



PALO ALTO ADULT SCHOOL

2026 FALL QUARTER SCHEDULE

REGISTRATION BEGINS AUGUST 7, 2026



Peninsula Symphonic Band



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DEAR COMMUNITY AND ADULT SCHOOL FRIENDS,

I'm pleased to welcome you all back for another year of wonderful learning. As the new principal of Palo Alto Adult School, I have spent the last few months learning about the diverse and exciting programs we have to offer. As PAAS enters its 106th year of existence, my goal is to continue its tradition of providing rich, meaningful opportunities that foster personal growth and social connection. I look forward to meeting you in the coming weeks and months.

Sharing our passion for Health & Fitness, our Community Partner this Fall is the YMCA of Silicon Valley. Through this partnership, the Palo Alto Family YMCA is providing a special one-time session on Nutrition entitled "Eating for Longevity". Join us on Oct. 15th and learn how you can live a long and healthy life.

If you've had a positive experience with a class or instructor at PAAS, we'd love to hear about it. Please visit <https://paadultschool.org/tell-us-your-story> to share your story.

See you in class!

Sincerely,



Annora Lee



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2026 FALL CALENDAR

REGISTRATION FOR FALL QUARTER BEGINS // AUGUST 7, 2026

FALL QUARTER // AUGUST 17-DECEMBER 18

HOLIDAYS / NO CLASSES // SEPTEMBER 7, OCTOBER 12 (*Paly only*), NOVEMBER 11, & NOVEMBER 23-27

STUDENT SHOWCASE

Reupholstered Chair to Last for 100 Years!



“The support and expertise of the **Upholstery** instructors are the core reason this class is so successful. They are knowledgeable, generous with their instruction, and patient. I have already completed 4 projects (chairs) and will continue the repair/upholstery of a fine, vintage chair next quarter. My current piece will continue in my family for another 100 years. I have shared the value of this program and the work with many friends and family members, and I anticipate some of them joining this course in the future.”

Sarah Beekley
Pediatrician

ARTS AND CRAFTS

ARTISANAL CRAFTING SERIES: NATURAL LIVING & SELF-CARE WORKSHOPS

Instructor: Man Lai Siu (Crystal),
crystalmamahandmadesoap@gmail.com
Prerequisite: None

Join us for a hands-on, four-part workshop series dedicated to clean beauty, sustainable home goods, and the art of self-care. In each workshop, you will learn the foundational science and art of crafting your own custom everyday essentials—from botanically infused skincare to eco-friendly hair care and cozy home scents. Bring a friend, tap into your creativity, and take home beautiful, handmade products tailored uniquely to you! There will be a \$40 materials fee payable to the instructor at the start of each class.

SECTION A *Eco-Friendly Shampoo Bar*

One Session / September 10
Thursday / 7–9 p.m.
Palo Alto HS Rm 103 / \$40

SECTION B *Nourishing Conditioner Bar*

One Session / October 8
Thursday / 7–9 p.m.
Palo Alto HS Rm 103 / \$40

SECTION C *Healing Balm Making*

One Session / November 5
Thursday / 7–9 p.m.
Palo Alto HS Rm 103 / \$40

SECTION D *Hand-Poured Soy Candle Making*

One Session / December 3
Thursday / 7–9 p.m.
Palo Alto HS Rm 103 / \$40

NEW

CREATE A WREATH

Instructor: Sam Kauffman, akauffman@pausd.org
Prerequisite: None

The holidays are in the air! Celebrate the season with a one-day workshop by making a one-of-a-kind wreath from Sam Kauffman's on-line shop — *Whimsy And*. Sam has had a floral arranging business for over twenty years. Both natural and artificial materials will be available. There will be a \$15 materials fee payable to the instructor on the first day of class. *Limit 10 students.*

One Session / October 15
Thursday / 1–3:30 p.m.
Greendell Rm P2 / \$35

DISCOVER THE ART WITHIN YOU

Instructor: Ferenc Besze, fbesze@pausd.org,
http://besze.com
Prerequisite: None



Join us to explore the endless possibilities of beautiful, ancient art forms in drawing and watercolor. Through easy-to-follow exercises, you will immerse yourself in the practice of focusing and being fully present — *that is our primary goal!* Subjects vary widely, yet all are grounded in timeless principles: design, composition, perspective, proportion, and color theory.

