

## WHY PARENTS LOVE OTA!

- Environment of trust, innovation, and high expectations
- Excellent teaching and learning every day
- STEM, Robotics, Music, Art, and all Core Academic Classes
- Small class sizes
- Outstanding after-school program for athletics, music, foreign languages, and homework support
- Interesting and unique field trips for every grade level

"OTA is a special school because of the personal attention given to each student. No student at OTA is a seat or a number. My daughter feels SHE matters at OTA. She knows and engages with all staff and administrative personnel."  
-OTA Parent.



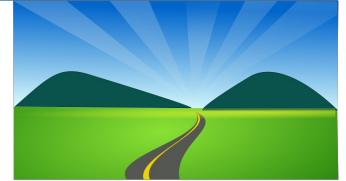
The Osprey is the official OTA mascot

# Old Town Academy

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## Heading to Re-authorization



Old Town Academy is a K-8 Charter School currently authorized by San Diego Unified School District. OTA opened its doors in Fall 2011 in order to provide a choice for local parents to enroll their children in a high quality, public education system. OTA boasts an **individualized, creative, collaborative, experiential and emotionally supportive environment** that challenges every student to reach his or her potential.

When parents and students who love Old Town Academy K-8 Charter School are asked why they chose

this school, many explanations surface. First and foremost, **excellent teaching and learning** occur every day in an environment of trust, innovation, and high expectations. Students are challenged with a first-rate selection of courses such as Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM), Robotics, Seminar, Music, and all core academic classes with full access to technology across the curriculum. Parents are ecstatic about the

**smaller class sizes and the after school program** offerings such

as violin, Spanish, chess club, cooking, rock climbing, karate, sports, Zumba, and ballet. Many opportunities for competition within city leagues are available and when OTA competes, OTA wins! In addition to the extra-curricular activities, **homework assistance** is a critical aspect of the after-school program. The results of these extra efforts on behalf of OTA teachers and administrators has been proven through consistently **high state test scores** (2013 API of 901).

Finally, many opportunities for leadership, community service, and school spirit exist on campus from the Third Grade Spectacular to the Student

## After-School Programming



Old Town Academy boasts **one of the most diverse after-school programs** available in the city of San Diego! Daily programming supports multiple opportuni-

ties for engaging every student at every grade level—truly **something for everyone!** Parents may rest assured that academics, physical sports, and enrichment activities combine to create well-

rounded citizens who learn to appreciate life and everything it has to offer. Please read on for a full description of all the extra-curricular learning that is special to OTA!

# Field Trips for Every Grade Level!



Yosemite National Park

**Grades K-1**

Pumpkin Patch

**Grades K-2**

Del Mar Fair – Garden/  
Grow Contest  
SD City Lifeguards  
Headquarters: Water  
Safety Education Class

**Grades 2-3**

San Diego Natural His-  
tory Museum

**Grade 3**

Sea World Education  
Center

**Grades 1, 2, 4**

Tecolote Canyon  
Park

**Grade 4**

Heritage Park  
San Juan Capistrano  
Medieval Times  
Old Town  
Heritage Park

**Grade 4-7**

La Jolla Cove Tide  
pools and nurse sharks

**Grade 5**

Star of India  
(overnight)

**Grade 6**

Catalina Island  
(overnight)

**Grade 7**

Joshua Tree  
(overnight)

**Grade 8**

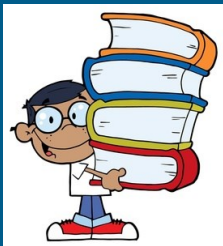
Yosemite National  
Park (overnight)



Joshua Tree National Park

“At OTA, we believe that we are responsible for ensuring that our students do not ever lose the wonder that is the core foundation of learning.”

Bridget  
Celentino, Co-  
founder, Parent  
Volunteer



## Osprey Athletics

Both traditional and non-traditional **athletic** activities are offered in the after-school program:

- ⇒ Rock climbing
- ⇒ Karate
- ⇒ Jujitsu
- ⇒ Football
- ⇒ Piano
- ⇒ Soccer-indoor/outdoor
- ⇒ Basketball
- ⇒ Speed /strength training
- ⇒ Surfing
- ⇒ Sailing
- ⇒ Yoga
- ⇒ Zumba
- ⇒ Tennis
- ⇒ Table tennis
- ⇒ Ballet
- ⇒ Track and Field



OTA fields competitive teams in San Diego County recreation and competitive leagues.

## Enrichment

After-school is not simply a focus on athletics. Many other opportunities offer students **enrichment** to diversify their talents!



- ⇒ Cooking
- ⇒ Violin
- ⇒ Guitar
- ⇒ Cello
- ⇒ Chess
- ⇒ Robotics
- ⇒ Unmanned Aircraft Operation (UAV)
- ⇒ Spanish, Mandarin

Homework Lab is one way to stay on top of projects, ask teachers to provide guidance and answer questions on difficult topics, and to practice and per-

Year	API Growth Score	Growth Target	Actual Growth
2013	901	A	16
2012	884	B	B

