

CASTLEMONT ATTENDANCE AREA CHOICES:

**1. Castlemont Business & Information Technology High School 8601 MacArthur Blvd.,
879-3010 x 408**

POPULATION: 475

FEEDER SCHOOLS SERVED: Elmhurst, Frick, Havenscourt, King Estates, Madison,

SCHOOL TYPE: Small High School

GRADES: 9th-12th

YEARS IN ESTABLISHMENT: 1

Do you dream of owning your own business? Do you think about creating your own computer programs? If so, then The Castlemont Business and Information Technology School (CBITS) is for you. We provide a small school environment – a strong sense of being well known and belonging to a supportive community.

CBITS is the only Oakland school to have been accepted into the nationally-recognized New Technology school network; we infuse real-world projects and a great deal of computer technology into our classes. Students and staff regularly use computer network tools for communications and learning activities.

Students learn from excellent teachers to develop outstanding citizenship habits and problem-solving skills. Students often work on problems in teams, and celebrate their work in public exhibitions. CBITS also provides students with rewarding internship opportunities and workplace mentors. Upon graduation, students can choose to attend a four-year university or enter the professional business workplace.

All students will participate in a college-preparatory curriculum that meets the UC admissions requirements, and will have access to Advanced Placement classes. Special elective curricula will include computer programming, Web site development, multimedia, and entrepreneurial business concepts. Students in the upper grades will choose between a Business and a Programming focus.

We hope you decide to join our school community!

2. Leadership Preparatory High School (LPHS) 8601 MacArthur Blvd., 879-3010 x456

POPULATION: 475

FEEDER SCHOOLS SERVED: Elmhurst, Frick, Havenscourt, King Estates, Madison

SCHOOL TYPE: Small High School

GRADES: 9th - 12th

YEARS IN ESTABLISHMENT: 1

Leadership Preparatory High School will offer several broad career paths for students in a nurturing academic community. Students seeking a Humanities focus will be given the opportunity to explore the Media (journalist, editor, reporter, publishing, speech, and debate.) Students seeking a Liberal Arts focus will be given the opportunity to explore a variety of related professions (teacher, probation officer, criminal justice, attorney, social worker, and ethnic studies.) We will provide students with the foundations and comprehensive interdisciplinary studies to pursue a program of study for postsecondary education in either a university, community college, or for entry into the work force.

Students will participate in work-based learning experiences that allow them to apply classroom theories to practical problems and explore career options. Work-based learning experiences include service learning, internships, and community service. All students will have access to a rigorous core curriculum that includes challenging subject matter, critical thinking, and problem solving strategies that promote responsible citizenship and lifelong learning.

3. East Oakland Community High School

3550 64th Ave. 879.1040

POPULATION: 200

FEEDER SCHOOLS SERVED: ASCEND, Elmhurst, Frick, Havenscourt, King Estates, Madison, Melrose Leadership Academy, Urban Promise Academy, Rudsdale, Calvin Simmons

SCHOOL TYPE: Small High School

GRADES SERVED: 9th–10th Future Grades: 9th – 12th

YEARS IN ESTABLISHMENT: 1

SPORTS: We intend to offer 3 competitive sports for girls and boys (soccer, basketball, baseball/softball), and the opportunity to play for affiliated school in sports we do not offer.

At East Oakland Community High School (EOCHS), students develop skills to improve their communities and to succeed in college. In addition to taking a rigorous, college-bound curriculum that emphasizes media arts and social change, EOCHS students participate in internships with actual organizations in their community, outside of school. Every student creates a "Community Action Research Project" that incorporates art, music, media, health, or sports, based on his/her interests. This way, students gain important skills, relationships, and experience in the real world.

EOCHS students receive training in the media arts (music, videography, spoken and written word, journalism, web design, dance, theater, and visual arts) to enable them to produce media and art for larger public audiences. In their final year of school, all EOCHS students will complete the senior institute where they design with an advisor their own internships and courses of study including community-based research and media arts projects.

4. East Oakland School of the Arts (EOSA)

8601 McArthur Blvd., 879-3010

POPULATION: 475

FEEDER SCHOOLS SERVED: Elmhurst, Frick, Havenscourt, King Estates, Madison

SCHOOL TYPE: Small High School

GRADES: 9th – 12th

YEARS IN ESTABLISHMENT: 1

East Oakland School of the Arts [EOSA] is a cultural, social, and educational institution committed to providing young people of diverse backgrounds with an opportunity to receive training in the arts in grades 9-12. Students will be provided rigorous conservatory-style training in the visual and performing arts. Students will be offered skill development and background knowledge in courses of fine art, music, dance, or drama and fashion design. Students will also be provided a full comprehensive academic, college preparatory program (which includes all OAL sports).

