



SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

# 2019 Mariachi Class

Beginning Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Location: Edison Elementary

Pilot for all 5<sup>th</sup> grade students in Santa Monica

# Mariachi 2019



The Why:

## SHARED VALUES

Student-Centered:  
We make decisions  
and allocate  
resources with  
“students first” in  
mind.



## Equity

We meet our students where they are and provide the necessary resources and attention to make all students successful.



## Engagement

We engage students in meaningful, rigorous and relevant educational experiences where they are inspired, supported, challenged and motivated.

## Collaboration

We are stronger when we collaborate, dialogue and listen to each other in a civil, productive way, to improve outcomes for our students.

## Diversity

We respect and value our diverse student and staff population as an integral part of our learning community.





## Civility

We work and dialogue with each other in a respectful manner, setting the example for our students of how civil discourse leads to positive outcomes.



## Research: Article- “Mariachi and Spanish speaking English learners: District initiatives, models, and education policy”

- **Marcia MacCagno Neel-** Published online: June 15, 2017. Bio: Music Education Consultants, Inc., Las Vegas, Nevada, USA, and Band and Orchestral Division, Yamaha Corporation of America, Buena Park, California, USA
- “The impact of participating as an active music-maker in any ensemble by any participant cannot be overlooked, but for Spanish speaking English learners, the standards-based mariachi program provides a culturally familiar and welcoming setting, facilitates new patterns of learning, and addresses the priority of attaining English language proficiency.”
- In his opening remarks for the 2014 White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics’ National Arts Forum at Pixar Studios, Richard Carranza, former SFUSD superintendent, told more than 150 invited national-level decision makers that, “If you capture their interest, their intellect, commitment, and minds will follow” (White House Initiative on Educational Excellence, 2015).
- “Principals also report that this increased activity continues to target the vision of helping parents, families, and the local business and residential community to view the school as more relevant and culturally friendly.”

# History of Mariachi in the SMMUSD

2008

1<sup>st</sup> Attempt

2018

Three year  
plan written

2018

1<sup>st</sup> Teacher PD

2018

Instruments  
Ordered

# Implementation Timeline



Sign-Up  
Link

Mariachi  
Performance

First Class  
1/8/19

Mariachi PD  
2019

Mariachi Class Begins  
at JAMS & Edison,  
2019



In July 2018, five SMMUSD elementary music teachers received a week of rigorous training in Las Vegas from Music Education Consultants.



# Mariachi Program: Course Scopes and Goals

- **INTRODUCTION TO MARIACHI (Edison-Classes begin Tuesday, January 8, 2019 from 3:30-4:30pm)**



# BEGINNING MARIACHI (John Adams Middle School- Fall, September 2019)



# ARMONIA (John Adams Middle School- September, 2019)



# MELODIA (John Adams Middle School- September, 2019)



# MARIACHI ENSEMBLE I

(John Adams Middle School- September, 2020)



# MARIACHI ENSEMBLE II

(John Adams Middle School- September, 2021)



# MARIACHI ENSEMBLE III

(John Adams Middle School- September, 2022)



# Samohi Mariachi

- 2023- MARIACHI ENSEMBLE I
- 2024- MARIACHI ENSEMBLE II
- 2025- MARIACHI ENSEMBLE III



# Questions and Comments

