



Arrupe Partnerships for Community-based Learning

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OCALA MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Organizational Profile

Ocala middle school is one of six middle schools in Alum Rock Union School District. It serves an ethnically diverse population with a majority of Latinos, followed by Asians, and a small percentage of others. The school serves over 650 students.

Arrupe placements will involve SCU students in the AVID program. AVID is a program to support and inspire students to go to college. The program provides academic support designed to teach the students the skills they need and give them the support they require, not only to be accepted into a college, but to successfully complete their degree. Students take AVID as an elective class that teaches the skills of note taking, organization, study, writing, critical thinking, group work, and many other skills they will need to succeed in their other rigorous classes.

Almost all of the AVID students will be the first in their family to go to college. One of our missions at Ocala is to encourage our AVID students to develop a passion for their education and continue this journey through high school and college.

SCU Student's Role

SCU students will be working as tutors in the classroom in small groups under the supervision of the classroom teacher. SCU students serve as role models to the middle school students, many of whom have not known college students in their personal lives. Working with middle school youth is a great introduction into any career. This tutoring program is unique in that it involves students within the classroom and thus serves as an incredible opportunity for anyone interested in becoming a teacher. SCU students will be trained in inquiry based methods of tutoring to help the Ocala students find the answers using their own intelligence instead of simply giving them the answers.

To Do Before Orientation

- **Fingerprints** will need to be done at Alum Rock Union Elementary School District office. Please see attached information sheet.
- **Proof of TB Test within the last 6 months**
- A volunteer application will also need to be completed.
- Visit school's website to learn more about their work.
- 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.