park offers a strong academic program with emphasis on teaching leadership and responsibility. Jefferson recognizes that children learn in different ways and uses a variety of teaching strategies. Jefferson encourages and supports children in becoming responsible citizens both academically and socially. The staff builds and maintains a partnership with parents. The arts education program allows students to explore

many areas of the visual and performing arts, guided by professional artists. Jefferson has been fortunate in receiving grants, including support from the Exxon Corporation to extend the math program. Enrichment activities in the arts, science and extracurricular programs provide a well-rounded education. Parents volunteer in the classroom, help with the Parent Art Works project, and work through the PTA to support the librarian, field trips, special projects and the school newsletter.

FRANCIS SCOTT KEY ELEMENTARY (K-5)

Hours: 8:40 am-2:40 pm (Kinder: 8:40 am-1:40 pm)

Address: 1530 - 43rd Avenue @ Kirkham Street (Outer Sunset District)

Phone: (415) 759-2811

Visitation Days: Wednesdays & Thursdays or by appointment.

Uniforms: No

After-School Program: After-School Learning Program serves 100 students in grades 2-5 until 6:00 pm daily at no cost.

Francis Scott Key's motto, "Getting Better Every Day," reflects the school community's commitment to excellence. The broad-based curriculum in a positive, healthy school environment fosters academic achievement and self-confidence. Computer literacy, story telling, music and art enhance the program. The pleasant location, with easy access to transportation, facilitates many field trips where students discover local parks and museums. The After-School Learning Program offers additional support for increased academic achievement. The school library is open before school to accommodate early arrivals. Students develop responsibility and social skills through the student council and school monitor program. Parents and community volunteers provide valuable support that helps Francis Scott Key realize its full potential.

STARR KING ELEMENTARY (K-5)

Hours: 8:40 am-2:40 pm

Address: 1215 Carolina Street @ Wisconsin Street (Potrero Hill)

Phone: (415) 695-5797

Visitation Days: Wednesdays and Thursdays

Uniforms: Yes

After-School Program: No

With a breathtaking bay and city skyline view, Starr King is situated in the southeastern part of the city. Starr King uses two reading programs, Open Court in K-2 and Scholastic's Literacy Place in 3-5. Our goal is that each child becomes an eager reader by the end of kindergarten. The MathLand program helps students acquire mathematical skills and understand concepts. There is a major focus on writing across the curriculum. Through the Hills Project, students receive instruction from professional artists in instrumental music, fine arts and dance. The school staff and parents collaborate in projects with Chronicle Books, San Francisco General Hospital, San Francisco City College, San Francisco State University and Enola Maxwell Middle School. Please visit before school during breakfast, when parents, teachers and paraprofessionals participate in the "Books for Breakfast" program, a favorite time for Starr King children.

LAFAYETTE ELEMENTARY (K-5)

Hours: 7:50 am-1:50 pm

Address: 4545 Anza Street @ 37th Avenue (Richmond District)

Phone: (415) 750-8483

Visitation Days: On Wednesdays from 8:30 to 1:00 pm and tours are from 9:00 to 10:00 am. Visiting the office and showing identification is required.

Uniforms: No

After-School Program: Richmond District After-School Collaborative, 751-6600. YMCA after-school care, 668-0945.

Lafayette Elementary School emphasizes high achievement within a nurturing and supportive school environment. The curriculum stresses literacy and math development, integrated with science, technology and the arts. Lafayette teachers are recognized experts in Developmentally Appropriate Practices, making us a demonstration site for Bay Area educators and student teachers. Internet access enables students to research and study the world around them. English Plus Cantonese and Intensive English classes are available for English Language Learners at every grade level. An active PTA supports educational opportunities and exciting extracurricular activities. Many parents volunteer in the classrooms. San Francisco School Volunteers also provides volunteers to support students, staff and parents.

LAKESHORE ALTERNATIVE ELEMENTARY (K-5)

Hours: 9:30 am-3:35 pm

Address: 220 Middlefield Drive @ Eucalyptus Street (Lakeshore/Sunset)

Phone: (415) 759-2825

Visitation Days: Tuesdays

Uniforms: No

After-School Program: Everyday Magic, 681-9168, provides before- and after-school care.

Lakeshore encourages children to become actively involved in all areas of the curriculum. In addition to excellent reading/language arts, mathematics, science and social sciences programs, children are exposed to the visual arts, drama, dance, music, technology and sensory motor activities. Our beautiful school library offers a rich array of books and materials. Programs are guided by the basic belief in the dignity of the child as an individual, and in the right of each to develop positive self-esteem and satisfying relationships with others.

GORDON J. LAU ELEMENTARY (K-5)

Hours: Kinder-3rd: 8:50 am-2:40 pm; 4th-5th: 8:40 am-2:40 pm

Address: 950 Clay Street @ Powell St. (Chinatown)

Phone: (415) 291-7921

Visitation Days: Tuesdays

Uniforms: No

After-School Program: Offered through the SFUSD *Child Development Program.

Gordon J. Lau Elementary School provides a rich, varied curriculum through a structured academic program designed to meet each student's unique needs. Students are provided with continuous opportunities that develop basic academic skills and emphasize positive social growth and interaction. Gordon J. Lau has won numerous awards for community service, including the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Self-Help for the Elderly's Outstanding Service Award, the Honor Roll of Schools for Volunteers and the One Neat City Award. Enrichment

programs are offered after-school, and each year we celebrate the Chinese New Year, Spring Festival and Cinco de Mayo.

LAWTON ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL (K-8)

Hours: K: 9:30 am-2:30 pm; 1st-5th: 9:30 am-3:30 pm; 6th–8th: 9:00 am-3:15 pm

Address: 1570 - 31st Avenue @ Lawton St. (Outer Sunset)

Phone: (415) 759-2832

Visitation Days: Daily

Uniforms: No

After-School Program: Available through KEEP, a private non-profit childcare program.

