

DISTRICT ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS

Programs are available at the high school level for students who desire or need an alternative instructional approach. These programs provide students with opportunities to earn credits in a manner which is consistent with their own level of ability, interests, talents, and overall orientation to school. For further information, contact Student Services at 833-4262.

The school district has developed a variety of options for high school completion so that each student can finish high school in a productive and purposeful way. We currently offer the following programs for students to utilize as alternative programs at our comprehensive high school:

Adult Education

Students can enroll in classes to prepare for the General Education Diploma (GED) shortly before their 18th birthday or earlier under special arrangements with the Adult Education principal. Students may also complete course work through Adult Education which can be transferred back to their high school to satisfy graduation requirements. To be enrolled in an Adult Education class, a high school student must be concurrently enrolled in a minimum of five regular high school classes.

Middle College Program at Foothill

This program is designed as an alternative for students who are mature enough to handle a college level environment and who can take responsibility for their own educational planning and credit completion. Students take both high school and college level classes on the Foothill campus. Counseling and academic support services are also available.

Alta Vista Continuation High School

This alternative for students of the Mountain View/Los Altos and Palo Alto Unified School Districts emphasizes personalized instruction, integrated study, and technical education and training. Students take core courses, elective classes and/or technical courses. Students are referred to this program by high school staff.

Santa Clara County Alternative Schools Department

The County Office of Education provides educational programs for students who are under court supervision or who are not attending regular school for a variety of reasons. The educational program at all sites emphasizes academic competencies, as well as behavior and attitude change.

Contract Learning

Contract/independent study possibilities are offered to those who need credits for graduation. Generally, these students will continue to be enrolled at the comprehensive high school while working independently.

California High School Proficiency Exam

This examination which yields the equivalent of a high school diploma given by the State Department of Education is currently offered twice a year for high school students aged 16 and above. Upon passing the exam and with the parents' approval, a student is no longer subject to mandatory high school attendance laws and may leave high school to work or go on to a college program.

***945I OPPORTUNITY**

Students need an alternative placement meeting before entering this program.

The Opportunity Program serves grades 9 through 10 (students under 16 years of age) who need a small, self-contained instructional setting for a majority of the school day. The program provides instruction in English, Social Studies, Math, Science, and Life Skills, emphasizing a personalized approach to instruction when needed. Curricular content corresponds to that of the regular program, although learning may be self-paced and adapted to individual needs.

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