SECTION A (Online)

10 wks / September 8–November 10
Tuesday / 6:30–8:30 p.m.
Live Online / \$200

SECTION B (In-Person)

10 wks / September 10–November 12
Thursday / 6:30–9 p.m.
Palo Alto HS Rm 101 / \$250

NEW

ARTS & CRAFTS

FLORAL EXPRESSION—IKEBANA SOGETSU

Instructor: Virginia Tsai, vtsai@pausd.org

Prerequisite: None



Ikebana is the centuries-old Japanese botanical art, not simply for decoration, but to express movement, space, and feeling. This course introduces the basic principles and techniques of the Sogetsu style ikebana. Advanced students are encouraged to explore and choose your

own containers. Beginning students should follow the curriculum, the textbook, and the materials being used in the classes. There will be a \$125 materials fee payable to the instructor at the first class meeting. Please visit our website for materials list.

5 wks / September 8–October 6

Tuesday / 1:30–4:30 p.m.

Greendell Rm P2 / \$150

GLASSBLOWING WORKSHOP

Instructors: Palo Alto HS Fiery Arts Staff

Prerequisite: None

Join us for an evening session of glassblowing at Paly's Fiery Art's program. This is a hands-on class for beginners that will focus on making a glass flower and paperweight. Wear non-synthetic clothing, a long sleeve shirt, and closed-toed shoes. Don't forget your water bottle! *Limit 4 students each session.*

One Session / See Dates Below

Thursday / 6–9 p.m.

Palo Alto HS Rm 105 / \$250 per session

- September 17
- October 8
- October 29
- November 12

HAWAIIAN LEI MAKING WORKSHOP

Instructor: Carly Kajiware, ckajiware@pausd.org

Prerequisite: None

Join us for a Native Hawaiian lei 'ā'ī (neck lei) or lei po'ō (head lei) session! We work with fresh flowers and other foliage—perfect for graduations, birthdays, or other celebrations! This workshop will be led by a 3rd generation Native Hawaiian lei-maker, who will go over the cultural significance and history of lei. There will be a materials fee for each section payable to the instructor at the start of class.

SECTION A Neck Lei

One Session / September 14

Monday / 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Palo Alto HS Rm 101 / \$35 (+ \$35 materials fee)

SECTION B Head Lei

One Session / September 28

Monday / 6:30–9 p.m.

Palo Alto HS Rm 101 / \$45 (+ \$45 materials fee)

KNITTING

Instructor: Paola Trombetta, ptrombetta@pausd.org

Prerequisite: None

Knitters of all abilities are welcome! Learn basic and advanced skills in this fun and collaborative knitting workshop. Beginners learn to read pattern books, and/or design and create their own knitted garment and gifts. Advanced knitters, master your techniques and bring projects you are currently working on.

Materials to bring to class: Bring a ball of yarn and knitting needles to the first class.

8 wks / September 16–November 4

Wednesday / 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Palo Alto HS Rm 1707 / \$160

LEARN TO CROCHET

Instructor: Paola Trombetta, ptrombetta@pausd.org

Prerequisite: None

Learn to chain, single and double crochet, create tri-dimensional forms, and read patterns. This class will work for you regardless of your skill level, and you will enjoy it! *Materials to bring to class:* 1 ball of worsted weight yarn plus a size 'H' crochet hook.

8 wks / September 16–November 4

Wednesday / 5:30–6:30 p.m.

Palo Alto HS Rm 1707 / \$80



NEW TEACHERS WELCOME!

We are looking for more
Fine Arts instructors!

For more information on
how to apply, call (650) 329-3752
or visit

PAAAdultSchool.org/new-instructors-welcome

BIRDING & NATURE

NATURE SCIENCE HIKES

Instructors: Environmental Volunteers,
communityprograms@environmentalvolunteers.org
Prerequisite: None

Join some of Environmental Volunteers most knowledgeable nature-science educators on three explorations of local open spaces throughout the fall season. Each two-hour hike will be at a different location, with a different trained guide, and each will focus on learning about a different environmental topic. The pace of the hikes will be easy, with semi-frequent stops to discuss subjects. Distance traveled may vary but expect between 1 – 3 miles. *Limit 12 students.*

