



San Antonio Independent School District

Nathaniel Hawthorne

Civic Engagement and Leadership Academy

Starting August 2019 for Kindergarten through 8th Grade

Recognizing the needs of the diverse community we serve, Hawthorne Academy has revised its current charter and proudly launches The Academy for Civic Engagement and Leadership. Our Academy will offer a crucial supplement to traditional education, a rich array of opportunities for students to interact with and learn from their community and community partners.

Essential Areas of Focus:

- ✓ **Linking academics to social action:** Hawthorne Academy will nurture students' sense of agency and advocacy, ensuring that all students are prepared to be active citizens, engaged leaders, and change makers.
- ✓ **Emphasizing field experiences:** Hawthorne Academy's unique location with a resource rich community will bridge academic learning theories and real-world practice. Our Academy has strong partnerships with businesses and organizations who help us enrich the learning experience for our students and families.
- ✓ **Incorporating Community Project-Based Learning opportunities to emphasize community connections:** Hawthorne Academy will encourage collaboration with community stakeholders. Benefits to students will include increased grasp of academic content, development of 21st century skills, increased self efficacy, and emotional intelligence. Instructional approaches will include: service learning, community-based research, independent projects, and digital publishing.
- ✓ **Social Emotional Learning:** Hawthorne Academy is committed to developing students' social, emotional, cognitive skills, habits of mind, and character. Using a research based curriculum in addition to mindful meditation, Hawthorne students will be equipped to prosper in the classroom, perform in the work place, and succeed in life as contributing and productive members of society.
- ✓ **Family Engagement:** Hawthorne Academy recognizes the importance of family engagement in the overall well-being of students. It is the intent of Hawthorne Academy to develop stronger partnerships with our families by engaging in a variety of events and activities that promote the academic success of students.

School Day:

Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

