

# **Alternative Education**

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## **DID YOU KNOW THAT DURING THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR:**

- 267 students were served in Marin County Community School, Oracle Independent Study, Phoenix Academy and Loma Alta/Juvenile Hall.
- 31 students graduated from high school in the 2013-2014 academic school year.
- Implemented PLATO, a new online learning program, to support students in relevant, technology-based, independent learning while providing them with opportunities for credit recovery.
- Partnered with Dominican University Service Learning Program that supplied 12 tutors who provided individual and small group tutoring/mentoring service to Marin County Community School and Phoenix Academy students.
- Implemented Blended Learning model for highly effective teaching.
- Completed construction of new Alternative Education campus and initiated planning process for new Community School program, including: facilitating various skill-building opportunities for students, creating college/career pathways, flexible use of the facility, internship opportunities, and an academic program focused on high-interest, relevant curriculum.
- Eleven County Community School students attended ROP classes at Terra Linda High School and the ROP Media Center.
- A technology coach provided support to students in the Alternative Education programs.
- Utilized Sylvan Learning Center as a Supplemental Educational Service provider for after school intensive instruction for Marin County Community School students.
- Successfully completed school year sharing space in an office building where students maintained positive interactions with professionals and the community.
- Developed 3 year plan for program goals and expenditures through Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) process.
- Through the on-going AB1913 Juvenile Justice Delinquency Reduction Grant, services at Phoenix Academy and Marin County Community School included Campus Supervision Support; Phoenix Academy Therapeutic Services; and Harm Reduction classes.
- Partnered with the Marin County Probation Department to include a full-time Probation Officer on the school site to support students in their probation plan goals.
- Provided ongoing professional development opportunities around effective teaching strategies, integration of technology, and Common Core State Standards

implementation.

- Participated in pilot for the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) for students in 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> grades.
- Engaged staff and students in surveys, critical conversations, and brainstorming activities as part of the new school planning.
- Parent education series introduced with focus on drug education and gang awareness presentations.
- Realignment of Alternative Education School Site Council combining representatives from: County Community School/Oracle Independent Study, Phoenix Academy, Juvenile Hall, and English Learner Advisory Council (ELAC).



### **WORK IN PROGRESS IN 2014-2015:**

- Fourteenth year of implementation of AB 1913 Juvenile Delinquency Reduction Grant program.
- Move-in to the new school site and introduce new aspects of the Alternative Education programs.
- Implementation of college / career pathways focusing on high-interest, student-relevant curriculum and internship opportunities.
- Facilitation of College of Marin Multi-Media Distance Learning course on-site with direct support to students.
- Continued parent education series to include topics such as drug education, gang awareness, coping with stress, and orientation to attending community college.
- Introduction to Maker Education through student engagement in innovative, technology-enhanced projects.
- Internship and community service project participation for all students at MCOE and in the community on a weekly basis.
- Focus on effective teaching strategies to include student rotations to skill-based curricular zones and implementation of Common Core State Standards across all curricular areas.
- Partnerships with Marin County Probation Department, Canal Welcome Center, Bay Area Community Resources, San Rafael Police Department, Marin Shakespeare Company, and several other community-based agencies supporting student success.
- School-wide implementation of Project Based Learning, engaging students in critical thinking, collaboration, communication, and creativity.



### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**Annual School Attendance Review Board (SARB) Training**

October 6, 2014 – 8:00 a.m.

**Open House/Public Schools Month Events**

Back to School Night: September 17, 2014 - 6:00 p.m.  
Open House: April 22, 2015 - 6:00 p.m.

**School Site Council Meetings**

Note: All meetings begin at 6:30 p.m.

September 17, 2014  
October 22, 2014  
November 19, 2014  
December 17, 2014  
January 21, 2015  
March 18, 2015  
April 22, 2015  
May 20, 2015  
June 10, 2015

**Marin County Office of Education  
School Attendance Review Board (SARB) Meetings**

Note: All meetings begin at 2:50 p.m.

September 4, 2014  
October 2, 2014  
November 6, 2014  
December 4, 2014  
January 15, 2015  
February 5, 2015  
March 5, 2015  
April 2, 2015  
May 7, 2015  
June 4, 2015

**Homeless and Foster Youth Advisory Meetings**

October 9, 2014 – 4:00 p.m.  
March 16, 2015 – 4:00 p.m.

**Alternative Education Graduation Ceremony**

June 9, 2015 – 6:30 p.m.