Three Sessions / See Dates Below

Saturday / 10 a.m.–12 noon

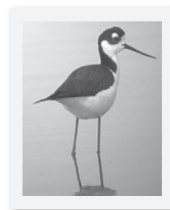
Various Locations / \$60

- **September 26:** Palo Alto Baylands Nature Preserve—
Wetlands Ecology
- **October 24:** Foothills Park—
Climate Change/Human Impacts
- **November 7:** Windy Hill Open Space Preserve—
Foothills Ecology & Geology

WEST COAST BIRDING (Online & In-Person)

Instructor: Scott Smithson, wsmithson@pausd.org

Prerequisite: None



The primary goal of this birding class is to develop birding skills through bird identification by sight and sound. During our weekly online Zoom meetings, we will focus on sharing local bird sightings, slides of Bay Area birds, ID quizzes, and discussion of field trips. *There will be 3 in-person*

weekend field trips offered to local Bay Area birding spots so we can practice what we have learned in the field!

Field trip dates TBD. Textbook: Any North America or Western North America bird field guide (*Sibley's Guide* is a great one).

7 wks / September 22–November 3

Tuesday / 7–8:30 p.m.

Live Online / \$160

CAREER TRAINING

DISCOVER VOICE-OVERS

Instructor: Lisa Foster, liveclass@suchavoice.com

Prerequisite: None

Unlock the power of your voice! Join our dynamic webinar to discover a unique, lucrative path into voice acting for commercials, films, and beyond. Master the art of voice-overs and take control of your creative career with expert online instruction and a personalized 1-on-1 script read.

SECTION A

One Session / September 29

Tuesday / 6–8 p.m.

Live Online / \$50

SECTION B

One Session / November 19

Thursday / 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Live Online / \$50



VOCATIONAL INTERNSHIP CLASS

Instructor: Toshiro Lang

Prerequisite: Application and interview required

Classroom component to vocational internships concentrating on developing transferable job skills. This course emphasizes the importance of interpersonal dynamics in the workplace, and the value of obtaining competitive employment. In-person instruction accommodates all learners with the motivation to become independent and successful. Curriculum includes: Team building, workplace safety, technology, self-advocacy, maintaining employment, financial literacy, health and wellness, preparing for employment. *Must call (650) 329-3752 for more information and to register for the program.*

ONGOING / September–June

Monday–Thursday / 8–9:15 a.m.

Lucille Packard Children's Hospital (LPCH) / No Fee *

WORK READINESS (Job Coach)

LEARN NEW SKILLS FOR GETTING A JOB *

Instructor: Kathilynn Lehmer, klehmer@pausd.org

Learn new strategies for getting a job! Prepare a powerful resume and cover letter, create and optimize a LinkedIn profile, use CHATGPT effectively to enhance the job search process, learn new job hunting strategies, participate in mock interviews—and more! There is no fee and the course is open-entry start anytime. For more information, and to find out how to register, send an email to Kathilynn Lehmer at klehmer@pausd.org.

CAREER TRAINING: ADVANCED CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS (Online/Recorded)

ADVANCED CAREER TRAINING COURSES TO PREPARE YOU FOR CERTIFICATION

Our career training courses can start you on a path to an in-demand profession or help advance your current career with industry certification. You may begin these courses at any time, and learn at your own pace. For details, please visit careertraining.paadultschool.org.

COURSE CATEGORIES:

- Arts and Design
- Business
- Computer Applications
- Computer Science
- Construction and Trades
- Health and Fitness
- Hospitality
- Information Technology
- Language
- Legal
- Teacher Professional Development
- Writing

COURSE FEATURES:

- 24/7 Course access
- Books and materials included
- Certificate of Completion
- Student Advisors included
- Industry recognized certifications

POPULAR COURSES INCLUDE:

- **Certified Administrative Professional**
(Exam Voucher Included)
- **Certified Bookkeeper**
(Exam Vouchers Included)
- **Certified EKG Technician**
(Exam Voucher Included)
- **Certified Paralegal**
(Exam Voucher Included)
- **Clinical Dental Assistant**
(Exam Voucher Included)
- **CompTIA Certification Training: A+, Network+, Security+**
(Exam Vouchers Included)
- **Medical Billing and Coding**
(Voucher Included)
- **NASM Certified Personal Trainer and Exam Preparation**
(Exam Voucher Included)
- **Pharmacy Technician**
(Exam Voucher Included)

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE MANAGER CERTIFICATION / GES2075

Instructor: ed2go Instructor

Prerequisite: None

If you want to advance your career within an accounts payable department, you need to become a certified Accounts Payable Manager (APM). This 100% online training course will prepare you for the APM certification exam in just three months. For pricing, details, registration, visit careertraining.paadultschool.org.

