



LOVE, LEARNING, & LIBERATION



The **Social Justice School** catalyzes an integrated community of middle school students to be **Scholar-Activists** who are designers of a more just world.

In order to design a more just world, our students require an education that embraces and lives out a set of core beliefs about what it means to be human. SJS students get a great education that's aligned with the Common Core, but structured and delivered in a way you've never seen it before. Our learning experience is rooted in four pillars:



CREW

We believe that every child should belong to a tight-knit family and that's your Crew. (It's like home room, but way better.) Each Crew features an adult mentor and no more than six students. Students meet with their Crew three times a day discussing everything from politics, school projects, and new Kendrick Lamar songs.

+ LIFELONG RELATIONSHIPS



EXPEDITIONARY LEARNING

Life also happens outside of the classroom, and we believe learning should, too. We explore real-world issues by reading texts and studying social justice issues that matter to our students.

+ UNIQUE PROJECT-BASED LEARNING EXPERIENCES
+ COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH



LIBERATORY DESIGN THINKING

If Google does it, we think our students should get to as well, but with an added dose of liberation. We teach our students how to tackle real-world problems using a problem-solving process called design thinking. It involves research, experimentation, and lots of post-it notes and white boards.

+ MAKER SPACE (3D PRINTERS, PODCAST MICS, & MUCH MORE)



SOCIAL JUSTICE

All students will leave us having led or joined a social justice campaign that tackles a compelling social justice issue. We believe that being rooted in our nation's capital gives our community the opportunity to not only read and write about action, but to engage and experience the shaping of our future.

+ CURATED, RELEVANT TEXTS
+ STUDENT-LED ADVOCACY

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