



## Arrupe Partnerships for Community-based Learning

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# BACHRODT CHARTER ACADEMY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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### Organizational Profile

Bachrodt Charter Academy is an innovative district dependent public charter school located near the airport in downtown San Jose. In response to its program improvement status, Bachrodt became a charter school in 2008 to improve academic achievement. The building blocks of the charter established four major areas of focus: 1) integration of the technology, 2) implementation of a Two-Way Bilingual Immersion strand (which is now up to 2nd grade and growing a grade level each year), 3) integration of creative arts, and 4) increasing parental involvement.

Currently, 606 students attend Bachrodt, of which 80% are Latino, and 55% are English Language Learners and 76% are socioeconomically disadvantaged. Students are in one of three language programs: SEI, with all instruction in English, or one of two Spanish/English bilingual programs, ALA (Academic Language Acquisition) or TWBI (Two-Way Bilingual Immersion). All Bachrodt teachers also implement research-based educational practices and engaging learning experiences for our kindergarten through fifth grade students to help make learning meaningful for students. In addition, the school works to reinforce positive behavior in school wide systems.

Bachrodt students are future global citizens, so we welcome community volunteers who make it possible for all students to reach their greatest potential.

### SCU Student's Role

SCU students who choose this placement will work in classrooms, assisting as tutors either one-to-one or in small groups. In some cases, placement times may overlap into recess or lunch time which provides SCU students an opportunity to interact with the children in a less structured manner. SCU students will receive their room/teacher assignment at the orientation meeting.

When signing up for a placement, SCU students should note a particular time block and sign up based on the primary language (Spanish or English) that they would prefer to use during their placement. Placements are separated into grade levels.

### To Do Before Orientation

- Immediately make **fingerprint** appointment at the San Jose Unified District Office and follow attached instruction sheet.
- Go to the Cowell Health Center immediately to get a TB test at no cost. You will need to have a **negative TB verification within 60 days** of your fingerprint appointment.
- Visit the website listed above to learn more about your placement or the umbrella organization with which it is affiliated.
- Read your course syllabus and be prepared to discuss your learning goals with your placement supervisor at orientation.

### To Do After Orientation

- Check the school calendar for holidays/school closures that may fall on your placement day. Arrupe students are expected to make up these days and arrange this with the supervisor or classroom teacher.