EOSA strives to instill self-esteem, focus, and discipline and to encourage creativity, enabling students to develop to their fullest potential and to excel in their chosen endeavors.

EOSA is dedicated to providing an environment that enables the development of the artistic and academic potential of each student. As our programs grow and change to afford students the greatest opportunity possible, Visual and Performing Arts & Fashion Academy High School will continue to rise to greater heights as a beacon in the arts and education community for students.

FREMONT ATTENDANCE AREA CHOICES:

5. College Preparatory & Architecture Academy High School (CP&AA)

**4610 Foothill Blvd.,
879-1131**

POPULATION: 421

FEEDER SCHOOLS SERVED: ASCEND, Frick, Havenscourt, King Estates, Melrose Leadership Academy, Roosevelt, Calvin Simmons, Urban Promise Academy

SCHOOL TYPE: Small High School

GRADES SERVED: 9th – 12th

YEARS IN ESTABLISHMENT: 2

The College Preparatory and Architecture Academy is one of the four small schools on the former Fremont High School campus. We emphasize traditional academics in our efforts to prepare our students for college. Our teachers require homework every night and expect quality work during class time. We offer challenging courses including English 3 HP, Calculus AP, English 4 AP, Chemistry AP, Spanish AP, U.S. History AP, American Government AP, and all other courses required for admission to a four-year university. In addition, we offer Architecture Design and Construction and Technology classes which provide students the opportunity to design and build creative projects. We also have classes to accommodate recent immigrants, English learners, and students with special needs. We have formed partnerships with college outreach programs such as Education Guide Center and Upward Bound. We are committed to ensuring that all students are eligible to attend a four-year college.

During the year, students of each grade level are given the opportunity to go on an overnight field trip designed to broaden their experience: tours of CA colleges, team building ropes courses, skiing, white water rafting, and horseback riding.

6. LIFE Academy of Health & Bioscience

2111 International Blvd., 879-4110

POPULATION: 249

FEEDER SCHOOLS SERVED: ASCEND, Frick, Havenscourt, King Estates, Melrose Leadership Academy, Roosevelt, Calvin Simmons, Urban Promise Academy

SCHOOL TYPE: Small High School

GRADES: 9th-12th

YEARS IN ESTABLISHMENT: 4 Years

Do you find yourself interested in programs like CSI or ER? Do you see yourself as someday working in the medical field as a doctor or nurse?

LIFE Academy of Health and Bioscience opened as the first new small high school in Oakland in 2001. Guided by our mission to improve opportunities for Oakland students in the fields of medicine, mental health, biotechnology, and science, we have successfully graduated 94% of our seniors with nearly all of them attending college. So how do we do this? Here is our secret to success.....

- ✓ We teach through challenging projects and hands-on activities that have connections to teenage issues.
- ✓ Having the most technologically advanced science program in Oakland—we can do anything from DNA testing to computerized heart evaluations.
- ✓ A college-counseling center that follows students from 9th-12th grade.
- ✓ Community partnerships and summer programs
- ✓ Internships with over 12 biotechnology companies, Oakland Children's Hospital, and many mental health agencies.
- ✓ It isn't all science; we have fun too. At the end of the year we have a post session where students take courses, which include the Great Outdoors, Bicycling, Dancing, Self-defense, Drama, Yoga, Photography, and Hip-Hop.

Come join us and learn at LIFE Academy High School.

7. Mandela High School

4610 Foothill Blvd., 879-1141

POPULATION: 400

FEEDER SCHOOLS SERVED: ASCEND, Frick, Havenscourt, King Estates, Melrose Leadership Academy, Roosevelt, Calvin Simmons, Urban Promise Academy

SCHOOL TYPE: Small High School

GRADES: 9th-12th

YEARS IN ESTABLISHMENT: 2

The Mandela High School Team is committed to a rigorous academic environment where students become articulate, skilled, active, caring critical thinkers. We believe all students, given adequate time, effort, discipline and support, will be able to read, write and speak in both English and the language of

mathematics at a level that will allow them to enter college or fulfill other goals fully prepared for the academic work required.

Mandela High will focus on Community and Family Collaboration. We invite students and families to actively participate in our community to prepare students for success in College, Career, and Life; and allowing students to take leadership in their learning. We have a Leadership Club and an Advisory period.

Mandela explores issues of Social Justice and Human Rights. Mandela prepares students to be literate in English and a second language through our Bridging Multiple Worlds program, where we promote multicultural understanding and appreciation. We actively work with the community and have guest speakers and student programs come into the classroom to engage our students. We offer French and Spanish, AP and Honors courses, and Journalism. After school activities include sports, JROTC, clubs, cheerleading, Students Run Oakland, and field trips.

