

ODYSSEY CHARTER SCHOOL

STRATEGIC PLAN 2016 – 2019

SUMMARY OF MISSION & OVERALL GOALS

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of Odyssey Charter School is to prepare students for a lifelong enthusiasm for learning, develop a keen awareness of world citizenship and culture, and establish critical thinking and problem-solving proficiency through the added learning of the Modern Greek language and mathematics focus. The curriculum will integrate the learning of a foreign language, specifically Greek, along with the English language, and teach reading, writing, math and science through the applied technologies to result in students who are:

- **Critical thinkers**
- **Problem solvers**
- **Lifelong learners and achievers**
- **Flexible and adaptable**
- **Empowered**
- **Academically well rounded and proficient, and**
- **Respectful and responsible members in the school and community**

The **Goals of Odyssey Charter School** are to provide students with an enriched learning environment that will:

- Enable students to excel academically by providing a structured dual language program integrated with a rigorous core curriculum, while encouraging the development of effective critical thinking and problem-solving skills.
- Enhance each student's understanding of the Arts & Sciences by utilizing the Modern Greek language, with a Mathematics focus, as a vehicle to explore the roots of vocabulary, mathematical concepts, and scientific theories.
- Prepare students to demonstrate exceptional understanding and academic achievement through standardized testing and other credentialing methods.
- Assist students in the development of a broader world view through exposure to other cultures.
- Teach students the value of respectful and responsible citizenship as a critical component to their character development and appreciation for democracy and diversity.

- Nurture and value the special qualities and abilities of each student in a way that will foster a desire to become successful through their education and contributions to their community.
- Encourage the involvement and engagement of parents in the education process to enhance and enrich learning opportunities for students.

OVERALL GOALS

SECTION 1 - THE ODYSSEY CAMPUS, COMMUNITY, AND GOVERNANCE

OVERALL GOAL

To create and support a world-class campus community that includes Odyssey Charter School, other Charter Schools, Academic Institutions, and their respective partner organizations, operating under a well-defined Culture and Campus Structure that serves the needs of the students, faculty, administrators, parents and board members and contributes to the Community's achievements.

SECTION 2 – COLLABORATIVE LEADERSHIP, SCHOOL AND CAMPUS CULTURE

OVERALL GOAL

School Board, leadership and staff will work together to create a world-class environment where students will learn and thrive, and every adult has opportunities for professional and personal development.

SECTION 3 - BUDGETS AND OPERATIONS

OVERALL GOAL

Create annual budgets and financial management processes that ensure the school's on-going educational and operating success.

SECTION 4 – FACILITIES

OVERALL GOAL

Continually enhance and develop academic, cultural, and athletic facilities and properties.

SECTION 5 - CAPITAL NEEDS AND FUNDRAISING

OVERALL GOAL

Raise the financial resources needed to achieve the school's vision and mission.

SECTION 6 - EDUCATIONAL MODEL: CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND ASSESSMENT

OVERALL GOAL

Maintain and accelerate OCS's tradition of academic excellence and rigor in science, mathematics, and humanities, and promote excellence in the arts and athletics, while continuing to offer and strengthen Odyssey School's Hellenistic Culture as the foundation to Arts and Sciences, through our unique Educational Model within the core content subjects of arts, humanities, math, and sciences.

SECTION 7 - WORLD-CLASS EMPLOYEES

OVERALL GOAL

Recruit and retain a diverse, world-class faculty and staff, through recognition of performance and achievements, and development of a world-class work environment.

SECTION 8 - PERSONALIZED LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

OVERALL GOAL

Enhance the learning experience for all students by creating a world-class school that promotes a balanced delivery of academics, arts, athletics, extra-curricular activities and student wellness initiatives.

SECTION 9 – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

OVERALL GOAL

Communicate effectively within the community in a meaningful fashion while continuing to contribute to the quality of life of our local, national, and global communities.