

Equitas Academy: Our Facility Solutions for 2011-2012

Facility Costs

We pay close to \$1,000 per student in facility costs, when traditional district schools receive money for school buildings.

Facility Availability

In order to grow next year, we have asked the District for a site under Proposition 39--a law that requires LAUSD to extend equitable facilities offers to charter schools.

Out of Service Area

We have received an offer from the District but it is far away from our school location and not in the neighborhood we serve.

FAQ

1. How does having 2 sites (co-location) impact you?
 - Our current families will have a space at our Commonwealth site for the 2011-2012 academic school year.
2. I have two children at different grade levels, will they be at different sites?
 - Priority will be given to existing families with siblings already enrolled at Equitas Academy. We will do everything possible to ensure that sibling remain on one site.
3. What grade levels will be at each site?
 - The co-location site will house our kinder and first grade scholars.
 - The current site will house a k/1 split classroom and our second and third grades classrooms.
4. Why are we just finding out about the facility hurdle?
 - After negotiations fell through with the current landlord for the adjacent building to the current school site, we began talks with the district about co-location sites beginning January 2011.
 - District personnel assured Equitas administration that we would be able to secure a co-location site within a mile of our current site.
 - We were informed at the end of May that Los Feliz would be the site offered; however, we would remain eligible for closer sites that had been turned down by other charter schools.
 - We were recently informed that other sites were no longer an option and Los Feliz would be the final offered site.
5. Will the academic rigor and school culture be the same at the co-location site?
 - Equitas Academy will continue to offer the same quality education within a disciplined culture of high expectations. Nothing will change in reference to the high academic and behavioral expectations.
6. How long will Equitas have a co location site?
 - Equitas will utilize a co-location site for the 2011-2012 school year.
7. When will the permanent site be ready?
 - The permanent site is scheduled to be completed by the 2012-2013 school year.
8. Where is the permanent site located?
 - The permanent site is located at 1700 W. Pico Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90015
9. Are we providing transportation?
 - Providing transportation to the co-location site will cost \$100,000. These funds could be better utilized towards our permanent site, therefore we will not be able to provide transportation services.

Equitas Academy Mission

The mission of Equitas Academy is to provide a structured, achievement-based community that prepares K-5 students to graduate from college preparatory middle and high school, four-year colleges, and universities.

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