Mandela uses art through our program to promote cross-cultural appreciation, community building, and school spirit, preparing students to use today's technology. Study hall and tutoring are offered four days a week. We offer after-school student assistance, counseling, and educational guidance through our EGC program. We work to promote cultural awareness through our Community Service program.

8. Media College Prep Academy High School

4610 Foothill Blvd., 879-1597

POPULATION: 418

FEEDER SCHOOLS SERVED: ASCEND, Frick, Havenscourt, King Estates, Melrose Leadership Academy, Roosevelt, Calvin Simmons, Urban Promise Academy

SCHOOL TYPE: Small High School

GRADES: 9th-12th

YEARS IN ESTABLISHMENT: 18 years as an Academy 2 years as Small High School

Media is a small school built around journalism as an academic discipline and career area; it emphasizes academic rigor, greater math and science content, cross-curricular activities, and writing for a larger audience as a means to reinforce language arts skills: Media retains at-risk youth and exposes students to a career area that is actively seeking larger numbers of people of color, especially if they are bilingual. Our language arts curriculum will be bilingual in English and Spanish. Students will publish a newspaper and magazine, produce radio and television programming, and build web sites. The following are our goals:

Upon graduation, 90 percent of the entering freshman class will perform at or above grade level on the SAT9 examination.

Upon graduation, 90 percent of the entering freshman class will meet the requirements to enter the University of California.

Upon graduation, 90 percent of the entering freshman class will be conversationally functional in Spanish. Upon graduation, 90 percent of the entering freshman class will have a thorough understanding of Media and be proficient in print, TV and radio broadcasting, and web design.

Upon graduation, 90 percent of the entering freshman class will be proficient in Microsoft Office and desktop publishing applications.

9. Paul Robeson College Preparatory School of Visual & Performing Arts

4610 Foothill Blvd., 879-1237

POPULATION: 422

FEEDER SCHOOLS SERVED: ASCEND, Frick, Havenscourt, King Estates, Melrose Leadership Academy, Roosevelt, Calvin Simmons & Urban Promise Academy

SCHOOL TYPE: Small High School
GRADES: 9th 12th
YEARS IN ESTABLISHMENT: 2

Paul Robeson College Preparatory School of Visual and Performing Arts is a small high school committed to providing every student within its walls an instructional program of highest quality. Robeson College Prep is founded on the belief that artistic education is a vital part of human development, and that the arts are a vehicle with which to teach, enlighten, transform, challenge, and comfort the community and world around us. Robeson College Prep gives its students access to a standards-based, comprehensive curriculum that enables them to develop to their highest potential. Robeson College Prep is staffed by a diverse, well-qualified teaching staff that focuses on offering their students a strong academic program infused with numerous opportunities for student involvement in their school and surrounding community, as well as opportunities for them to take ownership for management of their own learning.

Paul Robeson College Preparatory School of Visual and Performing Arts is dedicated to providing every student with the opportunity to master the academic skills necessary to excel in the world beyond their high school experience. We look forward to an enriching and prosperous relationship with each of our students and their families in the pursuit of this goal.

MCCLYMONDS ATTENDANCE AREA CHOICES:

10. Business & Entertainment School of Technology (BEST)

2607 – Myrtle Street, 879-3030

SCHOOL TYPE: Small High School
GRADES SERVED: 9th-12th
YEARS IN ESTABLISHMENT: New in Fall, 2005

The Business Entrepreneurship School of Technology (BEST) of McClymonds High School is a school that believes that students who attend will learn and thrive in an atmosphere that encourages and nurtures honesty, responsibility, respect, and creativity. Fundamental to its philosophy of education is the cultivation of life-long learners who are strong communicators, critical thinkers, and active participants in their education and the affairs of the world around them. All students will read, write, and express themselves using all intelligences and modalities in project-based and real world learning activities.

A caring and supportive faculty will foster a positive attitude toward learning and will challenge students to achieve to their highest potential so that they are prepared to attend a college/university of their choice or to immediately pursue their career path. The core A-G subjects in English, math, science, fine arts, world languages, and history-social science, will be supported by the AVID (Achievement Via Individual Determination) program, a rigorous Advanced Placement curriculum, and supplemental courses in culinary arts, construction technology, Law & Government, and print media production. The umbrella for all of these learning opportunities will be technology, business, and entrepreneurship principles that will allow students to finance their own education with scholarships, grants, and their own businesses.

Small, intimate classes will build self-confidence and provide an environment that promotes unlimited exchanges between students, teachers, parents, community partners, and administrators. Finally, our program will give students the hands-on experiences that promote and enhance critical thinking, and real life connections.