Our vision statement is "Students Learning Today to Lead Tomorrow." The Lawton community collaborates to provide a high-quality academic program in an environment that is positive, nurturing and motivating. Students are encouraged to become independent thinkers and learners and to reach their full academic potential. We endeavor to become better citizens through adherence to our motto, "Respect, Responsibility and Compassion." Lawton has been recognized as a California Distinguished School. Classrooms emphasize language arts instruction, hands-on math, science experiments, interdisciplinary projects, computer literacy and service learning. Our arts program is enriched with artists-in-residence, assemblies and field trips. Our Parent Teacher Club raises funds to support classrooms with materials, enrichment programs and extracurricular activities. Through the 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant, we offer an after-school expanded learning enrichment program to our 5th- 8th grade students. K-8 students enjoy enrichment activities such as Math Counts, Academic Chess, Piano-Keyboards and others.

CLAIRE LILIENTHAL ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL (K-8)

Hours: K-2nd: 7:40 am-1:40 pm; 3rd-8th: 7:50 am-1:50 pm

Address: 3950 Sacramento Street @ Arguello Boulevard (Inner Richmond District)

Phone: (415) 750-8603

Address: 3630 Divisadero Street @ Beach Street (Marina District)

Phone: (415) 749-3516

Visitation Days: For Sacramento site: K-2nd grade, tours are on Wednesdays at 9:00 am; please call 750-8604 for appointment. For Divisadero site: 3rd-8th grade, tours are on Tuesdays at 9:00 am; please call 749-3516 for appointment.

Uniforms: No

After-School Program: At Sacramento site: K-2nd grade: C. Lilienthal After-School Program, 750-1577. At Divisadero site: 3rd-5th grade: C. Lilienthal After-School Program, 928-4560.

At Divisadero site: 6th-8th grade: YMCA Program, 447-9622.

Two Programs: Korean *Two-Way Immersion and General Education Program

Located at two attractive campuses, Claire Lilienthal offers each child the continuity of a challenging academic experience. Claire Lilienthal emphasizes cooperative learning, team teaching and team learning to develop critical thinking skills. Families may select the *Two-Way Immersion Korean-English language program, which develops fluency in both languages for *English Language Learners and English proficient students. Parent involvement contributes to the school's success. Claire Lilienthal parents value school and learning. Parents volunteer skills and services in classrooms and participate in the school's fundraising, policy-making and curriculum committees.

LONGFELLOW ELEMENTARY (K-5)**Hours:** 8:40 am-2:40 pm**Address:** 755 Morse Street @ Lowell Street (Outer Mission)**Phone:** (415) 469-4730**Visitation Days:** Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm**Uniforms:** Yes**After-School Program:** 2:40 pm-3:40 pm - Homework Lab, Tutorial Program, Chinese School, and Performing Arts

Longfellow, a California Distinguished School and a Teresa P. Hughes Family School Partnership Award winner, bases its motto – "Together, We Can Make a Difference" – on an old African proverb, "It takes a whole village to educate a child." The school community is committed to creating a successful environment to enhance lifelong learning. We are a Hills Project School, which allows all students to study under professional artists. Longfellow offers an after-school homework lab, a tutorial program, Chinese School, a performing arts program, and parent education programs. At Longfellow, we encourage students to dream marvelous dreams, and we work hard to help them realize their potential.

MARSHALL ELEMENTARY (K-5)**Hours:** 8:40 am-2:40 pm**Address:** 1575 - 15th Street @ Capp Street (Mission District)**Phone:** (415) 241-6280**Visitation Days:** Wednesdays 9:00 am – 10:40 am & Fridays 8:40 am - 10:30 am**Uniforms:** No**After-School Program:** 2:40 – 6:00 pm

Marshall has been called an oasis in the heart of the Mission. We are a small neighborhood school with a strong emphasis on science, mathematics and literacy. The Marshall community celebrates Oceans Week and an environmental science program in collaboration with the Marin Headlands Institute, Mission Science Workshop, San Francisco Recycling Program and other science-based organizations. Our goal is to prepare our students to be critical thinkers and lifelong learners as they move toward college and careers.

FRANK MCCOPPIN ELEMENTARY (K-5)**Hours:** 8:40 am-2:40 pm (Kinder: 8:55 am-2:30 pm)**Address:** 651 - 6th Avenue @ Balboa Street (Richmond District)**Phone:** (415) 750-8475**Visitation Days:** Anytime. Check in at main office.**Uniforms:** No**After-School Program:** Offered through the SFUSD *Child Development Program.

"Working together" is the motto of Frank McCoppin, located on a quiet street in direct view of Golden Gate Park. Frank McCoppin focuses on the three R's, integrating art, music and school wide thematic enrichment programs. We offer an English Plus Cantonese Program. Our school stresses academic excellence, mutual respect and the wonders of all cultures. Most important, Frank McCoppin encourages students to take responsibility and to aim for their personal best every day. We welcome student observers/participants from the University of San Francisco and

San Francisco State University, as well as community volunteers, to assist our students with special learning needs. We also have a Speech Clinician, a Resource Specialist, and an Instrumental Music Teacher. Our school promotes high expectations for student achievement and behavior.

MCKINLEY ELEMENTARY (K-5)

Hours: 7:50 am-1:50 pm (Kinder: 7:50 am-12:50 pm)

Address: 1025 - 14th Street @ Castro Street (Duboce Triangle)

Phone: (415) 241-6300

Visitation Days: M, W, F, 8:15 - 8:45 am. Please call for an appointment.

Uniforms: Optional

After-School Program: Available to all students.

Located in the heart of San Francisco, McKinley is a small school serving children and their families from many areas of the city. Our central, high-beamed library, warm wood and modern interior create a family-like environment. Family involvement linked with staff professionalism create a bond on which we build a success-oriented academic program. Visual and performing arts programs and extra-curricular activities enrich our strong, well-rounded curriculum. We have high academic and social expectations for all of our students. McKinley traditions include Family Science and Health Night, our United Nations Studies and Geography Quiz, and the Junior Olympics with its impressive opening ceremony.

HARVEY MILK CIVIL RIGHTS ACADEMY (K-5)

Hours: 9:30 am-3:30 pm

Address: 4235 - 19th Street @ Collingwood Street (Upper Noe Valley)

Phone: (415) 241-6276

Visitation Days: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Uniforms: No

After-School Program: "Milk and Cookies," an enrichment and athletic program without cost or space limitations.

Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy, named after a legendary community leader, is a small school dedicated to empowering our students through teaching tolerance and non-violence, celebrating diversity, achieving academic excellence and building a strong home-school-community connection. The Performing Arts Program enhances a curriculum also enriched by computers, hands-on science, field trips and Reading Recovery. We train our staff and parents in the instructional strategies and support techniques that allow all children to succeed in school. We envision the surrounding community as our next-greatest resource of support. We invite parents to become partners in every aspect of the school day.

MIRALOMA ELEMENTARY (K-5)

Hours: 7:50 am-1:50 pm

Address: 175 Omar Way @ Myra Way (Miraloma Park)

Phone: (415) 469-4734

Visitation Days: Tuesdays

Uniforms: No

After-School Program: Miraloma Educational Enrichment Program and the 21st Century After-School Program

Miraloma, in a sheltered location on the slopes of Mount Davidson, draws students from the neighborhood and beyond. The comprehensive program stresses academic excellence in a supportive learning environment. Special features include a computer lab with complete Internet access, a Perceptual Motor Program, tutorial services, and a supplemental visual and performing arts program. Specialists enrich the library program, provide volunteer tutoring, and teach enhanced physical education and computer technology skills. We also have counseling interns from the University of San Francisco and a Primary Intervention Program to help students adjust to school. Guided reading, vocabulary building and word study promote reading comprehension. Through the San Francisco School Volunteers' New Directions program, Miraloma is increasing its pool of parent volunteers.

MISSION EDUCATION CENTER (K-5)

Hours: 9:30 am-3:30 pm

Address: 1670 Noe Street @ 30th Street (Noe Valley)

Phone: (415) 695-5313

Visitation Days: Fridays

Uniforms: No

After-School Program: Kate Kennedy Child Development Program is available for eligible students. Located in the same building, this center is open from 7 am until 6:30 pm, Mondays through Fridays.

Mission Education Center is a K-5 school for newly arrived immigrant students who speak only Spanish. This transitional program aims to help the newcomer achieve the skills and confidence to succeed in the regular schools to which they will transfer at the end of one year. The three main goals are oral English proficiency, academic achievement and orientation to life in a multicultural society. Core subjects are taught in Spanish. Field trips and multicultural celebrations play an important role. We are fortunate to have help from community groups, such as San Francisco School Volunteers. Museums and the Performing Arts Workshop Foundation support our program with art projects and events.

MONROE ELEMENTARY (K-5)

Hours: 8:30 am-2:30 pm (Kinder: 8:30 am-2:10 pm)

Address: 260 Madrid Street @ Excelsior Street (Excelsior District)

Phone: (415) 469-4736

Visitation Days: Anytime

Uniforms: Yes

After-School Program: A Grant-Funded Enrichment Program at no cost, and a program through SFUSD Child Development Center.

Monroe offers an English-Spanish Two-Way Immersion Program, as well as English plus Cantonese, *English plus Spanish or an enriched general education option. The immersion program develops bilingualism, biliteracy and biculturalism in Spanish and English for both *English Language Learners and English Proficient students. Literacy is a priority at Monroe. In addition to our four literacy specialists, Monroe's principal is a trained Reading Recovery teacher. Teachers utilize our computer lab equipped with 12 iMacs to integrate technology into the curriculum. All classes have many opportunities to work in our delightful garden.

GEORGE MOSCONE ELEMENTARY (K-5)**Hours:** 7:50 am-1:50 pm**Address:** 2576 Harrison Street @ 22nd Street (Mission District)**Phone:** (415) 695-5736**Visitation Days:** Anytime**Uniforms:** Yes**After-School Program:** Las Americas Child Development Center borders our campus and offers an after-school program.

George R. Moscone Elementary School occupies a beautiful new campus in San Francisco's historic Mission District. Our child-centered, comprehensive program offers a balanced curriculum integrating the visual and performing arts. We are dedicated to producing students who are fluent readers, writers and problem solvers. Parents of English Language Learners can choose from English Plus Spanish, English Plus Cantonese (K-3) or Intensive English (K-5). Our technology plan includes a computer lab and computers with Internet access in all classrooms. The Hills Project brings professional artists to our school for performances and art enrichment activities. Good citizenship and a deep sense of community are encouraged through the election of a student council, the recruitment of peer helpers, award programs and a school uniform policy. Our goal is to create a productive, protected and happy school environment.

JOHN MUIR ELEMENTARY (K-5)**Hours:** 8:40 am-2:40 pm**Address:** 380 Webster Street @ Oak Street (Haight/Western Addition)**Phone:** (415) 241-6335**Visitation Days:** Wednesdays**Uniforms:** Yes**After-School Program:** Latchkey, ACE (Academic and Cultural Enrichment)

John Muir provides a friendly, child-centered learning environment with a creative curriculum emphasizing reading, writing, critical thinking and technology. John Muir offers *English Plus Spanish classes for *English Language Learners. Our staff and faculty get to know each child, making sure all children are loved, supported and encouraged to achieve academically and socially according to the *Comer Project philosophy. As a partner school with San Francisco State University, John Muir is a teacher training center. The assistance of student teachers reduces the teacher-student ratio to one teacher per eight students, supporting individual learning opportunities. Our Parent Education Center supports families academically, links home and school in the learning experience, and provides infancy education workshops.

NEW TRADITIONS ALTERNATIVE ELEMENTARY (K-5)**Hours:** 9:30 am-3:30 pm**Address:** 2049 Grove Street @ Clayton Street (Panhandle)**Phone:** (415) 750-8490**Visitation Days:** Tours from November through January on Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:00 am. During the remainder of the year make an appointment or drop in for self-guided tour.**Uniforms:** No**After-School Program:** Before and after-school program by YMCA for a fee, 751-1622.

More than just a school, New Traditions is a multicultural, multiethnic, vital community, developing students into responsible, active participants ready for the challenges of the future. The school's central location near Golden Gate Park's Panhandle provides easy access to San Francisco's cultural and educational sites, helping students learn in a creative, challenging environment linked to the arts. A generous grant from the Good Tidings Foundation has provided a newly remodeled art room equipped with materials, technology, lighting and an art library. All students receive weekly instruction from professionals in visual arts and music or dance, and 5th graders participate in a photography program with the San Francisco Art Institute. New Traditions also collaborates with the University of San Francisco and San Francisco State University. Private grants and parent fundraising support programs that contribute to student success. Team teaching, peer tutoring, consistent behavioral expectations and strong parental support all contribute to our school's success. Weekly Spanish classes are offered after-school.

