

EDUCATIONAL TENANT POLICY

The Presidio Trust (Trust) administers approximately 80 percent of The Presidio of San Francisco, within the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, a unit of the National Park System. The Trust is committed to preserving and enhancing the natural, historic, scenic and recreational resources of the Presidio for public use in perpetuity. The Trust believes that educational institutions can and should play a prominent role in this effort by locating or offering programs at the Presidio that advance understanding and promote public service on behalf of these and other national resources. The Trust will seek to achieve – through educational leasing, programming and events – a breadth of educational opportunities and offer them to a cross section of the public.

The Trust seeks educational tenants for approximately 400,000 gross square feet in various areas throughout the Presidio, as indicated in the *Presidio Trust Management Plan*. The Trust will endeavor to achieve a mix of programs and services, including curriculum-based programs for children or adults, less formal programs, and opportunities for research. Both public and private institutions will be considered, with preference given to tenants who integrate Presidio resources into their programs (for example, using the park as an “outdoor classroom”), who encourage outreach and public service, who offer programs to park visitors, and/or whose constituencies are national in scope.

Among the criteria used to evaluate educational programs and proposals are:

- Programmatic excellence
- Effective use of Presidio facilities with minimal environmental impacts
- Financial and organizational capacity to carry out the proposed program and, in some cases, to rehabilitate historic facilities at the park
- Means to assure reasonable opportunities for the inclusion of a mix of students reflecting various backgrounds, such as economic status, ethnicity and religious persuasion

The Trust will consider a variety of educational institutions and programs, including:

- Schools (all grade levels; public, private, charter, trade, vocational and single-issue (e.g. cooking, art, etc.))
- Program providers (cultural institutions; outdoor education and recreation programs; youth leadership programs; training programs, etc.)
- Research programs (particularly programs that relate to Presidio resources or issues (e.g. archeology, natural resources, environmental studies, historic preservation, livable communities, etc.))

This policy is intended to guide the Trust’s Board of Directors and staff in its deliberations about educational tenants. It establishes a goal; it does not set out requirements. The Trust will assess periodically its success in achieving its policy goal, and will make adjustments if appropriate.