We are the Best of the Best!

11. EXCEL**2607 – Myrtle Street, 879-3030***SCHOOL TYPE: Small High School**GRADES SERVED: 9th-12th**YEARS IN ESTABLISHMENT: New in Fall, 2005*

The EXCEL (Experience, Excellence, Community, Empowerment, and Leadership) High School will embrace the rich cultural and historical experiences of West Oakland and continue to build a network of graduates who contribute to this community through service and activism. We will provide an environment that values and honors all individuals, our collective histories, and our shared and diverse cultures within a positive school climate marked by high expectations, academic rigor, and a relevant curriculum. Students will be empowered to be change agents and critical thinkers with the ability to problem solve and effectively communicate who they are through various forms of expression.

EXCEL will house two academies that will address students' potential career interests. The Stories, Media, and Arts (SMART) Academy engages students in professional video production, media literacy, and narrative work. The stories they produce address their political, social, and creative selves and their relationship with peers and their communities. In addition, the Law and Government Academy is designed to expose students to a wide range of legal careers, public service, and career fields that require an understanding of law and government process. This program is also designed for students interested in becoming involved in their community and improving their writing, thinking, and speaking skills. The emphasis is on continuing education after high school graduation. Therefore, core academic subjects including English, Social Studies, and Science are integrated with specialty elective classes so that students who choose to go on to a community or 4 year college or university have the necessary requirements. Paid mentorship internships are available to Academy students during the summer for juniors, and both fall and Spring Semesters for seniors.

OAKLAND HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AREA CHOICES:**12. Oakland High School****1023 MacArthur Blvd., 879-3040***POPULATION: 2,070**FEEDER SCHOOLS SERVED: Edna Brewer, Roosevelt, Westlake**SCHOOL TYPE: Traditional High School**GRADES: 9th – 12th**YEARS IN ESTABLISHMENT: 136 Years*

Founded in 1869, Oakland High School is the oldest high school in the city and it has a long and proud tradition of academic achievement, student leadership, and school spirit.

The goal of Oakland High School is to provide an excellent education to all students in a safe environment so that each student has a foundation for pursuing personal and social growth and high academic achievement.

We offer a solid college preparatory program and we routinely send our graduates to notable public and private universities. Of the class of 2004, 66 are attending the University of California system, 42 are attending the California State University system, and 18 are attending private four-year colleges.

Another strength of our school is the student leadership program. Oakland High School is a place where students can develop the skills to become leaders in their generation. We have an active student body organization that improves student life through activities, school improvement projects, and school policy reform.

Oakland High students will also have the opportunity to express their school spirit by participating in activities, clubs, and interscholastic sports. Homecoming and rallies are attended by all students. There are over 40 student clubs and organizations. We also offer a complete athletic program in all Oakland Athletic League sports.

We hope that you will make the choice to come to O-High. Our school mascot is the Wildcat and our school colors are blue and white.

13. Environmental Science Academy
 ACADEMY TYPE: *California Partnership Academy*

1023 MacArthur Blvd., 879-3040

The Environmental Science Academy provides a School-to-Career Partnership Academy program for 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students. The program provides strong academic preparation in science, math, and English. Students take four core classes together including an environmental science career-related lab class.

A student-operated field station at Lake Merritt provides the focus and incentive for learning the principles and practice of environmental science. Students develop an understanding of basic ecological principles and ethical issues underlying human impact on the environment. A strong program in science, English, and mathematics prepares our students to enter industrial, governmental, and regulatory sectors. Specific training in instrumentation, computer analysis with graphing water quality data, and measuring physical factors (including salinity, dissolved oxygen, and temperature) using chemical techniques. Biological sampling skills for invertebrates and fish also help develop specific marketable skills. The Academy will prepare students to pursue a broad range of technical and service careers in the environmental sciences.

14. Visual Art Academy
 FEEDER SCHOOLS SERVED: *Edna Brewer, Roosevelt, & Westlake*
 ACADEMY TYPE: *California Partnership Academy*

1023 MacArthur Blvd., 879-3040

The Visual Art Academy, known as VAAMP, is an award-winning "School-within-a-school." Since 1991, VAAMP has attracted students with its strong visual art career focus and college preparatory program. The program is broad yet rigorous so that students develop the skills and knowledge necessary to make informed career and post-high school choices.

Noted throughout the city and state, VAAMP's students have brought much pride to the school. Students graduate and matriculate to two- and four-year colleges and technical schools, and go into various career fields. The courses are taught by a dedicated staff which works closely to provide cutting-edge knowledge to students through rigorous individual work and expectations and cross-disciplinary group projects.