JOSE ORTEGA ELEMENTARY (K-5)

Hours: 7:50 am-1:50 pm

Address: 400 Sargent Street @ Arch Street (Ingleside/Ocean View)

Phone: (415) 469-4726

Visitation Days: Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:30 am or by arrangement.

Uniforms: No

After-School Program: Run on-site by the YMCA, 452-9622.

Jose Ortega Elementary School is one of San Francisco's best-kept secrets. Teachers are involved in ongoing professional development and many are leaders in the areas of literacy, math, social studies, science, and art. Jose Ortega enhances student learning by integrating the arts, technology, field trips and a home-school reading program. We value and support our parents by providing many community-building opportunities, including curriculum-based Family Nights, a Literacy Project, Family Day Picnic, Back to School Night, PTA, and opportunities to volunteer on school projects and in classrooms. We develop student leadership through activities such as Student Council, Service Club, recycling helpers and Conflict Resolution Managers.

JEAN PARKER ELEMENTARY (K-5)

Hours: 8:40 am-2:40 am

Address: 840 Broadway @ Powell Street (North Beach)

Phone: (415) 291-7990

Visitation Days: Tuesdays from 9:00 to 11:00 am

Uniforms: Yes

After-School Program: Jean Parker tutorial program from 2:40-5:45 pm daily, please call the school for application. An after school program is also offered through the SFUSD Child Development Program.

Jean Parker's beautiful new building in the heart of Chinatown opened in 1997. The school offers a structured academic program with a literacy focus, emphasizing excellence in reading and written language skills. Jean Parker offers English Plus Cantonese Programs and English Plus Spanish Programs to English Language Learners. Activities integrate technology into the curriculum, with all classrooms on line for expanded studies through Internet use. Students participate in student government, as well as other activities that encourage and foster critical thinking, team building, problem solving and building positive relationships. Multicultural studies, school-to-career study groups and community service enhance the academic goals.

ROSA PARKS ELEMENTARY (K-5)**Hours:** 7:45 am-1:50 pm**Address:** 1501 O'Farrell Street @ Hollis Street (Western Addition)**Phone:** (415) 749-3519**Visitation Days:** Monday-Friday**Uniforms:** Yes**After-School Program:** Tutoring Program in Reading/Math and childcare is provided through the SFUSD *Child Development Program.

The dedicated staff at Rosa Parks Elementary School creates an inviting learning environment in one of San Francisco's most beautifully preserved, oak-surrounded buildings. Rosa Parks provides a rigorous academic education using innovative programs that support basic reading, writing and mathematic skills. Under the nurturing guidance of the administrators and teachers, every Rosa Parks student develops and practices successful social skills, gains opportunities to study and build pride in his or her own culture, develops respect for other cultures, and is encouraged to create a vision of personal success. An English Plus Cantonese Program is provided for English Language Learners who are developing English fluency. A Collaborative Community Program links families to the school team and to school activities. Rosa Parks is proud to offer many enrichment opportunities, including the Hills Project, which provides professional arts instruction for K-2 students. Instrumental music instruction is offered in clarinet, violin, percussion, flute, cello, dance, voice and visual arts to students in grades 3-5. The Jump Prep and Healthy Start Programs provide tutors for the After-School Tutorial Program. In collaboration with the Richmond Area Multicultural Services (RAMS), at-risk students receive counseling and mental health services through the student-interns from San Francisco State University.

GEORGE PEABODY ELEMENTARY (K-5)**Hours:** 8:40 am-2:40 pm**Address:** 251 - 6th Avenue @ Clement Street (Richmond District)**Phone:** (415) 750-8480**Visitation Days:** Anytime, but preferably on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays**Uniforms:** No**After-School Program:** The Richmond District After-School Collaborative for 1st to 5th grade students on site daily. Once a week, an after-school piano program is also available to all students.

George Peabody Elementary School offers the cosmopolitan vitality of San Francisco in a nurturing, neighborly community. Within walking distance of Mountain Lake Park, Golden Gate Park, a terrific neighborhood fire station, an excellent public library and the bustling Clement Street business neighborhood, George Peabody teachers use these exciting community resources to enrich a program that stresses academic excellence. The curriculum integrates networked computers. Specially designed instruction and project development challenge gifted and high potential students. English Language Learners (grades K-2) can participate in an English Plus Cantonese Program. All students become involved in music enrichment, and upper-grade students participate in overnight field studies. George Peabody School collaborates with the San Francisco Ballet theater arts program to provide dance instruction to 2nd and 3rd graders. Peabody School also partners with the San Francisco Park Hyatt Hotel. Our students have

experienced countless benefits over the years, including an annual career day at the hotel. George Peabody School is a recipient of the California Distinguished School Award.

REDDING ELEMENTARY (K-5)

Hours: 8:25-2:30

Address: 1421 Pine Street @ Larkin Street (Tenderloin)

Phone: (415) 749-3525

Visitation Days: Anytime

Uniforms: No

After-School Program: Offered through the SFUSD Child Development Program.

Redding Elementary School is located in the Polk Gulch community of San Francisco, where a rich mix of students engages daily in the task of learning. We strive to provide a nurturing, safe and caring learning environment in which students achieve their maximum potential in all areas, with a strong emphasis in an arts integrated curriculum. Parent and community involvement provide a strong and vital link between the home, community and school. Each new school year brings innovative programs and activities to foster student learning and achievement.

PAUL REVERE ELEMENTARY (K-5)

Hours: 7:50 am-1:50 pm (Kinder: 7:50 am-12:50 pm)

Address: 555 Tompkins Avenue @ Folsom Street (Bernal Heights)

Phone: (415) 695-5656

Visitation Days: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays at 8:15 - 11:00am, or by appointment

Uniforms: Yes

After-School Program: Homework Club and Enrichment daily until 6pm, as well as a Mission YMCA program.

Paul Revere meets the learning needs of all children through small group instruction based on individual assessments, across-grade-level projects and Reading Recovery. Paul Revere provides computers in every classroom and labs, a library with a full time librarian; instrumental music classes for 3rd to 5th graders; and outdoor education, choir and murals programs. Students participate in Student Council. Family members participate in the PTA. Staff members meet in grade level teams and action committees. Staff and families work together on the School Site Council.

