

Orinda Intermediate School

A California School of Character

Orinda Intermediate School is located in Orinda Union School District, in Contra Costa County, and serves the city's entire middle school population for students in grades six through eight. The goal of their character education program is to develop programs and strategies to help students learn to respect themselves and others, to value differences, and to interact with people in positive, considerate, and healthy ways. It is their mission to promote self-reliance and to foster a conviction that Orinda Intermediate School is more than an academic environment.



The OIS Pledge

Orinda Intermediate School is a Respectful, responsible, considerate, and honest community.

As a member of the OIS community and a person of character, I pledge...

To be respectful of all individuals and my surroundings

To be responsible for all I do

To be considerate, compassionate, and cooperative,

To be honest, sincere, and reliable.

Superintendent - Frank Brunetti
Principal - Michael Randall
Associate Principal - Jeanne Cusack
Associate Principal - Ron Langer
Counselor - Lynn Dodge
Counselor - Heather Raser

Others First

Others First is a Parents Club program designed to broaden student education by partnering with non-profit organizations to bring volunteer opportunities to interested OIS students.

"Students at Orinda Intermediate School are learning about altruism via the popular Others First community service program on campus. Others First directly supports the Orinda Union School District's character education program including the values of responsibility, respect, self-discipline, citizenship, leadership, and compassion. The program creates a sense of community in students. In many cases...students are drawn together for a common goal."
- The Contra Costa Sun, 2002

Orinda Intermediate School's community service efforts through Others First

	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Students participating in Others First	8	319	354	377	393
Number of activities offered by Others First	27	65	110	91	107
Total number of volunteer hours	433	2,890	3,773	4,064	4,489
Number of community members assisting with programs	8	19	38	56	72

WEB Day

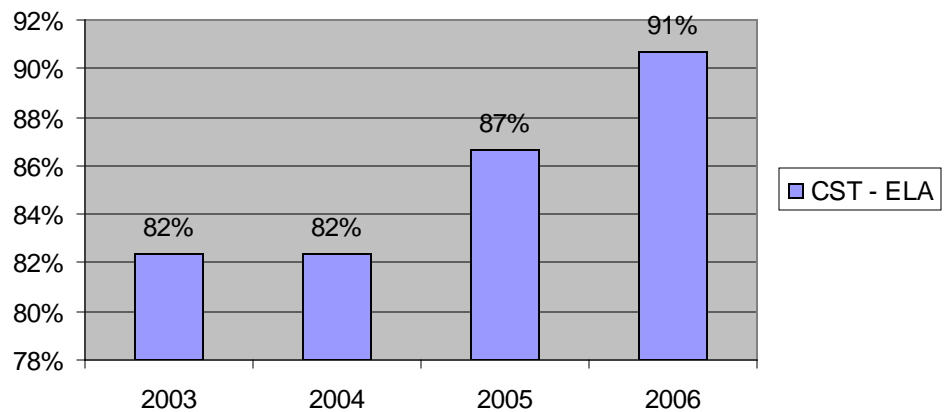
Before the first day of school, all sixth graders participate in WEB Day (Welcome Everybody). This day long program serves as an orientation to the school site and matches every sixth grader with an eighth grade WEB Leader. WEB Leaders facilitate a series of interactive exercises that focus on team building and establishing relationships, such as Bingo Bash and classroom visitations where

sixth graders share their perceptions and experiences as new members of the OIS community.

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Mission Statement

The mission of Orinda Intermediate School (OIS) is to promote academic excellence, to encourage self-reliance, and to foster a sense of belonging to each and every student. Our shared vision is one in which every student feels challenged and accepts personal responsibility as a member of the school community.

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Outstanding Programs

Core — Technology — Electives — Foreign Languages
WEB — Library — Math — P.E. — Science — SSCC

Involved Parents

Parents Club — News — Board — Volunteers — Kennel
Bulldog Sports — Others First — Membership — Escrip

Student Achievement

Student Stars — MathCounts — Odyssey of the Mind — Orchestra
Student Art — Computer Classes — Citizenship Awards — CJSF

"It is our goal that, in their three years at OIS, our students will mature into respectful, responsible, considerate, and honest citizens."

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