

Alternative Pathways through High School



LGSUHSD Program Offerings for Junior and Senior Year

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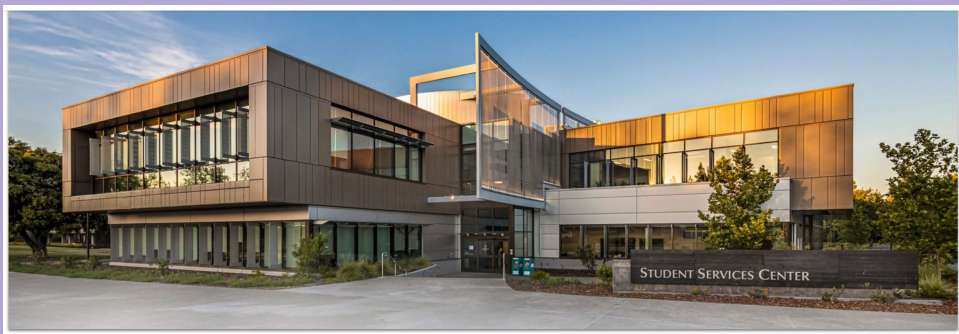
This evening I am here to introduce you to some alternative pathways through high school:

Middle College and College
Advantage (Junior and Senior
years)

SVCTE (Junior and Senior years)

Let's look at Middle College and College Advantage first

These two programs take place at **West Valley College** in Saratoga, CA.



West Valley College is one of California's 116 community colleges
Middle College and College Advantage takes place on this campus.
A Student attending Middle College or College Advantage attend ALL of their high school and college classes on this campus

Middle College/College Advantage

- 1) Description of the Middle College Program
 - a) What it is
 - b) How and when to apply
- 2) Student Perspective/Experience
- 3) Description of the College Advantage Program
 - a) What is it
 - b) How and when to apply
- 4) Student Perspective/Experience

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

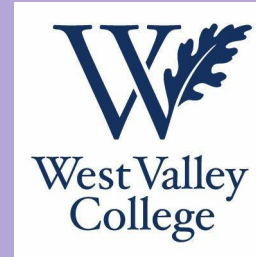
Middle College: Collaboration with WVC and CUHSD

Middle College is a collaboration with West Valley College, LGSUHSD and Campbell Union High School District

Students apply for entry in the Spring of their Sophomore or Junior year and begin in the Fall of their Junior or Senior year. It is a two year, or one year long program.

Requirements to be eligible for Middle College:

- Sophomore or Junior standing
- 2.8 GPA and above
- on track for graduation



Middle College Program Description

LGSUHSD and CUHSD

25 students each

attend the Junior and Senior high school classes (English/Social Studies)

ALL of the classes take place at West Valley College. The 50 Junior/50 Senior students take 2 high school classes AND

6 - 11 Units (usually 2 -3 classes) of West Valley College classes.

Middle College Juniors

The 50 Junior students

Take 1 High School English class (English 11) for which they receive 5 credits per semester (Mr. Hancock, CUHSD)

and one US History class for which they receive 5 credits per semester (Mr. Ryu, LGSUHSD)

These are all taken on the West Valley College campus on Mondays and Wednesdays from 12:30- 3:30

Students arrange their 6 - 11 College units (2 -3 classes) taken at West Valley College around this schedule. These college classes when passed successfully automatically earn the MC student COLLEGE units along with their high school credits- no AP test needed.

Middle College Seniors (Class of 2024)



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Middle College Seniors

The 50 Senior students

Take 1 High School English class (English 12) for which they receive 5 credits per semester (Mr. Hancock)

one semester of Government class for which they receive 5 credits (Mr. Ryu)

one semester of Economics for which they receive 5 credits (Mr. Ryu)

These are all taken on the West Valley College campus on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30- 3:30

Students arrange their 6 - 11 College units around this schedule. These college classes are taken with college students and if they pass the class with C or better, they automatically earn the COLLEGE units and high school credits - no AP test needed.

HOW and WHEN to apply

Middle College Information Sessions (Counselor, MC teachers and 2 student representatives) give a presentation during tutorial session.

This Spring:

Wednesday, January 23, 2024 at LGHS and

Thursday, February 8, 2024 at SHS during tutorial.

On **Tuesday, February 27, 2024** at **6pm, Mandatory** Information Zoom session that interested students and their parents must attend, directly after which the application is opened up to students online.

HOW and WHEN to apply

Once the application is available (ONLINE at [WVC](#)) students

- fill out the application,
- obtain letters of recommendation from teachers (this is a prompt in the application) and their counselor,
- read and respond to a short story in essay form,
- respond to some prompts as to why they want to attend Middle College,
- submit a sample graded essay.

The Middle College Application is due on **Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 5:00pm**. After they submit the application they will be informed as to whether they will move on to the next step: 15 minute interview which will take place in about two weeks after they submit the application.

Student Perspective: Current and Past Student

1) Current student perspective:

Maddie Wong (current Middle College senior, LGHS Class of 2024)

2) Past Middle College Alum:

Gordon Schwabe (SHS class of 2020)

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

Student Speakers

Gordon Schwabe

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MC Class of 2020 (SHS)



**Maggie
Wong,
Current MC
Senior (Class
of 2024
LGHS)**



College Advantage

The College Advantage Program is for rising senior students earning a 3.8 or better in their total GPA

ALL classes are taken at West Valley College. Student will fulfill their high school graduation requirements along with the opportunity to take all classes at the College level for dual credit. Classes are taken for Concurrent Enrollment. Currently the student is limited to 11 units per semester total.