The Visual Art Academy has partnerships with the Museum of California. For eight years, students have produced exhibitions there and been taught to create them by the staff. Visual Art Students are noted throughout the city of Oakland for their contributions of murals, which grace many a public building and construction site. ACORA, "A Coalition of Raw Artists," a student-run-enterprise, provides business acumen, training, and venue to sell students' creations and wares. Students select art courses from their area of interest: fine art, mural-painting, fashion design, photography, to name a few.

OAKLAND TECHNICAL ATTENDANCE AREA CHOICES:

15. Oakland Technical High School (Tech)
 POPULATION: 1,700
 FEEDER SCHOOLS SERVED: *Edna Brewer, Carter, Claremont*
 SCHOOL TYPE: *Comprehensive High School*
 GRADES: *9th – 12th*
 YEARS IN ESTABLISHMENT: *Since 1915; 88 Years*

4351 – Broadway, 879-3050

Located on Broadway, Oakland Tech is one of Oakland's best kept secrets. The historic landmark of its 1915 architectural fame is home to 1700 students who are drawn to the school's renowned small learning communities and academies, championship sports teams, and innovative, rigorous, and supportive academic programs. Oakland Tech's Health and Bioscience and Engineering academies are national models of the benefits of small learning, career-focused high school programs. Tech also offers Education and Computer Science and Technology Academies. Other small learning communities on campus include the much-lauded Paideia Program, an honors and advanced placement program; TryU.M.F., a college-prep program; and the Interlinks Program, a two-year program for 10th and 11th graders. Tech is noted for its wide range of Advanced Placement and Honors courses and for consistently high AP scores each year.

Students may select from a wide variety of extracurricular activities, including sports; Junior Statesmen of America; Opera Piccola; TechBridge (Girls in technology in cooperation with Chabot Space & Science Center); MESA (Math, Engineering and Science Achievement in cooperation with UC Berkeley); Chess Club; Investment Club; Asian Students Club; Black Student Union, MECHA, Vietnamese Student Union, and several health related peer education programs.

TechniClinic, run in cooperation with Clínica de la Raza, provides on-site health services. On-campus college prep programs are available through Project SOAR, Cal State Hayward, Mills College, and UC Berkeley.

16. Computer Science & Technology Academy
 ACADEMY TYPE: *California Partnership Academy*

4351 – Broadway, 879-3050

The Computer Science & Technology Academy is for students who enjoy using computers, want to learn more about them, and/or are interested in developing a career in the rapidly expanding computer industry. In the tenth grade, students will start with Computer Technology 1, a course which is fully articulated with the Peralta College district for college credit. They will be learning, among other things, computer organization and architecture, PC systems and PC repair, various office applications, web page design, and programming in Visual basic.net.

After the tenth grade, students will have the option of taking the classes that will prepare them for college career in computer science or job placement in the computer field.

The Computer Science & Technology Academy enjoys full partnership with such industry giants as CISCO systems through their Cisco networking academy, MICROSOFT through their MSDN academic alliance, and ORACLE through their Oracle Internet academy.

Our students acquire skills and concepts in such areas as computer programming in JAVA and SQL, computer networking, data Modeling and database design, Web page design, computer applications and computer graphics (including desktop video and desktop publishing). Our program provides our students with multiple options and challenges them to go beyond their expectations.

17. Education Academy
 ACADEMY TYPE: *California Partnership Academy*

4351 – Broadway, 879-3050

Oakland Technical High School Education Academy (OTEA) is a three-year program for students who are interested in pursuing a career in the field of education. It is a comprehensive program which meets University of California A–G requirements, and combines academic rigor and relevance to introduce students to future careers as teachers, professors, coaches, childcare professionals, child psychologists, juvenile probation officers, and more. OTEA will prepare students to succeed in high school, post-high school work-experience, and college. Students also gain the skills and knowledge necessary for

certification as instructional assistants and childcare providers. Our goal is to meet the growing demand for qualified teachers and broaden student appreciation for the teaching profession.

18. Engineering Academy
3050

4351 – Broadway, 879-

ACADEMY TYPE: District Academy

The Engineering Academy offers an innovative and rigorous project-based curriculum for students interested in mathematics and science. The Academy's goal is for students to master physics mechanics by pursuing courses which are a unique combination of both academic and vocational studies. Expectations at each level are that students will demonstrate a clear mastery of complex visualization, design, mathematical, scientific, and technical skills. Each course is scheduled in a sequence to optimize student success and to provide exposure to professional opportunities in the fields of engineering and architecture. For each Academy course, students spend several months preparing engineering-related projects to be entered in local, county, and state-level competitions.

