

Mission:

The mission of The Emerson School is to provide a developmentally appropriate, meaningful and challenging education for a diverse group of children in an environment that recognizes, values, and responds to their individual abilities and needs. We will nurture compassionate, capable, and life-long learners who see themselves as being engaged members of their communities whose actions can make a positive difference.

The Board and employees of The Emerson School represent a diverse group of people who have a common commitment to the equality of opportunity for all. The Emerson School is an equal opportunity organization that does not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age, religion, marital status, national origin, or mental or physical disability.



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FAST FACTS:

- Opened in 2003
- Serving grades K-5
- Small school environment
- Blended grade classrooms
- Project-based curriculum
- Service learning
- Social-emotional learning grounded in Positive Discipline

Interested in enrolling?
Please call 503-525-6124
for information.

Model of Instruction

The Project Approach refers to a set of teaching strategies which enable teachers to guide children through in-depth studies of real world topics.

A project is defined as an in-depth investigation of a real world topic worthy of children's attention and effort. The Project Approach is a clearly structured, three-phase scientific exploration of a topic of interest. There is a complex but flexible framework with features that characterize the teaching-learning interaction. When teachers implement The Project Approach successfully, children are highly motivated, feel actively involved in their own learning, and produce work of a high quality.

Project work offers children opportunities to do first hand research in science and social studies and to represent their findings in a variety of ways. Children also have many occasions in the course of their project work to practice and apply math and literacy skills and knowledge. The description of a project can be like a good story with a beginning, middle, and an end. Teachers and children can tell the story with reference to these three phases in the life of the project.

For more information see <http://www.projectapproach.org>

What is a charter school?

Charter schools are public schools that are intended to provide innovative programs with specific educational philosophies and/or delivery models that offer additional options for students and families within the public school system. Charter schools are 501(c)3 organizations that enter into a contract with Portland Public Schools for sponsorship and they maintain a high level of autonomy in exchange for increased accountability. Charter schools are governed by Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 338.

What is the relationship between charter schools and PPS?

PPS is responsible for oversight and monitoring of all charter schools sponsored by the district. PPS collects required annual deliverables, monitors financial stability and student performance, and ensures that the charter school is compliant with law and the contract.

How does a student enroll in a charter school?

Charter school enrollment must be fair and equitable, and may only be limited by the age of the student, the grade of the student, and the space available. If the charter school receives more applications than it has spots available in a particular grade/class, then it must conduct an equitable lottery to determine enrollment for that class/grade.

"The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

