



SUMMIT VIEW SCHOOLS

Summit View Schools are dedicated to educating young people with learning differences who possess average to superior intellectual capabilities. Recognizing the unique strengths, aptitudes, and natural gifts of each student, the program fosters academic growth, creativity, and a sense of mastery and accomplishment. A commitment to maximizing each student's potential and performance forms the foundation of the school's educational program.

Distance Learning Program

From a distance teaching and learning program to clinical services to social opportunities to parent engagement, in response to this novel situation, Summit View Schools has created a comprehensive virtual version of itself.

Albert Einstein is credited with saying, "In the midst of every crisis, lies great opportunity." There is great opportunity in front of us. We know that after our students graduate from Summit View, they will enter a world that will require them to function digitally. As we offer options for teaching and learning online, we are also providing opportunities for our students to continue learning essential skills such as self-regulation, time management, self-advocacy, organization, problem-solving and being able to adapt to an ever-changing world. Summit View's Distance Learning Program supports students in developing the skills and habits necessary in order to be successful in the global digital society they will enter as adults.

Academics

For two years now Summit View has been a **Google Classroom School**. Google Classroom enables teachers to create an online classroom area in which they can manage all the documents that their students need. Documents are stored on Google Drive and can be edited in Drive's apps, such as Google Docs, Sheets, and so on. Students and teachers work collaboratively within the environment on projects and assignments, as well as communicate through the platform.

Google Meet is a video conferencing application that can be used along with Google Classroom to allow for real-time teaching and learning.

Our distance learning program consists of students going from class to class daily to receive online real-time teaching instruction from their team of teachers. In addition, a segment of the day consists of office hours during which individual needs can be further addressed through additional support and tutorials. Sample schedule attached.

Our Distance Learning Program encompasses our multi-modal approach to teaching and learning in that it includes robust discussions, collaborative work, video and audio clips, hands-on exercises and individual work time, as well as student lead activities and presentations.

Many of our students benefit from innovative classroom tools for sensory support including ball chairs, resistance bands, foot cycles, and squeeze toys. So that our students could benefit from the same tools and accommodations they use while on campus, we provided such resources for them to use at home as well.

Provider Services

In addition to our robust academic program, through our comprehensive distance learning program we are able to maintain school-based counseling, speech and language, and occupational therapy services. During these difficult times, when many of our students are experiencing heightened anxiety and fear, we find it necessary for us to incorporate therapeutic minutes into our distance learning program. Service minutes are taking place as they would if we were on campus. Students are able to participate in both individual and group sessions, as well as request additional time if they are in need.

Social Opportunities

For more and more students and families, the required social distancing mandate is leading to intense feelings of isolation. In an effort to keep our students connected to one another and virtually foster a sense of community during these difficult times, we have created social opportunities for our students and parents. Opportunities for students include various clubs, theme dress days and gatherings, after school enrichment opportunities, and more! Examples include Pet Day during which students have the opportunity to virtually share their pets, a workout club, and our Gay Straight Alliance Club.

Parent Engagement

Like our students, our parents benefit from community involvement and outreach. Regular communication and transparency, as well as offering tutorials in the necessary virtual programs, have been instrumental in keeping our parents/guardians connected and informed. Grade level chat groups between parents and principals have been well attended, and Round Table meetings have continued as usual. Virtual Meetups revolving around interests and hobbies have also been requested. We are currently putting together a virtual schedule for our Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences. We have also put together a list of suggestions for social opportunities for families to take place over weekends and Spring Break, including Meets, Netflix Party etc., to assist them in facilitating virtual gatherings during the time off.

*Prior to our campus closing, we assessed the technological needs of our students and staff. All students who we knew may need a device were provided one prior to our closure. We have two Summit View Schools, one in Culver City and one in Valley Glen, California. Between both Summit View campuses, we serve approximately 250 students, elementary through high school.