19. Health and Bioscience Academy
3050

4351 – Broadway, 879-

ACADEMY TYPE: California Partnership Academy

The Oakland Tech Health and Bioscience Academy has been helping students to prepare for careers in health and biology since 1984. We have active partnerships with local hospitals, health service organizations, and professional schools that provide opportunities for field trips, guest speakers, college-student mentors, internships, and health-related service projects. In addition to our college-preparatory science, English and social studies classes, students will take Academy lab classes that give more time to labs, hands-on activities, and health-care skills like CPR and taking blood pressure. Many of our students train as peer educators, helping to educate other students on a variety of health topics, including asthma, tobacco use, and HIV. An active team of teachers monitors student progress and works with them to maintain a positive atmosphere in our classes, so that students learn both academically and socially.

Our students have a variety of career interests—nurse, doctor, EMT, veterinarian, x-ray technologist, psychologist, and more. Some students are interested in health because of personal and family experience; others just find biology fascinating.

Our success as a program and our partnerships with health care have been built on bringing together a diverse group of students around a shared interest in our community's health.

SKYLINE ATTENDANCE AREA CHOICES:

20. Skyline High School

12250 Skyline Blvd., 879-3060

POPULATION: 2,090

FEEDER SCHOOLS SERVED: Bret Harte, King Estates, Montera

SCHOOL TYPE: Traditional High School

] GRADES: 9th-12th

YEARS IN ESTABLISHMENT: 41 Years

Skyline High School is a comprehensive high school located on a 45-acre campus at the crest of the Oakland hills. Our mission is to "provide students with a supportive environment and vigorous curriculum through which they develop their academic skills, creative talents, and civic values." Our student body of approximately 2100 is culturally diverse with a wide range of socio-economic groups; the school receives both Title 1 and Gifted and Talented funds since we have large qualifying populations in both areas.

Students are offered a rich curriculum. Students may enroll in one of five academy programs, which include performing arts, computer technology, graphic arts and architecture, health science, and education. Advanced Placement or honors courses are offered all academic subjects; math, science, English, social studies, Spanish and French. A wide range of electives is offered in dance, journalism, and video production, ceramics, JROTC, and more. Our outstanding athletic program offers football, soccer, basketball, softball, baseball, volleyball, badminton, track, cross-country, swimming, tennis, and bowling. In addition, an intra-mural sports program runs during lunch throughout the year. There is a Youth Center on campus offering tutoring, college and career counseling, mental health, and other services to support student success.

21. Architecture & Graphic Arts Technology Academy
3060

12250 Skyline Blvd., 879-

ACADEMY TYPE: District Academy

The Architecture and Graphic Arts Technology Academy is a design program that prepares students for higher education and careers in graphic arts, printing technology, drafting, and architecture. Emphasis is given to the application of computer technology in the visual communications field. Students learn and apply skills in computer-aided drafting (Auto-CAD), desktop publishing, and the design process as it relates to building, construction, and graphics production. Students participate in projects and activities related to these careers including, mentoring, job shadowing and field trips.

22. Computer Science & Technology Academy

12250 Skyline Blvd., 879-3060

ACADEMY TYPE: District Academy

The Computer Science and Technology Academy provides a strong foundation for students who are interested in advanced study in computer science or computer information systems, entry-level jobs in office technology using word processing, spreadsheets, databases, graphics, and telecommunications, hardware repair, and network management.

Although all Computer Science and Technology academies provide students with a common core of knowledge and skill for the computer industry, each program has a special emphasis. The Skyline High School Program focuses on web design, multimedia, programming, and video production.

23. Education Academy

12250 Skyline Blvd., 879-3060

ACADEMY TYPE: California Partnership

The Education Academy is a three year program for students who are interested in pursuing careers in the broad education industry, including teaching. The program combines academic rigor and relevance to expose students to teaching, as well as other careers in education, to help them succeed in high school and college. Students also gain the skills and knowledge necessary for certification as instructional assistants and child care providers. One of the goals of the program is to meet the growing demand for qualified teachers, particularly from diverse groups.

24. Health & Bioscience Academy

12250 Skyline Blvd., 879-3060

ACADEMY TYPE: District Academy

The Health and Bioscience Academy offers a program designed around biology and its application to human health. The program nurtures students' interest in careers in health, medicine, veterinary medicine, biology, or biotechnology.

Students who complete academy classes and work-based learning experiences, including internships, will be prepared for the same entry-level jobs in medical and science-related fields, and will meet the

requirements to enroll in an institute of higher learning, completion of which is required for most jobs in these areas. Students will be prepared for the academic rigor of post-secondary science classes, and introduced to the multifaceted world health and bioscience.