3 Months / 30 Course Hours

Start Anytime (Self Paced)

ed2go Online/Recorded

CERTIFIED CLINICAL MEDICAL ASSISTANT (CCMA) / GES180 (Voucher Included)

Instructors: ed2go Instructors

Prerequisite: None

In this 100% online medical assistant training program, you will learn a broad range of skills that make medical assistants versatile and valuable, including medical terminology, medical law and ethics, HIPAA rules, and scheduling systems. After successfully completing this clinical medical assistant course, you will be able to take the national Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA) certification exam offered by the National Healthcareer Association (NHA). For pricing, details, registration, visit careertraining.paadultschool.org.

12 Months / 540 Course Hours

Start Anytime (Self Paced)

ed2go Online/Recorded

CAREER TRAINING: ADVANCED CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

CERTIFIED PHYSICAL THERAPY AIDE / GES189 (Voucher Included)

Instructor: ed2go Instructor

Prerequisite: None

This 100% online course will teach you the concepts, skills and practices to become a certified physical therapy aide. Upon successful completion, you will be eligible to take the American Medical Certification Association's (AMCA) Physical Therapy Technician/Aide certification exam. For pricing, details, registration, visit careertraining.paadultschool.org.

9 Months / 202 Course Hours

Start Anytime (Self Paced)

ed2go Online/Recorded

COMPTIA SECURITY+ CERTIFICATION TRAINING / GES330 (Voucher Included)

Instructor: ed2go Instructor

Prerequisite: None

This 100% online Security+ course is for those with some IT/networking knowledge and will help you master the basics of system security, network infrastructure, access control, and organizational security. Upon successful completion of the course, you will be prepared to take the CompTIA Security+ certification exam (SYO-601). For pricing, details, registration, visit careertraining.paadultschool.org.

6 Months / 85 Course Hours

Start Anytime (Self Paced)

ed2go Online/Recorded

CYBERSECURITY BOOT CAMP / GES3048 (Voucher Included)

Instructor: ed2go Instructor

Prerequisite: None

Our six-month, 300-course-hour online Cybersecurity Boot Camp provides a beginner-to-job-ready career transition and will help you earn the skills and credentials required to enter the cybersecurity workforce and pass the CompTIA Security+ certification exam—no previous experience is needed. Requires Windows PC platform to run hands-on simulations, sandboxes, and virtual machines. Includes a capstone project to build a professional portfolio. Upon successful boot camp completion, you will be provided with a voucher for the Security+ certification exam, which covers the cost to sit for the certifying exam upon eligibility. For pricing, details, registration, visit careertraining.paadultschool.org.

6 Months / 300 Course Hours

Start Anytime (Self Paced)

ed2go Online/Recorded

FREIGHT BROKER AGENT TRAINING / GES703

Instructor: ed2go Instructor

Prerequisite: None

Gain the skills needed to build a successful freight brokerage or freight brokerage agency—100% online. Learn key freight fundamentals for future success, such as the laws and terminology, and much more! For pricing, details, registration, visit careertraining.paadultschool.org.

6 Months / 100 Course Hours

Start Anytime (Self Paced)

ed2go Online/Recorded

HVAC/R TECHNICIAN / GES786

(Voucher Included)

Instructor: ed2go Instructor

Prerequisite: None

During this HVAC technician training program, you will come to thoroughly understand key HVAC/R topics, including heat, temperature and pressure, refrigeration and refrigerants, safety practices, tools and equipment, leak detection, system evacuation, refrigeration oil management, system charging, automatic controls, electric motors, and much more. From service, repair and equipment best practices to commercial and residential appliance fundamentals — this 100% online HVAC/R technician course is designed to help you succeed in an entry-level career in the HVAC industry. For pricing, details, registration, visit careertraining.paadultschool.org.

