

Hillcrest Middle School Programs:

- REACH Creative Arts Magnet Program for Grades 5-8 (GATE)
OR
- 6th, 7th, and 8th grade classes on the same small campus of less than 300 students
- After School Drama and Sports offered to all students at Hillcrest grades 6-7-8
- Before School Strings and Jazz Band offered to all students at Hillcrest
- 6th Grade traditional classes are self-contained with leveled math and specialized teachers for band and physical education.
- 7th and 8th grade traditional classes are departmentalized and offer leveled math. Band and Spanish or Spanish, Computer Instruction and Art are the electives.
- Computer Lab for all students



Gravenstein Elementary School Programs:

- REACH Creative Arts Magnet Program for Kindergarten through 4th grade (GATE)
OR
- Kindergarten through 5th grade traditional program classes on same small campus of approximately 300 students
- 21 students or less in all Kindergarten through 3rd grade classes
- Exciting Music instruction for all grades
- Visiting Artist to all classes
- Before school Spanish for traditional program (within the school day for REACH classes)
- Field trips at every grade level sponsored by the Gravenstein Schools Foundation (GSF)

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The Gravenstein Union School District offers inspiring program options at the elementary and middle school level

All programs offer:

- Music Education K-8
- Computer Labs at both campuses
- Band Instruction in Grades 4-8
- Spanish instruction for all middle school and REACH program students and before school Spanish for Gravenstein traditional program students
- All kindergarten through 3rd grade classrooms have 21 students or less.





REACH Creative Arts Magnet Program is a Kindergarten through 8th Grade program of the Gravenstein Union School District at both Gravenstein Elementary and Hillcrest Middle Schools. The program has a strong academic focus with additional enrichment and arts activities and field trips.

REACH classes are limited to 24-26 students for grades 4-8 and 21 or less in grades K-3. The REACH program includes a longer school day than the traditional program day at both campuses.

Application Process

1. Complete and submit the District REACH Program application including a copy of the previous year's STAR test scores and the most recent report card, **along with** the regular enrollment forms for the Gravenstein Union School District.
2. Parent observations of classrooms may be scheduled as available and appropriate throughout the year.
3. Parents and student attend a conference with representatives of the school district.
4. Students who meet the criteria will be invited to shadow for part of a day. If appropriate, students may shadow before the district meeting.



Guidelines

The following guidelines may help you decide if the REACH Creative Arts Magnet Program is a good match for your family. REACH encourages parent involvement, so it is important that your expectations are in line with the district program.

- REACH is a district GATE program and includes a strong core academic program consistent with the District's programs and state standards.
- Parents monitor and support the district with the appropriate behavior of their child. This includes classroom and yard behavior, homework, and outside of school activities.
- Parents attend regularly scheduled parent and parent-teacher meetings and conferences.
- Parents participate in volunteer activities that support the REACH program and school district as much as they are able.
- Additional visual and performing arts and enrichment classes, field trips, limited class size, and extra teacher time are some aspects of the REACH program that are funded through donations from parents to the non-profit Magnet Program Foundation (MPF). Without MPF funding these aspects could be limited.

Criteria Considered for Admission to REACH

We consider the following criteria when selecting students for the REACH program.

- Interest or potential in the creative arts.
- Ability to maintain the appropriate academic pace (since the school day includes additional art programs).
- Ability to maintain self-control, resolve behavior issues, and have a history of regular attendance. Parents support district personnel in discipline decisions involving their child.
- The above criteria must be maintained for continued participation in the REACH program.
- Once accepted, applicants who live outside of the district attendance area must complete (yearly) an interdistrict agreement that includes behavior and attendance expectations.
- The superintendent makes final decisions on student admission and continued attendance in the program.

Application material is on our website at www.grav.k12.ca.us

