



## San Francisco Elementary School Fair & Forum: Creating Inclusive Environments for LGBT Families Participating Schools 2007

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### **Alvarado Elementary School**

625 Douglass Street  
San Francisco, CA 94114  
415-695-5695  
www.alvaradoschool.net  
Neighborhood: Noe Valley  
School Type: Public  
Contact: Robert Broecker, Principal  
broeckerr@sfusd.edu

Our mission: To reach and teach the heart and soul of the child through a fertile language experience, math, the arts and sciences.

### **Brandeis Hillel Day School**

655 Brotherhood Way  
San Francisco, CA 94132  
415-406-1035  
www.bhds.org  
Neighborhood: Lake Merced  
School Type: Independent  
Contact: Tania Lowenthal, Director of Admissions and Marketing  
tlowenthal@bhds.org

Students and families are welcome into a warm, open, and diverse Jewish community, inclusive of all backgrounds with shared values. The school recognizes and celebrates the uniqueness of each student and strives for the development of the whole child by providing children with an outstanding academic program within a culture of radical kindness.

### **Cathedral School for Boys**

1275 Sacramento  
San Francisco, CA 94108  
415-771-6600  
www.cathedralschool.net  
Neighborhood: Nob Hill  
School Type: Independent  
Contact: Catherine Madison, Director of Admission  
Madison@cathedralschool.net

We are an independent k-8 school, with rigorous academics and values established in the Episcopal tradition. A cohesive community, with vibrant curriculum enabling students to become life long learners.

### **Children's Day School**

333 Dolores Street  
San Francisco, CA 94131  
415-861-5432  
www.cds-sf.org  
Neighborhood: Mission/ Castro/ Noe Valley  
School Type: Independent  
Contact: Aimee Giles, Director of Admissions and Communications  
aimeeg@cds-sf.org

Our students thrive in a culture of diversity that allows them to spend less energy trying to “measure up” and instead - with our guidance - build upon their own unique genius to achieve academic success.

### **Chinese American International School**

150 Oak Street  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
415-865-6084  
www.cais.org  
Neighborhood: Hayes Valley  
School Type: Independent  
Contact: John Leiner, Director of Admissions  
j\_leiner@cais.org

For 25 years CAIS has been educating students for academic excellence, moral character, and international perspective through Mandarin-English immersion education in American and Chinese culture and language, pre-K to eighth grade.

### **Creative Arts Charter School**

1601 Turk Street  
San Francisco, CA 94115  
415-749-3509  
www.creativeartscharter.org  
Neighborhood: Western Addition  
School Type: Public  
Contact: Stephanie Boyce, Director of Enrollment  
Cacs-stephanie@sbcglobal.net

Creative Arts Charter School’s mission is to provide kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students with an innovative, high-quality education through a constructivist approach that focuses on an arts-integrated, project-based curriculum, with the overall goal of giving our students a lifetime appreciation of learning and development of their unique talents and abilities. We are committed to creating an environment that supports the diverse families of our community and fosters critical thinking around issues of race, gender, sexual orientation, socio-economic status and other social and cultural issues.

### **Fairmount Elementary School**

65 Chenery Street  
San Francisco, CA 94131  
415-695-5669  
www.fairmountschoolpta.org  
Neighborhood: Bernal/ Mission/ Glen Park  
School Type: Public

Fairmount Elementary is a Spanish immersion school located between Glen Park, Mission, Bernal Heights and Noe Valley. Fairmount shines in its support and celebration of students, families and the strength of our multicultural heritage, untied in its quest for educational excellence.

### **French-American International School**

150 Oak Street  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
415-558-2064  
www.frenchamericansf.org  
Neighborhood: Hayes Valley/Civic Center  
School Type: Independent  
Contact: Andrew Brown, Admissions Director  
andrewb@frenchamericansf.org

Our school is a bilingual/ international school preparing students for the IB and the French Baccalaureate. Our community is diverse and we welcome students without regard to gender, ethnicity, and parent sexual orientation.

**Grattan Elementary School**

165 Grattan Street  
San Francisco, CA 94117  
415-759-2815  
www.grattanschool.org  
Neighborhood: Cole Valley  
School Type: Public  
Contact: Jean Robertson, Principal  
info@grattanschool.org

Grattan Elementary is a small vibrant K-5 public school located in the Cole Valley neighborhood of San Francisco. We offer a solid, structured program with an emphasis on developing basic skills, supplemented with extra programs in arts and sciences.

**Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy**

4235 19<sup>th</sup> Street  
San Francisco, CA 94114  
415-241-6276  
www.harveymilk.com  
Neighborhood: Castro  
School Type: Public  
Contact: Shawn Maceira, Parent Liaison  
shawnabebe@yahoo.com

Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy is a small alternative Public School located in the beautiful Castro District. Our goals and beliefs are to prepare our children to be responsible members of a free society, by helping them understand the importance of peace, tolerance, equality, and friendship among people.

**Jose Ortega Elementary School**

400 Sargent Street  
San Francisco, CA 94132  
415-469-4726  
Joseortegaschool.org  
Neighborhood: Oceanview/ Merced Heights/ Ingleside  
School Type: Public  
Contact: JoLynn Washington, Principal

Jose Ortega Elementary School, a caring community of learners, offers four academic programs: General Education, Mandarin Immersion, Cantonese/English Bilingual, and for special education students we offer Full Inclusion, with Resource Specialists, and Speech Programs.

**Katherine Delmar Burke School**

7070 California Street  
San Francisco, CA 94121  
415-751-0177  
www.kdbs.org  
Neighborhood: Richmond/Seacliff  
Type: Independent  
Contact: Renee Thompson, Director of Admissions  
renee@kdbs.org

Katherine Delmar Burke School is an independent K-8 girls' school located on a 3 1/2 acre campus in San Francisco. We encourage exploration and academic achievement along with personal growth in a diverse and inclusive learning community.

**Leonard R. Flynn Elementary School**

3125 Cesar Chavez Street  
San Francisco, CA 94110  
415-695-5770  
www.flynnelementary.org  
Neighborhood: Bernal Heights/ Mission  
School Type: Public

Leonard R. Flynn is an up-and-coming multicultural K-5 school serving 450 students in the Mission district, offering both English language and Spanish Immersion programs. Please come for a tour Thursdays at 9am.

**Live Oak School**

1555 Mariposa Street  
San Francisco, CA 94107  
415-861-8840  
www.liveoaksf.org  
Neighborhood: Potrero Hill  
School Type: Independent  
Contact: Tracey Gersten, Director of Administrations and Outreach  
info@liveoaksf.org

Independent co-educational progressive k-8 school of 250 students. We seek to fulfill the potential and promise of each child. Individuality is highly valued. Highly involved and diverse parent body.

**Marin Country Day School**

5221 Paradise Drive  
Corte Madera, CA 94925  
415-927-5900  
www.mcds.org  
Neighborhood: Marin County  
School Type: Independent  
Contact: Jeff Escobar, Director of Admissions/ Outreach  
admission@mcds.org

Marin Country Day School is an independent k-8 coed day school enrolling 540 students at its 35-acre bayside campus in Corte Madera. The school's mission, underscored by core values of respect, responsibility and compassion, asks children to become skilled learners and ethical individuals, motivated to make a difference in the world.

**Marin Horizon School**

305 Montford Avenue  
Mill Valley, CA 94941  
415-388-8408  
www.marinhorizon.org  
Neighborhood: Marin County  
School Type: Independent  
Contact: Sharman Bonus, Admissions Director  
admissions@marinhorizon.org

Marin Horizon is a small, Montessori-inspired school whose mission is to challenge students to be self-reliant thinkers and lifelong learners. We inspire academic excellence, nurture students' natural love of learning, and encourage them to be confident individuals who are responsible to each other, the community, and the world. We serve toddlers through grade 8.

**Marin Primary & Middle School**

20 Magnolia Avenue  
Larkspur, CA 94939  
415-924-2608  
www.mpms.org  
Neighborhood: Marin County  
School Type: Independent  
Contact: Nicole Lavery  
info@mpms.org

Marin Primary & Middle School is a preschool-8th grade learning community of approximately 320 students. MP&S was founded in 1975 to encourage children and adults to work together to enjoy a lifelong pursuit of learning. Project based learning and team teaching aim to support a nurturing environment that includes a

Library Media Center, a woodworking studio and an organic outdoor education center. MP&MS aims to educate the whole child keeping in mind that all children learn differently. At MP&MS we ask ourselves "how is the child smart?" rather than "how smart is the child?" Our graduates emerge as confident and compassionate people.

