

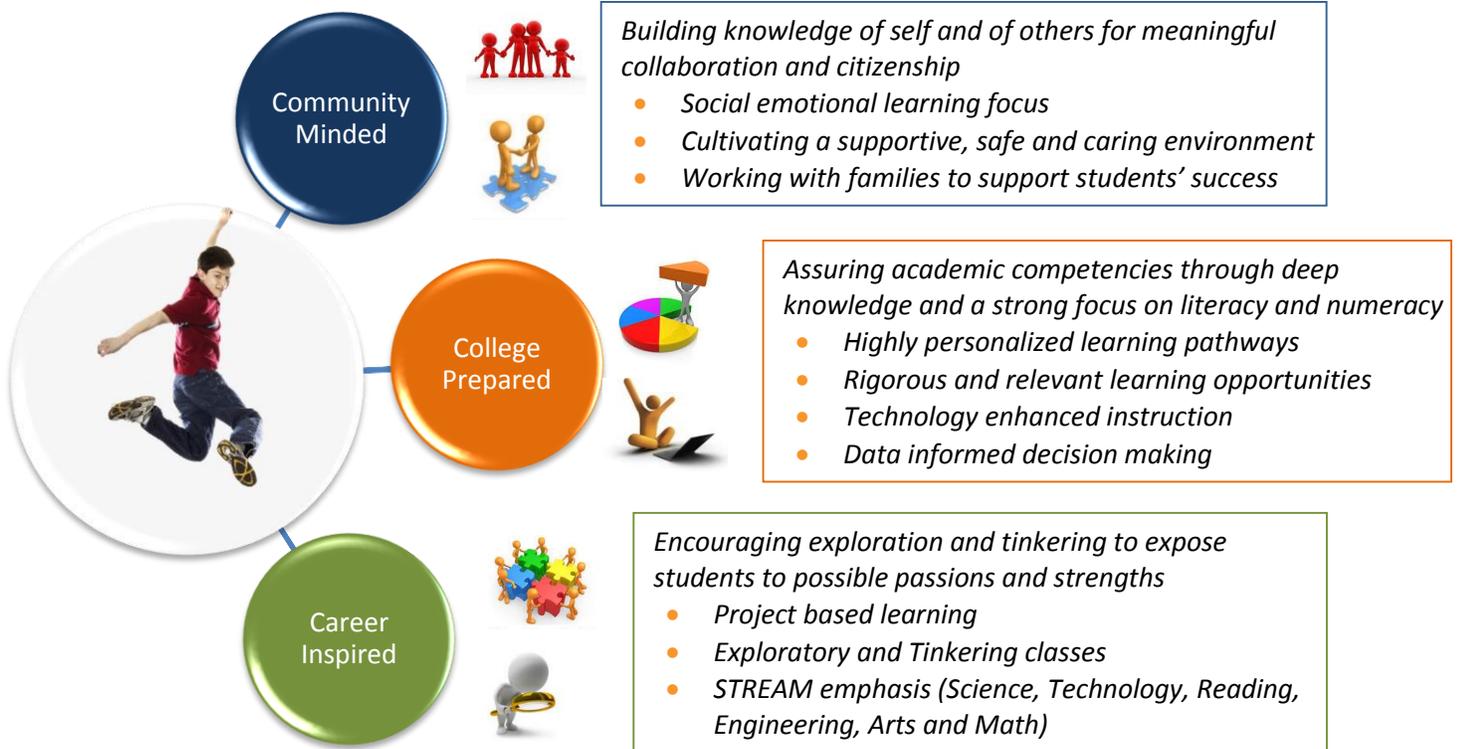
To expand futures by personalizing learning and engaging learners so they are:
 Community-Minded, College-Prepared, and Career-Inspired

At Thrive, we believe every child can meet high expectations for success – beyond “proficiency” in core subjects – if the **school and instructors adapt to meet individual students’ needs, rather than expecting students to adapt to the needs of schools**. We are re-imagining school because our students today grow up in an ever changing, technology rich society and we want to offer an educational experience that adapts and grows with our students. Based on research and extensive work in and with top innovating schools across the nation, Thrive Public School offers a unique program that blends the very best of what is proven to work for students.

