

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the schedule?

School is from 8:40 to 2:30, Monday-Thursday. On Friday, students are released at 1:10 and on Common Planning Days the schedule is 9:20-1:45. Every other Wednesday school is out at 1:40. TEC follows the same Common Planning dates as Vanden. TEC has a block schedule, which means that students take classes on Mon/Wed that are different from their classes on Tues/Thurs. The class schedule on Friday rotates. Class periods are long (approx. 1 1/2 hours) to allow for teachers to teach their lesson and then support students with getting their work finished in class.

TEC also offers flexible schedules for students who may need it.

Does TEC have a graduation ceremony?

Yes! TEC's graduation is at Vanden High School on their football field. The graduates wear their royal blue cap & gown. Tickets are not required for family and friends to attend, however, this is subject to change.

What are the graduation requirements for TEC?

Like Vanden students, TEC students are required to earn 220 credits to earn a high school diploma.

Is the TEC diploma a "real" diploma?

Yes! TEC's diploma has the same accreditation as a Vanden diploma.

Are there extra-curricular activities at TEC?

Guidance classes and leadership plan many fun activities throughout the school year, such as the November Feast and the Multicultural Day. Students are often included in Vanden's senior activities as well. TEC also has many awards and student recognitions.

Classes offered at TEC

Core Classes

Algebra
Business Math
Physical Science
Biology
English 1-4
World History
US History
Economics
Government
Ethnic Studies
PE

Electives

Guidance
PE
Health
Child Development
Speech
Debate
Intro to Theater
Geography
Science Seminar
Careers in Education
Intro to Psychology
Work Experience
Vocational Prep (ASVAB prep)
Information Technology
Internship
Music Appreciation
Fine Arts
English Seminar
Personal Finance
Forensics
Intro to Marketing
Marketing in Social Media

TEC Online: Cyber High



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What We Do

Travis Education Center (TEC) is an alternative high school that offers:

- A WASC accredited high school diploma (same as Vanden)
- Credit recovery for students who may be behind in credits
- An accelerated academic program that allows for an opportunity for early or on-time graduation

More about TEC

TEC is staffed with 4 fully-credentialed teachers, 1 counselor, 1 para-educator, 1 secretary, 1 student support specialist, 1 campus monitor, and 1 principal. The low *student to staff* ratio allows for greater individual student support, increased communication with parents/guardians, and a smaller educational environment. In a typical school year, TEC will have 65-80 students enrolled. The TEC staff focuses on both supporting students in earning a high school diploma and preparing them for life after high school. Character development and life skills are a focus at TEC.

Our Success Stories

TEC is proud of its record:

- California Model Continuation High School
- Six-Year WASC Accreditation
- High graduation rate (above 90%)
- High attendance rate (near 90%)
- Safe and friendly environment
- Focus on life skills and character development
- Opportunities for college/career transition planning

Why attend TEC?

Students come to TEC for a variety of reasons. Some are behind in credits and want to get caught up and return to Vanden. Some want a smaller, flexible learning environment where they can work at their own pace. Some want to graduate early and join the workforce, join the military, or enroll in college early. Whatever the reason, the TEC staff is committed to supporting students in achieving their goals.



TEC Graduation

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Can students who enroll at TEC return to Vanden?

Yes! Once a student is caught up on credits, students may return to Vanden at the beginning of the next semester. However, many students enjoy the smaller environment at TEC and choose to stay and graduate from TEC.

Is the school safe?

Yes! TEC students, parents, and staff are surveyed annually to get input regarding safety and all 3 groups feel that the school is safe.

Can graduates from TEC attend college or join the military?

Yes! Many TEC graduates enlist in the military, enroll in community college or attend a trade/vocational school. And we offer the ASVAB exam.

What is the schedule like at TEC?

Students are enrolled in 130 credits per year (32.5 per quarter) Classes change each quarter. The academic pace is more than twice as fast as the pace at Vanden. Teachers focus on essential assignments for students to meet the academic standards. The success of TEC students is based on most work being completed in class, so there is little, if any, homework. Additionally, attendance plays a significant role in student success at TEC due to its fast pace. Students earn 1 credit in each class every 2 weeks. This variable credit system allows for students to benefit from shorter periods of sustained effort. If they miss a credit during a quarter, they can make it up in a different quarter or using Cyber High.

Who can attend TEC?

The only requirement to enroll at TEC is the student must be at least 16 years old. Typically, TEC students are juniors or seniors.