

CORE VALUES OF OCEAN ACADEMY

- Excellence in education provided to students who *want* to learn.
- Spiritual growth and ethical leadership.
- Respect for every human being regardless of ethnicity, nationality, gender, religion or sexuality.
- Respect for Mother Nature: her land, water, and all creatures.
- Appreciation for local and foreign cultures and practices.
- Selfless volunteerism and community involvement.
- An awareness and support for the disadvantaged in our society.
- Leadership and activism for building a better future.
- A world vision and responsibility.

MOTTO OF OCEAN ACADEMY

PRESERVING OUR HERITAGE, CREATING OUR FUTURE

In addition to our academic goals is an overall commitment to appreciating, respecting and preserving our island's heritage so that future generations may know the natural history, beauty and culture of Caye Caulker that exists today.

Preserving our Cultural Heritage: Students study and gather information about the families and history of the island. They learn to appreciate and live by values important to Caye Caulker.

Preserving our Environmental Heritage: Students learn the science and history of the reef, the ocean, the forests, and the island. They will become the leaders who will protect the economy of Caye Caulker which depends on a healthy reef and island.

Creating our Future: A strong academic and spiritual education builds strong minds and character so students can care for themselves, their families and their communities. An Ocean Academy education creates options for the rest of a child's life. With this education, Ocean Academy students carry a responsibility to build a better future for the next generation.

Enrollment



Information

Ocean Academy

2012-2013

Preserving our Heritage, Creating our Future.

Mission Statement: Created in partnership with the community and for the preservation of the natural environment, Ocean Academy fosters the academic, physical and spiritual growth of all students who demonstrate a strong desire to learn, preparing graduates to pursue a life at home or abroad with personal and professional achievement.

School Fees:

Registration Fee, \$200 due by July 15.

\$150 per month (with \$300 government subsidy).

\$180 per month (without \$300 government subsidy)

* Reminder: commuting to the mainland costs \$25,000 in taxis and buying food for four years (not including school fees).

Applications for Enrollment due: Thursday, May 16

Awards and Working Scholarships (Applications due June 28):

- \$1000 to the highest ranked student.
- \$500 to a student who shows great effort in schoolwork.
- \$500 tuition, plus \$500 for a tutor, for a student who WANTS to learn, but requires a tutor to succeed.
- \$400 to a student who is interested in becoming a teacher, a doctor, a nurse, or other healthcare professional.
- (5) \$200 scholarships for students with financial need.

What Makes our Education Program Strong?

- **Highly qualified Belizean teachers.** Our teachers are highly educated professionals with University degrees (Masters degrees, Bachelor degrees, Associates degrees).
- **Fewer students per teacher.** The people who study the best schools say that the most important factor for a good education is for a teacher to have fewer students in a day. This way, the teacher can understand each student's needs and give more specialized attention. Ocean Academy is a small school with expert teachers, so every student gets expert attention in every class.
- **Hands-on learning.** Ocean Academy gives students opportunities to learn with real-world experiences such as learning science and business through a gardening business; tourism skills through scuba diving; and professional skills from experts in photography, carpentry, computer graphics design and fisheries management.
- **CXC/SCEC Courses.** We offer eight Caribbean Examination Council (CXC/SCEC) courses: English A, English B (Literature), Math, Spanish, Biology, Integrated Science, Principles of Business, Principles of Accounting, and Electronic Document Preparation and Management.
- **Partnerships with Belizean High Schools.** Ocean Academy has collaborated with many top Belizean high schools to develop policies, curriculum, and a course schedule based on the best in Belize. We are a member of the Belize Association of Principals of Secondary Schools (BAPPS) which strives to ensure quality education in all high schools.
- **Preparation for 6th Form and University.** Most of our graduates (70%) go on to 6th form. Our 2012 Valedictorian is receiving top grades at Muffles Junior College.
- **Differentiated Learning.** This is a teaching method that follows the belief that every student learns differently and may need some extra help or extra challenges to learn as much as possible.

How Does Ocean Academy Help the Fast and Slow Learners?

- **Faster Learners.** High scorers in the PSE have chosen Ocean Academy because of our high-quality teachers, curriculum, and individualized attention.
 - **Skill-based learning.** At Ocean Academy, students learn to improve their own skills which means that if a student has a high-level of skill, then, he/she will be taught and graded on how he/she improves his/her own skill. This means that a fast learner will always be challenged to learn more.
- **Slower Learners.** Ocean Academy was created for all students to receive an excellent education, including those who have struggled with school in the past. If a student shows us that he/she wants to learn, we provide the extra help he/she needs:
 - **After-school tutoring.** We offer FREE tutoring Monday-Thursday from 3:45 – 4:45PM. If a student risks failing a subject, he/she is required to stay for tutoring. Students receive small group instruction and the discipline to do their work every day.

What courses are offered at Ocean Academy (Form I)?

- **Core Belizean Curriculum:** English Language, Literature, Math, Integrated Science, Social Studies, Spanish, Spirituality, Life Skills, P.E.
- **Ocean Academy Enrichment.** Intensive Computers (EDP&M), Focus on Writing and Reading, Extra Math Workshops, Electives (may include: guitar, graphic design, drama, art, baking, carpentry, psychology, tour guiding, fly fishing, scuba diving, kayaking, volleyball, football, basketball).
- **Classes in Upper Forms:** World History, Principles of Accounting, Principles of Business, Marine Biology, Human Biology.