We are a school where students excitingly await the arrival of each school day.

Founded in 1996, Sea Crest is an integral part of the scenic and welcoming coastside community of Half Moon Bay.

We believe in fostering a joyful educational experience for both students and teachers, where academic excellence and character building are equally and greatly valued.

Community
Small class sizes create a comfortable space where students can form close relationships with their teachers and classmates. Each Middle Schooler is assigned an Advisor (a teacher who serves as an advocate and mentor), and advisory groups meet each day during first period. Sea Crest welcomes family engagement, and there are countless volunteer opportunities for parents and guardians.

English
Students are empowered to view reading, writing, speaking, and listening as vehicles through which they can discover who they are. Critical thinking is emphasized throughout the year as students acquire literary analysis skills through novel studies and journal entries. Students explore the roles that character, conflict, and perspective play in literature, while learning to infer themes and key messages. Ongoing lessons in writing help students communicate their thoughts and ideas with greater clarity and precision.

Science
Our goal is to develop a solid understanding of the scientific method, science writing skills, measurement, observation, and experimentation. Middle Schoolers explore planetary sciences such as geology, astronomy, and meteorology, and they confront pressing scientific issues such as environmental sustainability. Beginning in Seventh Grade, students study the structure of cells and living systems. In Eighth Grade, science classes focus on preparing students for the rigors of high school chemistry and physics.

Spanish
Students are encouraged to cross language barriers and communicate with native Spanish speakers in our local community and abroad. After graduating, most students place into Level II or III Spanish classes during their first year of high school.

History
The goal of our History program is to make connections between themes of justice, survival, and equality throughout human history. Our teachers bring history to life and instill a passion for the past through experiential learning opportunities, such as the Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum, the San Francisco Asian Art Museum, the Legion of Honor, the immigration station on Angel Island, a swearing-in of new citizens in San Francisco, and a trip to Washington, D.C.
Service Learning
Our service learning program focuses on environmental stewardship, literacy, and hunger – topics that have both worldwide and local relevance. Students reach out to the neighborhood senior center and adopt causes such as wildlife conservation. Their service projects raise approximately $20,000 each year for local organizations, in addition to numerous clothing and food collections. Our Eighth Grade students participate in a yearlong service learning project on hunger and homelessness, during which they provide support to Coastside Hope and the San Francisco Food Bank.

Health and Wellness
Sportsmanship is at the heart of the Physical Education program, where students are encouraged to participate fully and collaborate with respect. In addition to physical activity, students meet twice each week to discuss issues related to personal health and well being. Through this specialized program, students develop a greater appreciation for the connection between mind and body and the lifelong importance of an active lifestyle.

Explorations
Middle School students have the opportunity to choose two electives each trimester. Offerings include performing and visual arts, engineering, design, applied statistics, computer science, robotics, and leadership.

Outdoor Education and International Study
Students benefit from multi-day trips to locations such as the Santa Cruz Mountains and Washington, D.C. They also have the opportunity to travel with classmates to international destinations such as Peru, England, and France.

Athletics
Our strong Athletics Department is a hallmark of our school. We believe each student athlete should be given the opportunity to play, learn, and compete. After-school sports offered in Fifth through Eighth Grade include Volleyball, Flag Football, Cross Country, Basketball, Soccer, Tennis, and Golf.

After Sea Crest
Beginning in Seventh Grade, we work with families to help students find the right fit high school. Students are encouraged to attend school fairs, open houses, and shadow days. We host an Annual Coastside Community High School Fair, bringing representatives from a variety of high schools to campus to meet with families.

After high school, Sea Crest alumni attend colleges and universities that further their unique interests and talents. Recent destinations include Berkeley, Caltech, Cambridge, Colgate, Cornell, Duke, Georgetown, Harvey Mudd, MIT, NYU, Northwestern, Oberlin, Pitzer, Reed, Rice, Stanford, Tulane, and USC.

Sea Crest School is dedicated to providing the best in innovative education to inspire and empower our learners to engage curiosity, express creativity, act with compassion, and lead with courage.