

## ABOUT QUIMBY OAK

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Quimby Oak attained the status of a California Distinguished School in 1992, 1996, 2001, and 2013. In 2015, Quimby Oak was awarded the Gold Ribbon Schools Award for outstanding implementation of the Common Core State Standards.

We encourage and expect our students to strive to do their best. We know that within a well-defined, consistent, structured environment, each child has the capability to achieve academic success and, thus, develop self-esteem.

We encourage and intend that students will take advantage of the opportunities for reading and writing, will realize the necessity for problem solving, will interact with other students and staff members in a positive, mature manner, and will develop the skills needed to adapt to the demands of a rapidly changing world.

# QUIMBY OAK MIDDLE SCHOOL

HOME OF THE LOBOS

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**PROGRAM DIRECTORY**

**2017 - 2018**



## PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

This directory has been developed to introduce you to Quimby Oak Middle School's program and to serve as a guide as you help your child select his/her schedule for the next two years. Listed within are the required courses for each grade level and the elective courses that are available for each choice.

As you review the contents of this directory with your child, please keep in mind future objectives. Kicking off the 2016-2017 school year, incoming 7th graders have the option of applying to our school-with-in-a-school site Lobo School of Innovation (L.S.I). Please review carefully what best suits the needs for your child: a traditional setting or a project-based instructional setting.

Every attempt will be made to meet students' interests and needs. It must be noted, however, that priority is given to eighth grade students in the choice of elective classes. Once selected and scheduled, electives will not be changed, so please choose carefully.

If you have any questions regarding the selection process, please call your school administrators.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Philip J. Bond

Principal

## SAMPLE SCHEDULES

### CHOICE #2: Lobo School of Innovation

All 7th graders participate in a Project Based, Common Core aligned, College and Career Focus program. Students have a traditional Period 1 and 2 where they take Physical Education and their L.S.I. elective course: Lighthouse. Music students will have the opportunity to participate in Band during those traditional periods. Please note, Band is a year long commitment. If a student selects to participate in Band, they will not take the Lighthouse elective course. Students will take two semesters of World Arts, Problem-Based Math, and Science. Each core course will be in block schedule. Students will have three blocks that will be 70 minutes each. A team of two teachers facilitates each block.

#### SAMPLE BLOCK 7th GRADE PROGRAM

##### Semester 1

Period 1	PE / Lighthouse Elective or Band
Period 2	PE / Lighthouse Elective or Band
BLOCK 1	World Arts
BLOCK 2	Problem Based Math
BLOCK 3	Discovery Science

##### Semester 2

Period 1	PE / Lighthouse Elective or Band
Period 2	PE / Lighthouse Elective or Band
BLOCK 1	World Arts
BLOCK 2	Problem Based Math
BLOCK 3	Discovery Science

## Lobo School of Innovation ( L.S.I)

At L.S.I., all Common Core State Standards and Next Generation Science Standards are presented within the context of larger projects and problems. Project Based Learning (PBL) and Problem-Based Learning (PrBL) is the approach in every classroom. Students collaborate to acquire and apply knowledge for solving real-world problems. With this approach, the role of the teacher becomes that of the facilitator. Students take charge of their own learning. L.S.I. is partnered with the New Tech Network. NewTech provides services that supports and enables L.S.I. to fundamentally rethink teaching and learning.

## School Within A School Model

L.S.I. is state-of-the-art facility built on the Quimby Oak Middle School campus. L.S.I provides ample opportunities for students to immerse in Quimby Oak's outstanding school traditions shaping a well-rounded middle school experience for all L.S.I. students.

- Tradition Break and Lunch
- Elective options
- Athletics
- Library Services
- Student clubs and activities, etc.

## Application Process

For the 2016 - 2017 school year, incoming 7th graders will have the choice to apply to L.S.I. We will be accepting 175 7th graders to kick off the first year of implementation. Following, L.S.I plans to grow to an 8th grade class for the 2017-2018 school year. L.S.I. will serve approximately 350 7th and 8th graders in year two of implementation.

## 1. When do I receive a report card?

At the end of each quarter, report cards are mailed home. Student Progress Reports are given about four weeks into the initial quarter to inform parents of any difficulties a student may be experiencing so that grades may be made up before the official report card is issued. These are brought home by your child though his/her 6th pr. class. If further monitoring is required, the assistant principals may issue additional Progress Reports in conjunction with academic counseling.

## 2. What materials must I have in order to be prepared for the school day?

Students are expected to arrive at school each day with the materials needed to be successful in all of their classes. Every Quimby student is to have a three ring binder with dividers for each of the classes that require written work. Requested by the teacher, textbooks, pens, pencils, paper, and assigned instructional materials must be brought daily. Students who fail to come prepared for classes will be sent to an assistant principal on a referral.

## 3. How do my parents and I find out about important upcoming events and school information?

Every Friday a newsletter will be sent through Peach Jar. Students can get a hard copy newsletter through his/her 4th pr. class. A weekly calendar includes student activities, in-service dates, and special schedules. Every parent is encouraged to sign up for a School Loop account. School news is posted every week. Each teacher team also makes academic postings on School Loop daily.

## 4. Can I leave campus during the school day?

Quimby Oak is a CLOSED campus. Students are required to remain on campus during the entire school day. If students have an appointment during school hours, parents should send a note that morning and then come to the office to sign out the student for the appointment. Boggini Park, adjacent to the school, is off limits for one hour before and after school.

## OUR MISSION

Quimby Oak Middle School empowers young minds to be proactive lifelong learners who think critically and communicate effectively.

