

Welcome!



**STRATFORD
SCHOOL**

Welcome to Stratford School

At Stratford School, we believe high expectations lead to extraordinary results. We begin early, applying our advanced and intentionally balanced curriculum in order to inspire and nurture the minds and hearts of every student.

Our ever-evolving curriculum infuses science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics – or STEAM – to help students develop the diverse set of problem-solving skills and talents they'll need in our changing world. Our experienced teachers foster a physically and emotionally secure environment where children feel safe and eager to try new things without the fear of failing.

This carefully designed approach challenges students, accelerates their achievement, and prepares them to become tomorrow's creative problem-solvers, innovators, and visionary, confident leaders.



From the Founder

As an educator, I believe in providing students with a positive and engaging learning environment. A rich and challenging curriculum, combined with strong character education, transforms the lives of children.

My vision for Stratford School began with a passion for learning and a desire to inspire curiosity and wonder in children. I yearned to bring back excellence in education and dreamed of offering a world-class education to students throughout the Bay Area. An opportunity arose in 1999 to open our first Stratford School in Danville, California. Since then, word quickly spread about our student results and how our passionate teachers cultivate a nurturing and engaging classroom. Keeping the dream alive, we have now grown to many communities throughout the Bay Area and in Southern California.

Learning and caring happens here. I invite you to let our story come to life as you turn these pages, enjoy a personalized tour, and discover the Stratford School difference.

Welcome,

Sherry Adams
Founder, Stratford School



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Stratford Prepares Students to Excel

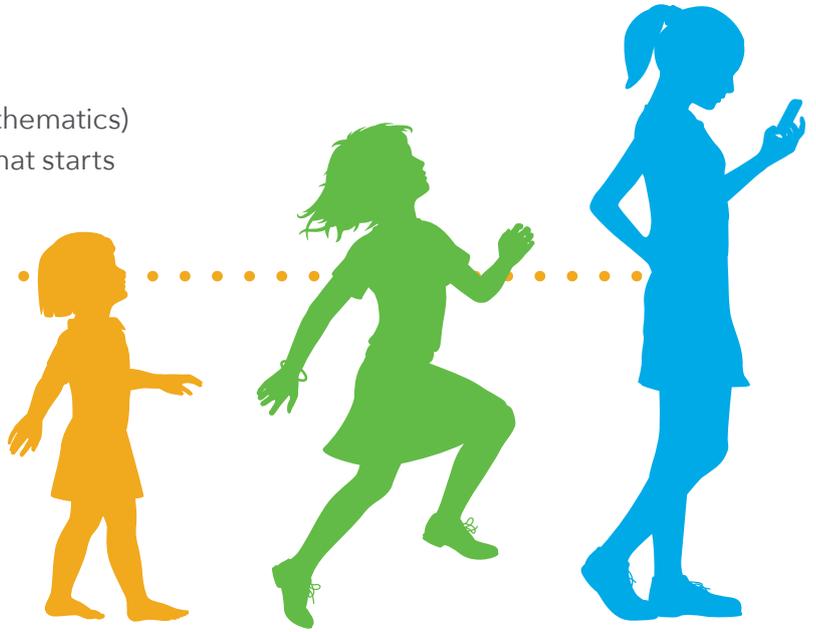
WORLD-CLASS STEAM-BASED CURRICULUM

STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) is a sequenced and balanced approach to learning that starts in Preschool and progresses through Middle School.