25. Performing Arts Academy

12250 Skyline Blvd., 879-3060

ACADEMY TYPE: District Academy

This dynamic Skyline High School Performing Arts Academy is designed to develop and enhance the skill and knowledge of students who have serious interest and talent in drama, vocal/instrumental music, and/or dance. The program combines academics and specialized training to prepare students for advanced study and career opportunities in various performing arts disciplines. Skyline brings professionalism to the classroom by having numerous visiting artists mentoring the students.

OPEN ATTENDANCE CHOICES:

26. Dewey Continuation High School

1111 - 2nd Avenue, 879-

3100

POPULATION: 300

FEEDER SCHOOLS SERVED: Open to All (age restricted)

GRADES SERVED: 9th – 12th

SCHOOL TYPE: Continuation

AGE SERVED: Must be 16 at time of enrollment

YEARS IN ESTABLISHMENT: Since 1964, 40 Years

SPORTS: NO OAL Participation

The mission of Dewey Academy is to provide all students with a safe and nurturing environment which offers meaningful social, cultural, and academic learning experiences so that all students may successfully demonstrate their collective learning in a real world context of either higher education or in the world of work. Students enroll in our school through a referral and interview process conducted by Student Services. Our age restricted small school environment limits our total enrollment of 300 students. Our students earn credits toward transfers back to their home school or graduation with us.

Students graduate with post-secondary connections to all three of our community colleges, Merritt, Laney, and Alameda College campuses. Students will also make connections with career industry-related fields and the armed services as well. Dewey Academy is a school of “another chance.” Students who were “at risk” are no longer at risk when entering our school.

27. Far West High School

5263 Broadway Terrace, 879-1580

POPULATION: 225

FEEDER SCHOOLS SERVED: Open to All

SCHOOL TYPE: Alternative, Arts Based

GRADES SERVED: 6th - 12TH

YEARS IN ESTABLISHMENT: One year as new Arts Based 6th – 12th

SPORTS: Agreement with Oakland Tech Teams

Far West is a newly reconstituted small school of 225 students, ages 11-18, located on the 51 bus line at Broadway and College. The school collaborates with its neighbor, The California College of the Arts, to provide visual arts experiences connected to core standards based learning. The Far West staff works with artists and college students to provide Far West students with experiences in design, murals, hip hop, spoken word, jazz, video, drama, and social justice/service learning projects. A year long studio art program is required for all students.

Students who do well at Far West are self starters who desire to do well in all aspects of school and who have practiced visual or performing arts. As a new school, we are looking for students who are interested in collaborating with the staff to enrich the school's arts program.

Each student is a member of an advisory family of 20 students (6th-12th) and 1 teacher. The advisory is the heart of the school program providing an arena for discussions, community building, and problem solving. The school's small size complements this work. Far West offers the academic courses to meet high school graduation requirements and the UC and CSU requirements

28. Merritt Middle College High School

Merritt College 12500 Campus Drive, 436-2493

POPULATION: 110

FEEDER SCHOOLS SERVED: Open to All

SCHOOL TYPE: Alternative

GRADES SERVED: 9th – 12th

YEARS IN ESTABLISHMENT: 11 years

SPORTS: Sports played at neighborhood high school

Merritt Middle College High school is located on the Merritt Community College campus. Emphasis is placed on re-engaging students into the learning process. Many of our students are concurrently enrolled in college courses for college and high school credit. Students are encouraged to take advantage of the college's resources in an effort to acclimate them to a college setting to prepare them for their post secondary education.

In addition to a variety of college courses, students receive college preparatory instruction based on the state-standards from a diverse teaching staff. The adult to student ratio is 15:1, and each student is assigned an advisory instructor. The small learning community is further enriched with an active student leadership that develops student leadership skills and contributes greatly to the school culture.

Merritt High best serves students who are able to effectively self-monitor their attendance and get themselves to class on time. There are no passing bells, and classrooms are located in 2 buildings. It is also important to note that the average age of Merritt college students is 35 years of age. Students who are eager to pursue the college's resources as a means of augmenting their high school education will benefit greatly from our program.

29. MetWest High School

314 East 10th St., Huerta Hall 94606 879.0235

POPULATION: 140

FEEDER SCHOOLS SERVED: Open to All

SCHOOL TYPE: Small High School

GRADES: 9th – 12th

YEARS IN ESTABLISHMENT: 3 Years

SPORTS: Sports played at neighborhood high school

MetWest High School is a small, innovative high school serving 140 9th through 12th grade students in 2005. Our approach to educating Oakland's teenagers is a dramatic departure from what is commonly known as "traditional" high school education.

In conjunction with their advisors (teachers) and family members, each student designs a customized learning plan focused on their interests and passions. The core of each learning plan is an internship that gives students a deep sense of how their interests play out in the adult world, and provides an authentic environment and audience for their work.

