

Merryhill Midtown School

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At Merryhill Midtown School, students are getting more than just a top-notch education—they're also being prepared to contribute to the community and explore their unique interests.

Merryhill Schools have been educating students for nearly 75 years. Merryhill Midtown got its start in 2013 and has been making an impact on student education and development for the last decade. Jessica Wainscott, brand ambassador for Merryhill, shares that the organization's purpose centers around students. "The aim was to meet the needs of students and families in the Sacramento area with the goal of providing an excellent private school education for the whole child," Jessica explains. Merryhill offers private school education from pre-K through 8th grade, before and after school care, and camps. Within the school curriculum, middle school students participate in elective courses ranging from M2News to pickleball to rock band and more.



Specialty classes—Spanish, music, art, and technology among them—are also available. Students have the opportunity to join sports competitively or recreationally through the Parochial Athletics League. Besides its rigorous academic courses, students at Merryhill Midtown have access to a variety of activities, including problem solving and thinking classes, field trips, math teams, community service opportunities, private music lessons, and much more. Jessica says the school's curriculum and leadership combine to empower students to have a voice in their academic learning and make choices for their own journey, allowing them to explore their interests freely.

At Merryhill Midtown, students learn to be FIERCE (Fearless, Innovative, Enthusiastic, Responsible, Compassionate, and Enlightened), with the ultimate aim of cultivating inspiring and inspired members of society. "Our goal is that our students leave Merryhill Midtown School equipped for whatever might be next for them and that students have a positive impact in our community," Jessica says. "Our FIERCE character education program provides students targeted social-emotional instruction while also

giving benchmarks for goal setting and an outlet for self-reflection." Jessica adds that a strong foundation, grounded in a sense of community, is a pivotal first step for developing students who are respectful learners, skillful thinkers, and healthy risk-takers. Students are encouraged to exhibit their FIERCE skills not only at school, but at home and in the community as well. Merryhill is committed to supporting the Sacramento area; students and faculty often participate in service projects, food drives, and special events. Most recently, NJHS students volunteered with the Land Park Volunteer Corps to clean up a local park. Jessica says partnering with community organizations for service projects or learning initiatives not only helps Sacramento but also provides unique opportunities for students to learn and grow outside the classroom.

Exciting plans are on the horizon for Merryhill Midtown. They're hoping to expand the school's programs eventually to serve more students. As they continue on this journey, the staff and faculty at Merryhill aim to continue on its mission of providing excellent education to students and having a positive impact on the local community.