

# ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Since its inception in 2000, the Columbus Tustin Magnet Program has had a storied history of academic success! The student body is diverse, and the kids absolutely thrive in the rigor of the classrooms. Magnet students study in collaborative cohorts for all three years of middle school – a unique “school within a school” opportunity in the Tustin Unified School District. The cohorts are warm, positive, and safe places for indulging curious minds and nurturing academic skill. The strong bonds forged between students, who support each other academically and socially, while diving deeply into curriculum, research, and project-based learning, are special indeed, and are treasured by our students, parents, and staff.



# CONTACT DETAILS

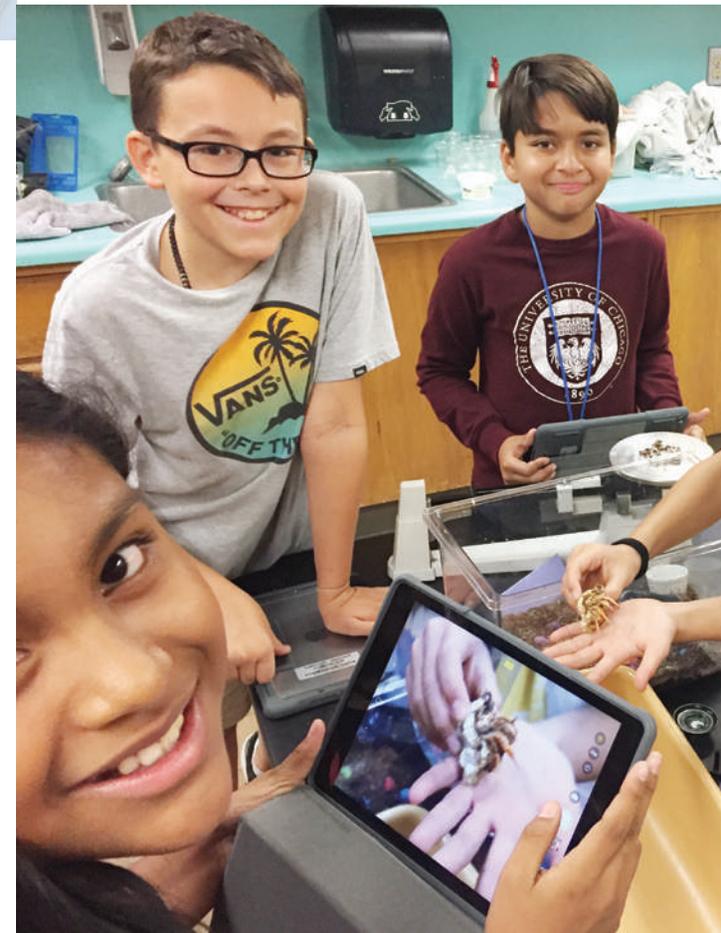
## COLUMBUS TUSTIN MIDDLE SCHOOL

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# MAGNET

## GATE & STEAM PROGRAM



# ADMISSION CRITERIA

The Columbus Tustin GATE/STEAM Magnet Program seeks motivated, enthusiastic learners ready to take on a challenge. Admission to the program is selective and based on the strength of students' applications and teachers' recommendations. Priority will be given to students who are GATE identified, however this is not a requirement for admission.



*"I attribute my success in high school and college to my experiences in the Magnet Program. My passion for learning came from my teachers. My understanding of classmates with different backgrounds and cultures developed because of friendships with a variety of CT students. I wouldn't be where I am without my CT Magnet experience!"*

*~Serena Ly (Magnet alumna & Yale student)*



## Curricular Extensions

Columbus Tustin Magnet strives to create well-rounded students, so educational experiences also extend into the community. Following in-depth classroom explorations, Magnet students have the opportunity to learn during experiential field trips and at camp each year. The camps are a profound experience for the students. The sanctuaries, Catalina Island, the mountains, all are amazing; but to doubt and persevere, to fear and overcome, to work and play as autonomously as possible at this age is an experience that changes lives.

## Magnet Teachers

"Go ask a Magnet parent!" Our parents know the Magnet teachers as an unusually dedicated crew, committed to giving your child the experience of academic success. The teachers are well educated and GATE (Gifted and Talented Education) trained. They design experiences to stimulate intellectual curiosity, creativity, and risk-taking. Our teachers encourage students to think independently, work collaboratively, accept responsibility, and solve real-world problems.