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Alternative Education

For Information or to enroll call: North County (831)466-5728 or South County (831)466-4690

Alternative Education programs are unique due to our small classroom sizes, variety of programs, and an intake process to find the right school for your student. All of our programs are WASC-accredited, offer A-G courses, have Cabrillo Dual Enrollment opportunities, and give students the ability to participate in credit remediation/recovery courses. A-G Foreign Language courses and A-G Laboratory Science courses must be completed through Cabrillo Dual Enrollment or by enrolling in our program at Cypress High School. Each program and its unique offerings are described below in alphabetical order.

County Office of Education Independent Study Grades 7-12, Independent Study program

COE Independent Studies offers a supportive environment for self-directed learners who choose to complete High School credits on their own, under the guidance of a compassionate teacher. Students meet weekly with their teacher, to work on an individualized learning plan through independent study, which is intended to meet student needs, interests, and learning styles as well as school district curriculum and graduation requirements. Independent Studies is most helpful for students who have major responsibilities outside of school, such as working a full-time job, being a parent, or being a caregiver. Students who are easily distracted by social interactions in a classroom may find that they focus better on Independent Studies. Other students chose Independent Studies due to health and mental health challenges.

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The Cottage Grades 9-12, Afternoon Classroom program

The Cottage is an afternoon program designed for students who benefit from a small classroom setting with individual attention. Centrally located in Harvey West Park, The Cottage is accessible to students countywide and the afternoon class schedule allows students who are working or who have been out of school to reconnect with a high school education with an emphasis on career choices, character education, and literacy.

Phone: (831) 420-6193

Address: 325 Evergreen St. Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Cypress High School Grades 9-12, Classroom-based program

Cypress High School creates a safe and welcoming academic environment for all students. Our community prides itself on becoming self-actualized citizens who utilize creativity, and critical thinking, to develop a comprehensive world view. We strive to highlight and value each talent, viewpoint, and background represented

in our students through our small school model that prioritizes students first, and a holistic approach to teaching and learning so that our students graduate ready for college and the world.

Phone: (831) 477-0302

Address: 2039 Merrill Street Santa Cruz, CA 95062

Dewitt-Anderson School

Grades 9-12, Female Classroom-based program

At DeWitt Anderson School you will find a small group of young women learning together with a dedicated staff who support them in achieving their goals. The school focuses on building their confidence to become more knowledgeable, empathetic, and conscientious by providing experiences of collaborative projects, a rich curriculum that includes women's studies, ethnic studies and art, and community exploration and service.

Phone: (831) 786-3890

Address: 2716 Freedom Blvd. Corralitos, CA 95076

El Nido School

Grades 9-12, Classroom-based program

El Nido provides a small classroom learning environment on the Cabrillo College campus in Watsonville. Students have the opportunity to participate in a myriad of opportunities such as CTE courses, outdoor learning opportunities, and the arts.

Phone: (831) 750-5605

Address: Cabrillo College 318 Union St. Watsonville, CA 95076

Escuela Quetzal

Grades 9-12, Classroom-based program

Escuela Quetzal is a school counseling program designed for youth who are willing to actively participate in counseling services to learn how to make empowered decisions toward positive, personal growth. The program is made possible through collaboration, communication, and self-reflection in order for students to see the positive impact each can have on his/her community. Each day students attend core academic classes and receive group and individual counseling. Family and community involvement are also important components of the program to develop a known purpose that each individual can fulfill. Along with academics, students are offered courses in art, vocational education, sports, an organic garden, and computer training.

Phone: (831) 786-0558

Address: 241 East Lake Ave. Watsonville, CA 95076

Freedom Community

Grades 9-12, Classroom-based program

Freedom Community School is a small structured single-classroom site that provides a safe, comfortable learning environment. Teachers meet each individual learner at their current academic and social levels in order to create attainable goals, which create a positive learning experience.

Phone: (831) 786-8971

Address: 1430 Freedom Blvd. Watsonville, CA 95076

La Manzana Personalized Learning School

Grades 9-12, Classroom-based program and Independent Study

At La Manzana, we provide a personalized, flexible learning environment that the teacher, student, and family plan together. We provide online, classroom-based, and individualized learning opportunities with the option to concurrently enroll at Cabrillo College.

Phone: (831) 786-9031

Address: 18 Westlake Ave, Watsonville, CA 95076

London Nelson School

Grades 9-12, Classroom-based program

Located in the London Nelson Community Center in downtown Santa Cruz, London Nelson High School teaches students to be intelligent, thoughtful, and compassionate individuals. Students experience success through sound academic instruction in an environment that is safe, supportive, and stresses community values.

Phone: (831) 425-4891

Address: 301 Center St. Rm 6, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Oasis Aptos High School**Grades 9-12, Independent Study program**

Oasis High School is a school designed for students who benefit from an individualized learning plan through independent study, which is intended to meet student needs, interests, and learning styles. Our mission is to support students in earning a high school diploma and to serve as a bridge to community college. Oasis High School provides selected coursework based on the individual student's academic goals. Within the encouraging environment of Oasis, students refine their academic goals and develop the skills to achieve them.

Phone: (831) 466-5650

**Address: Cabrillo College Bldg 350/Oasis Office: Room 358
6500 Soquel Drive, Aptos, CA 95003**

Oasis Watsonville High School**Grades 9-12, Independent Study program**

Oasis High School is a school designed for students who benefit from an individualized learning plan through independent study, which is intended to meet student needs, interests, and learning styles as well as school district curriculum and graduation requirements. Our mission is to support students in earning a high school diploma and to serve as a bridge to community college. Oasis High School provides selected college preparatory, credit recovery, and remediated coursework. Within the encouraging environment of Oasis, students refine their academic goals and develop the skills to achieve them.

