

Welcome to WISH Academy School



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A 9-12 CHARTER SCHOOL

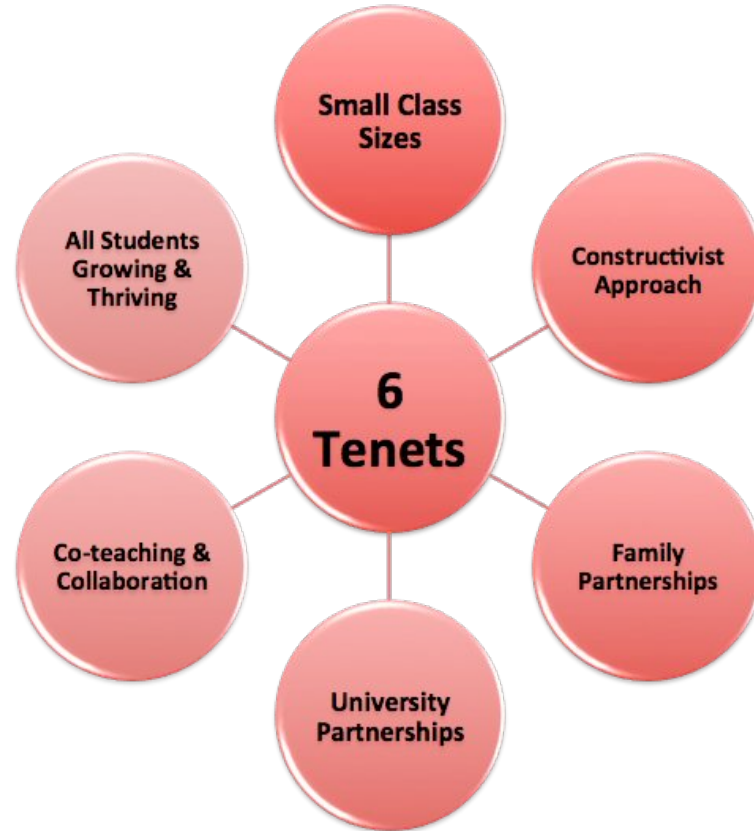
9th-12th Grade Whole Scholar Approach to Education

Welcome

The WISH mission is to maximize each learner's potential within an atmosphere of caring and belonging, through meaningful and engaging learning experiences, a collaborative team of educators, and research based practices.

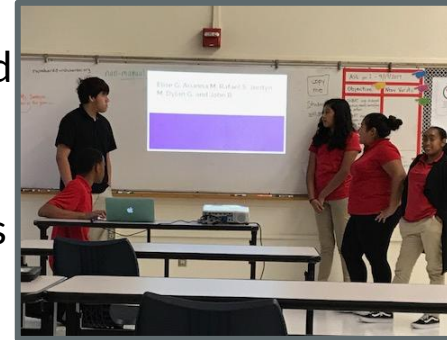


6 Tenets



Goals for Graduates

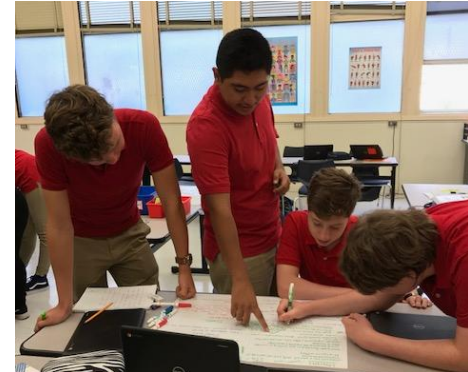
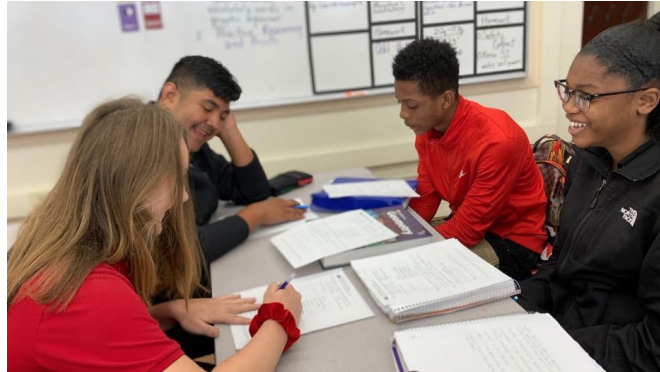
- **100% College acceptance**- All Students will be supported in applying and gaining admittance into college programs, including vocational programs
- **Individuals committed to social justice through inclusivity**- All students graduate with a deep understanding of the value of ALL people and the amazing opportunities we have when diversity is embraced
- **Critical thinkers prepared to lead**-Through inquiry and challenge-based problem solving, all students are prepared to tackle real world problems
- **Stewards of the environment**- Students are motivated to sustain places of beauty, efficiency, and spaces that are respectful of natural resources.



