

Welcome to High School

Santa Cruz City Schools Alternative Family Education (AFE) is an independent home study school provided for kindergarten through twelfth grade students and families who prefer an individualized approach to education, combined with the support of school district resources. The program is designed by and for homeschool families, with teacher consultants who are knowledgeable and supportive of home-based learning, state frameworks, and school district curriculum guidelines.

High School students at AFE take similar courses to students enrolled at the comprehensive high schools in the district. These courses can be completed through a variety of settings, such as: studying independently, attending classes taught on site by the staff, enrolling at one of the district's high schools, or taking classes at Cabrillo College. Students in courses at AFE receive credits based on completion of assignments, and time spent participating in specific activities. To receive credit, completed student assignments must be at least at an above average, or "B" level, or it is returned to students for further work. Because of the individualized nature of the course of study at AFE we do not assign grades. Students who attend classes in other educational institutions while enrolled at AFE generate a GPA based on course work they complete elsewhere.

Consultant teachers meet with students and/or families on a regular basis to help them create and implement an educational plan. Through this on-on-one guidance teachers are able to assist students in finding the most appropriated materials and classes for them, while using the guidelines required by our district and state. Our resource center offers an assortment of textbooks, workbooks, fiction and non-fiction books, as well as many hands-on curriculum guides in all of subjects areas.

Many of our students pursue a college education either through Cabrillo College or 4-yr universities. We have had students admitted to the California State and the University of California systems, as well as private universities across the nation. If you have more questions about the application to college process feel free to ask any of our consultant teachers.