THRIVE’S VISION: Thrive is a K-8 public charter school in San Diego that prepares students to be **community-minded, college-prepared, and career-inspired**. We will engage learners and personalize learning through:

- Discovering students’ passions
- Hands-on learning that engages students to create and explore
- Adapting curriculum to personalize learning based on students’ needs
- Preparing students for life beyond K-12
- Supporting personal development and creating a collaborative learning community

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER, STRATEGIES THAT WORK:



A PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL: Charter schools are public schools created by parents, educators and communities, and run by a Board of Directors. Charter schools strive to provide innovation in the classroom and give families an alternative choice to traditional public schools. Over ½ million students attend the over 1,100 free, charter schools in California. Many of these charters are out-performing traditional public schools and comprise the top-ranking schools in their districts. A “charter” spells out the measurable pupil outcomes the charter school must meet, holding the charter to a higher level of accountability than traditional public schools, which is the intent of the charter law, in exchange for freedom and autonomy in school operations. Students at charter schools don’t pay tuition and they participate in the same standardized testing that all public students do. Charters must meet and exceed district and state expectations in order to remain open. To learn more about charter schools, please visit www.calcharters.org

THRIVE'S ULTIMATE PURPOSE: Quite simply, we create support structures for excellent teaching and learning that targets today's students. Supported by some of the leading minds in education and philanthropy, our highly qualified team works with students and families, leveraging technology and national best practices to help students become thoughtful members of our community who are prepared for their futures.

LEADERSHIP: Thrive is the realization of a dream for Founder/CEO, **Dr. Nicole Tempel Assisi**, an accomplished education reform leader. After starting her teaching career in the San Diego Unified School District, Dr. Assisi went on to serve as a team member for three of California's most acclaimed charter operators: High Tech High, Camino Nuevo Charter Academy and, most recently, the Da Vinci Schools. Dr. Assisi was a professor of Educational Leadership at both UCLA and Cal State Dominguez Hills. She still frequently speaks on innovation in education and charter management. Dr. Assisi holds a Doctorate degree in Urban Education from the University of Southern California Rossier School of Education and two Masters' degrees from the University of San Diego and Point Loma Nazarene University. Dr. Assisi has assembled an incredible team of experts to create one of the best school networks in California.



SUPPORTERS & AWARDS: Thrive Public Schools is thrilled to announce that we have received the coveted **Next Generation Learning Challenges Grant (NGLC) Wave IV**, a national, competitive grant for innovation in education. In addition to this honor, we are fortunate to the support from some of the nation's leading education foundations:



With the generous assistance of our funders and supporters, Thrive will launch its first K-8 public charter schools in Southern California in 2014. The school will be located in central San Diego and will enroll a racially/ethnically and socio-economically diverse mix of students, starting with approximately 100 children in the first year and growing to approximately 750 over five years.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORTERS:

Dede Alpert – Former Assembly Woman and State Senator

Dr. Julie Zoellin Cramer, Senior Research Associate, Center for Education Policy and Law, University of San Diego

Rod Dammeyer, Chairman, CAC; Board Member, California Charter Schools Association and High Tech Charter Schools

Jon Dean, CIO, Summit Public Schools

Donna Elder, Chair and Professor, National University

Kate Farrar, Managing Director of Regional Alumni Support, Teach for America

Dr. Pedro Garcia, Professor, University of Southern California; Former Superintendent, Nashville Public Schools

Stanley V. Heyman, President, Heyman & Associates

Scott Himelstein, Former State Secretary of Education,

Diane Levitt, Director of K-12 Education, Cornell; Former Director of Corporate Social Responsibility, Belkin

Ana Ponce, Chief Executive Officer, Camino Nuevo Charter Academy

Dr. Robert Schwartz, Senior Advisor, New Teacher Center

Rebecca Tomasini, Founder and CEO, The Alvo Institute

Jed Wallace, President and CEO, California Charter Schools Association

Thrive is also working in partnership with the California Charter Schools Association, EdTec (back-office services), Young, Minney and Corr LLP (legal services) and has collected more than 400 signatures from community members who are eager to have Thrive be part of their neighborhood.