

## Home & Hospital Instruction

AUSD provides individual instruction for K-12 students who, because of a temporary illness or disability, cannot attend school daily. Home & Hospital is available to students for periods between two and six weeks. Once the parent has notified their child's school (doctor's verification required) of the temporary disability, one of our highly qualified teachers will work with your child's classroom teacher(s) to collect assignments and deliver instruction up to five hours per week. The goal is for the student to remain current in his/her assignments and successfully return to the classroom as soon as possible.

## Other Services

Alternative Education Services also provides options for students who are hospitalized, placed in residential care, or have long term illnesses (more than six weeks). We view each case independently, and work with the family to find the right type of educational program for students. Our goal is to maintain student learning and growth, while prioritizing student physical and mental health.

Home & Hospital often serves as a temporary solution, providing an opportunity for our team to get to know the student and the family, and develop the appropriate educational solution.

## Student Support

Students in all of our Alternative Education programs have access to a student support counselor. Made possible by a partnership between AUSD and the Lighthouse Committee, we offer a range of counseling to support students with life skills, anxiety and depression, drug and alcohol use, and other challenges.



## Graduation

We recognize the work our extraordinary students every year with an Alternative Education Graduation Ceremony. Our ceremony is complete with cap, gown and tassel!

## Contact

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*"Your school didn't just teach me basic subjects, the teachers offered such a personal connection that I'll never forget. Something about the family feel of the students and the true care of teachers really makes that school unique. People of different backgrounds and personalities go there and yet everyone is accepted regardless of looks or behavior." – 2015 Graduate*

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Applications for all our programs can be found in your child's school office. Students who are not AUSD students must apply to their home district for an inter-district transfer before consideration. Students with IEPs must have IEP team approval prior to enrollment.

[www.atasusd.org](http://www.atasusd.org)



## Alternative Education Services

*Student Centered & Personalized Learning*

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## DEL RIO CONTINUATION HIGH SCHOOL

## WEST MALL ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL

## HOME & HOSPITAL INSTRUCTION

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## Students Need Options

Atascadero Unified School District (AUSD) understands that a one-size-fits-all model of education does not suit every child, family, and learner. Through alternative education options, we strive to meet the individual needs of our unique students. Our focus is on learning that is student-centered and mastery-based.

### Program Characteristics:

- Enhance Learning through Technology
- Credit Recovery & Credit Acceleration
- Personalized Learning
- Concurrent Enrollment with Cuesta College, Atascadero High School, Atascadero Junior High School, Atascadero Fine Arts Academy
- School to Work Training
- Student Paced
- Low Student to Teacher Ratio
- Fully Accredited Schools and Courses
- Opportunities for Community Involvement
- Quiet, Distraction-Free Setting
- Access to Caring, Talented Teachers and Staff

## Del Rio Continuation High School

Open to students age 16 years and older who have completed at least one semester of their sophomore year.

## West Mall Alternative

Open to K-12 students who want the most flexibility in their learning.

## Home and Hospital Instruction

Available to K-12 students who, because of a temporary disability, cannot attend school daily.

## Del Rio Continuation High School

Del Rio is a fully accredited high school by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). We offer a low-stress, flexible learning environment that offers both credit recovery and credit acceleration options. Our five period school day runs from 8:00am to noon daily, allowing for students to work, take college classes, or address other life demands. Our five teachers conduct engaging, student-centered classrooms that focus on student learning and social development. Students earn a standard high school diploma upon the completion of 200 credits.

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*"All of you are awesome and were the best teachers I could have asked for; honestly this is the best school I have attended and I'm glad I made the choice to go there."  
-- 2015 Graduate*

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### Characteristics include:

- Hands-on, Engaging Classrooms
- Highly Qualified, Fully-Credentialed Teachers
- Project-Based Learning
- Online Courses Available
- Field Trips
- Lighthouse Coffee, a Student Run Business
- GreenSmart School to Work Training with Local Internships
- Career Fairs
- Flexible, Caring, Educational Staff
- Strong Community Partnerships
- Structured School Day
- Student Support Counselor

Students must be at least 16 years of age, and have completed one semester of their sophomore year to be eligible.



## West Mall Alternative



West Mall Alternative is a fully accredited K-12 school by WASC. While we offer three distinct program options, our belief is that students need options for learning, and we strive to create an educational path that is as unique and individualized as our students.

## Atascadero Home School

AUSD understands that some families want to home school their children. West Mall K-6 offers curriculum support, textbooks and materials, and access to all district activities and resources for parents. Students can participate in Battle of the Books, Band, Chorus, PE, and other district activities. Parents and students can utilize the computer lab, school library, and participate in workshops such as ceramics, art, science fair, writing, and more.

## West Mall Alternative, 7-12

As students get older, they develop greater independence. West Mall offers courses where students can decide when and where to study. The backbone of our learning is provided through a wide selection of online courses, all backed by our experienced teachers. Students can meet with our teachers for specific help in any subject area. Courses satisfy the University of California entrance requirement and we award a standard high school diploma upon completion. Beginning 2016-17, West Mall students, who qualify, can participate in AHS CIF sports.

## West Mall Options School, 9-12

Some students need greater structure and support than independent study alone. Our two-day a week blended program provides the best of online learning and classroom based lessons, activities, and electives. We focus on helping students develop independence, fostering social skills, and owning their learning. Students are expected to work at home, as well as attend two days per week, from 10:30am – 2:30pm.