

**Director's Chat / PVC Meeting
November 16, 2018 8am**

Next meeting: January 18, 8am

Cooper Academy presentation

Principal and IB Coordinator jayne.day@fresnounified.org, Email to tour!

- Think of your child at age 18 – “the IB is a first-rate program, one we are familiar with, and it prepares students well for a university like ours.” = Princeton University
- Cooper hosts the Middle Years Program of the IB which is a continuation of the Primary Years Program that finished with 5th grade at Dailey
- History: Diploma Program began in 1968 as an international means to educate children of diplomats and expanded to include all ages
- The rate of first year retention of DP candidates at a 4-year institution is 98%
- 74% of DP candidates graduate in 4 years
 - Candidates, not necessarily graduates – seeking the full DP is aggressive and the pursuit alone better prepares students for higher education

Middle Years Program at Cooper retains learner profile from Dailey, keeps teaching curriculum requirements of written lessons, expands to include global context and exploration such as identity and relationship.

Big 5th grade focus of Exhibition becomes Middle Years Program of Community Project in 8th grade (groups of 3-4 students) based on community need and must take action and then students move to two-year Personal Project in 9th and 10th grade and then Reflective Essay in Diploma Program.

- IB coursework augments GPA (similar to AP or Honors courses)
- IB tests gain college credits

Admission Criteria – waiver for all Dailey students, automatically enrolled

33 Dailey kids in class of 165 in 6th grade – *takes about a semester for non-Dailey kids to adjust to IB curriculum*

7th grade add 40 students

None added in 8th

All non-Dailey students must apply

88% Fresno High region students (preference)

Dress Code at Cooper

- Black, white, navy, khaki, denim, purple, yellow, grey
- Tucked in
- Collar
- Lanyard with ID
- No hoodies

A Day in the Life at Cooper –

9:10 – 3:45 school day

Before and After school program available for all students (no waiting lists) 7:30 am through 6pm, very flexible, part-time or full-time, etc.

Required community involvement

33 on campus student clubs

Homework policy – very minimal – school wants students to be balanced and able to rest so that students are able to be fully engaged during the school day.

6th grade class sizes – 27-28 students

Electives are larger

All sports are offered at Cooper – baseball, water polo, track – competes against all middle schools (6th graders cant play tackle football) – JV and Varsity teams – most after school sports (except cross country)

Modified block scheduling

Mondays – all 8 classes

T-F 4 courses each, 75 minutes each

1. English
2. History
3. Math
4. Science
5. PE
6. Design Cycle
7. Spanish
8. VAPA (Visual OR Performing Arts – Chorus, Band, Orchestra, Guitar)

Benefits of Middle Years Program

Foster skills / approaches to learning

- Communication
- Collaboration
- Research
- Self Management

Course called Design Cycle

- Students are taught to identify a problem and rather than throw in the towel on failure, they work through the cycle of amending the process to find success.
- Design Cycle is taught in 3 manners – real world math, leadership (students run rallies, fundraisers), drama and communications

Directors Chat

Fall Catalog raised \$11,500!

Dailey Downtown raised \$13,600!

Purchased 78 tablets! And safes for classroom to be secured

Library Chairs

Outdoor Equipment

Seeking More – Amazon Wishlist can be found here:

https://www.amazon.com/registry/wishlist/1BUAXMORGP58Q/ref=cm_sw_r_cp_ep_ws_nmW7Bb8SBNTQF

Library wishlist can be found here:

https://www.amazon.com/registry/wishlist/CWKULXDUXPFL/ref=cm_sw_r_cp_ep_ws_SnW7Bb2JJRMAX

Upcoming Events

January 25th: Father Event (5:30 p.m.)

March 1st: Shamrock Shuffle** (morning)

March 28th – Open House / Authors Night (5:30 p.m.)

May 3rd – Fiesta Night (changed from Italy) (5:30 p.m.)

May 23rd – Exhibition (5:30 p.m.)

May 31st – Olympics**

**Seeking sponsors for tshirts