

Quick Facts

# LOWER SCHOOL

THE LOWER SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

SCHOOL DAY

8:10 a.m. to 3:10 p.m.

HOMEROOM

21 students to 1 teacher + 1 TA/intern.  
215 students total in grades 1-5.

TEACHERS AND SPECIALISTS

Homeroom teachers instruct in math, literacy, and social studies; specialist teachers for modern language (Mandarin or Spanish), science, music, art, PE and wellness, woodshop, technology and digital citizenship, and library skills; full-time counselor; equity and inclusion staff.

CONFERENCES AND COMMUNICATIONS

Three parent-teacher conferences annually, one student-led and written reports. Weekly newsletters from homeroom and BLS.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Alternating weeks of community meetings or small, mixed-grade advisory groups (C&Cs).

LEARNING SPACES

Two large homerooms for each grade level, with distinct learning areas; dedicated art studio, woodshop, music and language classrooms, science lab, library, dynamic playground.

LUNCH/SNACKS

Daily choice of school lunch or bring your own.

RECESS AND FIELD TRIPS

Daily outdoor recess; day trips throughout the year and an annual class trip, which can include an overnight stay.

TECHNOLOGY

One assigned iPad for each student;  
Tinkering with Technology class.

TRADITIONS

Disco Friday, Harvest Festival, Spring Festival, Community Meetings, and Learning Celebrations.

TRANSPORTATION

Catlin Gabel a.m. / p.m. bus routes,  
carpool system, and TriMet.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Typically runs from 7:15-8:10 a.m. (included in tuition) and 3:00-6:00 p.m. (additional cost).

CATLIN GABEL AT A GLANCE

MISSION AND VALUES

Catlin Gabel fosters compassionate and curious citizens of the world by inspiring in every student a love of learning and the courage to take responsible action. Values: integrity, inclusion, and kindness.

PRINCIPLES OF PROGRESSIVE EDUCATION

Experiential Learning, Spirit of Inquiry, Teaching the Whole Child, and Educating for Democracy.

2022-23 TUITION AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Tuition is \$34,200; Financial assistance (FA) available; \$5.3M allocated this year, 26% of families received FA.

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATIONS AND LANGUAGES

Students come from 51 zip codes in metro area; 39 different languages spoken at home.

CAMPUS

67-acre main campus with fir grove, apple orchard, playing fields, and trails; 8.5-acre East campus for community arts programs.

RACE AND ETHNICITY

- 3% Latinx/Hispanic
- 3% Black/African-American
- 16% Asian/AAPI
- 28% Multiracial
- 48% White

(Categories in keeping with US Census)



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2022–2023 SAMPLE SCHEDULE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:10am	Arrival / Morning Meeting				
8:30–9:45am	Literacy	Literacy	Literacy	Literacy	Literacy
9:45–10:00am	Morning Recess	Morning Recess	Morning Recess	Morning Recess	Morning Recess
10:00–11:00am	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math
11:00am–12:00pm	Lunch + Recess	Lunch + Recess	Lunch + Recess	Lunch + Recess	Lunch + Recess
12:00–1:30pm	Explorations: Social Studies + Woodshop / Art*	Explorations: Science / Tinkering with Tech / Library**	Explorations: Social Studies + Woodshop / Art*	Explorations: Social Studies + Woodshop / Art*	Explorations: Social Studies + Woodshop / Art*
1:30–2:00pm			Community Meeting		
2:00–3:00pm	Music / Wellness / Language	Music / Wellness / Language	Community Connections	Music / Wellness / Language	Music / Wellness / Language
3:00pm	Afternoon Meeting				
3:10pm	Dismissal				

Explorations:

\* Woodshop and art integrate with social study themes and are taught once a week for each grade.

\*\* Science integrates with Tinkering with Technology and Library and is taught once a week for each grade.