



The San Francisco School

Founded 1966



Founded in 1966, the San Francisco School is a pre-school, elementary and middle school serving 275 children from diverse economic and cultural backgrounds. Its mission is cultivate and celebrate the intellectual, imaginative and humanitarian promise of every student in a community that practices mutual respect, embraces diversity and inspires a passion for learning. The school is an independent, nonprofit educational institution.

Since 1974, the school has shown an unbroken commitment to arts education in general and Orff Schulwerk in particular as a vital part of each child's total education. Beginning 2000, the school has allowed its three internationally known Orff Schulwerk teachers—Doug Goodkin, James Harding and Sofia López-Ibor—to each spend one semester outside of school to train teachers, write books and further their studies. Since 2005, the school has hosted a two week Orff-Schulwerk Levels Training Course (The San Francisco Orff Course), which has been attended by teachers from the San Francisco Area, the United States and over 30 other countries.