



SUMMIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

California & Washington State



If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together. —African Proverb

IN 2000, a group of families and community members came together to reimagine school. They knew their children were entering a more diverse, connected, ever-changing world, and needed powerful and enduring skills to drive their success in college, career, and life. This started a journey to not only reimagine school for all learners, but led to the launch of Summit Public Schools.

At Summit, the focus is on developing learners' deep thinking, life skills, and "Habits of Success." Through project-based learning spanning all disciplines, learning mimics real-world work experiences. With each of these projects, learners are presenting their recommendations to the class and gaining valuable feedback from their peers and teachers. These **relevant** and **contextualized** opportunities let learners be innovators, creators, and problem-solvers—not to mention, contributors, leaders, and collaborators. Summit focuses on learning experiences that empower learners to realize their highest potential, and equip them with the skills necessary to succeed in college, career, and life.

Learning at Summit is also **personalized**. Each learner has their own Personalized Learning Plan (PLP) that connects their long-term goals and aspirations with their daily decisions, actions, and behaviors. Throughout their time at Summit, **competency-based** assessments are available to learners when they are ready to take them—not in standardized time increments. Learners work through content at their own pace, tracking their goals and progress within their personal student dashboard.

All of this happens in combination with teacher-led workshops, peer-to-peer coaching, and one-on-one tutoring. Learners also participate in Expeditions—four separate, 2-week sessions where they take a break from their core courses and immerse themselves in energizing and engaging electives where they explore passions, interests, and future careers. All learning at Summit takes place in a supportive, **socially embedded** environment. Each learner has a mentor who acts as coach, college counselor, and advocate. They support the whole child, providing guidance and encouragement inside and outside the classroom. Every learner is also assigned to a community group, which becomes a safe space to bond with their peers and mentor, express their thoughts and feelings, and build meaningful relationships.

Now with nine schools between California and Washington—and two set to open next year, Summit Public Schools has come a long way. Their learners are thriving, exploring, creating, learning, and innovating—not to mention entering and succeeding in college. Their practices and methods provide inspiration, guidance, tools, and resources to educators across the country. In fact, **Facebook** and Summit are now partnering to co-build the Personalized Learning Plan (PLP) tool to power personalized learning, which will be made available for free to public schools across the country. Big things are happening at Summit.

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[Day in the Life of a Summit Student](#)

FACTS & FIGURES

Public Charter

2,500+ learners (6-12th grade)

11 schools

ELL or Primary Language other than English: 11%

Learners with disabilities: 12%

Free or reduced lunch: 48%

Acceptance into a four-year college: 99%

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