

Outcomes

EXPECTED STUDENT OUTCOMES

Upon completion of the program, students are expected to have achieved the following:

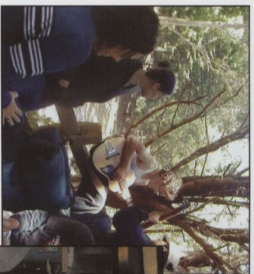
- High school graduation;
- Identification with a community of learners;
- Increased motivation and engagement in project-based learning;
- Accumulation of college credits and early preparation for college admission;
- Improved communication skills and media literacy;
- Increased maturity, independence and evidence of coping skills;
- Work experience and exploration of career options, particularly in multimedia and broadcasting;
- Improved attendance and academic achievement.

Timeline

TIMELINE FOR FALL ENROLLMENT*

- _____ MARCH _____
- Fall application available
- Information meetings on high school campuses
- Application deadline
- _____ APRIL _____
- Student writing/reading tests
- Information Night for students, parents/guardians
- Student/parent/guardian Interviews
- _____ MAY _____
- Student selection and notification
- _____ JUNE-JULY _____
- Student registration and scheduling
- _____ AUGUST _____
- Student orientation
- Classes begin

* Contact Middle College for specific dates, times and locations. Middle College also accepts students in the spring semester.



Quotes

COMMENTS FROM MIDDLE COLLEGE STUDENTS BOTH PAST AND PRESENT

- " This year I really feel like I've turned my life around. "
- " Before enrolling in Middle College, I didn't have any educational goals. Now, I plan to go to college. "
- " I think I've grown as a person. I'm working harder and studying more. Middle College is a good place for me. "
- " Middle College created a tight 'family' in ways that high schools couldn't. Everyone was needed to make this a complete experience. "

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San Mateo Middle College High School

What is San Mateo Middle College High School? San Mateo Middle College High School is an alternative education collaboration between the San Mateo Union High School District and the College of San Mateo. Located on the College of San Mateo campus, Middle College serves high school juniors and seniors whose needs are not being met by the traditional high school. The Middle College student population represents diversity in culture, ethnicity, areas of interest, skill and talent.



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Mission

MISSION OF SAN MATEO
MIDDLE COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

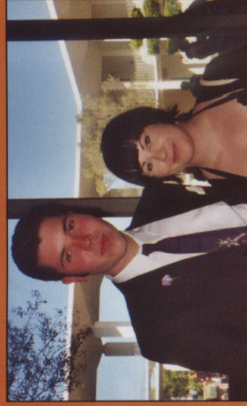
SAN MATEO MIDDLE COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL provides a supportive, flexible and academically enriched environment for students whose needs are not being met by the larger, traditional educational system. It is designed to promote academic achievement, completion of high school and success in college.



Goals

GOALS OF SAN MATEO
MIDDLE COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

- To unite a community of learners, intent on pursuing academic and career aspirations.
- To give students a solid foundation for college studies.
- To help students prepare for a career.
- To expose students to a variety of career opportunities and courses typically not available in high schools.
- To provide students the support services needed to be successful in high school and college courses.
- To assist students to become self-directed and to become responsible for their education.
- To help students understand the connection between school, work and career choices.



Who?

WHO IS THE MIDDLE COLLEGE
STUDENT?

Potential Middle College students may be characterized by any of the following:

- Disconnected from the typical high school environment, but have a sincere interest in completing high school;
- Shows a discrepancy between standardized test scores and actual grades;
- Demonstrates the potential maturity to cope with the challenges and relative freedom of a college environment;
- Gifted in an area such as music, art or computers but generally is not succeeding in other academic areas;
- Is a creative, independent thinker;
- Is "at risk" of dropping out;
- Eager to "get on with life."

Curriculum

MIDDLE COLLEGE CURRICULUM

Students are required to take three high school courses each semester which adhere to the SMUHSD-approved curriculum and satisfy high school graduation requirements. Juniors take American Literature and United States History. Seniors take English and semester-length courses in Economics and American Government. All students take a daily high school study skills course.

Students round out their schedules with a variety of college courses for which they can earn high school and college credit.

Staff

MIDDLE COLLEGE STAFF

The required high school courses are taught by San Mateo Union High School District teachers who collaborate in developing an integrated curriculum. The teachers also monitor student progress and advise students both in academic courses and career preparation.

Support

SUPPORT SERVICES & RESOURCES

Middle College students have access to CSM's comprehensive student services program and the instructional resources on campus including

- College counseling and advising
- Tutorial and mentoring programs
- Instructional labs
- College library
- Career Development Center
- Transfer Center
- Psychological and health services
- Student clubs

Requirements

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

During their first semester in Middle College, all students take two college introduction classes, "Planning for Student Success" and "Strategies for Educational Success." Juniors must fulfill a community service requirement during the spring semester. Seniors are required to work as volunteers or interns in a career-related field. This requirement must be completed in the fall semester. CSM's Cooperative Education program helps juniors and seniors find appropriate community service or internship opportunities.