While MetWest is focused on students pursuing their passions in the workplace, it is not a vocational school. Rather than training students to follow a particular career path, the internship structure is designed to foster students' intellectual development through first-hand experience.

MetWest students take courses at Laney College, and spend their days developing vigorous academic projects based on the work they do at their internship site. We expect all of our students to continue their education after high school, and internships are great opportunities for students to envision possible paths for their lives after MetWest.

MetWest is a member of the Big Picture Schools network based in Providence, RI. For more information on MetWest and Big Picture Schools, check out: www.bigpicture.org or call Matt Spengler, Principal, at 879.0235.

30. Sojourner Truth Academy Independent Study

6200 San Pablo Avenue 879-2980

FEEDER SCHOOLS SERVED: Open to All

SCHOOL TYPE: Alternative, Independent Study

GRADES SERVED: K-12

The Sojourner Truth Academy Independent Study Program is a voluntary alternative program designed to enhance the success of students in the Oakland Unified School District. As an alternative to the traditional classroom setting, the methods and strategies of our instruction are unique. Each student's program will be tailored to individual needs, schedule, and learning styles.

We make every effort to create a nurturing, supportive environment based on a one-to-one relationship with a teacher. In Sojourner Truth Academy Independent Study, the world is our classroom! Since each student's schedule is flexible, the use of various public agencies can provide enrichment of the basic curriculum through; for example, concurrent enrollment in community colleges or adult schools. Students will also have the opportunity to take courses online through Cyber High, an integral new part of our program.

Since most of the schoolwork in our program is completed at home, parents play a vital role in the success of Independent Study students. Students are required to complete a minimum of five hours of homework per course, per week. State standards are followed closely and district textbooks and guidelines utilized. Many find our coursework more challenging than that of the traditional high school. Our most successful students are those who have highly developed time management sense, sound study habits, and solid reading skills. Is Sojourner Truth Academy Independent Study the right choice for you? If you could describe yourself as motivated, responsible, and independent, we could be the best choice you ever made.

31. Youth Empowerment School (YES) High School

8251 Fontaine St., 879-8877

POPULATION: 129

FEEDER SCHOOLS SERVED: ASCEND, Frick, Havenscourt, King Estates, Melrose Leadership Academy, Roosevelt, Calvin Simmons, Urban Promise Academy

SCHOOL TYPE: Small High School

GRADES SERVED: 9th-11th

FUTURE GRADES: 9th-12TH will grow one grade per year until 2006.

YEARS IN ESTABLISHMENT: 2

Youth Empowerment School has a mission to empower students by inspiring them to develop projects in the community. Students are enthusiastically involved with the community and are prepared to use academic and life skills in three-year projects and their post-high school experiences. They are knowledgeable about and become skilled at computer applications and modern technology as well as literacy skills and mathematical applications. Students are professional, are critical thinkers, are able to network, and have proper public speaking skills.

Our theories of instruction include:

- Multiple Intelligences –we teach to all learners
- Expeditionary learning—connection of class lessons to outside projects
- Cycle of Inquiry—“you’ll never see our best, because we keep getting better!”
- Authentic Assessment –not just standardized tests but projects that students design to show they have met the expectations in the classroom!
- Culturally Relevant Pedagogy—we address the diversity of our students in all classrooms and throughout the school
- The power of relationship—advisors have only 18 students. Advisory includes daily time to check in on YOUR child to see how she or he is doing both academically and socially

In addition to building the curriculum around empowering youth to make change happen in Oakland, we expect families to play a large role in the decisions that have to be made.

OTHER DISTRICT PROGRAM:

32. Emiliano Zapata Street Academy High

417 29th Street, 879-3130

POPULATION: 163

FEEDER SCHOOLS SERVED: Open to All—Acceptance based on passing interview.

SCHOOL TYPE: Alternative

GRADES SERVED: 9th–12th

YEARS IN ESTABLISHMENT: 31 Years

SPORTS: Permissible if the coach of home school and Street Academy staff agree to student eligibility

The Emiliano Zapata Street Academy, as a partnership between the Street Academy Foundation and the Oakland Unified School District, is an alternative high school. The Street Academy provides a rigorous, multi-cultural, college-preparatory education for those youth who are seeking or need an alternative to the traditional high school setting.

Street Academy students learn to take pride in themselves and to respect others by exploring the great ideas, thinkers, and the richness of their own cultural heritage as well as that of other cultures. Classrooms average 15 to 20 students which allows for individual attention. Students have their own counselor/teacher/mentor (CTM) who provides daily assistance and guidance which facilitates success.

The Street Academy is open to any Bay Area student, ages 14-18 who is not currently enrolled in another public or private school.