

The Michael J. Petrides School

Educational Excellence for the 21st Century

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Our Theory of Action

IF teachers build authentic, positive relationships with students and among students, develop lesson plans and learning activities that connect to students' lives, backgrounds, and identities, teach and foster social-emotional competencies, set high and clear expectations based on grade level standards, analyze data with an equity lens and continue to develop a rigorous and inclusive curriculum, THEN there will be an increased students' sense of belonging, higher level of student achievement and revitalized collective teacher efficacy.

We Offer:

an accelerated academic program for all

- *Our accelerated middle school curriculum is offered to ALL students; students' 8th grade year culminates with the US History & Government Regents exam, Algebra I Regents exam, Living Environment Regents exam and a Foreign Language Proficiency test.*
- *Our students have the opportunity to enter High School with 8 high school credits and 3 of the 5 exams required for graduation completed.*
- *Our students participate in 3 years of Foreign Language courses.*

a small school environment

- *There are 4 classes per grade level at Petrides.*
- *We empower students to have ownership of their learning.*
- *We value Student Voice.*
- *Instruction is modified to meet the needs of our diverse student population*
- *We offer academic support through a lunch time tutoring program, homework help, before and after school*
- *We offer in-person and virtual Social Emotional Learning experiences through our guidance department.*

Elective Courses

- *Concert Band*
- *Orchestra*
- *Chorus*
- *Dance*
- *Fine Arts*
- *Graphic Technology*
- *Leadership*
- *Cultural Awareness/Community Services*

Extra-Curricular activities

- *National Junior Honor Society*
- *C.H.A.M.P.S Athletic Program*
- *Dance Club*
- *Cooking Club*
- *Sports & Fitness Club*
- *Arts & Crafts Club*
- *Middle School Smarts STEM Club*
- *Forces of Nature Environmental Awareness Club*
- *The Billion Oyster Project*

We have partnerships with a variety of community organizations!