



Claremont Middle School

6 Reasons to Join the Knights!

1. We're a Small School.

With an **annual enrollment** that averages around 425 students, we have the advantages of a small school where all students are known.

2. We're Organized to be Personal and Child-centered.

To ease the transition from elementary school, we assign 6th graders one teacher English and social studies—called **Core Classes**. All students also have an **advisory class every day** that serves as a homeroom. Regular contact with the same teachers provides a personal, supportive learning environment for the students. And we have the smallest class size of any middle school in the district—26 students for every teacher. This size helps teachers reach all students.

3. We're on the Rise Academically.

Each year a larger percentage of our students are performing at grade level and above on the California Standards Test, but we're not satisfied! We're implementing strategies that research and practice show promote improved achievement—small class size, double math periods, intervention reading classes, expanded elective opportunities:

- We're one of the few middle schools that offer Geometry to 8th graders.
- We have an exceptional elective program, offering several different music classes, Spanish, and visual arts.
- Our GATE program addresses the needs of our higher achieving students through differentiated instruction in class and special pull-out opportunities.
- Our Reading/Language Arts program addresses the different needs of students, from lower to higher performing.
- Our after-school program offers “homework club” and tutoring services to support student academic progress.

4. We're a Comprehensive Middle School that serves students from across Oakland.

The future of Oakland meets everyday at Claremont. We draw a diverse set of students, from across the city, and come together into a community of learners. **We have the mission and resources to serve every child**—from Special Ed to GATE, from poor to wealthy, from athlete to artist, from all backgrounds. **Here students learn to understand how we're different and similar, and they learn to live and work together to build a tolerant, respectful, and anti-racist community.**

5. We're Reaching the Whole Child.

We are dramatically expanding our resources, electives, and enrichment opportunities to meet all the interests, abilities, and needs of our students. We have **conflict resolution** and **counseling resources** at Claremont this year. We have a variety of **day- and after-school program academic interventions** to support students. We have **expanded our after-school enrichment program**, which now offers flag football, boys and girls basketball, volleyball, martial arts, dance, web design, Math Club, gardening, health education, yearbook, and student leadership.

6. We're Building a Community of Support.

Claremont's PTA is leading our efforts to improve our school by recruiting more parents and community members. The PTA has raised money that has made our art program possible and has led the volunteer effort to improve the cleanliness and organization of our campus. We know that parents are the key to Claremont's rise.

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Key Information

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Key Staff to Know

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Daily Schedule

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.: 8:20am-3:00pm

Wednesday: 8:20am-12:05pm

Required Classes

<u>6th Grade</u>	<u>7th Grade</u>	<u>8th Grade</u>
English	English	English
Social Studies	World History	US History
Math 6	Math 7/Algebra	Alg./Geometry
Earth Science	Life Science	Physical Science
PE/Explore	PE	PE
Elective	Elective	Elective

After-School Program

3:05 – 4:15 pm Tutorial, Homework Club/Study Hall, various electives

4:30 – 5:45pm **After-School Enrichment** Young Life, boys and girls basketball, volleyball, martial arts, dance, gardening, and more!!!

5:45pm Release/Parent Pick-up

Claremont Vision

Claremont Middle School will be a small, diversified school, both in student population and staffing. We will provide a challenging and engaging education that prepares students to succeed at the highest levels in high school, college, or other post-high school pursuits. The curriculum will be challenging in terms of creating critical thinkers and adherence to state-mandated guidelines. Our students will not only be distinguished as scholars, but also by being “noble” human beings.

Our students will be aware of and reflective of local, city, and world-wide issues. Students will be able to voice and articulate their wants and desires from a manner of respect and humility. Our students will also develop skills to be proactive in the local and general community when the need arises.

When a student crosses the stage, the students will exhibit the following attributes:

Academic skills, knowledge, and behaviors: Students will have

- Reached a minimum of proficiency in the 8th grade California content standards.
- Developed meta-cognitive skills, such as the ability to self-reflect, compare evidence, understand perspectives, make connections, etc.
- Developed strong communication skills, both verbal and written, that allow them to present and support their ideas.
- Developed the ability to organize and revise work until it is their “best”, to identify and access resources, and to cooperate in a group setting.
- Literacy in key areas of the fine arts, in computers/technology, and in geography/environment.

Personal skills, knowledge and behaviors: Students will

- Behave in a manner and make choices that promote their well-being and allow them to be successful in a variety of social and work environments.
- Demonstrate intra-personal habits, including awareness of self, confidence, pride (with self and as Claremont alumni), self-respect, and positive goal-setting.
- They will demonstrate inter-personal habits, including problem solving, respecting others, accepting responsibility, displaying empathy and compassion, and acting in solidarity with others.

Community skills, knowledge and behaviors: Students will

- Demonstrate a willingness to act and vocalize on local and global issues and a confidence they know they can make a difference in the world (one person at a time).
- Express a sense of community (CMS, neighborhood, city).

School Tours

On Friday mornings, at 10am, interested parents and students can schedule tours of Claremont with the administration, students and parents as your guides. Please call the main office to schedule a time.