ROOFTOP ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL (K-8)

Hours: K-5th: 7:50 am-1:45 pm; 6th-8th: 7:50 am-2:00 pm

Address: K - 4th Grade: 443 Burnett Avenue, (Twin Peaks)

Phone: (415) 695-5691

Address: 5th-8th Grade: Mayeda Campus, 500 Corbett St. (Twin Peaks)

Phone: (415) 522-6757

Uniforms: No

Visitation Days: Wednesdays are designated as tour days from October through early December. Please call 695-5691 to sign-up for a tour.

After-School Program: Burnett Campus: Grades K-5 students may apply to the CASA Childcare Program, 643-1502. Mayeda Campus: No

Rooftop is a distinguished K-8 school perched on two sites – the Burnett Campus for grades K-4 and the Mayeda Campus for grades 5-8. Rooftop offers a quiet, protected, supportive, nurturing and creative environment for learning. Students develop a strong sense of family and graduate as responsible citizens, as adept problem solvers and as self-confident individuals. The visual and performing arts – music, chorus, dance, and theater – are an integral part of the Rooftop experience.

SANCHEZ ELEMENTARY (K-5)

Hours: 8:00 am-2:00 pm

Address: 325 Sanchez Street @ 16th Street (Mission District)

Phone: (415) 241-6380

Visitation Days: Fridays

Uniforms: Yes

After-School Program: There is a wide array of after school programs available for students: Columbia Boys and Girls Club, Mission Learning Center, and other community based programs.

At Sanchez Elementary School, near Mission Dolores in colorful Eureka Valley, teachers and parents collaborate to enrich the curriculum. Children read relevant, engaging literature, pursue in-depth math understanding, learn about the world and its cultures, and work toward building leadership, social competence and problem-solving strategies. Small classroom communities are based on the renowned Tribes Learning Community program. On-line computers support skill development and adult-guided Internet research. In addition to a full, librarian-staffed Library-Media Center, every Sanchez classroom offers its own library of at least 250 titles. The library and computer lab are open during the lunch period, with the librarian holding daily, age-appropriate book talks. An excellent English Plus Spanish Program is available for students learning English as a second language. A high quality Pre-K program is offered for children ages 3 to 5 years.

SAN FRANCISCO COMMUNITY ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL (K-8)

Hours: (K-5th: 9:25 am-3:25 pm) (6th-8th: 9:00 am-3:25 pm)

Address: 125 Excelsior Street @ Paris & London St. (Excelsior)

Phone: (415) 469-4739

Visitation Days: Thursdays at 10 am, other times are available by appointment.

Uniforms: dress code

After-School Program: Enrichment for all students in partnership with Columbia Park Boys and Girls Club, which is right next door.

San Francisco Community strives to create a learning environment where all students can develop the skills and tools to become effective decision-makers and productive citizens. We seek to establish a setting in which students, parents, teachers and the community work together. The atmosphere draws parents into the school and helps construct a strong support system for the growth of each student. The staff and community practice active antiracist, culturally conscious and inclusive ways to create a school culture that supports all students to meet high standards. In our project-based learning model, students spend half the year (two nine-week projects) in their project classes.

JUNIPERO SERRA ELEMENTARY (K-5)

Hours: 8:30 am-2:30 pm (Kinder: 8:30 am-2:00 pm)

Address: 625 Holly Park Circle @ Highland Avenue (Bernal Heights/Outer Mission)

Phone: (415) 695-5685

Visitation Days: Every Tuesday from 9:30 to 11 am, or by appointment through secretary.

Uniforms: Yes

After-School Program: Offered through the SFUSD Child Development Program.

Junipero Serra Elementary School offers a challenging and valuable education for every student. We are sensitive to the cultural, social, emotional and developmental growth of all our young learners. Sharing our commitment with a very strong parent support team ensures that each student is uniquely valued. Our instructional practices and curriculum work to enable all students to meet the California Standards in literacy, math and science. We are implementing the California Reading Literature Project and the Urban Systemic Program in math, science and technology. We offer computers and Internet access in every classroom, and our computer lab is staffed with a full time teacher. We offer an English Plus Spanish Instruction Program from kindergarten through third grade.

SHERIDAN ELEMENTARY (K-5)

Hours: 7:50 am-1:50 pm

Address: 431 Capitol Avenue @ Lobos Street (Ingleside/Ocean View)

Phone: (415) 469-4743

Visitation Days: Anytime

Uniforms: Yes

After-School Program: High Gear After-School Program available with no fee, please call the office for application and space availability.

Sheridan, located in a new building with its theater-style auditorium, is a visual and performing arts school that celebrates all cultures with student performances. Our students achieve academically, creatively utilizing computer-supported instruction with staff, parents and volunteers. Our teachers are trained in Developmentally Appropriate Practices and early literacy. In addition to our music, drama and dance programs, we provide participation in team sports. Parents are involved in all aspects of the school, and the school community provides a protected environment for everyone. We are very proud of our "Working it Out" conflict management program. We receive support from High Gear Tutors, the Bay Area Writing Project, Rolling Readers and America Reads.

SHERMAN ELEMENTARY (K-5)

Hours: 7:50 am-1:50 pm

Address: 1651 Union Street @ Franklin Street (Cow Hollow)

Phone: (415) 749-3530

Visitation Days: Wednesday at 8:00 am by appointment

Uniforms: No

After-School Program: On-site YMCA program for a fee.

Sherman is an extraordinary school with a dedicated staff, enthusiastic parents and hardworking students. Sherman works to ensure that each child is part of our school family and that each student can read and write fluently, and can problem solve as the basis for continued achievement. Our academic studies are integrated with visual and performing arts, science and technology and outdoor education. Optional after-school and enrichment programs enhance the

program. Our teachers are trained in early literacy and Developmentally Appropriate Practice. Staff, parents, community and business partners collaborate to ensure that every child is successful.

COMMODORE SLOAT ELEMENTARY (K-5)

Hours: 8:40 am-2:40 pm (Kinder: 8:40 am-1:30 pm)

Address: 50 Darien Way @ Junipero Serra Boulevard (Balboa Terrace)

Phone: (415) 759-2807

Visitation Days: Wednesday mornings.