## MODEL PRACTICE

Our Cross-Curricular Teacher Teaming model is the backbone of Quimby Oak's instructional practice. We believe that Cross-Curricular Teacher Teaming is the best way to maximize student learning. It shapes our school's culture and supports our belief in a school-within-a-school organizational framework. Microcosms of students are equally grouped and balanced between interdisciplinary teams of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers. Within each team, students have close interactions with the same four core teachers: English Language Arts, Social Studies/History, Science and Math. Students have a core of teachers and fellow students with which they interact for the majority of the day. Teachers on the Cross-Curricular Team share a common prep time, which allows for collaboration in lesson planning, development of integrated lessons, collaborative student assessments, and parent communication.

## SAMPLE SCHEDULES

### CHOICE #1: Comprehensive Lobo Program

All 7th graders participate in a Common Core program that includes 2 semesters of Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, Science, and Physical Education. They will have Peer Advisory for one semester and an elective of their choice for one semester.

#### SAMPLE TRADITIONAL 7th GRADE PROGRAM

Semester #1		Semester #2	
Period 1	Language Arts	Period 1	Language Arts
Period 2	PE	Period 2	PE
Period 3	Math	Period 3	Math
Period 4	Science	Period 4	Science
Period 5	Social Studies	Period 5	Social Studies
Period 6	Peer Advisory	Period 6	Elective Choice

All 8th graders participate in a Common Core program that includes 2 semesters of Language Arts, Math, History, Science, and Physical Education. They will have Peer Advisory for one semester and an elective of their choice for one semester.

#### SAMPLE TRADITIONAL 8th GRADE PROGRAM

Semester #1		Semester #2	
Period 1	History	Period 1	History
Period 2	Language Arts	Period 2	Language Arts
Period 3	Elective Choice	Period 3	Peer Advisory
Period 4	PE	Period 4	PE
Period 5	Math	Period 5	Math
Period 6	Science	Period 6	Science

## EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

### Buddy Leaders

Selected 8th grade students will serve as ambassadors to the incoming 7th grade students to help navigate campus, help with time and work management, and facilitate the growth of peer relationships. Buddy Leaders will attend their own workshops on topics such as peer pressure, positive communication, and calming conflict. As student leaders, Buddy Leaders organize school events and student activities.

### Sports

Quimby Oak fields fantastic sports teams throughout the year. We are pleased to support the following teams: cross country, wrestling, girls' and boys' basketball, volleyball and soccer. Students must maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA to participate in sports.

### LIFTT Program

Our after school support program: Lobos In For Targeted Tutoring (LIFTT), is designed to help students build skills in the academic areas of Language Arts and Math. This homework club allows students to stay after school twice a week to receive additional support in completing their class homework. Teachers facilitate sessions along with a team of student tutors. Students are identified to attend LIFTT through their teacher teams. Permission slips are required in order to attend.

### Quimby Programs

Quimby offers a variety of programs for students to participate in:

- Quimby Art Collective
- Chess Masters
- Go Green Team
- Math Club
- MEChA
- Tech Club
- Science Olympiad, Math Olympiad
- XCLub
- Lobo Community Leaders (LCL)

## INSTRUCTIONAL CHOICE AT QUIMBY OAK



### Common Core Instructional Program

#### 2016 - 2017 School Year:

All incoming 7th graders will have the option to select an instructional pathway at Quimby Oak the best meets their needs.



### CHOICE #1: Comprehensive Lobo Program

Common Core State Standards  
Traditional Scheduling  
Elective Options



### CHOICE #2: Lobo School of Innovation

Project Based, Common Core aligned,  
College and Career Focus  
Block Scheduling  
Elective Options  
\* Application Required

## ELECTIVE COURSE OFFERINGS

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**All elective classes are for one semester. All students will be required to take a semester of Peer Advisory in 7th and 8th grades.**

**Please make your elective choices carefully. Students are responsible for the class choices they make.**

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### 21st Century Project Based Learning

Students in the 21st Century class will work collaboratively in a group setting that includes a 1:1 student to computer ratio and other software and hardware tools to enhance the learning experience. This elective will use Project-Based Learning (PBL) and a technology rich environment to unlock skills like communication, critical thinking, creativity, and collaboration. Students participate in three hallmark projects: a School of the Future design project partnering with Aedis Architects, a Restaurant Project, and a School Garden Project.

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### Leadership

Students in leadership learn how to develop responsibility, initiative, creativity, and school pride. Students will plan, manage, and participate in co-curricular and extra curricular activities such as noon events, assemblies, and dances. This elective encourages positive student/faculty relationships, teaches students about the internal administration of the school, and develop government and school community concepts. Students wishing to take this elective must secure teacher and administrator approval. Students in this class must maintain good academic standing and model positive behavior.

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## ELECTIVE COURSE OFFERINGS

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### Music

Symphonic Band (Year Course): This course is for those students who have MASTERED some of the basic fundamentals of their instrument and music reading. It is a course for those students who have finished their first methods book.

Concert Band (Year Course): A performance group with an emphasis on band training. The band performs for school functions, presents concerts, and participates in community activities.

Chorus (Semester Course): This course is for students who wish to experience music through singing. Prior musical experience isn't necessary. Students perform at concerts and school functions.

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### Art

Students will explore the Elements of Art and the Fundamentals of Design through various 2-D and 3:D projects. Students will make journals to record Art History notes and drawings. Paper-mâché masks, fabric and paper collage, plaster cloth action figures, a technology project, and much more awaits students in the Art Studio!

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### Peer Advisory

While at Quimby Oak, all students will participate in Peer Advisory. This class is designed as a place for students to further develop study skills, life skills, participate in service learning and to build developmental assets. Students need to be equipped with the tools to cope and function in the real world, including developing relationships with peers and adults as well as resisting peer pressure and solving personal conflicts.

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