

# Head-Royce School

*scholarship · diversity · citizenship*

## LOWER SCHOOL



## *Our Lower School Community*

The Head-Royce Lower School is part of a K-12 learning community nestled in a canyon in Oakland, featuring all three divisions on 22 acres of flexible learning space. Having students of all ages on the same campus offers unique cross-divisional opportunities and our core values of scholarship, diversity, and citizenship guide everything we do.

# Lower School Program

## GRADES K-5



Children form lifelong attitudes about school and learning during their earliest school years, and we are dedicated to making sure they feel enthusiastic, capable, and successful. Lower School academics provide a strong foundation of knowledge and skills in core and specialty subjects through an innovative curriculum that emphasizes hands-on, experiential learning.

The homeroom class structure includes daily class meetings that foster a welcoming community with an emphasis on character building activities and community engagement. The Lower School program reflects our strong belief in the importance of encouraging a connection to the natural world and to one another.

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*"You really feel like your kids are known. It makes them feel comfortable, important and valued."*

**Lower School Parent**

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# *Lots to Love*

## ABOUT THE LOWER SCHOOL



Spanish, Mandarin, and French are taught through language immersion, hands-on activities, puppet shows, singing, written expression, and field trip exploration.



Lower Schoolers enjoy a wide range of specialty classes, including art, gardening, STEM, drama, singing, movement/PE, library, and instrumental instruction.



Cross-grade “family” groups help students build strong community bonds and enjoy engagement across grade levels.



The Lower School curriculum sparks creativity and comprehension through innovative project-based learning.



The Idea Lab—or “maker” space—and Engineering Alley provide young innovators with opportunities and materials to think outside the box.



Our After-School Program (ASP) provides opportunities for unstructured play and enrichment classes, including swimming and private music lessons.

# Sample Enrichment Class Schedule

In addition to core subjects including math, language arts, social studies, science, and social emotional learning (SEL), the weekly schedule is rounded out with a selection of specialty classes.

	Kindergarten	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade
MONDAY	World Language	World Language	Music	World Language	World Language	Library
		Music	Art	Art	Art	
	PE	PE		PE		PE
TUESDAY	Art	World Language				
	PE	PE	PE	PE	Music	Music
		Music	Gardening	Library	Gardening	Art
WEDNESDAY	World Language					
	PE	Gardening	PE	PE	PE	Gardening
	Music	Art		Music	Art	Art
THURSDAY	Gardening		World Language	Gardening	World Language	World Language
	Music	PE	PE	PE	PE	World Language
	Library			Art	Music	PE
FRIDAY	Assembly	Assembly	Assembly	Assembly	Assembly	Assembly
	PE	PE	PE		PE	PE
		Art	Music	Music		Music
		Library		Library		



## Scholarship

Head-Royce's whole-child pedagogy emphasizes character-building as a key element of the academic journey and nurtures resilience, ethical decision-making, leadership, and curiosity as important attributes for success.



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**TUITION ASSISTANCE**  
Awarded in the 2023-24 school year

## Diversity

We believe that diversity and belonging play a pivotal role in the development of our students and the well-being of our community. We take pride in our inclusive educational program that promotes respect for others and an appreciation of our differences.



67%

**STUDENTS OF COLOR**  
Reflecting the fabric of the East Bay

## Citizenship

The School's Center for Community Engagement (CCE) provides K-12 students with meaningful, hands-on—and often cross-divisional—opportunities to discover for themselves what it means to be responsible members of their local and global communities.



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**ZIP CODES**  
From communities all over the Bay Area

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*"Our students are inspired by diverse and engaging experiences and motivated by creative challenges. They are encouraged to be more curious than certain and to reach beyond themselves to make a positive impact on the world."*

Lower School Faculty Member

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## Getting to School

At Head-Royce, we want to make every aspect of your student's day positive... even the commute! Our convenient, cost-effective (and fun!) program combines dedicated buses—provided by Michael's Transportation—with AC Transit to minimize traffic while getting your student to and from campus each day as safely and simply as possible.



Scan this QR code to learn more about our transportation options and driving rules.

## Come Visit

The ideal way to imagine a student's experience at Head-Royce is to walk the campus with us and see our community in action. Schedule a visit and meet our team. We'd love to hear from you.

[headroyce.org/admissions](http://headroyce.org/admissions)

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