Uniforms: No

After-School Program: On-site YMCA program for a fee.

Commodore Sloat, a graceful site with sprawling playfields, three play structures, a first-class library and an integrated technology program, provides a 21st-century education. The school has won an excellent reputation for its quality education, outstanding teachers, high standards and sheltered environment. Specific services are provided for gifted and high-ability students. Commodore Sloat offers supplemental programs including a comprehensive Perceptual Motor Program, computer technology instruction, vocal music, storytelling, poetry, theater, and visual arts. After-school programs for Mandarin, chess, cooking, martial arts, art, computer, and dance are also offered. Parent commitment and involvement is evident in our school's extensive volunteer program and active Parents' Club.

SPRING VALLEY SCIENCE MAGNET ELEMENTARY (K-5)

Hours: 8:40 am-2:40 pm (Kinder: 8:40 am-2:30 pm)

Address: 1451 Jackson Street @ Larkin Street (Russian & Nob Hill)

Phone: (415) 749-3535

Visitation Days: Tuesdays & Thursdays or by appointment

Uniforms: Optional

After-School Program: Offered by SFUSD Child Development Program. After-school tutorial program is also available.

Our students just may be rocket scientists one day. Spring Valley specializes in improving intelligent behavior, high-level thinking, problem-solving skills and personal responsibility. A solid foundation based on all subject matter, especially the language arts, communications and math, is provided. Creativity is fostered by a rich arts program: dance through San Francisco Ballet, music/choir, quilting, fiber arts, ceramics, murals, drama and more. Computer/media technology encourages learning and expresses creativity. Other programs include English Plus Chinese or Spanish, gifted and talented education, conflict resolution, motor skills and many special projects. Fifth graders spend one week at an environmental camp. Field studies are conducted at Bay Area sites and museums. Parent involvement is valued. Spring Valley received awards from California as a Distinguished School and from the U.S. Office of Education for Excellence in Education.

ROBERT L. STEVENSON ELEMENTARY (K-5)

Hours: 8:40 am-2:40 pm (Kinder: 8:40 am-2:00 pm)

Address: 2051 - 34th Avenue @ Pacheco Street (Sunset District)

Phone: (415) 759-2837

Visitation Days: Wednesday mornings suggested

Uniforms: No

After-School Program: KEEP, a private childcare program, available from 2 to 6 pm, 661-9981.

Located in the heart of the Sunset at a beautiful, spacious campus, R. L. Stevenson welcomes families to a safe, nurturing community. A dedicated staff provides high expectations, a rigorous curriculum and comprehensive programming to help all children succeed. We participate in the California Reading Results project and offer an intense early literacy program. Stevenson provides a variety of classes to meet individual needs, including an English Plus (Cantonese), an *Intensive English classes. We also host several Special Day Classes and an Inclusion program. Rich arts programming includes extracurricular opportunities. Service Learning clubs, "Study Buddies," environmental-awareness projects and other experiences/events provide opportunities to develop personal and social responsibility.

SUNNYSIDE ELEMENTARY (K-5)

Hours: 8:40 am-2:40 pm (Kinder: 8:40 am-1:40 pm)

Address: 250 Foerster Street @ Flood St. (Sunnyside District)

Phone: (415) 469-4746

Visitation Days: Wednesdays from 9:00 to 12:00, other days by appointment

Uniforms: No

After-School Program: YMCA and Sunnyside Extended Learning Program from 2:40 to 5:30 pm, 469-4746. YMCA Childcare Program is also available from 2:40 to 6:30 pm. Please call Theresa Arroyo at 586-6900 or 587-6761.

Sunnyside provides a curriculum that is academically comprehensive, ecologically relevant, technologically literate and socially involved. Students are also encouraged to become involved in character and values building activities such as student government, peer tutoring, traffic patrol and interschool athletics. A partnership among staff, parents and the community promotes many projects and activities, including tree planting, library modernization, spirit days and international celebrations, honoring the heritages within the school community.

SUNSET ELEMENTARY (K-5)

Hours: 8:40 am-2:40 pm

Address: 1920 – 41st Avenue @ Ortega Street (Outer Sunset)

Phone: (415) 759-2760

Visitation Days: Thursdays

Uniforms: No

After-School Program: Homework Club, Learning Club, YMCA After-School Care

Sunset Elementary School prepares our students for success with a challenging academic program emphasizing literacy, language development, math and science. Our visual and performing arts program includes art, dance, instrumental music, choral music, and involvement with Adventures in Music through the San Francisco Symphony. We support the social/emotional development of our students and families through the Wellness Grant and Primary Intervention Program. Our student enrichment program includes activities for the gifted and high potential, participation in Student Council, Conflict Management, and extra curricular science activities. We offer an After-School Learning Program to reinforce literacy development and math as well as enrichment activities. In partnership with our parents, we prepare our

students to become independent learners and leaders. We encourage parent involvement through the School Site Council, PTA, and volunteer opportunities both school wide and in the classrooms. We have a newly resurfaced school yard. Current beautification projects include painting the school and gardening projects.

SUTRO ELEMENTARY (K-5)

Hours: 8:40-2:40 (Kinder: 8:40-2:30)

Address: 235 - 12th Avenue @ Clement St. (Richmond District)

Phone: (415) 750-8525

Visitation Days: Anytime

Uniforms: No

After-School Program: SFUSD Child Development Program; Jewish Community Center, YMCA, and Latchkey Program-Richmond Recreation Center

Our school offers a strong academic program within a family-oriented atmosphere. Sharing decision-making, our school community provides an educational program committed to excellence, emphasizing language arts, math, science, and the visual and performing arts. All students are provided with Internet access to enhance their instructional program. Services for gifted and high potential students are an integral part of the overall instructional program. Our eight year partnership with Sutro and Company earned an award from the San Francisco School Volunteers. We have enthusiastic parent and family support through our PTA.

