



Fred T. Korematsu Middle School SPARC 2017

Support Personnel Accountability Report Card

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Principal: Mathew Burnham **District:** West Contra Costa Unified School District

Grade Levels: 7 and 8 **Enrollment:** 650

Principal's Message

Fred T. Korematsu Middle School (Korematsu) continues to model a safe, inclusive, student centered community that actively supports high levels of academic and social success. Members of our community build respectful relationships ensuring that students become responsible, confident, and enthusiastic learners fulfilling their individual potentials. With the National Counseling Programs as their guide, our Student Support Team (SST) continues to grow under the guidance of our counselors. Korematsu emphasizes a rigorous education that supports academic growth and prepares students for high school, college and career. The Student Support Team helped introduce homerooms to broach agendas such as grades, study habits, and safe school practices. Korematsu continues an emphasis on learning and academic engagement in alignment with Support Personnel Accountability Report Card and our School Site Plan. We continue to emphasize college and career by ensuring that eight grade students set-up a College Board Account that links to Khan Academy for academic practice and career exploration through the Big Future website.

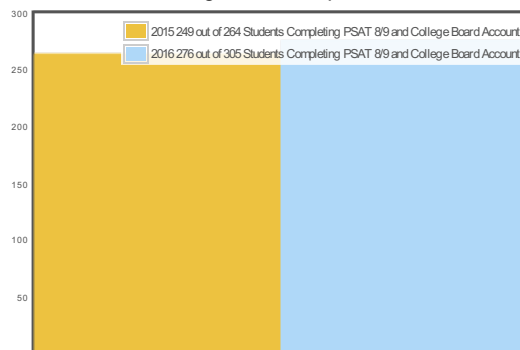
Career and College Readiness Student Outcomes

Korematsu's College and Career Readiness program encourages students to develop 21st Century Skills through the completion of the Career Exploration Classes offered by Nancy Rynd and staff from Contra Costa College, and through completion of classroom and homework assignments that are guided by state and national Common Core standards. Eighth graders complete the PSAT and given the opportunity to register with the College Board and Khan Academy (free).

Career Readiness

In 2016 276 out of 305, and in 2015 249 out of 264, Korematsu 8th grade students were instructed on how to set-up a College Board account and how to link it to the Khan Academy website in their math classes when given their PSAT8/9 test results. They were instructed on how to explore different careers and what qualities (personality and interest) are required in different fields by examining the Big Future website. Students were encouraged to research subjects of interest, colleges, and careers. Selected classes will meet with the Contra Costa College Career Exploration classes. They will hear various speakers from the community and visit actual job sites.

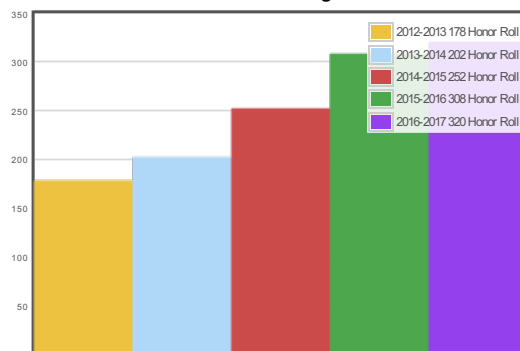
Computer-assisted Career Planning Program Assignment Completed



College Readiness

Korematsu provides different levels of tutoring to help students achieve college readiness and academic success that is reflected by our growing honor roll list. There is pull out math tutoring by period and lunchtime math tutoring for 7th and 8th grades on Wednesdays. There is an after school program which allows students to get help with homework and get math and algebra tutoring every day of the week. We also have a Writing Coach program where members of the community come in and work with individual students in the English and ELD classes. SST meetings are held year round to help connect school resources to struggling students. In 2012-13 178 students made the honor roll, in 2013-14 202, in 2014-15 252, 2015-16 308, and in 2016-17 320.

Honor Roll Recognition



21st Century Skills

Korematsu provides programs that foster 21st Century Skills. Our Gateway to Technology classes, Spanish Language, Advanced jazz band, intramural sports (soccer basketball, volleyball, cross country, track and field, boys' and girls' extramural basketball) enable our students to establish relationships with other students in other institutions. The homeroom class and our restorative justice approach to counseling allow students to discuss 21st Century Skills enabling success in learning and career paths.

Additional Achievements:

- Korematsu School Career Fair: Guest speakers invited by staff make presentations on campus.
- Upward Bound Program/UC Berkeley: The African American Male Pipeline Project.
- Youth Team Counseling: Counselor provides therapy to students referred by school counselor/ teachers.

Career and College Readiness School Site Programs and Community Partnerships

Korematsu provides programs and partnerships with educational institutions and community organizations. In this way, students learn skills required for success in the real world through demonstration and discussion with professionals in many walks of life. On-site counseling including youth team counseling with an emphasis on Restorative Justice techniques and tutoring programs provides therapy and direction for students with referrals from school staff. In this way, Korematsu provides programs and avenues that directly affect successful outcomes.

School Site Programs

- Youth Team Counseling: Counselor provides therapy to students with referrals from the staff.
- Korematsu School Career Fair: Guest speakers invited by staff make presentations on campus.
- "Boys to Men" program: Counseling and information given to black males navigating a complex society.
- Anti-Bullying Club meeting with staff member every Wednesday.
- Green Crew meetings with staff member to cleanup campus (bi-monthly).
- Debate Club meets bi-monthly (sponsored by Mr. Fulumirani).

Community Partnerships

- Parent Teacher Association: Parents meet with the school to support programs and funding.
- After-School Program: BACR provides supervision of sports, enrichment, and tutoring after school.
- Writer Coach Connection: Community members are trained to work with students on their writing.
- Cal State East Bay: Dept. Social Work/ Dr. Terry Jones workshop on " Mindful Thinking."
- UC Berkeley Education Guidance Center: Supporting 1st generation students on a path to college.

Student Support Team

Korematsu gives access to all students for counseling services that include personal and social development and career and college guidance. The SST consists of counselors, school psychologists, teachers, administrators, college professors, and community education coordinators. The team has memberships to the following organizations, Association of California School Administrators (ACSA), National Association of School Psychologists (NASP).

Position	Years	Qualifications
Counselor	10	BA, MA, PPSC
Principal	6	BA, MA
MA, PPS	5	MA, PPS
Psychologist	3	MS, PPS, MFTI
Counselor	11	BA, MA, PPS

Position	Years	Qualifications
Cliff Owl	1	BA, PSYCH
Community Worker	2	AA
Psychologist	5	MA, MFTI
Vice Principal	12	BA, MA

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