

SMMUSD Mission: Extraordinary Achievement for ALL while Simultaneously Closing the Achievement Gap

Deep Learning Concept (A Project Based Approach for student engagement):

- Increases self and others' expectations for more learning and achievement by providing a process for this
- Increases student engagement in the learning through personalization and ownership
- Connects students to the "real world," which is often more reflective of their own reality and cultural identity, which can be particularly important for students from other cultures
- Resonates with spiritual values that link to vast numbers of the population, whether secular or religious
- Builds skills, knowledge, self-confidence, and self-efficacy through inquiry
- Builds new relationships with and between the learner, their family, their communities, and their teachers
- Deepens human desire to connect with others to do good

SMMUSD Shared Values

Student-Centered

We make decisions and allocate resources with “students first” in mind.

Equity

We meet our students where they are and provide the necessary resources and attention to make all students successful.

Engagement

We engage students in meaningful, rigorous and relevant educational experiences where they are inspired, supported, challenged and motivated.

Collaboration

We are stronger when we collaborate, dialogue and listen to each other in a civil, productive way, to improve outcomes for our students.

Diversity

We respect and value our diverse student and staff population as an integral part of our learning community.

Civility

We work and dialogue with each other in a respectful manner, setting the example for our students of how civil discourse leads to positive outcomes.