STERNE
MIDDLE SCHOOL

Discover how you learn.

Explore your strengths.

Become a leader.

It starts at Sterne.

Celebrate Uniqueness

Achieve your potential.

Knowing that no two middle school students are alike, our model celebrates the uniqueness of each student's learning profile. Students are placed into courses according to their instructional needs rather than traditional grade level groupings. In our dynamic and engaging environment, students explore passions and strengths through inquiry-based learning and hands-on activities. Cross-curricular projects allow students to connect concepts between classes, while experiential trips, interactive experiences, speakers, and assemblies expand learning beyond the classroom.

5:1
ratio of students to teacher for grades 4–8

300+
hours of interactive, hands-on STEM curriculum annually in grades 4–8

We've got your back.

Academic interventions are built into our integrated learning model, eliminating the need for "pull-outs" or "school after school." For students with dyslexia, Sterne READS is integrated into their 6th grade English Language Arts classes. In 7th and 8th grade, dyslexic students receive continued support through incorporated structured literacy. This inclusive approach keeps students connected to their peers, teachers, and grade-level curriculum. Social-Emotional Learning is central to our middle school program, delivered through a thematic, experiential framework. SEL is further enriched by peer mentorship, counselor-led groups, and community-building activities.

34
unique social emotional learning activities every year

60%
of sterne students receive dyslexia support

Pursue your passions.

Students with athletic and artistic aspirations thrive at Sterne. A majority of our students participate in a competitive or club sport and we provide opportunities for athletes of all stripes and abilities. Students develop physical and mental strength, self-confidence, and a team ethos—life skills that extend far beyond the gym.

Likewise, our cutting-edge arts facilities and exceptional instructors are instrumental in guiding students to pursue their artistic passions. From the studio to the stage, in front of the camera and behind the scenes, creativity and self-expression are always center stage at Sterne.

65%
of Sterne students participate in an organized competitive or club sport

70%
of Sterne students are active in a visual or performing arts class or program

Discover your place.

Learning comes alive when students expand their horizons. Curriculum-based experiential trips and Expedition Days provide hands-on experiences that deepen understanding, connecting Sterne students to cultures and communities throughout the Bay Area and beyond. Back on campus, celebrating uniqueness is a core value, and our clubs and affinity groups allow students to explore interests and pursue their passions. Traditions such as pep rallies, talent shows, dances, concerts, movie nights, Spirit Week, and more highlight school pride and connect the Sterne community.

12+
clubs and affinity groups every year for Middle School students

60+
experiential activities outside the classroom every year

It starts here.

Founded in 1976, Sterne moved into our "forever home" at 838 Kearny Street in 2017. Our vibrant urban campus is located in the heart of San Francisco, where the Financial District, Chinatown, and North Beach neighborhoods converge. We've expanded and enhanced our facilities with a new science lab and visual arts studio as well as a cutting-edge performing arts and athletic center that includes a recording studio, film lab, music room, black box theater, and a full-size gymnasium. These spaces come alive with student concerts, art exhibitions, athletic competitions, assemblies, dances, pep rallies, and social events that bring students and families together and strengthen our close-knit community.

24 zip codes represented	**23%** LGBTQ+ families	**52%** self-identified students of color
2017 year we signed a 99-year lease at 838 Kearny	**52%** families receive tuition assistance	**7,000** square feet of outdoor play space

These statistics reflect grades 4–8

Since 1976, Sterne has been building on the foundation of individual strengths to discover and nurture each student's version of greatness.

STERNE SCHOOL 50 YEARS

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