**Marshall Elementary**

1575 15<sup>th</sup> Street  
San Francisco, CA 94103  
415-241-6280  
Neighborhood: Mission  
School Type: Public  
Contact: Monica Guzman, Principal

Multiculturalism and multilingualism opens the doors to the world: Marshall is a Spanish Immersion school located in the Mission. We have a science focus and have been called "an oasis in the heart of the Mission".

**McKinley Elementary School**

1025 14<sup>th</sup> Street  
San Francisco, CA 94114  
415-241-6300  
www.mckinleyschool.org  
Neighborhood: Castro/ Duboce Triangle  
School Type: Public

A small, diverse school of approximately 280 children, McKinley provides a nurturing environment and a strong general academic program, enhanced with music, art, environmental science, physical education and Spanish enrichment.

**Miraloma Elementary School**

175 Omar Way  
San Francisco, CA 94127  
415-469-4734  
www.miralomasf.com  
Neighborhood: Miraloma Park/ Mt. Davidson  
School Type: Public

Located high up Mt. Davidson, Miraloma Elementary School is a spacious, bright and nurturing place for children. Miraloma offers outstanding enrichment opportunities in the arts (music, movement, performing arts, ceramics, and poetry), science and gardening, physical activity with a full time coach who provides activities and exercise at all recess and PE time as well as afterschool. In addition to an afterschool enrichment program for K-5 children who need aftercare, Miraloma offers chess club, Mandarin and Spanish instruction, and tutoring for all children afterschool. One of the biggest assets is high parent involvement and a supportive collaboration among parents, teachers and staff. Please call 469-4734 to schedule a tour. Tours are on Thursday mornings.

**Monroe Elementary School**

260 Madrid Street  
San Francisco, CA 94112  
415-777-7021  
www.monroeelementaryschool.com  
Neighborhood: Excelsior  
School Type: Public

Located in the Excelsior, Monroe Elementary School is a lively school with a variety of programs including Spanish immersion, Cantonese Bilingual, and enriched English. Our school is diverse and welcoming!

**New Traditions Elementary**

2049 Grove Street  
San Francisco, CA 94117  
415-750-8490  
www.newtraditionspta.com  
Neighborhood: North of Panhandle/ USF  
Type: Public

New Traditions is a public, creative arts elementary school. We are the smallest (180) public elementary school in San Francisco. We believe that a successful academic education is best achieved in an intimate, nurturing, and stimulating learning environment. We reflect the diversity of our community and recognize the importance of the creative arts in education.

**Presidio Hill School**

3839 Washington Street  
San Francisco, CA 94118  
415-751-9318  
www.presidiohill.org  
Neighborhood: Presidio Heights, above Laurel Heights  
School Type: Independent  
Contact: Amy Pearson, Director of Admissions and Financial Assistance  
amy\_pearson@presidiohill.org

Presidio Hill School invites diverse families to join its inclusive and collaborative community. Students are encouraged to question, evaluate, and create in a safe environment that values individuality and respects differences.

**Robert Louis Stevenson Elementary**

2051 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94116  
415-759-2837  
Neighborhood: Sunset  
Type: Public  
Contact: V. Kanani Choy, Principal  
choyk@sfusd.edu

Robert Louis Stevenson is located in the heart of the sunset district. We have a dedicated staff of teacher and support personnel that stress academic excellence, personal development and good citizenship.

**Rosa Parks Elementary**

1501 O'Farrell Street  
San Francisco, CA 94115  
415-839-8590  
www. sfusd.edu  
Neighborhood; Western Addition (Fillmore and Japantown)  
Type: Public

Rosa Parks offers three programs: General Education, Japanese Bilingual Bicultural, and Special Education. The Diversity Committee promotes a culture where diversity is celebrated and bullying and name-calling not accepted.

**San Francisco Community Alternative K-8 School**

125 Excelsior Street  
San Francisco, CA 94112  
415-469-4739  
www.my-sfcs.org  
Neighborhood: Excelsior  
School Type: Public

This collectively run, K-8 public school is a small school by design that strive to support ALL students through small class size, project based instruction, and a warm and inclusive school culture.

