

Alternative Education Information

The Marin County Office of Education operates an alternative education program that serves high risk youth and incarcerated adults. We are committed to high expectations and equity for all students. We value diversity and strive to raise the achievement of all students eliminating the existing achievement gap between students of color and their white classmates. We work to accomplish these goals through relevant professional development and the delivery of standards-based, culturally responsive curriculum and instruction. All teachers are credentialed and/or highly qualified in the subject matter for which they are responsible.

Alternative education serves students who are truant, have chronic social/behavioral difficulties, are on juvenile probation, have been expelled, pregnant or parenting teens, and/or homeless/foster care youth. Students are referred to the program through District School Attendance Review Boards (SARB), probation officers or social workers. These students represent a wide range of scholastic abilities ranging from the gifted to the academically challenged.

A Centralized Intake Team reviews all referrals to determine the appropriate program to offer to a student and his/her family. The Alternative Education provides instruction for students in grades 7 through 12 via a minimum day, full day or contracted learning schedule on an open entry/open exit basis. Students and their parents/guardians meet with the program administrator to develop an Individualized Learning Plan designed to assist students to reach their goals of re-entry to the comprehensive middle or high school, graduation, completion of the General Educational Development (GED) certificate or of the California High School Proficiency Exam (CHSPE).

Counseling and pupil services are major components of the educational program. The system includes educational, social/emotional, substance abuse prevention/intervention and career development services. For more information regarding the Alternative Education Department [Click Here](#).

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