SETTING STEM TRENDS

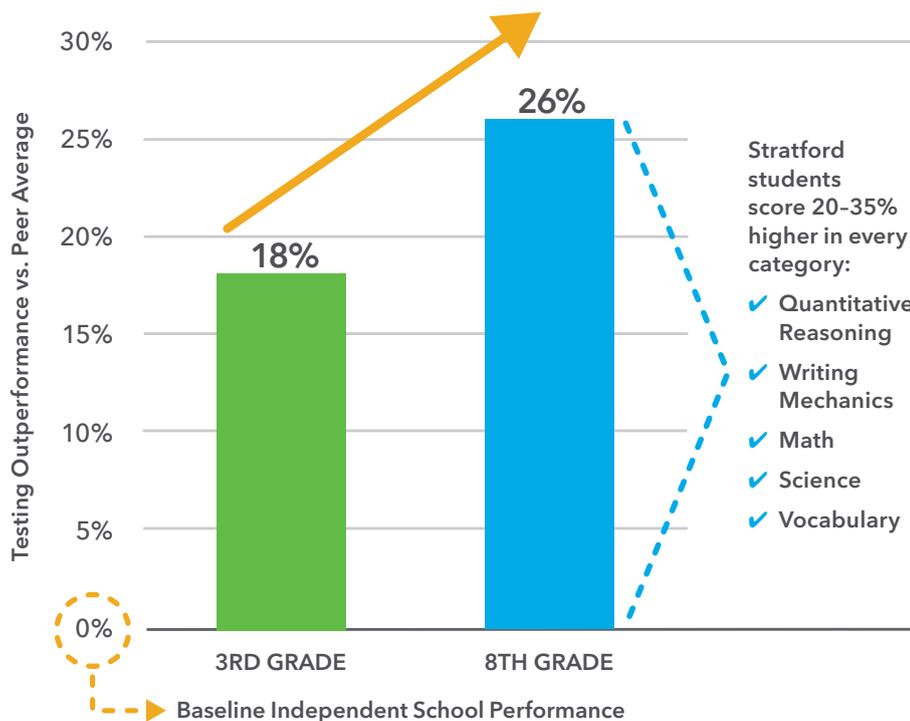
Stratford was the first California school to earn the Carnegie Science Seal of Excellence for STEM.



ERB EXAM PERFORMANCE (Educational Records Bureau)

In nationwide ERB testing, Stratford students outperform the independent school average by a widening margin as the grade level increases.

ERB Exam Outperformance of Independent School Averages



STEM education builds 21st century competencies, such as critical thinking, creativity, problem-solving, and collaboration. It prepares youth to participate in the future labor market, where they will work together to address global challenges using science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

~ Harvard Global Education Innovation Initiative

Applying STEAM at every step along the way

We build our academic curriculum in a way that intentionally applies STEAM content from Preschool through the 8th grade. We accomplish this through a unique cross-disciplinary approach that enhances critical thinking, integrates ideas from multiple subjects, and ultimately expands student learning.

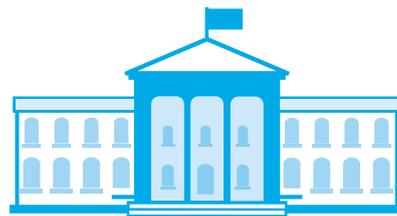
We also incorporate both fine arts and performing arts as essential components of our STEAM curriculum. Arts education complements the more traditional STEM approach to foster creative thinking and promote balanced development in young minds.

By approaching the arts and sciences in this unique way, we provide the hands-on learning experiences students need to develop their skills in critical reasoning, problem-solving, and creative expression.



WASC ACCREDITED

Stratford is a Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) accredited school, so you can be confident in our educational mission and its implementation.



WHITE HOUSE HONORS

Stratford School was recognized by the White House as a leader in early childhood STEM education.



DEDICATED TO THE ARTS

[Arts] education not only strengthens cognitive development and the acquisition of life skills – innovative and creative thinking, critical reflection, communicational and inter-personal skills, etc. – but also enhances social adaptability and cultural awareness.

~ United Nations Educational,
Scientific and Cultural Organization



Creating an environment that fosters success

Balanced learning requires a nurturing environment, one that both challenges student intellect and encourages creativity. Our team of educators is dedicated to creating an engaging classroom atmosphere where children feel safe and have the confidence to participate and try new things.

Our curriculum is innovative, challenging, and ever-evolving. We focus on core academic subjects and the fundamental skills of **collaboration**, **creativity**, **communication**, and **critical thinking** to inspire children to be creative problem-solvers, imaginative innovators, and confident leaders.



THE FOUR C's



Collaboration



Creativity



Communication



Critical Thinking

Beyond the classroom

Providing balance beyond the classroom enables students to explore their passions through a variety of extracurricular, enrichment, and leadership development activities.



It starts in Preschool

We start early. Our Preschool program lays the foundation for students to develop core competencies focused on collaboration, creativity, communication, and critical thinking.

Our teachers create a warm and nurturing learning environment that allows Preschool students to flourish. Our program cultivates their natural curiosity and wonder by encouraging inquiry and by teaching lessons through hands-on learning. At the same time, we balance academic learning with socialization and lots of fun to inspire a love of learning at a young age.



