

Alternative Education

DeWitt Anderson School

focuses on the unique challenges that face adolescent girls, and the teaching and counseling staff are trained and experienced in supporting students as they transition to comprehensive high school, the work place, or college.

Phone: (831) 786-3890

Address: 2716 Freedom Blvd., Corralitos CA 95076

Esperanza Middle School

is a place for our younger students to mature academically as well as socially. Adolescents in grades 6-10 learn study skills as well as life skills, and gain experience in the classroom as well as the community.

Phone: (831) 768-0426

Address: 15 Madison St., Watsonville, CA 95076

Freedom Community School

is a single classroom site for students who excel in a smaller, supportive and structured environment. The teachers make collaboration between peers a priority in order to build academic skills, and the school also focuses on building decision-making skills.

Phone: (831) 786-8971

Address: 1430 Freedom Blvd. Watsonville, CA 95076

Hartman School

provides for the education of Youth detained at Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall. Named after a dedicated teacher, Robert A. Hartman, the school is open year round and employs a staff with extensive experience and training related to delinquent youth.

Phone: (831) 454-3859 or 454-3850 Address: 3650 Graham Hill Road, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Highlands: San Lorenzo Valley Community School

Patience, understanding, and unwavering support for students with a variety of academic needs have made the staff of SLV Community School a key to success for Alt. Ed. students for nearly twenty years.

Phone: 336-3165 / 336-3593

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

Louden Nelson Community School

serves students with both Classroom and Independent Studies programs located in Downtown Santa Cruz. Focused on life skills as well as academics, the program is also an opportunity to get involved in the community.

Phone: (831) 425-4891

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

Natural Bridges High School/Career Training Center

is a Santa Cruz COE program designed for students in grades 10-12 seeking education and employment training while earning credits toward high school graduation. The school is operated with the ROP program and emphasized work experience.

Phone: (831) 457-8254

Address: 313 Swift Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

O.A.S.I.S. Independent Studies

is designed to meet the needs of self-directed students in grades 9-12. The OASIS model allows students to learn at their own pace via web-based classes, tutoring sessions, and one-on-one meetings with their Independent Studies teachers.

Phone: (831) 466-5650 Address: Cabrillo College, 350 Bldg, 6500 Soquel Dr., Aptos, CA 95003

Ponderosa High School and Career Training Center

is designed for students 15 and older (and in 10th grade) seeking education and employment training in "green" careers while earning credits toward high school graduation.

Phone: (831) 336-9338

Address: 305 Marion Ave, Ben Lomond, CA 95005

Escuela Quetzal

is a school program for teens in recovery from substance abuse. The program is made possible through collaboration between Youth Services and the Santa Cruz COE. Each day, students attend core academic classes and receive group and individual counseling.

Phone: (831) 786-0558

Address: 241 East Lake Avenue, Watsonville, CA 95076

For more information, including maps: http://www.santacruz.k12.ca.us/alt_ed/index.html

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Santa Cruz Community School

is a place for adolescent males in grades 7-10 who benefit from a structured learning environment to help overcome obstacles in order to continue their education. Respect and social skills are a big part of the program.

Phone: (831) 425-7107

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

Santa Cruz Teen Center

is a unique Independent Study program where most students are expected to attend every day. Student work is individualized and the program is tailored to meet the individual academic, social, and personal needs of every student.

Phone: 212-7657

Address: 301 Center St. Santa Cruz, CA 95060 inside Louden Nelson

SOS Program (Second Opportunity Students)

is designed for students up to age 19 who are returning to school and who want to continue their education and work towards a high school diploma, GED, or transition to Cabrillo College.

Phone: 750-5605

Address: Cabrillo's Watsonville Campus at 318 Union Street, Watsonville

Star Academy Middle School

helps students progress academically and develop the social skills and work habits which will be beneficial throughout their lives. A major focus is on strengthening academic competence and enhancing self-worth.

Star Community High School

offers High School students an alternative learning environment—smaller classes, individualized instruction methods, resource support, vocational training, participation in sports, music classes—designed to encourage students.

Phone: (831) 459-7971 (Middle) / (831) 459-9741 (High) Address: 515 Frederick St. Santa Cruz 95062

Success Academy

is a unique school designed to assist students who need extra support with study skills and setting educational goals. Students have the opportunity to work with teachers and support staff who have a wide variety of teaching methods and resources at their disposal.

Phone: (831) 768-0426

Address: 15 Madison St. Watsonville, CA 95076

Teenage Parent Program (T.A.P.)

The T.A.P. Program is on-site at Watsonville Community School to assist students who are also parents, enabling students to continue their education and learn effective parenting skills, coming to school with their kids to study together.

Phone: (831) 728-8974

Address: 221 Airport Boulevard, Freedom, CA 95019

Wagner Cottage

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.

Phone: (831) 420-6190

Address: 305 Evergreen Street, Santa Cruz, California 95060

Watsonville Community School

provides a safe, respectful, supportive environment for students who need comprehensive academic support in an alternative setting. WCS is staffed by caring educators who foster school achievement in addition to social and emotional health.

Phone: (831) 722-9419 / 722-9550

Address: 221 Airport Boulevard, Freedom, CA 95019

Y.E.S. Program (Youth Experiencing Success)

is a program that serves adolescents who are dedicated to sobriety and recovery. Students learn to value themselves and others while completing their high school education. The program is a collaborative effort between the COE and Youth Services.

Phone: (831) 458-2637

Address: 709 Mission Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

For more information, including maps: http://www.santacruz.k12.ca.us/alt_ed/index.html