12 Months / 330 Course Hours

Start Anytime (Self Paced)

ed2go Online/Recorded

PROFESSIONAL BOOKKEEPING WITH QUICKBOOKS ONLINE / GES2046

(Voucher Included)

Instructor: ed2go Instructor

Prerequisite: None

Master QuickBooks Online to prepare for a rewarding career in the bookkeeping field. This course will help you understand how to get your business finances in order and save time with this powerful and useful tool. This course also serves as preparation for the QuickBooks Certified User exam. For pricing, details, registration, visit careertraining.paadultschool.org.

6 Months / 100 Course Hours

Start Anytime (Self Paced)

ed2go Online/Recorded

NEW

CAREER TRAINING: ADVANCED CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

STERILE PROCESSING TECHNICIAN / GES1028 (*Voucher Included*)

Instructor: ed2go Instructor

Prerequisite: None

In this 100% online sterile processing course, you will learn all the necessary steps to perform the duties and tasks of Sterile Processing Technicians (SPT), also known as Central Service Technicians or Certified Sterilization Technicians. With the support of an instructor, you will gain proficiency in the steps and techniques of the sterilization process, including inventory management and infection control. For pricing, details, registration, visit careertraining.paadultschool.org.

12 Months / 190 Course Hours

Start Anytime (Self Paced)

ed2go Online/Recorded

TECHNICAL WRITING COURSE / GES2110

Instructor: ed2go Instructor

Prerequisite: None

They provide clear explanations and precise detail about often-complicated subjects to help consumers understand and use products and services around us. More specifically, technical writers may prepare instruction manuals, how-to guides, articles, or white papers and other documentation that explains technical information. This 100% online course will help you master technical writing and build a robust portfolio that showcases this highly marketable skill. For pricing, details, registration, visit careertraining.paadultschool.org.

12 Months / 190 Course Hours

Start Anytime (Self Paced)

ed2go Online/Recorded

CITIZENSHIP

CITIZENSHIP (*Open Enrollment*)

Instructor: Sandy Cutshall, scutshall@pausd.org

Prerequisite: Intermediate to advanced English language learners

Do you know about the latest version of the U.S. Citizenship interview? Learn everything you need in this course! You will prepare for all aspects of the current interview, including the government and history questions (civics test), questions about the N-400 application (speaking test), and the reading and writing tests. The class is taught at an intermediate level and is designed for lawful permanent residents who will be applying for U.S. citizenship within the next year. It is open enrollment and new students are welcome to start any time.

8 wks / October 14–December 9 (*No class November 25*)

Wednesday / 6–8 p.m.

Live Online / No Fee *



COMPUTER SKILLS

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) TOOL FOR BEGINNERS WORKSHOP

Instructor: Kumaresan Manickavelu,

kmanickavelu@pausd.org

Prerequisite: Basic understanding of computers, including browsing, email, & docs



Unleash the power of AI!

Dive into the world of artificial intelligence and discover practical tools for everyday problem-solving. From writing

and image generation to research and automation, this workshop empowers beginners to explore AI's potential and transform their workflows. *No experience needed!* Bring your laptop to class.

One Session / See Dates Below

Monday / 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Palo Alto HS Rm 30 / \$50 per session

- October 5
- November 2

INTRODUCTION TO MACHINE LEARNING WITH PYTHON (CODING)

Instructor: Avnit Bambah, abambah@pausd.org

Prerequisite: None

Unlock the Power of Artificial Intelligence. Are you curious about the technology driving the modern world? Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) are transforming every industry, from finance to healthcare. The course is designed to demystify complex concepts through practical, hands-on learning. We take you on a step-by-step journey, starting with the basics of Python and data exploration, moving through predictive modeling and pattern recognition, and concluding with an introduction to deep learning. Python installation instructions will be sent to students before the first class. Bring your laptop to class.

8 wks / September 16–November 4

Wednesday / 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Palo Alto HS Rm 31 / \$160

NEW

COOKING: LEARN HOW TO COOK IN JUST ONE NIGHT!

ARTISAN PIZZA FESTIVAL

Instructor: Vanessa Palhares Montes,

vpalharesmontes@pausd.org

Prerequisite: None

Learn, cook and taste Artisan pizza! Discover the joy of crafting delicious pizzas from scratch. Join our hands-on artisan pizza workshop, where you will master 3 unique and mouthwatering recipes, perfect for sharing with friends and family. You will make a classic Margherita, Pesto Chicken, and Vegetarian Delight pizza in class to take home and enjoy!