THE POWER OF PRESCHOOL



Science



Imaginative STEAM Play



Storytime & Sharing



World Languages



SMART Phonics



SMART Math



Art



Music & Movement

Education takes off at the Elementary level

Our accelerated, sequential, and cross-disciplinary Elementary curriculum builds upon the fundamentals that students learn during their Preschool years. In our Elementary program, we integrate critical thinking and collaborative projects so that students discover the value of both independent thinking and working together.

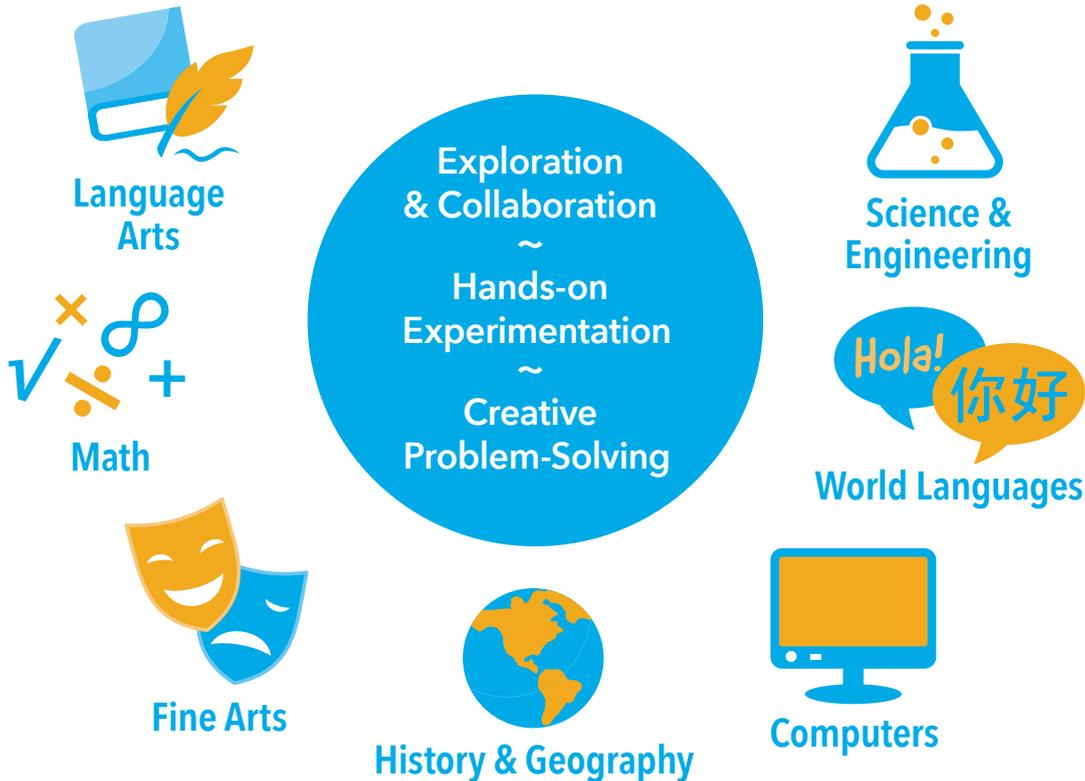
We complement our academic instruction with a focus on developing every child's potential through social, emotional, and personal character education to help each student become articulate and respectful.

We inspire our students to ask big questions about the real world, we challenge them to think beyond our classroom walls, and we show them how to learn from these experiences.



EXCEPTIONAL ELEMENTARY

Cross-Disciplinary Approach to Learning



Our Middle School program prepares students for high school and beyond

At the Middle School level, we accelerate our STEAM program with advanced instruction and project-based learning. An intentional use of technology is integrated throughout our robust curriculum to further develop critical thinking and a deeper understanding of STEAM.

Throughout the Middle School experience, our teachers build strong relationships with students that last beyond their time at Stratford. This unique approach empowers students to be self-reliant and to take responsibility for their own learning.



