

Counselors



Intermediate school can be a challenge in more ways than one. It's nice to know that because of PEF your child has more counselors available to help.

Counselors help students with their class schedules and make certain they have the skills necessary for success in intermediate school. They help students and parents set goals and make decisions regarding academic planning. Counselors also offer programs and parent education talks to assist with issues relating to your child's well-being. They also help students develop executive level functioning skills like self-advocacy and time management.

The Safe Schools program is an integral part of intermediate counseling and covers topics ranging from bullying prevention to drug and alcohol abuse prevention. Counselors are there to help our students and have an open door policy during school.



Teachers



You've heard the news. Millions of public school students across the nation are seeing their class sizes swell because of budget cuts and teacher layoffs. Despite this trend, PEF believes that better class sizes translate into a more effective learning environment and they allow teachers to pay more individual attention to each student. A number of surveys also show that parents care about school class size second only to school safety.

LA County schools have a reputation for extremely crowded schools and large class sizes - up to 50 students per class, in some cases. PEF strives to keep our PVPUSD class sizes as small as possible with your donations. As the only school non-profit that can raise funds for teachers salaries, half of our annual pledge goes to maintaining teacher positions. It's shocking but true; class sizes in the PVPUSD would be even larger without your support of PEF!



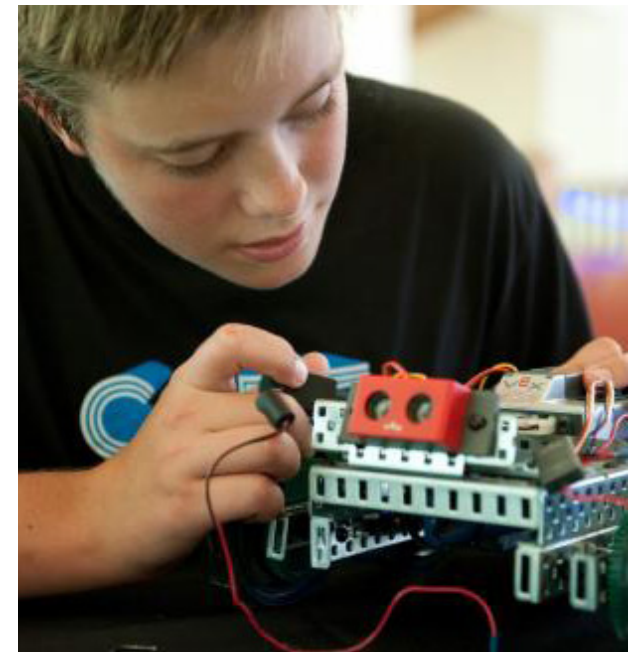
STEM



What does this acronym stand for? The *Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)* program offered at Palos Verdes, Miraleste and Ridgecrest Intermediate schools.

A STEM education introduces students to the fields of engineering and technology and offers a variety of hands-on projects in three independent units: design and modeling using computer aided design (CAD), automation and robotics, and a section in which students explore alternative energy systems. This two-year program directly feeds into both high school STEM programs and gives PVPUSD students the opportunity to take six unbroken years of engineering courses.

PEF supports STEM so our students gain a competitive edge in the areas of science and technology and get a head start on the path toward future careers in a high tech, high-skill economy.



Going from elementary school to middle school can be tough. The academic and social transition is a shock to many kids. Thankfully, here on the Peninsula, parents have one less worry about middle school. Your child can get one of the best educations there is to be had - anywhere. PVPUSD schools are among the best in California and the nation. What makes our high schools among the best?

Strong Academics
Motivated Students
Involved Parents
Experienced Faculty

and

Much
Much
More

Like...

Counselors

High-Tech Engineering Programs

More Teachers to Minimize Class Size

None of these are a given anymore but PEF believes the importance of a great middle school education can't be understated.

As your child grows, matures and prepares for high school, we've got your child's back in terms of safety and education. **Please help us and donate today to make sure our PVPUSD schools have the funding they need so your child can get the education they deserve.**

About Us

The Peninsula Education Foundation (PEF) raises money to support the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District in meeting its funding requirements to assure continued excellence in public education.

The Peninsula Education Foundation (PEF) was founded in 1979 by involved parents and community leaders who were concerned about the decline in State education funding after the passage of Proposition 13. The Foundation has raised over \$31 million in community contributions to maintain and improve educational resources, programs and technology in the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District (PVPUSD), and also fund teaching positions to keep class sizes more manageable.

With almost 12,000 students in the district, PEF touches the lives of local families every day with educational opportunities that position their children for a lifetime of achievement.

PEF has pledged \$3 million to the PVPUSD for the 2013-2014 school year. Through your donations, PEF helps maintain the quality of the entire PVPUSD by supporting every school, every child.



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