One Session / December 1

Tuesday / 6:30–9 p.m.

Palo Alto HS Rm 103 / \$70

BELGIAN CHOCOLATES GALORE!

Instructor: Carine Vanslembrouck, cschultz@pausd.org

www.instagram.com/cocoa_mirth

Prerequisite: None

Have fun learning to make delicious hand-made Belgian chocolates the traditional way. You will be guided, by the instructor, through the process of tempering chocolate on a marble slab and continue on to craft a different Belgian chocolate in each class.

One Session / See Dates Below

Wednesday / 6:30–9 p.m.

Palo Alto HS Rm 103 / \$70 per session

- **October 21:** Truffles
- **November 4:** Fall Chocolates
- **December 9:** Christmas Gifts from the Kitchen

HANDMADE GNOCCHI WITH FOUR-CHEESE SAUCE

Instructor: Vanessa Palhares Montes,

vpalharesmontes@pausd.org

Prerequisite: None

This class emphasizes hands-on participation, professional kitchen techniques, and full from-scratch preparation. The curriculum balances technical skill-building with approachable, well-structured recipes. *Menu:* Handmade Potato Gnocchi, Four-Cheese Cream Sauce, Kale Salad with Olive Oil–Confit Cherry Tomatoes.

One Session / November 10

Tuesday / 6:30–9 p.m.

Palo Alto HS Rm 103 / \$70

HOMEMADE PASTA WORKSHOP

Instructor: Vanessa Palhares Montes,

vpalharesmontes@pausd.org

Prerequisite: None

Discover the art of making fresh pasta from scratch in our hands-on workshop! Learn to prepare authentic pasta dough, craft delicious ravioli with gourmet fillings and top it off with rich homemade tomato sauce. Bring your enthusiasm and get ready to create mouthwatering pasta dishes!

One Session / September 22

Tuesday / 6:30–9 p.m.

Palo Alto HS Rm 103 / \$70

INDIAN COOKING WITH JONAKE

Instructor: Jonake Bose, jonakeandyuti@gmail.com

Prerequisite: None

Learn to cook your favorite Indian dishes in this hands-on class. We craft fresh spice blends that transform simple ingredients into authentic flavors. We cook together and then share the dishes we create—a warm, delicious way to experience the joy and community of India.

One Session / See Dates Below

Thursday / 6:30–9 p.m.

Palo Alto HS Rm 103 / \$70 per session

- **October 1:** Appetizers: Tanga sprouts medley, Tuna Kebabs with Chutney, Mango Lassi
- **October 15:** Kheema Curry, Cabbage Stir Fry, Pomegranate Raita, Naan
- **October 29:** Appetizers and Dessert – Cheesecake, Triscuit Chutney Bites, Kheema Pockets

IT'S A DINNER PARTY

Instructor: Julie Shanson,

julie@findjoyinfood.com,

www.findjoyinfood.com

Prerequisite: None

This three-class series will set you up to host your own dinner party or be a terrific guest at someone else's party. Learn tips for easy appetizers, protein packed vegetarian main courses, and delicious desserts. Bring containers for leftovers! See website for complete menu.

NEW



SECTION A Gluten-Free & Dairy-Free Appetizers

One Session / September 15

Tuesday / 6:30–9 p.m.

Palo Alto HS Rm 103 / \$70

SECTION B Protein Packed Vegetarian Main Courses

One Session / September 29

Tuesday / 6:30–9 p.m.

Palo Alto HS Rm 103 / \$70

SECTION C Gluten-Free & Vegan Desserts

One Session / October 13

Tuesday / 6:30–9 p.m.

Palo Alto HS Rm 103 / \$70

SPANISH-STYLE SHRIMP PAELLA

Instructor: Vanessa Palhares Montes,

vpalharesmontes@pausd.org

Prerequisite: None

Each class emphasizes hands-on participation, professional kitchen techniques, and full from-scratch preparation. The curriculum balances technical skill-building with approachable, well-structured recipes. *Menu:* Spanish-Style Shrimp Paella with Chorizo, Saffron Rice, and Seasonal Vegetables, Pear and Gorgonzola Salad with Toasted Nuts and House Vinaigrette.

One Session / October 20

Tuesday / 6:30–9 p.m.

