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Orange County Educational Arts Academy (OCEAA) Partners with National Education Leader

Admitted to EL Education's National Network of Schools

Santa Ana, CA, August 9, 2019 – OCEAA, a local nonprofit operating an independent TK-8th grade public charter school, announced that it has been accepted into a coveted network of more than 150 schools nationwide in the EL Education (EL) program.

EL Education (formerly Expeditionary Learning) is an educational model that balances both personalized and social learning to help students succeed in learning and in life. For over 25 years, EL has been bringing to life a three-dimensional vision of student achievement that includes mastery of knowledge and skills, character, and high-quality student work. EL promotes active classrooms that are alive with discovery, problem-solving, challenge, and collaboration. Through the partnership, OCEAA will receive, and complete, intensive on-the-job training, co-teaching and mentoring required for teachers and school leaders.

The EL model is research-based, and has shown academic gains for children. After three years in an EL program, students outpace their peers in reading and in math; and further in standardized test-scores.

OCEAA Executive Director Mike Limon hailed the achievement. “We are beyond excited about this partnership and we’re looking forward to elevating what we have done over the last 14 years with personalized and social learning to impact student success.”

EL Education focuses its work on schools in diverse communities across the country. For eligibility, at least 40% of the students in a school must be from low-income families. It also requires intense commitment from teachers who facilitate learning as well as be required to document and measure results required by EL.

The EL model is a perfect match for our dual language program because it challenges us to expand our vision of student achievement to include not just academic excellence in two languages, but authentic civic engagement that positively impacts the OCEAA community.

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About OCEAA

OCEAA was founded in 2005 by a group of dedicated educators, parents and community partners who wanted to provide a well-rounded education to the students of Orange County. OCEAA is a public charter school serving approximately 650 students grades TK-8, we are funded directly from the state based on student attendance and are subject to the same accountability measures as other public schools. Our mission is to nurture all learners to become creative, critical thinkers by providing high quality standards-based instruction through the arts, technology, language and culture.



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