"When I look back at the last year, I realize that I found a place where I can 'fit in.' More so, I found something even greater than that--I realized who I could become."
-Jacob

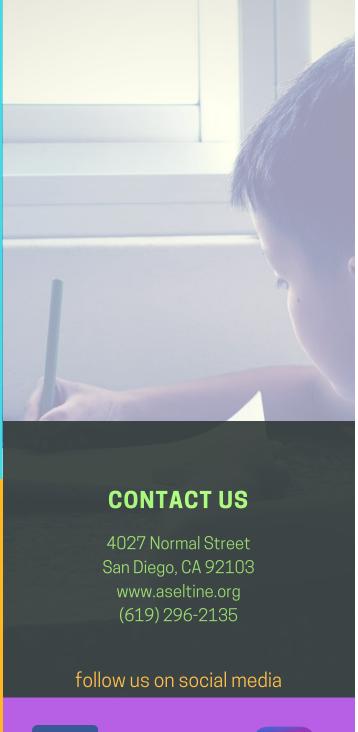
"What I learned at Aseltine was to not let the negative things rule my life; to never give up no matter what is going on; to make the right friends who you can trust; to let people help me when I need it, and to respect myself and others who are around me."

"At Aseltine they treat you as an equal--they listen and try to understand where you come from--even if the staff don't agree with you--they try to see your point of view instead of saying you're wrong or bad. At Aseltine, they try to get to know you on a more personal level, beyond school."

-Daniel

-Monique













## WHY CHOOSE US?

Small class sizes - and a high staff-tostudent ratio. Rigorous academics. Fine arts education. Cultural enrichment opportunities. Creative problem-solving. Competitive sports. Critical thinking. Individualized instruction. Staff who care. It's no wonder Aseltine students are ready for an independent and prosperous future. Since 1968, Aseltine School has welcomed, nurtured and engaged San Diego's K-12 students whose needs are not met in traditional settings. Aseltine's innovative program is transformative, and is based on constructionist principles. We strongly believe in the intelligence, creativity, capability and resourcefulness of our students. Aseltine students learn to embrace challenge and to view past failures and current difficulties as opportunities for growth and change. The Aseltine community is uncommonly supportive; we strive to work in partnership with each unique individual. We ensure all members are treated with respect and that everyone is listened to, valued and heard.

Aseltine's unique approach is highly effective with a variety of learning styles and with studemts who have been labeled with the following primary diagnosis:

Emotional Disturbance
Attention Disorders/Other Health Impaired
Specific Learning Disability
Intellectual Disability (Mild/Mid)
Autism

## **ABOUT US**

## MISSION AND VISION

Our mission is "To educate and empower students to become critical thinkers of the world."
Aseltine School nurtures, challenges, and engages K-12 students who do not learn like other children. Recognizing that students are experts of their own world, Aseltine validates students' experiences and opinions, empowering them to become passionate learners, self advocates, and creative problem solvers in school and in the community.



## **OUR APPROACH**

- Conflict Resolution: At Aseltine, instead of implementing isolation or punishment when a student acts out, children must work through their issues and confront the root of their behavior, then develop strategies to effectively deal with future challenges.
- Problem Solving: Students are engaged in problem-posing academic and social situations, which allow them to practice advanced critical thinking, teamwork, and self-control.
- Support Services: Aseltine provides a variety of support services to assist students and their families:



Counseling and Guidance
Occupational Therapy
Speech and Language Therapy
Transition Services
Outreach Program
Vocational Education
Transportation