



# JCS-Inc. Charter Update (December 2023)

CHARTER	JCS Mountain Oaks - Encinitas
PRINCIPAL	Jennifer Dodds
PROGRAMS	Academy & Homestudy

PROJECTED ENROLLMENT FOR 2023-2024			
	Academy	HOME STUDY	Overall
TK-6	181	11	192
7-8	65	1	66
9-11	0	0	0
TOTAL	246	12	258

PROJECTED STAFFING				
	Teachers	CLASSIFIED	EFS	Overall
FTE	14	2.8	.5	17.3
RATIO	17:1		6:1	15:1

## STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS AND PROGRAM HAPPENINGS

November was an exciting month at Mountain Oaks. The staff had another day of Leader in Me training, and are all excited to implement some of our newly acquired skills on campus. The 6th graders returned from camp with many new memories of fun experiences. Our PTO organized a movie night at the Heritage Museum in Encinitas, many families gathered to support JC سمو and enjoy the evening together. Our monthly student leadership led assembly focused on the theme of respect. The student body enjoyed the activities at the assembly.



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Many educational experiences were had at JCSMO this month, one example included our Kindergarten and fifth-grade scholars who joined forces to embark on an adventure to create turkey traps! Fueled by creativity and teamwork, scholars designed clever contraptions to catch the elusive Thanksgiving turkeys. From colorful construction paper to recycled materials, the pairs explored engineering concepts, honed problem-solving skills, and forged bonds that bridged the gap between the earliest and eldest learners. Together, they turned a simple STEM activity into a delightful journey of imagination, laughter, and cross-grade camaraderie.



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We also created a Walking/Running Club at JCSMO to encourage our scholars to get outside and exercise. The first week had 33 participants and we are expecting that to grow. Students were thrilled to get out and walk/run the neighborhood!

### **CURRENT GOALS, PLANS & PROGRESS**

We are working on several goals. Increasing enrollment is one targeted area for growth, especially in home study. We participated in the Encinitas street fair before the November break to increase exposure. Despite efforts, our numbers have remained steady for the past few months.

Other growth plans include increased student and teacher retention. Student retention plans include meeting the needs of the student body, increased transparency, and building a partnership with parents. Teacher retention goals will be focused on providing teacher support, especially for new teachers, giving teacher agency, building community among the staff, and by being transparent and responsive to teacher needs.

### **CURRENT CHALLENGES & AREAS OF GROWTH**

Our ongoing biggest challenge is to increase our enrollment, specifically in home study. We are looking for ways to promote the home study program and are increasing our social media activity to get some online attention.



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### **FUTURE GOALS & PLANS**

Future plans for growth include adding an outside eating area for scholars to sit at during lunch time. We will work with the city on this goal.

To adhere to our school's mission, we are working on *GATE* training for our principal and teachers and are embracing the Leader in Me initiative. Both the *GATE* education and the Leader in Me training should support retention and school satisfaction with both the families and the staff.