College Advantage Application

The College Advantage application will be available on February 28, after the Mandatory information Zoom session on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 6:00pm. Students receive information regarding this option **via email invitation based upon their GPA**. You can find the zoom link here: [WVC College Advantage](#). The application includes

- Letters of recommendation,
- Short answer prompts
- Interview.

This program is extremely independent and designed for the student seeking a college experience while in high school. Students can earn up to **1 year of college units**, allowing them to spend less time in undergraduate college. Many students in College Advantage were in Middle College, but some come directly from high school.

Student Perspective: Current Student

1) Current perspective:

Elena Rexach (current College Advantage Senior)

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION



QUESTIONS?

FROM THE CHAT

Silicon Valley Career Technical Education Program

SVCTE is a completely SEPARATE program offering. It is **NOT** a College. It is **not** located at West Valley College. Some classes can be used for dual enrollment credit at neighboring community colleges. All classes are hands on.

Silicon Valley Career Technical Education Program

SVCTE is located at 760 Hillsdale Ave. in San Jose, CA.



Students attending SVCTE take 2 class periods daily for the school year on this offsite campus. The rest of their high school courses are taken at their home high school.

SVCTE Program offering

- 1) Description of the SVCTE Program
 - a) What it is
 - b) How and when to apply
- 2) Student Experience/Perspective (Angela Luo)

Past students input/quotes

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

SVCTE: Silicon Valley Career Technical Education

Students take a class in a career field such as

- Medical (Nursing, Medical Assisting, Medical Science and Health Careers, Sports Medicine and Kinesiology), Dental Assisting, Pharmacy Technician, Veterinary Science,
- Film and Video, Animation,
- Fashion Design,
- Culinary Arts,
- Fire Science/First Responder, Law Enforcement, Forensic Science,
- Metals Technology,
- Automotive (Auto Body Refinishing, Auto Body Repair, Automotive Services),
- Construction Technology, HVAC,
- Cyber Security or Mechatronics
- NEW: Counseling and Mental Health

SVCTE: Silicon Valley Career Technical Education

Classes are taken at SVCTE, 760 Hillsdale Ave., San Jose CA

Behind the Capitol Expressway Auto Mall.

Students can take classes in the AM, from 7:30 - 10:30, in the PM from 12:45 - 3:45, some are offered after school in person from 4:15 - 6:15pm or there are now two classes being offered online (Medical Science and Fashion)

Busses are provided to bring students to and from the home high school to SVCTE.

SVCTE: Silicon Valley Career Technical Education

Students taking the AM 7:30 - 10:30 or the PM 12:45 - 3:45 classes receive **15 credits per semester**, certification for the industry skills and have an opportunity to participate in any competitions for their course, such as Skills USA, HOSA or other competition open to high school students. Some of the classes have students take an **internship in the field** during the second semester of the course, such as Pharmacy Technician and Dental Assisting.

Students in some of the classes are receiving Dual Enrollment units with neighboring community colleges. These units are transferable only to those community colleges directly.

SVCTE: Silicon Valley Career Technical Education

The district is providing an [SVCTE tour](#) from both high schools

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30th from 12:30 - 3:30pm

Students will be able to see many of the class offerings at the SVCTE campus.

Shadow Days are another opportunity for students to see SVCTE and experience a class on the campus for a morning or afternoon. Each high school will offer a day where students can attend a shadow day at SVCTE.

SVCTE: Student Outcomes

Past graduates of LGSUHSD include

Mana Inoue, class of 2017. During her senior year at Los Gatos High School, she attended SVCTE in Animation. Her animation short, **“Beyond Words”**, earned runner up in the Short Animated Film: 2D Digital which included Mana having a summer internship with Disney. Mana completed her undergraduate degree at UCSB, double majoring in Film/Media Studies and Econ/Accounting. She is now at Savannah College of Art and Design with scholarship

SVCTE: Silicon Valley Career Technical Education

Mana credits her SVCTE experience with ***“teaching her the foundation of animation and filmmaking, the process of entering animation into film festivals as a practice for which she received recognition and scholarship.”***

It taught her independence and drive. Her abilities ***“removed some of the course requirements from SCAD towards her degree, which has saved her time and money.”***

You can view her animation from 2017 here: [YouTube Link](#)

SVCTE: Silicon Valley Career Technical Education

Gabriela Ruiz, LGHS Alumni 2022 (current Santa Clara University Electrical Engineering Student):

Regarding her course in Mechatronics Engineering:

“This course prepared me to go directly into the field for engineering and job searching with websites like linkedin and technical skills required to do basic manufacturing. But it also thoroughly prepared me for my degree pursuit as it explained to me the differences within my profession and the information I would need to know for an introductory class at my University.”

SVCTE: Silicon Valley Career Technical Education

Brooke Walton, LGHS Alumni 2022 (current student in Nursing at Kent State University):

Regarding her course in Medical Science Health Careers:

“It helped me realize what subcategory of nursing I want to work as along with what it would be like to be that specific type of nurse.”

Student Perspective: Current Student

1) Current perspective:

Angela Luo (current 12th Grade SHS Student in SVCTE Veterinary Science)

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION



How to Register for SVCTE

If your student is interested in registering for a SVCTE course for the Fall, please start here: [SVCTE COURSE INTEREST FORM](#)

Registration is starting this month. I will be on the high school sites to discuss this program with rising Juniors and Seniors during tutorial in February.

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