

## Journey School General Academic Fact Sheet 2013-14

<p><b>Type of School</b> - Public Waldorf Charter School, curriculum co-aligned to CA state standards</p> <p><b>Founded</b> - 2/14/2000, 1<sup>st</sup> parent-initiated charter school in Orange County</p> <p><b>Chartered By</b> - Capistrano Unified School District</p> <p><b>Total Enrollment</b> - 360 enrolled</p> <p><b>Grades</b> - K-8, 4 - Kindergarten, 2 - Grade 1, 2 - Grade 2, 1 - Each Grade 3rd-8th One class per grade per year will be added until Grades 1-8 each have 2 classes.</p> <p><b>Average Class Size</b> - 23 - Kindergarten, 25 - 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades, 28 in Grades 3-8</p> <p><b>Facility</b> - Leased from Capistrano Unified School District, cost paid from operating budget</p> <p><b>Gardens</b> - 6 Learning Gardens and Outdoor Classrooms - Green Heart Garden &amp; Sunny Patch, Kindergarten Nature Playscape and Garden, Native Garden, Rainwater Harvesting Garden &amp; Demonstration Site, Belltower Garden, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Garden.</p>	<p><b>Faculty</b> - 14 main classroom teachers, 11 specialty program teachers and 6 classroom assistants</p> <p><b>Faculty Degrees</b> - 12 main classroom teachers and several specialty program teachers/classroom assistants have, or currently obtaining, their Masters degree</p> <p><b>Year-Round Specialty Programs Offered</b> Music Instruction - Violin, Recorder, Guitar, Ukulele; Woodworking, Handwork - Knitting, Sewing, Crochet and Embroidery; Games, Curriculum-Integrated Ecoliteracy, Cooking, Art, Music, and Theater; Digital Media Literacy; and Social-Emotional Literacy (Compassionate Campus).</p> <p><b>Tuition</b> - Free, but donation-dependent</p> <p><b>Socio-Economic Profile</b> - 16.7% of students are eligible for free or reduced price lunch (2012)</p> <p><b>Motto</b> - Where education is a journey, not a race.</p>
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**Communities Served** - Aliso Viejo, Capo Beach, Dana Point, Irvine, Ladera Ranch, Laguna Beach, Laguna Hills, Laguna Niguel, Lake Forest, Mission Viejo, Rancho Santa Margarita, San Clemente, San Juan Capistrano, and other communities between Yorba Linda and Carlsbad

**Academic Profile** - Student learning is demonstrated in many ways, including: interdisciplinary projects, main lesson books, artistic performances, and teacher-generated assessments.

- **API** - While Journey School does not emphasize standardized testing, high academic expectations of our students are held and they perform admirably on the required state testing.
- **API scores:** 2013 - 872, 2012 - 858, 2011 - 794.

### **Path After Journey School**

- **Post-Journey School High School** - Varies year to year - approximately 40% local high school, 20% private, 20% San Juan Hills, 20% Orange County School of Arts.
- **College Choices of Waldorf High School Graduates** - Field of Study: 47% arts/humanities, 42% science/math; 94% pursue a college degree (Research Institute of Waldorf Education, 2007).

*Journey School is a K-8 public Waldorf charter school in Orange County, CA initiated by parents in 2000. Our highly-qualified and dedicated educators engage students' varied learning styles in an integrated 21st century curriculum which encourages a lifelong love of learning and deep understanding of concepts. By offering a tuition-free education that nurtures the optimal development of the whole child -- mind, heart, and body -- our school offers a supportive and artistic environment for academic excellence as students gain a strong sense of purpose, build creative thinking and leadership capabilities, and grow into stewards of their earth and community.*

