If we learn how to observe and do so very carefully, we are rewarded with profound new insight. This is the overarching message of the Griffith Observatory Online School Program.

Developed in consultation with teachers and educators to meet fifth-grade California state curriculum standards, the Griffith Observatory Online School Program is a series of four modules, each containing live, recorded, and animated elements as well as a live question-and-answer session with Griffith Observatory Museum Guides and Telescope Demonstrators.

2021 - 2022 SCHOOL YEAR IMPACT STATISTICS

118,032 STUDENT INTERACTIONS
629 SCHOOLS SERVED
92% TITLE I SCHOOLS

89% OF TEACHERS REPORT A DEFINITE INCREASE IN STUDENTS’ ASTRONOMY INTEREST

By connecting to the heritage of astronomical observation, students join a tradition that is ever-evolving in method but is ever the same in its goal: To learn the truth and then use that knowledge to pave our futures.

New tools and methods help us observe more carefully to see relationships, make connections, and solve mysteries.

By observing carefully and systematically, we better understand our connection to the cosmos.
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JEREMIAH of VISTA DEL VALLE ELEMENTARY
“I really enjoyed how we got to learn about how on one of Jupiter’s moons, Europa, that there’s water underneath the surface of the moon. So there could be life and amoeba under there!”

NATHAN of WALT DISNEY ELEMENTARY
“Thank you, Griffith Observatory. I love astronomy a lot and was very happy with the Zooms we got, especially the one about comets. I never knew what facts and hypotheses people thought. Especially what comets are made of.”

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You can support this and other innovative programs with a donation. $10 covers one student’s participation in all five modules. $50 covers the technology and technical personnel needed for one classroom to participate in one module. $500 covers a classroom to participate in the full program. Any amount supports accessible S.T.E.A.M. programming for all.

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