

Introducing...

Santa Clara County Office of Education's

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION SCHOOLS

*Models
of
Excellence*

Santa Clara County Alternative Education

Our Vision...

To be "models of excellence in student learning and well being," we are committed to instruct, inspire and support our students by providing opportunities for them to discover their potential, develop character, and maximize learning so they may become independent, life-long learners and productive citizens.

Our Mission...

Our students will learn in a personalized environment that fosters human dignity and promotes academic, social, emotional and personal success.

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ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION
THE ROAD TO
SUCCESS

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Using a comprehensive “community” model for our schools, the County Office of Education places at-risk youth on the road to **SUCCESS** in school and in life.

These alternative education schools involve students, families, educators, and behavioral and health advocates who can make an immediate difference in the lives of these unique learners.

An individualized Success Plan provides each student with the tools to...

- Acquire positive study and work habits
- Practice healthy living
- Obtain a diploma
- Pursue career options
- Engage in positive behavior, in and out of the classroom



Students attend school at a campus where role models work in partnership to support student learning and development.

Academic and Career Focus

- Each student spends a minimum of four hours a day studying core academics – **Language, English, Arts, Math, Science, and History/Social Studies.**
- A student to teacher ratio of 20 to 1 is maintained.
- Core academic classes are taught by teachers with certification in their subject areas.
- To enable students to build career pathways, Career Technical Training is offered at various sites:
 - Classes that will lead to certification in programs such as culinary arts, computer applications, construction technology, auto services and “green” careers.
 - Service learning and community service opportunities at SCCOE sites, such as post-senior special education or Head Start.

Positive Climate

- A principal is assigned to each site to support and train highly qualified staff.
- Support staff include counselors and public and non-profit support agencies.
- Research-based tolerance and gang-intervention programs are incorporated in the school day.
- Comprehensive safety plans are updated annually to address the unique needs of the student population.
- Primary language support is offered.
- PBIS is implemented across all alternative education sites.

Proven Curriculum

- The curriculum is relevant and research-based.
- Instruction is data-driven.
- State-of-the-art technology supports learning.
- Research and Web-based intervention programs support unique learners.
- GED assessment and preparation program are available.
- A course credit recovery program is in place to meet individual student needs.
- Students will become technologically proficient and have the opportunity to access online college courses.

Parent and Guardian Involvement

- Parents and guardians may become members of a School Site Council.
- They may volunteer to chaperone field trips.
- They may work in the classroom with teachers or help at annual events.

“We take students from where they are to where they need to be.”

Dr. Charles Weis
County Superintendent of Schools

**For more information about our
Alternative Education Schools call (408) 453-6968**