**San Francisco Day School**

350 Masonic Avenue  
San Francisco, CA.94118  
415-568-3610  
www.sfds.net  
Neighborhood: North Panhandle  
School Type: Independent  
Contact: Linda Talton, Director of Admission

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San Francisco Day School is a K through 8 coed independent school. San Francisco Day School educates, nurtures and inspires girls and boys of diverse backgrounds to achieve their highest academic and creative potential, to embrace ethical values and to become active contributors to their communities.

**San Francisco Friends School**

117 Diamond Street  
San Francisco, CA 94114  
415-552-8500  
www.sffriendsschool.org  
Neighborhood: Castro – next year we are moving to the Mission  
School Type: Independent  
Contact: Yvette Bonaparte, Director of Admissions  
admissions@sffriendsschool.org

San Francisco Friends School is a K-8 co-educational independent school that combines outstanding academics with Quaker values of simplicity, integrity, mutual respect, service to others and peaceful problem solving.

**Sherman Elementary**

1651 Union Street  
San Francisco, CA 94123  
415-749-3530  
www.shermanschool.org  
Neighborhood: Marina  
School Type: Public  
Contact: Phyllis Matsuno, Principal  
pmatsun@muse.sfusd.edu

Sherman is a K-5 elementary school which has high interpretation of standards through rigorous curriculum balanced with drawing and painting, origami, dance, theater arts, gymnastics, and choral music. We have a Sports4Kids program which offers after school homework help as well as training to become junior coaches in the yard facilitating games on a rotating basis during lunch recess and participation in intramural sports after school. We have computer technology, science lab, and an art room. We have a free after school program from 2nd through 5th grades through federal funding offering homework supervision and enrichment. Our API scores this year went up 39 points to 867 with every subgroup meeting AYP! Our Green School Yard Project has a waterfall and pond with goldfish and lots of fruit trees and plants with picnic tables. We celebrate diversity!

**Starr King Elementary**

1215 Carolina Street  
San Francisco, CA 94107  
415-695-5797  
www.starrkingschool.org  
Neighborhood: Potrero Hill  
Type: Public  
Contact: Chris Rosenberg, Principal

Starr King Elementary School is a K-5 public school on San Francisco's Potrero Hill. It incorporates four program strands, English, special education, Spanish bilingual and Mandarin immersion.

**The Hamlin School**

2120 Broadway  
San Francisco, CA 94115  
415-674-5400  
www.hamlin.org  
Neighborhood: Pacific Heights  
School Type: Independent  
Contact: Lisa Lau Aquino, Director of Admissions  
Aquino@hamlin.org

The mission of The Hamlin School is “to educate girls and young women to meet the challenges of their time.” Hamlin is a place where diversity is a component of excellence and all members of the community are respected. We welcome and benefit from the perspectives that emerge from a diversity of ethnicity, culture, religion, socioeconomic status, learning style, sexual orientation, and family structure.”

**The Nueva School**

6565 Skyline Boulevard  
Hillsborough, CA 94010  
650-350-4528  
www.nuevaschool.org  
Neighborhood: Peninsula  
School Type: Independent  
Contact: Taryn Clark, Director of Admissions  
admissions@nuevaschool.org

The Nueva School, prekindergarten to eighth grade, offers a program focusing on inquiry- based and differentiated education, social-emotional learning, and real-world application of the curriculum for high ability children.

**The San Francisco School**

300 Gaven Street  
San Francisco, CA.94134  
415-239-5065 ext 103  
www.sfschool.org  
Neighborhood: Portola Neighborhood  
School Type: Independent  
Contact: Nina Wang, Admissions Director & Paloma Herman, Admissions Coordinator  
nwang@sfschools.org

The San Francisco School, preschool through eighth grade, is a small independent school that cultivates and celebrates the intellectual, imaginative and humanitarian promise of each student in a community that practices mutual respect, embraces diversity, and inspires a passion for learning. Currently, 10% of our school families identify as gay or lesbian and 50% of our students are students of color.

**Town School for Boys**

2750 Jackson Street  
San Francisco, CA 94115  
415-921-3747 ext 208  
www.townschool.com  
Neighborhood: Pacific Heights  
School Type: Private  
Contact: Ana Gonzalez-Crane, Directory of Diversity  
Gonzalez-crane@townschool.com

Town School is a K-8 school for boys. We believe a diverse and inclusive school community creates the best learning environment, enhances educational excellence, and better prepares our students to meet the challenges of our world. “At Town School, learning is prized, love of school is essential, and boyhood is celebrated.”