JOHN SWETT ALTERNATIVE ELEMENTARY (K-5)

Hours: 7:50 am-1:50 pm

Address: 727 Golden Gate Avenue @ Franklin St. (Western Addition)

Phone: (415) 241-6320

Visitation Days: Every Monday mornings

Uniforms: Yes

After-School Program: No

John Swett is conveniently situated in the Civic Center, the hub of activity and opportunity in our cosmopolitan city. Our school taps into many community resources, encouraging success in a structured academic and creative arts program. The school community has worked collaboratively with the San Francisco Ballet, the San Francisco Symphony, Zeum, the Public Utilities Commission and the Hills Project to integrate arts and technology. Dedicated parents support the school by providing art consultants, live theatrical productions and classroom materials, in addition to volunteering in classrooms and coordinating special projects. Students are involved in Student Council, peer tutoring, Safety Patrol and service learning.

E. R. TAYLOR ELEMENTARY (K-5)

Hours: 8:40 am-2:40 pm

Address: 423 Burrows Street @ Goettingen Street (Portola District)

Phone: (415) 330-1530

Visitation Days: Monday - Thursday

Uniforms: Yes

After-School Program: 2:40-4:30 pm Monday-Thursday (October – May)

Our school is situated in a quiet neighborhood where students, dedicated staff, active parents and community agencies collaborate to create an exciting, nurturing learning place. We offer English Plus Spanish, English Plus Cantonese and Intensive English classes to support our learning community. We offer enrichment classes and a model Healthy Start Program, which support our vision of preparing all our students to be college-bound. We expect all our students to be fluent readers, expressive writers, problem solvers and critical thinkers who can apply their learning to the real world. All students participate in service learning projects to enhance their social and ethical development.

TENDERLOIN COMMUNITY ELEMENTARY (K-5)

Hours: 8:40 am-2:40 pm (Kinder: 8:40 am-1:50 pm)

Address: 627 Turk Street @ Polk Street (Tenderloin District)

Phone: (415) 749-3567

Visitation Days: Thursdays

Uniforms: No

After-School Program: Offered through the SFUSD Child Development Program.

Tenderloin Community School is a model for 21st Century school facilities and partnerships. Located in a state-of-the-art building, the school houses a preschool and an after-school program, a Family Resource Center, a community center, a garden, a kitchen, and a medical, dental and counseling center to serve the needs of the students and community. The school community – including parents, teachers and the Bay Area Women and Children’s Center – collaborate to bring extra resources and volunteers into the school. Tenderloin Community School provides a strong language arts program to engage our students. Hands-on science and math are key elements of our school program. We offer English Plus Cantonese and Intensive English classes.

TREASURE ISLAND SCHOOL (K-8)

Hours: 7:50 am-1:50 pm

Address: 13th Street @ E Avenue (Treasure Island)

Phone: (415) 291-7928

Visitation Days: Thursdays

Uniforms: No

After-School Program: Hosted by the Columbia Boys and Girls Club

Treasure Island School, in a spacious, calm and positive learning environment, enjoys its ideal location on the landmark island with its million-dollar views. Treasure Island offers its K-8 students a comprehensive curriculum stressing academic excellence with emphasis on the best teaching and learning practices. An English Plus Spanish Program and English Plus Cantonese program serves our English Language Learners. In addition to committed parents, Treasure Island School attracts volunteers from many arenas. Radio station KZQZ-95.7 FM, Junior Achievement, Treasure Island Job Corps and members of the San Francisco School Volunteers collaborate to sponsor events and provide tutoring and other support services to Treasure Island families. A structured learning environment fosters academic achievement and creativity for English language learners. Treasure Island has a strong focus on language arts and math, as well as offering multimedia computer education and outdoor education.

TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY ACADEMY (K-8)

Hours: K-5th: 9:30 am-3:30 pm; 6-8th: 7:50 am-2:30 pm

Address: 2055 Silver Avenue @ Revere Avenue (Silver Terrace/Bayview)

Phone: (415) 695-5400

Visitation Days: Fridays

Uniforms: Yes

After-School Program: 21st Century After-School Program offered from 3:30-6:00 pm Monday through Thursday for grades 1 to 8

Twenty-First Century Academy offers an alternative approach to educating students. Through student empowerment activities, students take an active role in the learning process. This community based educational structure is a Pre-K through 8th grade program. The curriculum meets academic standards and provides character development and self-esteem. We have a performing arts program, a state of the art technology lab, hands-on science and math programs, after-school enrichment activities, and supplemental services for children-and youth. Programs that support the school environment are the Comer Project and IRISE.

ULLOA ELEMENTARY (K-5)

Hours: 9:30 am-3:30 pm (Kinder: 9:30 am-2:30 pm)

Address: 2650 - 42nd Avenue @Vicente Street (Outer Sunset)

Phone: (415) 759-2841

Visitation Days: Wednesdays (must call school to schedule visit)

Uniforms: No

After-School Program: Ulloa Child Development Program offers paid childcare services from 6:45 am to 6:00 pm, 759-8854. Ulloa's After School Learning Center focuses on academics, sports and recreation. Space is limited based on grant funding.

Guiding Ulloa's academic goals is the core belief that every child needs to grow into an independent thinker and a lifelong learner. We are a Full Inclusion school and believe that every child can learn to his/her potential. Complementing our academic component, children are exposed to perceptual motor, dance, music, technology, gardening, poetry writing, visual arts, peer tutoring, English Plus, gifted and talented, and student council programs. We strive to provide a safe and nurturing learning environment. Parents are expected to be active partners in their children's learning experiences.

VISITACION VALLEY ELEMENTARY (K-5)

Hours: 8:40 am-2:40 pm

Address: 55 Schwerin Street @ Visitacion Avenue (Visitacion Valley)

Phone: (415) 469-4796

Visitation Days: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00 – 11:00 am

Uniforms: Yes

After-School Program: YMCA (free homework assistance for at-risk students in grades 1-5, from 2:45 to 5:45 pm); Latchkey Program (Park & Recreation Dept.), Monday-Friday, 2-6 pm

Visitacion Valley promotes excellence by establishing high expectations, emphasizing intellectual growth, promoting self-esteem and self-discipline, working cooperatively, and fostering appreciation of diversity. Visitacion Valley holds a vision of "Success for All" and uses the reading program of that name, developed by Johns Hopkins University. An English Plus Cantonese Program is offered for students learning English as a second language. Students and staff learn and practice the IRISE philosophy. Every Wednesday morning, Visitacion Valley

School parents share tea and coffee, chat with school staff and visitors, or plan the next multicultural event celebrating the rich traditions and diversity of the Visitacion Valley neighborhood. Instruction at Visitacion Valley is designed to connect to real-world experiences. The children run their own General Store for age-appropriate experiences in business. Profits are recorded and used to purchase new supplies. AmeriCorps volunteers tutor students individually in math and reading. They assist students in creating colorful murals, projects that integrate many academic standards. A sophisticated technology program provides Internet-connected classrooms. Visitacion Valley students participate as junior librarians, safety patrol and conflict managers. Gifted and high potential students engage in enriching academic programs to stimulate critical thinking. Students participate in science fairs, spelling bees, Junior Olympics, food drives for the needy, Visitacion Valley Neighborhood Day, and citywide multicultural performances.

