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.

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

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

PBL Pathway students graduate with a Samohi diploma.

LOCATION
SAMOHI PBL PATHWAY
At the SMC Pico Complex
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For more information on the program go to:
https://www.smmusd.org/PBL

Now on the SMC Campus!
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 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 freshmen, sophomores, and juniors for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. 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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