Phone: (831) 466-5680

**Address: Cabrillo College Watsonville Bldg B
318 Union Street, Watsonville, CA 95076**

Phoenix Academy School**Grades 7-8, Classroom-based program**

Phoenix Academy/Santa Cruz Community is a school for adolescents who benefit from a small, flexible learning environment in order to be successful in their continuing education. Mutual respect and integrity are an important part of the program, aimed at helping students mature and continue their personal development.

Phone: (831) 425-7107

Address: 411 Roxas St., Santa Cruz, CA 95062

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Robert Hartman School- Juvenile Hall

The mission of Hartman School is to promote positive self-esteem, healthy relationships, and individual success. These goals are achieved through an engaging school environment that focuses on practical scholastic applications unique to youth who have experienced significant trauma. The school focuses on building trusting relationships and meeting each student's individual academic needs.

Phone: (831) 454-3812

Address: 3635 Graham Hill Road, Felton, CA 95018

San Lorenzo Valley Community School**Grades 9-12, Independent Study and Classroom hybrid program**

San Lorenzo Valley Community School is lovingly known as "Highlands" by alumni, faculty, and current students. Highlands is a unique, experience-based learning environment. Our location provides a therapeutic atmosphere on a riverfront park in the Santa Cruz Redwoods. Highlands is a nurturing educational experience for students requiring a safe, structured, supportive environment. Beyond individualized academics, our core focus is acceptance, compassion, and flexibility. Our faculty are not only experienced educators but also highly skilled community advocates who incorporate a trauma-informed approach, individual to each student. We believe strongly in providing opportunities for self-empowerment and building healthy life skills. With abundant creativity and love, Highlands has often been a life-changing experience.

Phone: (831) 336-3165

Address: Highlands Park, 8500 Highway 9, Ben Lomond, CA 95006

Seabright School**Grades 9-12, Independent Study and Classroom hybrid program**

We are creative, flexible, ambitious, independent, and responsible learners. We are creating a learning community where students have choices, reach their goals, appreciate diversity, and feel safe through

individualized programming, small daily classes, and recreational activities. Seabright is located on the Santa Cruz Community School campus.

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Address: 411 Roxas St., Santa Cruz, CA 95062

Sequoia Academy High School

Grades 9-12, Classroom-based program

Sequoia Academy is a unique school designed to assist students who need extra emotional, academic, and social support. The emphasis is on creating a safe environment where each student feels safe, respected, and comfortable enough to partner with the teacher to create a meaningful, achievable, custom path to graduation.

Phone: (831) 466-5680

Address: 229 Green Valley Road, Freedom, CA 95019

Sequoia High School

Grades 9-12, Classroom-based program

Sequoia High School is committed to meeting all students as individuals within a safe and supportive community that prepares each learner for college and career success. Our school culture is rooted in kindness, acceptance, equity, and self-empowerment. The six-class period block schedule structure provides students with a variety of opportunities to engage with a wide range of subject areas, including career technical education courses. At Sequoia, we are future-oriented. Every student develops a post-graduation plan for success. Through a continuum of programming and a choice of career pathways, we create learning experiences that are relevant, rigorous, and engaging.

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Sequoia Independent Study

Grades 9-12, Independent Study

Sequoia Independent Studies offers a supportive environment for self-directed learners who choose to complete High School credits on their own, under the guidance of a compassionate teacher. Students meet weekly with their teacher and complete a minimum of 20 hours of homework each week. Independent Studies is most helpful for students who have major responsibilities outside of school, such as working a full-time job, being a parent, or being a caregiver. Students who are easily distracted by social interactions in a classroom may find that they focus better on Independent Studies. Other students chose Independent Studies due to health and mental health challenges. Besides meeting weekly with their teacher, Sequoia Independent Studies students can receive support from the Sequoia counseling team and the Sequoia work and college specialist.

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Sequoia Junior High School

Grades 7-8, Classroom-based program

Students are individually and holistically supported in developing their academic and social-emotional skills. Prosocial activities are an essential component of the structured program. This program has a strong emphasis on social-emotional learning in a safe, healthy, and positive learning environment. A school-based counselor is assigned to the program to provide counseling services to students.

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Sequoia PLC (Personalized Learning Community)

Grades 9-12, Independent Study and Classroom hybrid program

Sequoia PLC is a hybrid between an Independent Studies and a Day Program; students will do some work outside of school in addition to attending classes on campus. Sequoia PLC provides a small, holistic, and safe environment for students to grow as individuals and work towards their personal and academic goals. Every

student develops a post-graduation plan for success. Through a continuum of programming and a choice of career pathways, we create learning experiences that are relevant, rigorous, and engaging.

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Star Community School High School

Grades 9-12, Classroom-based program

Star Community School offers high school students an alternative learning environment with smaller classes, individualized instruction, resource support, an organic garden, participation in sports, field trips, and more. The school is designed to encourage a diverse group of students to take an active interest in their ongoing education.

Phone: (831) 459-9471

Address: 515 Frederick Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Star PLC (Personalized Learning Community)

Grades 9-12, Independent Study and Classroom hybrid program

Star PLC is a hybrid between an Independent Studies and a Day Program; students will do some work outside of school in addition to attending classes on campus. Star PLC provides a small, holistic, and safe environment for students to grow as individuals and work towards their personal and academic goals. Students are encouraged to attend Cabrillo and CTE classes while in high school.

Phone: (831) 459-9471

Address: 515 Frederick Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060