DANIEL WEBSTER ELEMENTARY (K-5)

Hours: 7:50 am-1:50 pm

Address: 465 Missouri Street @ 20th Street (Potrero Hill)

Phone: (415) 695-5787

Visitation Days: Thursdays

Uniforms: Yes

After-School Program: SFUSD Child Development after-school program for school-aged children is open from 2-6 pm as well as on holidays and during summer breaks.

Situated atop Potrero Hill with its views of downtown San Francisco and the bay, Daniel Webster is proud of its varied educational program geared toward meeting all students' needs. English Plus Spanish and Cantonese programs enable students to develop literacy in their primary language as they become fluent in English. Families are given many opportunities to become a part of the school community. All classrooms have computers to complement math and language arts instruction. Students are given instruction in using the Internet to enrich their education. A unique partnership between Daniel Webster and the GAP Foundation provides a wealth of volunteers and resources.

WEST PORTAL ELEMENTARY (K-5)

Hours: 8:40 am-2:40 pm

Address: 5 Lenox Way @ Taraval St. (West Portal)

Phone: (415) 759-2846

Visitation Days: Wednesday & Thursday mornings

Uniforms: No

After-School Program: Non-profit after school childcare is available on site.

Two Programs: Chinese Two-Way Immersion and General Education Program

West Portal Elementary School is located high above the West Portal Tunnel, adjacent to a lively shopping street, a park and a library. West Portal provides an excellent, comprehensive curriculum that includes technology, art, music, physical fitness/motor skills, library and performing arts. The school culture emphasizes collaboration among teachers, families and the community. Parents may select West Portal's English-Chinese Two-Way Immersion Program, which develops fluency in both languages for English language learners and English proficient students. Families play a vital role in West Portal School. They volunteer in the classroom,

assist on field trips, work in the school library, plan classroom festivities, share in decision-making, support the instructional program, serve as curriculum resources and raise funds to provide enrichment activities for students.

MALCOLM X ACADEMY (K-5)

Hours: 8:40 am-2:40 pm (Kinder: 8:40 am-2:00 pm)

Address: 350 Harbor Road @ Middlepoint Rd. (Bayview/Hunters Point)

Phone: (415) 695-5950

Visitation Days: Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays

Uniforms: Yes

After-School Program: Malcolm X Extended Learning Program offers enriched academic and specialty programs for students in conjunction with YMCA Urban Service.

Located in the heart of Bayview-Hunters Point, Malcolm X Academy represents the diversity of the city of San Francisco. Traditions are a part of the Malcolm X Academy learning community. Each class participates in leading school songs, the pledge and the virtue of the week from the virtues of MAAT, an ancient North African/Egyptian society. We have incorporated the philosophy of I.R.I.S.E. (Infusing Responsibilities for Intellectual and Scholastic Excellence) and the cultures of our community into our school philosophy. At Malcolm X, literacy is the number one priority. A standards based individual learning plan is developed for every student. With 120 minutes daily of direct teaching in literacy, utilizing a structured literacy program and an integrated curriculum throughout the day prepare students for success. Students work with experienced teachers that have been trained in the new math and social studies curriculum. Students have access to computers in every room as well as a computer lab. Families and volunteers come together to enhance the learning experience of all members of the community. Overnight camping, environmental projects and cultural activities engage students of all grade levels.

YICK WO ALTERNATIVE ELEMENTARY(K-5)

Hours: 9:30 am-3:30 pm (Kinder: 9:30 am-2:40 pm)

Address: 2245 Jones Street @ Lombard Street (Russian Hill)

Phone: (415) 749-3540

Visitation Days: First and Third Tuesdays; second and fourth Thursdays. Please call to confirm. Visits conducted in Cantonese by appointment.

Uniforms: No

After-School Program: No

Yick Wo Alternative Elementary School, a California Distinguished School, is a warm and caring place where dedicated and creative teachers provide a comprehensive curriculum emphasizing science and English language arts. For three years starting in 2002, all teachers are engaged in a professional development project called "Different Ways of Knowing," helping teachers learn to infuse the arts into the social studies curriculum. The strong creative arts program at Yick Wo includes visual arts, Orff Schulewerk, dance and movement, singing, instrumental music and poetry. The two special education classes are an integral part of the school and are taught by teachers specially trained to meet the needs of severely handicapped students. Gifted and Talented and high potential students are integrated into the 4th and 5th grade classes and are offered a differentiated curriculum.

ALICE FONG YU ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL (K-8)**Hours:** K-5th: 9:30 am-3:30 pm; 6th-8th: 8:40 am-3:30 pm**Address:** 1541 - 12th Avenue @ Lawton Street (Inner Sunset/Golden Gate Heights)**Phone:** (415) 759-2764**Visitation Days:** Tuesdays and Thursdays**Uniforms:** No**After-School Program:** Private non-profit childcare available on site.

Alice Fong Yu Alternative School, the nation's first Chinese immersion school, provides an outstanding educational experience for children of all backgrounds. English-proficient students experience a rich and challenging program. They develop competency in the Cantonese language and use the two languages to actively and successfully access the curriculum. Alice Fong Yu students are fully conversant and literate in both English and Cantonese by 5th grade. The staff, students and parents work collaboratively towards the school's mission: "To prepare students to become caring, responsible and competent citizens with global perspectives and credible skills in the Chinese language, who can face the challenges of the 21st century." A Mandarin-language component is added for upper-grade students. Grants and resources raised by an active parent association support a variety of enrichment programs, such as Performing Arts Workshop, Poets in the Schools, and science and library consultants. Parents help in the classroom, accompany classes on field trips and serve on various parent organizations.