Tustin Memorial Academy

Established 1995

National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence

California Distinguished School

California Exemplary School:

Physical Education and Nutrition

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Two Choices for Academic Excellence

Tustin Memorial Academy (TMA) is a Tustin Unified School District K-5 Magnet School open to all elementary students who reside within the district boundaries. TMA is a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, a California Distinguished School, and a California Exemplary School in Physical Education and Nutrition.
The school features two separate programs – Fundamental, and Gifted and Talented Education (GATE). An important component of attending TMA is the Commitment Agreement which explains school policies and procedures and is signed by students and parents each year. TMA will be accepting new students for the 2016-17 school year via the lottery to be held on March 7, 2016.

District Fundamental Program

Tustin Memorial Academy was created in 1995 as the Tustin Unified School District's sole K-5 Fundamental School focusing on reading, writing, and math. A successful aspect of the program is the home-school partnership which supports high expectations for academic achievement.

The Fundamental Program has established a strong academic curriculum which provides:

- A Balanced Literacy program emphasizing reading instruction in phonics, the writing process, spelling, grammar, and comprehension
- Hands-on math experiences emphasizing basic skills, concept development, and Cognitively Guided Instruction
- Performance-based groupings in language arts and math to meet the needs of individual students
- On-going assessment and evaluation of student achievement to maintain flexible academic groupings
- Use of technology as a tool for all subjects to engage students in rigorous and collaborative learning
- 1:1 iPad program for grades 3, 4 and 5
- Technology is integrated into all curricular areas
- Physical Education teacher for grades 1 through 5
- SMART boards and amplification system in all classrooms
- Para-educators in grades K-2 to provide small group instruction and intervention
- Organic garden with standards-based lessons incorporated across the curriculum in all grade levels

District GATE/APL Magnet Program

In 1996, Tustin Memorial Academy became Tustin Unified School District's Magnet School for identified Gifted and Talented Education students. A unique feature of our GATE/Advanced Primary Learner (APL) program is that qualified students are enrolled in full-day self-contained classrooms in grades 1 through 5. Research shows that the early identification and enrollment of students in a GATE/APL program contributes to the student's future academic success.

The Magnet GATE/APL Program provides a *Differentiated Curriculum* which promotes:

- A relationship between rigorous academics, acceleration, and enrichment
- Opportunities for study in greater depth and complexity throughout the curriculum
- Student creativity and curiosity through the exploration of the "how's" and "why's"
- Specific educational opportunities responsive to the aptitudes of gifted and advanced students
- Development of advanced skills through research and technology
- Emphasis on critical thinking skills
- An appreciation for learning, a value of intellectualism, and an aptitude for scholarly production

K-5 Student Enrollment Procedures

Priority for Enrollment Consideration (based upon space availability)

1. Continuing Students (1-11-16 through 1-15-16)

Parents whose students are currently enrolled at Tustin Memorial Academy will confirm intent to continue enrollment for the 2016-17 school year under the following conditions:

- Tustin Memorial Academy Enrollment Survey and Commitment Agreement will be sent home January 8, 2016 and returned by January 15, 2016. **Families not in compliance with the TMA Commitment Agreement will receive <u>conditional</u> re-enrollment surveys.**
- Parents of continuing students who do not return the enrollment survey and those who choose not to re-enroll at TMA need to contact their school of residence to initiate enrollment for the 2016-17 school year
- **INTERDISTRICT TRANSFERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

2. Siblings of Continuing Students and Priority Preference Area (PPA) Students (1-25-16 through 2-1-16)

Siblings of current K-5* and PPA students have priority and may enroll on a space-available basis beginning January 25, 2016.

- Parents of Kindergarten students may pick up an enrollment packet in the school office and return packet by February 1, 2016. Early Bird/Late Bird openings are **considered** on a first-return basis (completed enrollment packet is time-stamped upon return to the TMA office).
- Parents of 1st – 5th grade students may fill out an Enrollment Request Form by February 1, 2016.

*Family must be in compliance with the Commitment Agreement as noted above.

3. Students Residing Within TUSD (2-11-16 through 3-4-16)

Lottery cards will be available to parents beginning February 11, 2016 at the conclusion of each tour. Cards are due no later than 4:30 p.m. on March 4, 2016. The lottery for all grades in both Fundamental and GATE/APL will be held in the TMA multi-purpose room at 3:00 p.m. on March 7, 2016. Attendance at the lottery is optional. Results will be posted in the office window by 8:00 a.m. on March 8, 2016.

Parents will be notified by phone if we are able to offer enrollment as a result of the lottery. **Due to our lengthy waiting list, we require proof of residency to be presented to the TMA school office within 48 hours of our phone call.** An enrollment packet will be given at that time.

TOUR DATES

Location: TMA Multi-purpose Room

Thursday, February 11, 2016 at 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, February 18, 2016 at 8:45 a.m.

Lottery cards will be available after 10:00 am on Feb. 11 and are due before March 4, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

LOTTERY

Location: TMA Multi-purpose Room

Monday, March 7, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.

Tustin Memorial Academy

Mission Statement

All Tustin Memorial Academy students are to develop a love for learning, to read at or above grade level, and to meet or exceed grade level standards in a scholarly environment with materials and personnel to support the instructional program.

Vision Statement

As a Fundamental and GATE/APL Magnet school, Tustin Memorial Academy passionately believes that by focusing on the foundations of literacy and mathematics in a character building environment, we will produce strong readers, writers, problem solvers, and responsible citizens. The GATE/APL curriculum focuses on depth and complexity of the grade level standards. The fundamental aspect of the school holds high expectations for student achievement, student respectful behavior, and adherence to the TMA Parent Commitment Agreement. Service-learning activities are an integral aspect of the school community. Our unwavering commitment and devotion to our students as leaders of tomorrow is represented by our school STAR logo depicting "Special, Talented, and Responsible" and motto "Helping Children Reach for the Stars".

An Award-Winning Educational Experience

TMA is a unique School of Choice:

- 2013 API Score of 963--number 1 in TUSD, top 15 in Orange County
- Highest 2015 CAASPP scores in English Language Arts and Math in TUSD, top 5 in Orange County
- Student/parent Commitment Agreement to adhere to all school procedures
- School-wide commitment to ongoing communication between school and home
- High standards for student behavior
- An obligation to good attendance/punctuality
- Parent volunteerism is required

Tustin Memorial Staff

Our highly-skilled, professional staff provides a challenging learning environment for all students. All teachers attend on-going staff development and district-wide in-services to increase their instructional expertise in Technology, Balanced Literacy, Cognitively Guided Instruction, and Gifted and Talented Education.

School Tours Are Available

School tours at Tustin Memorial Academy are planned for parents of students residing within the TUSD boundaries and who are interested in enrolling their children at the school. Tours, covering all grade levels, will be held Thursday, February 11, 2016 at 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. and Thursday, February 18, 2016 at 8:45 a.m. Parents will be able to meet with the school principal, visit classrooms, tour the campus, and receive additional information.

Call the school office in January at (714) 730-7546 to sign up for one of our tours.