MIDDLE SCHOOL HONORS HIGHLIGHTS

Math	National American Mathematics Contest 8 (8th Grade & under)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 Stratford students earned distinguished Honor Roll Top 1% nationwide
	Santa Clara Valley Math Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st Place Award 10 Students placed in the Top 15
	Math Olympiad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Team Top 10% Lenchner Award for Perfect Score
Science & Engineering	National Broadcom MASTERS Science & Engineering Competition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 Stratford students placed Top 300 nationwide (out of 2,537 applicants)
	Destination Imagination Global STEM Competition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stratford team placed 2nd statewide
	Synopsys Science & Technology Championship (Santa Clara Valley)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students from 3 Stratford schools received 52 of 347 awards (39 schools represented) 2 Outstanding School Awards
	Future City National Competition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 Stratford teams placed Top 5 in the Northern California region
	Orange County Science & Engineering Fair (OCSEF)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 Stratford students received Top Honors in their category and qualified for state
Overall Academics	National Academic Quiz Tournaments – National Championship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stratford team placed 8 of 176 schools nationwide
	Bay Area Spelling Bee (Qualifier for National Spelling Bee)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 Stratford students qualified for 51 regional spots
	National Geographic State Geography Bee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 Stratford students qualified for 100 statewide spots
	State Middle School Debate Championships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Champions 1st Place Public Forms 2nd Place Lincoln Douglas Debate 4th Place Story Telling



NEXT STOP, HIGH SCHOOL

Stratford Middle School students are accepted in honors and advanced courses at top-tier private and public high schools.

Bay Area

- Archbishop Mitty High School
- BASIS Independent
- Bellarmine
- Bay High School, San Francisco
- Castilleja School
- Cate School
- College Preparatory
- Harker High School
- Lick-Wilmerding High School
- Los Gatos High School
- Menlo School
- Notre Dame High School
- Palo Alto High School

- Pinewood Academy
- Presentation High School
- Sacred Heart San Francisco
- St. Francis High School
- St. Ignatius College Preparatory
- Stanford Online High School
- Urban School, San Francisco
- Valley Christian School

Orange County

- Crean Lutheran High School
- JSerra Catholic High School
- Sage Hill School
- St. Margaret's Episcopal School
- Santa Margarita Catholic High School

"My time at Stratford helped shape the person I am today."

Academically, Stratford's preparation was second to none. I cultivated my passion for the sciences. I developed a sense of self-confidence that served me well; throughout high school I enrolled in the most advanced classes possible.

As I finish up my last semester of high school and prepare for college, I am able to reflect back and appreciate the monumental impact Stratford had on my growth as a student and as a productive member of society.

~ **Vardhaan Ambati**

Stratford School Alumnus – Currently attending Stanford University, Class of 2021

OFF TO COLLEGE

Stratford School alumni attend notable top-ranked colleges and universities throughout the country.

- Brown University
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Columbia University
- Cornell University
- Georgetown University
- George Washington University
- Harvard University
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Purdue University
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Rhode Island School of Design
- Rice University
- Stanford University
- University of California, Berkeley
- University of California, Davis
- University of California, Santa Barbara
- University of Illinois
- University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- University of San Diego
- University of Southern California
- Yale University



Experience the Stratford difference

At Stratford, we put students on the path to success with our advanced and intentionally balanced educational approach, along with our commitment to both academic and personal growth.

Join the Stratford family and discover an educational experience that will last a lifetime.



TESTIMONIALS FROM STRATFORD PARENTS

I have truly enjoyed each and every teacher that both of my daughters have had. They care about the students, are passionate about all they do and really inspire a world of learning. I love the balanced curriculum, exposure to STEM, and emphasis on math, science, Spanish, culture, and theater.

~ **Emily K.**, Stratford Fremont

After touring 10+ schools, we picked this one and are so glad that we did. Our older child is in Preschool and he's excited to go to school every single day and is learning to love learning!

~ **Charmaine D.**, Stratford Los Gatos

We love the school. The academics are strong and challenging, yet there's a lot of support from teachers and staff. Kids are safe and well taken care of. Stratford teachers go far and beyond to help our children grow not only academically, but to be people of character.

~ **Tatiana D.**, Stratford San Francisco Middle School

My daughter tells me on a regular basis, "Mom, I love learning! Mom, I love this school so much!" There's nothing better than seeing your child thrive and loving it! We are so very grateful for this school and its community! We love Stratford! The future leaders are being created here every day!

~ **Shannon R.**, Stratford Morgan Hill

This is an absolute gem of a Preschool and the instruction is top-notch. Many schools claim "STEM," but Stratford delivers. From monthly interdisciplinary units of study and engaging hands-on centers, to daily music lessons, a science and Spanish teacher, and flexible before and after school options, it doesn't get better than Stratford.

~ **Adrianna G.**, Stratford Altadena

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