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SILVER CREEK

“High Academic Expectations”



Located in the Evergreen Valley area of San Jose, Silver Creek’s staff and parents have high academic expectations of students. Silver Creek’s goal is to assist every student in achieving his/her maximum potential. Every student is exposed to a rigorous curriculum and graduates are prepared for college and/or the work place.

SC believes Diversity is a Strength.

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| Hispanic | 29.4% |
| Filipino | 15.2% |
| White | 11.1% |
| African American | 4.6% |
| Other Asian | 18.5% |
| Vietnamese | 19.9% |
| American Indian | .4% |
| Other | .9% |

Academic Programs

INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

This program is a special academy available for students interested in career exploration and preparation in the fields of legal studies, finance, accounting, computer science, information systems, Pacific Rim International Studies, marketing and

“Home of the Raiders”

Silver and orange

servicing over 2,600 students

Built in 1969

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

- Institute of Management and Technology
- PRISM (Pacific Rim International Studies)
- Electronics Academy
- Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC)
- AVID
- Strong AP & Honors Program

SUPPORT PROGRAMS

- Leadership Skills Training
- Healthy Start
- PTSA (Parent-Teacher-Student Association)
- Link Crew

telecommunications. The Institute emphasizes: interdisciplinary career paths; bridges to post secondary study; opportunities to earn immediate college credits; bridges to employment; student support and tutoring; nontraditional assessment; achievement awards and recognitions; and state of the art technical equipment. To enroll in the Institute, students complete an application and return it to the placement and follow-up office located in the Career Center.

PRISM (PACIFIC RIM INTERNATIONAL STUDIES)

PRISM is a part of the IMT described above. It is designed for those interested in preparing to meet the many international challenges of the future in both the public and private sectors. PRISM features a distinctive combination of interdisciplinary academic courses, including language studies, international business and trade, international communications, and cross-cultural appreciation.

ELECTRONICS ACADEMY

This academy works cooperatively with local business/industries to provide students with skills for easy transition into the work force and provides the students with an opportunity to attend a vocational school or college. It is a school-within-a-school approach to learning. Students progress through this three-year program with the same teachers, counselors and industry experts.

NAVY JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS (NJROTC)

This program is designed to provide youth with leadership abilities regardless of their career path. The program objectives are: to develop an enthusiasm for academics; to teach self discipline; and to develop self-confidence and leadership skills that can help each cadet successfully meet life’s challenges. Cadets are under no military service obligation. The NJROTC cadets take an active part at athletic contests and other school functions by carrying the American Flag, and they also



take part in several parades throughout the Bay Area. Instructors are recruited from the most qualified retired Navy personnel. The costs of the program, including salaries, are shared between the school and the U.S. Navy.

AVID

The AVID Program is a four-year academic support program designed to get under-represented students into four-year universities directly from high school. The program teaches students the skills they need and gives them the support they require to not only be accepted into college, but to successfully complete their degrees. Schoolwide, the AVID program restructures the teaching methodologies of the entire school to make college preparatory curricula accessible to all students.

STRONG AP & HONORS PROGRAM

Silver Creek offers a wide variety of AP and Honors classes. Over 18 AP sessions are offered in areas such as: Art, Biology, Calculus, English, American Government, U.S. History, Economics and Spanish. There are also 4 Honors classes.

Support Programs

LEADERSHIP SKILLS TRAINING

Silver Creek boasts of having one of the most active student governments in the county. Over one hundred strong, these students are provided a wide range of opportunities to develop and use leadership skills. All of the students are in a leadership class. The structure of the government includes the Executive Council consisting of elected officers from the ASB and from each of the four grade levels, and a variety of commissions that are responsible for organizing and running different events and programs. These commissions include Human Relations, Historical, Environmental, Publicity, and the Supreme Court. There is also an At Large Commission which collects gate receipts at home athletic contests and also acts as a

support group for the other commissions. The Executive Council and the commissions put on dances, rallies, International Day, and Spirit Week. This program is an outstanding training ground for tomorrow's leaders.

HEALTHY START PROGRAM

This program brings together outside agencies and resources that work together in a Multi Service Team approach to address the special needs of students, parents, and staff. The agencies include the Student Assistance Program, Social Services, Juvenile Probation, Breakout Ministries, and Drug and Alcohol Counseling. Referrals can also be made to other community-based agencies. The primary purpose of the Healthy Start Program is to help students and parents overcome problems that are interfering with the students' ability to be successful in school.

PTSA (PARENT-TEACHER-STUDENT ASSOCIATION)

The Parent-Teacher-Student Association at Silver Creek is a very active organization. They are involved with the Silver Creek Parade, Homecoming Celebration, Back to School Night, ninth grade parent orientation night, school cleanup days, Honor Night celebrations, and many other events including fund-raisers. This association contributes greatly to the school's educational program.

LINK CREW

Link Crew is an orientation program that trains seniors and juniors to act as team leaders, motivators, role models, and teachers who introduce freshmen to the school climate and culture. The program also provides academic and social support to freshmen "Crew" throughout the year and provides a positive transition for new students to the campus.

EXPECTED SCHOOLWIDE LEARNING RESULTS (ESLRS)

LIFELONG LEARNERS, WHO...

- Develop and regularly evaluate their educational/career options, opportunities and goals
- Critically evaluate and take responsibility for their own learning
- Demonstrate employability skills
- Access community and school resources to pursue physical, social and emotional well being

EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATORS, WHO...

- Present information orally, visually and in writing
- Articulate ideas supported by research where applicable
- Ask and answer questions clearly
- Develop good listening skills

TECHNOLOGICALLY LITERATE LEARNERS, WHO...

- Demonstrate the ability to use essential computer applications
- Use technology to access information and solve problems

SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE MEMBERS OF THEIR COMMUNITY, WHO...

- Participate in school activities and community service opportunities
- Cooperate with others in a culturally diverse environment
- Demonstrate courtesy, self discipline, respect and leadership
- Make decisions based on sound judgement and ethical standards
- Demonstrate respect for the environment

CRITICAL THINKERS AND READERS, WHO...

- Identify and solve problems individually and in a group
- Analyze and evaluate information from a variety of sources and perspectives
- Demonstrate abstract thinking skills