



albert einstein academy

2016 – 2017 School Profile for: Albert Einstein Academy for Letters, Arts and Sciences

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Western Association of Schools & Colleges (WASC)

National Honor Society (NHS)

National Junior Honor Society (NJHS)

California Scholarship Federation (CSF)

California Interscholastic Federation (CIF)

William S. Hart Union High School District (authorizer)

FACULTY & ADMINISTRATION

Terminal degrees of the 28 members of the faculty and administration include 12 bachelor's degrees, 14 master's degrees, and 2 doctorate degrees.

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ABOUT

Albert Einstein Academy for Letters, Arts and Sciences (AEALAS) is a non-profit, co-educational, open enrollment, public charter school serving grades seven through twelve. Local parents and community leaders founded the school in the spring of 2010. The school opened a few months later in August with grades 7, 8 and 9. A new grade level has been added each year as students matriculate. AEALAS graduated its first class of seniors in 2014.

COMMUNITY

The school is located on a 10-acre campus in the City of Santa Clarita, the fourth largest city in Los Angeles County, and operates under a charter that was authorized by the William S. Hart Union High School District. There are nine other high schools, six middle schools and one elementary school in the WSHUHS district. The student demographics at AEALAS are similar to the closest comprehensive public high school in the City of Santa Clarita and generally reflect the racial composition of the city: White (61%), Hispanic (16%), Filipino (8%), Asian (7%), African American (4%) and American Indian/Alaskan Native (less than 1%).

SCHOOL

Albert Einstein Academy for Letters, Arts and Sciences is currently serving 465 students in grades 7-12. During the first two years of operation the school has earned full accreditation from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), gained admission into the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF), and received a five-year charter renewal from the district.

CURRICULUM

Offering a comprehensive curriculum, AEALAS requires all students to complete a rigorous college preparatory program in grades 9-12. AEALAS graduation requirements meet or exceed the University of California's a-g requirements in all subject areas. Each yearlong course at AEALAS provides 10.0 units of credit, 5.0 units issued for each semester passed. The maximum course load a student may take is 70 units per year. Class periods are 50 minutes in length, with a abbreviated block schedule, and all students are also enrolled in thirty-minute Advisory periods each day. There are a growing number of Advanced Placement and Honors courses offered (see list on next page). The AP program is open to all students who would like to participate. There are ample opportunities for students to participate in the performing and fine arts. Likewise, there are more than 15 interscholastic athletic teams from which students may chose. International student travel is available and has included trips to Australia, Israel, Western Europe, China, and North Africa.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English	4 years
Mathematics	3 years
Lab Science	3 years
Social Studies	3 years
Foreign Language	4 years
Visual / Performing Arts	2 years
College Preparatory Elective	3 years
Physical Education	1 year
Community Service	4 years

GRADING SYSTEM

- AEALAS does not rank its students.
- Both weighted and simple cumulative GPAs are reported.
- One point is added to the cumulative weighted GPAs for each Honors and AP course.
- Physical Education and Art courses are included in the GPA calculations.
- High school Mathematics and Foreign Language Courses taken in middle school are included in the GPA calculations.
- Admission to AEALAS is open to the public, however, when there are more applicants than there are available spaces a random, public lottery is held.

GRADE SCALE

A	Excellent	94-100	4.0
A-		90-93	3.66
B+		88-89	3.33
B	Above Average	84-87	3.0
B-		80-83	2.66
C+		78-79	2.33
C	Average	74-77	2.0
C-		70-73	1.66
D+		67-69	1.33
D	Below Average	64-66	1.0
D-		60-63	0.66
F	Fail	< 60	0.00

GRADING PERIODS

Semester I: August-December

Semester II: January-May

HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM

English	English 9 English 10 English 11 English 12 AP English Lang. and Composition AP English Literature
Mathematics	Algebra Geometry Algebra II Pre-Calculus (Honors) AP Calculus AB AP Statistics AP Calculus BC
Lab Science	Anatomy and Physiology Biology AP Chemistry Chemistry Physics, AP Physics Earth Science AP Biology
Social Studies	History 9 History 10 United States History United States Government Economics AP Human Geography AP European History AP U.S. History AP U.S. Government
Foreign Language	Spanish 1, 2, 3, 4 Hebrew 1, 2, 3, 4 Arabic 1, 2, 3, 4 Mandarin 1, 2, 3, 4 AP Spanish Language and Culture AP Spanish Literature and Culture
Visual /Performing Arts	Studio Art Advanced Art Music 1, 2 Music Appreciation Study of Film Drama Photography
College Prep. Electives	Psychology, AP Psychology Journalism Humanities Marine Biology Study of Drama Creative Writing Or, any course taken that exceeds the minimum requirement in that subject necessary for graduation

COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIREMENT: 25 hrs per year

The Community Service Program is integral to the AEALAS philosophy and mission. For each year enrolled at the school, a student must carry out a minimum of 15 hours of community service in Middle School and 25 hours in High School in order to complete their graduation requirements.