Advisory

Our advisory program will develop and support students' positive social behavior skills. Advisory will meet each day for 40 minutes and takes place between 1:50-2:30 every day. Advisory class will be an opportunity to develop closer relationships with peers in a safe, small group setting.

- Social-emotional skills
- College prep support
- Resume building & mock interviews
- Academic skill building
- RULER emotional intelligence program

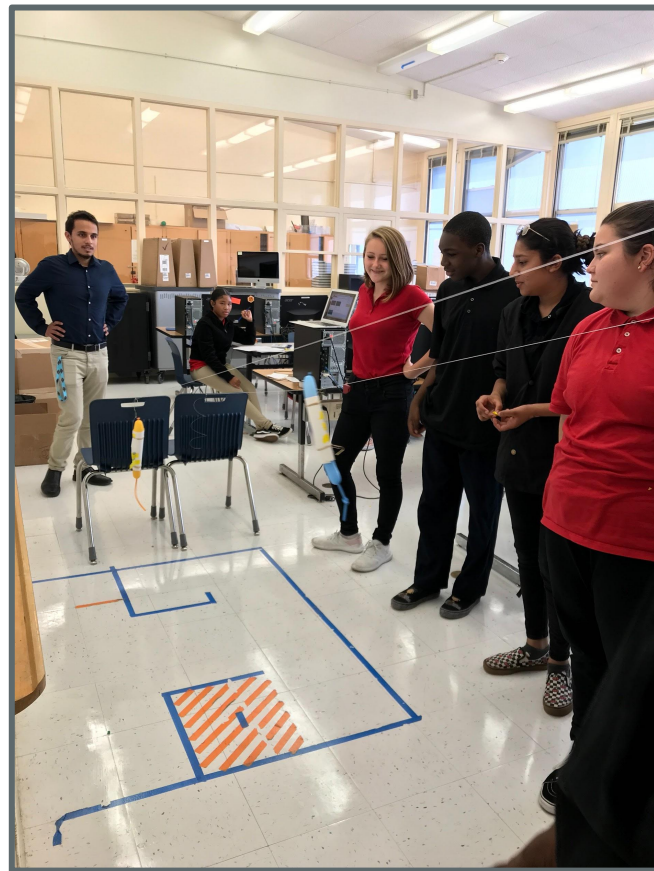




Constructivist Approach

Differentiated Instruction

- Adjustments to the curriculum are made based on individual student need to provide access to the core curriculum
- Content, Process & Product are adjusted to reach and teach each learner
- Curriculum is extended, modified, or accommodated based on the ability level of the student.
- Access to hands on learning, project based learning, constructivist techniques, direct instruction, and a variety of research based methods
- GATE strategies are used in every class - Depth and Complexity techniques, open ceiling and extension activities



College and Career Readiness

- College preparatory coursework
- Business partnerships for real world learning experiences and internships
- College counseling beginning in 9th grade
- Naviance college preparation and access software beginning in 9th grade
- A-G courses, paired with pathway courses, seminars, Honors, AP, and dual enrollment options
- Leadership opportunities in civics- LACOE and local district leadership council, WISH Academy Leadership council, Link Leaders



Pathways- students take 1 course per semester

Stem Pathways



- **Biomedical Science (Project Lead the Way)**

Students step into the roles of medical investigators, surgeons, and biomedical engineers. This exciting pathway includes cool classes such as the Human Body Systems, Medical Interventions, and Biomedical Innovations.

- **Engineering (Project Lead the Way)**

Students are immersed in activities like designing a home, programming electronic devices, or exploring algae as a biofuel source. Classes include Aerospace Engineering, Civil Engineering, Environmental Sustainability, and many more!

Arts Pathway

- **Visual and Performing Arts**

Express yourself! Participate in the amazing experience of performing in live theater, dance, and musical productions! Classes include Documentary Filmmaking, Playwriting, and more.

Humanities Pathway

- **Liberal Arts/Civics**

Do you have strong feelings about justice, poetry, and the world? Are you looking to have a career in law or political science? Then this pathway is for you! Join us for classes that include Civic Engagement, Formal Debate, Cultural Anthropology, and Social Justice.

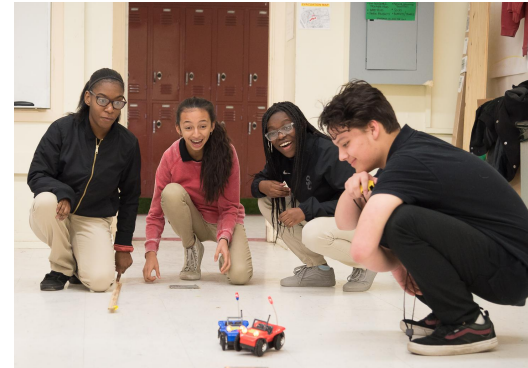
Spanish or American Sign Language

- We serve a diverse community and want to give students a choice between two foreign languages to study
- Some learners are kinesthetic learners and may prefer ASL
- Students must take at least two years of foreign language to meet A-G requirements



Seminars-Each student picks 2 per semester!

