

do. learn. thrive.



**SAMOHI'S PROJECT BASED LEARNING PATHWAY** is an experiential, challenging, student-driven learning experience that creates authentic relationships between students, teachers, and community mentors. The PBL Pathway offers Samohi students a unique opportunity for creative and intellectual depth and future-relevant learning.

**PBL PATHWAY** students spend mornings learning academic content, aligned to the California state standards, through teacher driven real world projects and student driven interest-based experiences.

In the afternoon, PBL Pathway students participate in sports or PE, clubs, social events, art and theater courses, and languages.



## LOCATION

**SAMOHI PBL PATHWAY**  
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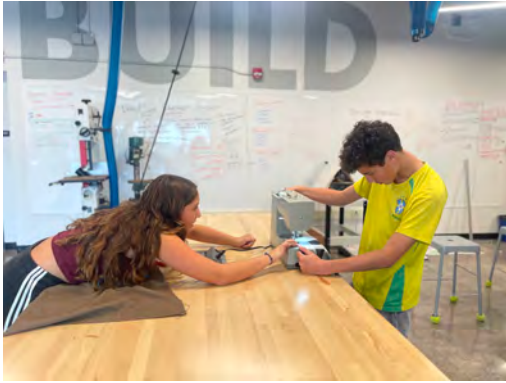
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<https://www.smmusd.org/PBL>



# THE PBL PATHWAY DIFFERENCE



## LEARNING BY DOING

PBL pathway projects integrate curriculum across disciplines with content workshops designed to meet students' needs.

## ADVISORY

Students stay with an advisor and a group of fellow classmates for four years, building close personal relationships.

## Learning Through Interests & Internships

PBL Pathway students have up to four hours a week to pursue, with staff support, their personal interests and learning goals through independent projects and community based internships.

## THRIVING

PBL implements best practices for student wellbeing including focusing on student belonging and connection and implementing homework policies to ensure purpose and volume of homework is appropriate and balanced with students' social, emotional, and physical health.

## FUTURE READY

Core courses are UC A-G approved and the expectation is that students are exposed to curriculum that would allow them to demonstrate mastery on standardized tests (CAASPP, SAT, ACT). Students must take college entrance exams and apply to college or post-secondary school programs. This model supports students in creating post-high school plans (college and career).

## WHY PBL?

Because it works.

Studies show that PBL is highly effective at fostering positive relationships, helping students discover and pursue their interests, and raising high school graduation and college entrance rates.



## APPLY NOW!

We will be enrolling 50 freshmen for the upcoming school year, and also accepting applications for sophomores based on space availability. Applicants must be current SMMUSD students or reside within the SMMUSD attendance boundaries. We seek to have balanced representation from all SMMUSD middle school programs (LMS, JAMS, SMASH and MMS) and strive to represent our community by ensuring a minimum of 26% socio-economically disadvantaged students, English learners and students with disabilities. A waitlist will be maintained for all interested applicants.



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