

QUICKSILVER INNOVATION PROGRAM at Santa Teresa High School

The Quicksilver Innovation Program (QuIP) is a Small Learning Community open to 90 incoming freshmen who want to realize their creative potentials. The 9th grade program consists of four courses-English (1 or 1A), Math (1 or 2), Biology, and Studies in Media- which are taught by a core staff of dedicated teachers. What makes the program unique is its emphasis on project-based, cross-curricular learning that empowers students to participate in real world experiences which have a direct impact on their community.



A unique 2-year learning opportunity for incoming 9th-graders in the 2018-2019 school year.



PROJECT-BASED
A fundamental aspect of the Quicksilver Innovation Program is project-based learning. Learning will take place through relevant work and hands-on experiences that encourage agency.



CROSS-CURRICULAR
Courses are designed to foster relationships between subjects. Throughout the year, students will work on projects that span multiple subject areas, allowing them to draw deeper connections.



REAL-WORLD
Projects in the program will involve students in working with professionals to create real products that have value to the community, better preparing them for both college and careers.



COMMUNITY
All students in the program will be taught by the same core teachers. A smaller environment eliminates anonymity and allows for greater connections between students and teachers.



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STUDENT VOICES

Don't take our word for it. Over 98% of students feel that they are happier and more successful in QuIP. Here's what they like:

THE SUPPORT

"I like how all the teachers communicate and are willing to spend extra time with me if I need help on something... or even just advice on stuff going on!"

THE CONNECTIONS

"The best thing about QuIP is kids have the same classes, so it's easier to get help, and get a better understanding of each class. I like the flexible schedules and how all of the classes work together."

THE COMMUNITY

"I really enjoy QuIP because it's a one on one conversation. The teachers know your struggles because they all speak together as a group. QuIP is great for students who want to be successful their first year of high school."

THE FUN

"I like how the teachers are super cool and easy to talk to. They don't make class boring because they're fun with what they teach. Also they make it interesting with field trips and food!"



A PART OF GREATER STHS
QuIP is simply an academic program at Santa Teresa. Students in QuIP are Santa Teresa High School students. QuIP classrooms are scattered throughout campus and all students share the same school schedule. QuIP allows for a close-knit community while still providing all of the advantages (sports, clubs, activities) of a big school.

IS QUICKSILVER RIGHT FOR YOU? *While most students will benefit from the community atmosphere and deeper learning opportunities of QuIP, this program is designed to support students who have creative mindsets and want to be part of an accepting community of diverse and interesting people.*



There is no one ideal student for the Quicksilver Innovation Program.

There are, however, some determining factors that indicate a student's potential success within the program. Specifically, QuIP is designed to serve students who are tend to be more creative and into trying new things. These are students who crave more hands-on and real-world experiences, and who learn best by doing.

The program also offers the advantage of significantly closer connections between students and teachers, providing more 1:1 support. On the other hand, the program's focus on project-based learning means that QuIP students should be prepared for more dynamic challenges, should be willing to take creative risks, should be independently motivated, and should have leadership and teamwork capabilities.



LEARN MORE ABOUT THE QUICKSILVER INNOVATION PROGRAM

Speak to QuIP staff at Incoming Freshmen Events in early 2018.

Sign up for a Shadow Day at tinyurl.com/QuIPShadow1718

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