

**AVID:** An elective that targets students in the academic middle and provides academically rigorous and challenging work through small group tutorial sessions.

**Choice Schools:** A public school offering special instruction and programs not available elsewhere. For instance, Spanish immersion, project based learning, Chinese immersion, STEM schools, multi-age competency based learning, etc.

**Co-located Preschool Programs at Elementary Sites:** Preschool programs that are part of the elementary model to ensure stronger readiness and transition to kindergarten.

**Differentiated Programming:** Includes AVID, Mosaic, KEY in elementary, as well as advanced and enriched course offerings, and alternative learning programs in middle and high school.

**Exploratory Classes:** Includes art, technical education, physical education, imPACT! and health

**Flipped instruction:** Short video lectures are viewed by students at home before the class session, while in-class time is devoted to exercises, projects, or discussions while the teacher is available to answer questions.

**Four C's:** Strong emphasis on Communication, Creativity, Collaboration and Critical Thinking are embedded into classroom instruction.

**Hybrid school:** Students learn at least in part through online instruction and media with student control over time, place and pace.

**imPACT!:** Seventh grade enrichment course designed to build students' understanding of their own strengths and to identify their personal goals, and aspirations.

**International Baccalaureate or IB World School:** Engages students in a rigorous curriculum that provides a holistic, international education.

**KEY:** A program for gifted and talented students in second through sixth grade that engages them in activities utilizing problem solving, higher level thinking skills and advanced topics.

**Mosaic:** Full-day classroom program for students in grades 3 through 6 that provides a challenging curriculum at an accelerated pace.

**One-to-One Technology:** Each student has access to a personal electronic learning device, e.g., iPad, MacBook. Makes learning possible anywhere, anytime.

**Online school:** Courses are taught primarily through online methods and students would not report to a traditional classroom.

**Personalized Learning:** A diverse variety of educational programs, learning experiences, instructional approaches, and academic-support strategies that are intended to address the distinct learning needs, interests, aspirations, or cultural backgrounds of individual students. Personalized learning is seen as an alternative to so-called, “one-size-fits-all” approaches to schooling in which teachers may, for example, provide all students in a given course with the same type of instruction, the same assignments, and the same tests with little variation or modification from student to student. Personalized learning may also be called student-centered learning, since the general goal is to make individual learning needs the primary consideration in important educational and instructional decisions.

**Project Based Learning School:** Using a teaching method where students gain knowledge and skills by working for an extended period of time to investigate and respond to complex questions, problems or challenges.

**Project Based Learning:** Instructional approach that typically assigns a project or series of projects to students that require them to use diverse skills—such as researching, writing, interviewing, collaborating, or public speaking—to produce various work products, such as research papers, scientific studies, public-policy proposals, multimedia presentations, video documentaries, art installations, or musical and theatrical performances, for example.

**Service Learning:** A method of teaching that combines classroom instruction with meaningful community service.

**STEAM School:** STEM school with the Arts added.

**STEM School:** Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

**Teaming:** Creates a greater sense of community and belonging by pairing a small groups of teachers with groups of 150 students.