



ALTA VISTA ALTERNATIVE

High School Profile

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SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY: THE ALTA VISTA EAGLES

Alta Vista Alternative High School (AVAHS), founded in 2009, is an alternative school of choice that includes four different programs of study at three different physical locations. AVAHS is the sole independent study program within the SBUSD, and is an option for any student, grades 9-12, living within the SBUSD boundary. Students choose independent study as an instructional strategy because it offers them an educational alternative with the flexibility to meet their individual needs. Within our programs, students work with committed, friendly and caring staff who support them in achieving their educational and personal goals.

Graduation Requirements

Alta Vista Alternative High School's integrated curriculum requires students to earn a minimum of 220 credits and 60 hours of community service to graduate.

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| English | 40 credits |
| Mathematics | 30 credits |
| Science | 20 credits |
| Social Studies | 30 credits |
| Visual or Performing Arts; or Foreign Language; or Career Technical Education | 20 credits |
| Physical Education | 20 credits |
| Family Health | 5 credits |
| Additional Elective Courses | 45 credits |
| Total Credits: | 220 credits |

Grading System and Class Rank

- GPA is computed both weighted and non-weighted.
- Grade point averages are computed on a four (4) point scale: A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, F=0.
- All Honors, AP and Dual Enrollment courses are weighted on a five (5) point scale.
- Santa Barbara Unified School District does not rank.

Demographics

Annually, AVAHS serves approximately 150 students:

- 42% Hispanic/Latino
- 38% White
- 4% Asian
- 2% African America/Black
- 2% Filipino
- 1% American Indian

Students Say

In Middle College we're encouraged to go beyond being closet intellectuals, to be fully engaged in a full-range of opportunities on campus and in the community to both discover our passions and talents and put them to good use.

-MOMOKO

Quetzal is a smaller class so the teacher can give us more attention.

-GRACE

Middle College made my high school experience academically rich and personal. My teacher was supportive, yet challenged me to become a responsible adult.

-GRANT

Alta Vista Independent Study has really benefited me and my lifestyle.

The classroom is a great environment to be in and the teachers are so helpful and understanding.

-IVY

Alta Vista Independent Study is an amazing school! I have met so many kind students and teachers. I have gotten so much work done!

-LILY

Dual Enrollment with Santa Barbara City College

An extensive Dual Enrollment program with SBCC is offered to local high schools. A wide range of academic and vocational courses is offered. Students earn both high school credits and college level units. AVAHS students are encouraged to take SBCC courses in order to deepen the rigor of core subjects they have mastered in high school as well as to explore potential major/career pathways. This is quite feasible due to the highly flexible nature of student schedules at AVAHS.

Annually, approximately 50% of AVAHS students are enrolled in our Middle College program, which is a unique independent study program offered in collaboration with Santa Barbara City College (SBCC). Students in this program are required to take at least one SBCC course each semester in addition to their high school coursework.

Advanced Placement (AP) Opportunities

Due to its small enrollment size and nature of independent study programming, Alta Vista Alternative High School does not offer any AP courses.

College & University Admissions

- 53% of graduates enroll directly into a 2 or 4 year institution immediately after high school
- 23% enroll into a 4-year university
- 30% enroll into a 2-year institution
- 80% of those students continue on into a second year of post-secondary education
- 10% of our students attend out-of-state institutions

Because our local community college, Santa Barbara City College, now offers the SBCC Promise (which provides 2 years free tuition, books and required materials), all of our local high schools have an increased number of students opting for SBCC (2-year Institution) as their post-secondary educational pathway. Our Alta Vista grads most frequently attend 4-year institutions are (in order), Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, UCLA, UC Davis, UCSB, University of San Francisco, San Jose State University, UC Berkeley, and UC Santa Cruz.