

DIVISION HEAD, MIDDLE AND UPPER SCHOOL SEARCH

TVT COMMUNITY DAY SCHOOL

Irvine, California

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Start Date: July 2025



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Mission

TVT Community Day School is an inclusive Jewish school of inquiry and innovation where academics are important and character is paramount.

Vision

Cultivate compassion, curiosity, and courage to make a better world.

At a Glance



Established
1991



Enrollment
849



Total faculty
100 (MS/US: 48)



Student-faculty ratio
9:1



Financial aid awarded
>\$5M



Faculty with advanced degrees
67% (MS/US: 78%)



Campus size
21.5 acres

Lower School Enrollment: 385
Middle School enrollment: 225
Upper School enrollment: 239

Students receiving aid: 33%
Endowment: \$16M
Annual operating budget: \$31M



Overview

TVT Community Day School is an inclusive coeducational independent Jewish day school serving Jewish and other faith students in grades TK through 12, located in Irvine, California. Founded in 1991 by Irving “Papa” Gelman in loving memory of his daughter, Naomie Gelman Weiss, TVT has grown from a 36-student school to a school that today serves over 800 remarkable students, making it one of the largest and top ranked Jewish day schools in the nation. With a deep commitment to each child’s growth and exploration, TVT is highly regarded for its focus on inquiry and innovation, and in providing an education rich with opportunities, both in and out of the classroom. Grounded in the Jewish values of community, justice, kindness, respect, truth and repairing the world (*tikkun olam*), TVT is a community full of discovery, exploration, kindness, and inclusion.

With a beautiful campus and unsurpassed facilities, TVT is a place where every student’s journey is embraced and celebrated. Guided by a highly talented and compassionate faculty, students at TVT are celebrated for who they are today and are empowered to discover who they will become in the future. The heart of the school centers on the talents and character of all community members, students and adults alike. Together, they embark on a journey and partnership laying the foundation for a lifetime of discovery and a steadfast commitment to making a positive impact in the world.

TVT now seeks their next Head of Middle and Upper Schools, with a start date of July 1, 2025. This position, which reports directly to Head of School, Jill Quigley, and serves as a member of the Senior Administrative Team, will oversee the day-to-day operations of the Middle and Upper Schools, including faculty, staff, and a robust and happy student body. The Head of Middle and Upper Schools will also work closely with Elise Blum, the current Head of MS and US, who has been appointed to the position of Assistant Head of School for TK-12 Programming, which will oversee the academic and co-curricular programming of all grades at TVT.



Opportunities and Challenges

The next Head of Middle and Upper Schools at TVT will:

Lead the day-to-day operations of the middle and upper schools

The Head will oversee a professional and committed faculty, one dedicated to upholding an excellent level of teaching, innovating in a strategic manner, and supporting the academic and social-emotional well-being of its students. The Head will be a thought-partner with the new Assistant Head of School for TK-12 Programming, actively considering the strong curriculum already in place, and with the Deans of the Middle and Upper Schools, supporting the curricular and co-curricular offerings of the two divisions while working to create a Middle School experience that is distinct from the Upper School experience.

Oversee the vibrant student body and their families

The Head will be a present and visible leader to the middle and upper school students as they navigate their ways through a complicated time—adolescence. The Head will support students' needs, navigating right alongside the students. And the Head will be an excellent communicator with parents, leading and listening with empathy and compassion.

Live and lead by the mission of the school

Academics are important. Character is Paramount. TVT's mission emphasizes the importance of both academic excellence and character development. Therefore, the Head will lead guided by this mission, paying particular attention to character development as that relates to the academic and intellectual strides students make through middle and upper school. The Head will lead by example, living by the TVT mission with intent.

Further, the Head will embrace a deep understanding of the Jewish religion and culture, holding close the school's values of kindness, community, truth, justice, respect, and repairing the world.



Qualifications and Personal Attributes

The most competitive candidates for the Head of Middle and Upper Schools will offer the following:

- A deep background in academic and school leadership, with demonstrated abilities to govern a faculty and student body
- An understanding of or an appreciation for the Jewish religion and culture
- A relational and approachable demeanor
- An excellent listener and communicator, both orally and in written word
- A proven record of being an advocate for students and their teachers, with an emphasis on sustaining high academic success and social-emotional well-being
- An excellent ability to work closely with parents and family members of students
- A record of building and sustaining a positive and supportive school community
- Ability to be a thought-partner with the Head of School and other administrators; a collaborative, team-focused approach
- A sense of humor

Learn More

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To Apply

Interested and qualified candidates are invited to contact the consultant in confidence. Candidates will ultimately need to submit the following materials as separate PDF documents:

- A cover letter expressing their interest in this particular position;
- A current résumé;
- A Leadership Statement;
- A list of five professional references with name, relationship, phone number, and email address of each (references will not be contacted without the candidate's permission) to:

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The full-time equivalent salary range for this position is \$190K-220K. The starting salary is based upon, but not limited to, several factors that include years of experience, education level, and expertise.