1. Robotics
2. Financial Literacy
3. Social Enterprise & Business
4. Digital Music
5. ASB Leadership
6. Sports Statistics
7. Contemporary Art
8. Introduction to Economics
9. Public Speaking
10. Academic Collegiate Excellence (ACE)
11. Introduction to Journalism
12. Human Geography
13. Drones- Advanced Aerial
14. Introduction to Psychology
15. Advanced Aerial Drones



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Academic Excellence

National Honors Society

- Students in grades 10-12 are welcome to apply to be in the National Honors Society; scholars enjoy some unique privileges and leadership opportunities when they partake in this group

Advanced Placement

- Students interested in going deeper into the content areas and pursuing competitive university options are permitted to take a myriad of AP courses throughout their HS experience

Honors Courses

- WISH Academy provides opportunities for students to participate in additional rigorous coursework resulting in an honors notation and GPA boost on their transcript

Articulation Agreement

- Many courses are aligned with the high standards and rigorous requirements of local community colleges; in these courses students can earn dual enrollment for A-G courses and college credits

Specialty Curricular Programs



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Leadership Opportunities

- Student Council
- Link Leaders
- Student Ambassadors
- Service Learning (30 hours/year-Req.)

Clubs & Sports/Activities

- eSports Club, Movie Club, Sports Club, Circle of Friends, ASL Club, Link Leaders, Strings Ensemble Club, Art Club, Math Club, AP English Club
- Basketball, Volleyball, Soccer, Baseball, Track, Cross Country, WISH Student Band, Theater

Grade Level Retreats, Field Trips & Socials

- Trivia nights, Homecoming, Dances, Scavenger hunts, game nights, and so much more!
- College visits, museums, and field trips to local businesses
- Overnight Field Trip- Big Bear

Presentations of Learning and Exhibitions

- Presentation of Learning (POLs)- Twice at the end of each semester scholars demonstrate knowledge of a content learned to an **audience**
- Exhibitions- A public presentation, given once per semester, demonstrating a project based learning experience that addresses a real world challenge



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Athletics/Competitive Academics



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Fall - G. Volleyball, Cross Country, G. Tennis

Winter - Basketball, Soccer, Sideline Cheer

Spring - Track & Field, Baseball, Softball, B. Tennis,
B. Volleyball, Competitive Cheer



Family Partnerships



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It take a Village!

- WISH has developed close partnerships with the community and the families we serve.
- WISH Academy parents contribute their time and talents to support the students at WISH; although is not a requirement...it is very popular!
- Ways to get involved: Parent Liaisons, School Site Council, WCA Leadership





University Partnerships



Research to Practice

- This partnership provides us with an opportunity to continually study and improve the instructional model and maintain “best practices”
- Allows for ongoing professional development for teachers and staff from experts in our field
- We serve as a demonstration site for up and coming educators and service providers



Co-Teaching & Collaboration



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Teaching Together

- Teachers are partners in planning, teaching and assessing each scholar
- Facilitate students meeting rigorous standards and individualized learning goals
- Innovative Teaching Models
- Daily Debriefing



All Students Growing & Thriving



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We Serve the Whole Community!

- Students who are interested in pursuing a specific learning pathway
- Students who are athletes
- Students who are gifted
- Students with different socio-economic needs
- Students who need special education services
- English Language Learners
- All kinds of families

WISH Academy welcomes
All scholars



Dress Code

All students attending the WISH Academy will be expected to follow the School dress code. A dress code promotes unity and the idea that the mind and body are more important than clothing. Additionally, the dress code supports becoming part of a community and a sense of belonging which is key to our mission. Appropriate student dress also supports the practice of inclusion and our primary focus--learning.

Monday - Thursday Dress Code

Pants/Shorts/Skirts	Solid khaki or black and shorts/skirts must reach the bottom of fingertips
Dresses	Solid red or black dresses and must reach the bottom of fingertips
Tops	Solid color red or black or WISH branded polo collared shirts
Outerwear	Solid WISH branded, red or black sweaters, blazers, windbreakers, crew neck sweatshirts
Shoes	Closed-toed, snug fitting shoes, no wheels, no flip-flops, no heels
Hats	No hats or hoods or hooded sweatshirts of any type are permitted to be worn during school

Friday

Professional dress is permitted on Fridays. This is a 'dress-up day' not a 'dress-down' day.



Co-Location



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Benefits

- 4 Schools, 1 Campus
- Weekly meeting between all principals
- Private classroom and work spaces for each school
- Shared facilities: auditorium, gymnasium, social hall
- Share emergency drills and safety teams



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