

A SEAT AT THE TABLE

Cardinal Kung Academy



2020-2021

PROJECT UPDATE



Grant Amount=\$11,500
Project Cost=\$13,320



30 Students Impacted
Grades 7-12

PURPOSE: The addition of a Harkness Table was designed to help our students and teachers engage with each other in our pedagogical mission of studying great works of the past in intense conversation.

IMPACT: The Harkness Table has significantly changed and improved teaching and learning. Instead of students being seated in rows or pods, the entire class can see each other. More students are contributing to the conversation and responding to each other. Students are also realizing that they must be independently prepared to participate, because there is nowhere to hide around the table! Everyone who sees the Harkness Table in our model classroom intuitively understands the value our school places on the democratic life of the mind. Visiting teaching candidates to our school who have sat in on classes notice the difference in the level of conversation the students are capable of.

FUTURE PLANS: Additional tables and matching chairs are added to the school's strategic plan.

