



A CALIFORNIA DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL

## WHAT'S GOING ON AT CLAREMONT THESE DAYS?

### HOW MANY STUDENTS ARE IN THE SCHOOL/IN EACH GRADE/AVERAGE PER CLASS?

The school has just shy of 500 students enrolled. There are about 155 students per grade and there are around 32 in a class. Claremont also has 27 special day class students.

### WHERE DO STUDENTS COME FROM/WHAT ARE CLAREMONT'S FEEDER SCHOOLS?

Our feeder schools are: Emerson, Peralta, Sankofa, and Chabot, but students come from all over Oakland, including from Lincoln, Burkhalter, Piedmont, Redwood Heights, private schools, and charter schools.

### WHAT ELECTIVES ARE OFFERED IN EACH GRADE?

6th grade students take two electives: computers and Spanish. When they move onto upper grades they choose from computer classes, choir, AAMA, and art. This year we were able to offer a choir class and hope to have that or other offerings similar in the future.

### WHAT SPORTS ARE AVAILABLE?

Fall: Cross country, flag football, volleyball, ultimate frisbee; Winter: Basketball, soccer, lacrosse; Spring: Baseball, track & field

### WHAT CLUBS ARE AVAILABLE?

Examples include: Magic the Gathering, board games, anime, fantasy football/basketball, science, and Gender and Sexuality Alliance. Clubs change each year as student interest changes, and students have agency to create their own clubs! They just need to have a group of interested kids, a "business plan" of sorts, and a teacher sponsor.

### HOW MANY CLASSES DO STUDENTS HAVE PER DAY?

There are 7 classes per day including advisory. After first period, 6th graders get a nutritional break. After 4th period, they have lunch, which is up in the cafeteria. The day ends a little after 3:00 pm.

### WHAT IS "ADVISORY"?

Advisory is what older generations might remember as a homeroom, but with many more pieces. Advisory is a time for students to read silently, bond with a group of students and a teacher, check in on their progress, organize their backpacks, and more!

### HOW DO TEACHERS WORK IN TEAMS?

Teachers work both in department teams and grade level teams. Departments focus on vertically aligning grade level standards to ensure students are getting better at content specific skills year after year. Teachers within each grade level check in regularly to focus on alignment of activities and homework, and they work together to support the students they share.

### HOW DO TEACHERS COMMUNICATE AND HELP KIDS OUTSIDE CLASS?

Teachers use AERIES (on online portal) as their first form of communication, so as soon as the new year begins, ensure you can login! This is where students and families will be able to see how their child is doing. If a student needs more support, they are welcome to do a quick check in before break, lunch or after school to either get a question answered or set up a time to meet. Teachers also have office hours or tutoring time at least once a week.

### HOW CAN I STAY UP TO DATE AND IN CONTACT?

To keep up to date on regular events, the Knightline (in conjunction with the website) is the best way to stay informed. Sign up on the Claremont website by entering your email address. We also update the marquis out front at the beginning of each month. To ensure you are getting regular communication from the school, ensure your email and phone number is entered properly in the AERIES system. We send robo-calls regularly to ensure everyone in the community gets all the information you need. We also send grade level emails and are active on social media.

### DESCRIBE DISCIPLINE AND TARDIES POLICIES

Discipline: Discipline is another way we teach. Students have many opportunities to learn how to do the right things at school. If they choose not to do right by the school or members of the school community, administration and teachers leverage communication with families, restorative practices, and consequences to ensure the students learns the right way to maximize their and other students' learning time.

Tardies: It is extremely important that students are at school from the first bell ringing to the last and in their classrooms before the start of every other bell in between. To that end, we have a strict tardy policy. Tardy students must make up time after school at weekly tardy detentions.

### WHAT IS CLAREMONT'S CELL PHONE POLICY?

Students must put away cell phones before they enter Miles Gate. This ensures that students are not distracted and teachers can maximize learning. If a phone is visible or makes noise, the student will be required to give their phone to the nearest adult. The first time an adult has to take a phone away, the student can retrieve it by exiting through the Miles Gate and coming around to the front door to pick it up from the office. The second time an adult has to take a phone away, the office will call a family member to come retrieve it. If an adult has to take the phone away a third time, the office will hold the phone for five (5) days, and then a family member will be able to come and retrieve it.

### ARE THERE FAMILIES AND STUDENTS WHO ARE GAY AND/OR TRANSGENDER?

There are many gay and lesbian parents at Claremont Pride Alliance is a very popular club on campus. Students are open and supportive of each other.

### WHAT HAPPENS IN THE AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM?

The after-school program is run by Bay Area Community Resources (BACR). The program offers enrichment activities such as homework support, sports, leadership, robocoding, cooking classes, and fitness classes. The program operates on a sliding scale, trying to make programs available for every interested student.

