OLD RIVER SCHOOL

DOWNEY, CA

GATOR STRONG
Old River School

📅 Today

Gator Strong! At Old River School, we know that **strong learners** are **strong leaders**. As a school community, our teachers are equipped to provide a robust learning environment that fosters academic growth and leadership opportunities. Students are given the tools to develop the necessary skill set to form their unique identity and gain a deeper understanding of the physical and digital world in which we live. Our students are empowered to think critically, communicate ideas creatively, and persevere with a growth mindset. **Gator Strong** is who we are!

🌐 Vision

Old River School is rooted in our commitment to being **Gator Strong**. Our strong community creates strong learners and strong leaders who collaborate and connect as they express themselves creatively.

STRONG LEARNERS
Our students take an active role in their learning by leveraging the use of Apple Technologies to achieve their learning goals.

STRONG LEADERS
We are driven to continually strengthen, evolve, and engage in our quest to be our best selves by encouraging, motivating, and inspiring each other.

STRONG COMMUNICATORS
Through our commitment to providing students with voice and choice, our students learn to communicate, connect, and express themselves clearly for multiple purposes using a variety of tech tools to meet their goals.

DEMOGRAPHICS

- 662 students
- 25 teaching faculty
- Public School
- Grade Levels 4 and 5
- 20% English Language Learners
- 76% Free/Reduced Lunch

APPLE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES USED

STUDENTS
- 1:1 iPads
- Innovation Lab
- Spheros

TEACHERS
- 1:1 iPads
- 1:1 MacBook Air
- ISTE Certified
- Apple Research for Educators
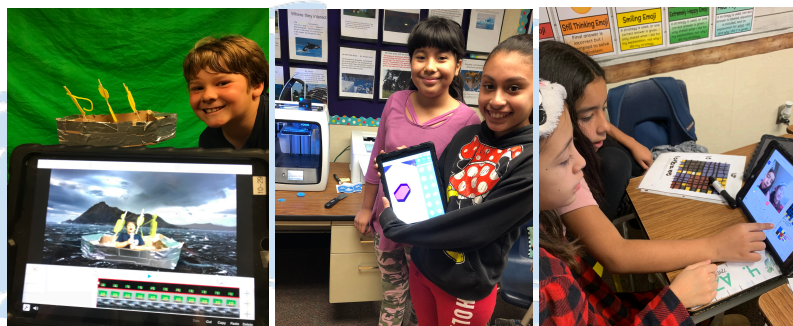- Apple's Everyone Can Create

CLASSROOMS
- Apple TV
- AirPlay

💡 Learning

Apple technology has given our community of strong learners continuous opportunities to create inquiry driven experiences fostering connection, collaboration, creativity, and personalized learning.

Inquiry based learning experiences enable students to connect with our evolving community. Students apply learning to the real world, shaping their views, as they grow and develop their unique identities.

As empowered learners, students have voice and choice on which apps are best suited to showcase their thinking. All students have access to various creation tools. They are encouraged to explore and take risks in order to demonstrate their knowledge. The diversity of our community shines through these personalized learning experiences. iPads have shown students the power of their authentic voice allowing them to deepen and own their learning.
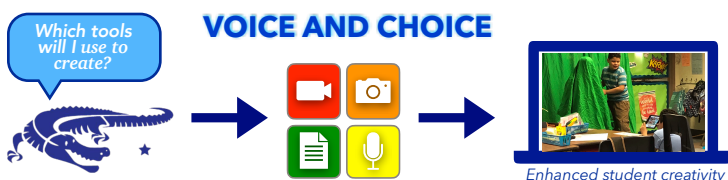
VOICE AND CHOICE

Which tools will I use to create?

Enhanced student creativity

Students are invested in becoming productive, responsible, and compassionate members of the Old River School community, collaborating and connecting with each other and the world around them. This is seen in our Gator Tech Squad! GTS is a team of student digital leaders who promote creativity, inspire, and teach staff and students strategies for communicating ideas using a variety of tools.

Our teaching is responsive, inclusive, and relevant to our diverse learners. Teachers work in teams to create learning experiences that spark curiosity and inspire students to take initiative in their learning. All teachers are Apple certified. Apple tools have created a culture of innovation and growth toward the common goal of meeting the needs of all students.

🔗 Learning in Action

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The Story of Gator Tech Squad

Gator Tech Byte Example

Connected Through Technology

DUSD Day of Design Challenges

Winter's Tail Project

Using Technology on Campus

Student Showcase

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🏆 Success

Our success is in developing student leaders who collaborate and drive their learning, like Gator Tech Squad, who in turn empower their peers. This establishes a culture of continuous innovation and an equitable education for our diverse learners.

The 1:1 iPad model allowed for strong connections and a smooth transition into Distance Learning. The Apple Learning Technologies Survey indicated that 100% of our staff felt equipped to teach using technology. We were able to achieve a 95% attendance rate ensuring consistent class participation and a deeper level of student engagement. The LCAP survey revealed that 99% of parents feel ORS prepares their children with 21st century skills. Our staff continually analyzes data to improve practices and design learner-driven activities.

🎯 What's Next

As we journey forward, we are committed to using Apple Technologies to transform our teaching and learning. With our established culture of continuous learning, we will continue to spark curiosity and inspire creative thinkers who love learning.

Teachers are committed to utilizing professional resources such as the Apple Teacher platform and use the SAMR model as our guide as we continue to infuse technology into our teaching and learning in purposeful ways.

Students will have new opportunities to problem solve, think creativity, and collaborate through Swift Playgrounds and Apple's App Design Challenge. Our real world focus drives our learning and decision making to evolve with the changing world around us.