

Beyond California Content Standards: 21st Century Learning Standards

Students should be prepared to succeed, not just survive. At Ormondale, the California State Content Standards are the starting point for our educational journey. However, the 21st Century demands a new approach to education. The pace and complexity of society is changing quickly and schools are hard-pressed to respond. While standards-based competencies remain critical for academic success, students also need a new set of skills that foster critical thinking, problem solving, research, and communication.

In tandem with the Portola Valley School District Strategic Plan, Ormondale has embraced the goal of educating global students who are prepared to thrive in the future of our democratic society. Investigative Learning, our tool for educating 21st century students, provides powerful experiences designed to develop investigation and dynamic problem solving while fostering a responsible and proactive approach to learning. Through these experiences, students develop the ability to investigate a problem, apply relevant knowledge, and take responsibility for their learning.

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<i>INVESTIGATION</i>	<i>APPLICATION</i>	<i>RESPONSIBILITY</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Contribute ideas ▪ Seek understanding ▪ Employ creativity in communicating ideas ▪ Set and work toward goals ▪ Demonstrate engagement in learning ▪ Experiment with and explore ideas ▪ Ask clarifying questions ▪ Employ multiple approaches to problem solving ▪ Demonstrate resilience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Acquire and apply new skills and knowledge ▪ Deepen existing skills and knowledge ▪ Make connections between lessons and own experiences ▪ Retain information over time ▪ Use new resources effectively ▪ Communicate to express understanding ▪ Listen respectfully to build understanding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Act as a self-directed learner ▪ Approach challenges with confidence and interest ▪ Make informed choices ▪ Use time effectively ▪ Show consideration for others by practicing self-restraint ▪ Collaborate with peers ▪ Demonstrate confidence and pride in sharing work with others ▪ Act as a caring and interested citizen