Palo Alto HS Rm 103 / \$70

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)—IN-PERSON & LIVE ONLINE (via ZOOM)

FALL 2026

SESSION #1: August 17–October 9 / SESSION #2: October 12–December 11

NO CLASSES: November 11 & November 23-27

***** There is a NO FEE POLICY (no cost for registration or books) for all state-supported ESL classes *****

The Palo Alto Adult School ESL program offers many classes to help you meet your English learning goals. To enter our free classes, new students must register for a placement test. There is no childcare for the test or the classes.

Students must register first before taking a placement test

In-person registration only. No phone registration. No online registration.

Register to take the ESL (English) Placement Test

- Students must take the ESL Placement Test to join a class.
- When you register, you will choose a test date.
- Testing space is very limited.
- You must register in-person.

Enrollment Policies

- Students must be able to attend the full 8 weeks.
- There is no childcare.
- Students may repeat a class level one time with teacher and ESL Manager approval.
- Students must be 18+ years old to register.

1 REGISTRATION

ESL PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Fall Session #1 (August 17–October 9) Registration is FULL & CLOSED.

Fall session #2 registration will be held Friday, September 25 @ 9 a.m.

New students must register **IN-PERSON** at our ESL office, **Greendell Campus, 4120 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, CA 94303.**

(No phone calls, no emails, no online registration available.)

REQUIRED: Students must have their own valid email address and contact phone number.

2 TESTING

ESL PLACEMENT TESTING

TESTING LOCATION: Greendell Campus • 4120 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto, CA 94303

At registration, students will choose a testing date.

Please check our website at www.paadultschool.org for the Fall session #2 testing dates.

Spaces limited!

3 CLASSES

FALL SESSION ESL CLASSES *

SESSION #1: August 17–October 9 / SESSION #2: October 12–December 11

(NO CLASSES: November 11 & November 23-27)

No charge for ESL textbooks

IN-PERSON MORNING CLASSES (9:30 A.M.–12:30 P.M.)

Greendell Campus: Literacy through Advanced-Low levels (Monday–Thursday)

ONLINE MORNING CLASSES (3 meetings per week): 9–11 a.m. / Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday

3 levels: Intermediate-Low; Intermediate-High; Advanced

** Students need to download and learn Zoom at <https://zoom.us/>*

IN-PERSON EVENING CLASSES (6:30–9:30 P.M.)

Palo Alto High School: Literacy through Advanced-Low levels (Monday & Wednesday)

IN-PERSON & ONLINE ADDITIONAL SKILL-SPECIFIC CLASSES: See *English Enrichment* classes pages 11

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)

COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS

ESL MEDICAL ENGLISH *

Prerequisite: For intermediate high and advanced English language learners. ESL test required.

Study Medical English in our in-person ESL Healthcare Foundation class about healthcare settings and medical vocabulary. This class prepares students for the next level *Medical Terminology* class, or for the CNA (*Certified Nursing Assistant*) program and other healthcare pathways at Mountain View Adult School and Fremont Union High School District (FUHSD) Adult School.

14 wks / September 1–December 10 (No class November 24 & 26)

Tuesday & Thursday / 6:30 p.m.–9 p.m.

Palo Alto HS Rm 31 / No Fee *

REQUIRED

- **Students must attend the first meeting, Sep. 1**
- **Students must take CASAS (English) test**

For more information, or to enroll, please call the ESL office at (650) 494-2326 or email Sripriya Kannan, skannan@pausd.

JOB SEARCH SKILLS FOR ESL STUDENTS (*Non-native English Speakers*) *

Instructor: Susan Silver, ssilver@pausd.org

Prerequisite: For advanced English language learners

In this class, you will learn to complete a job application, write a basic resume, practice job interview skills, and more! Students enrolled in this class will also be working with Job Coach Kathi Lynn Lehmer as her clients for individualized job search coaching services through the *Palo Alto Adult Ed Work Readiness* course. Email Sripriya Kannan to enroll: skannan@pausd.org.

10 wks / September 15–November 19

Tuesday & Thursday / 1–3 p.m.

Greendell Rm P6 / No Fee *

ADDITIONAL CLASSES

LEAH *

Learn English at Home!

Prerequisite: For beginning high to advanced level English level learners.

If you have access to a computer and you want to learn English, *you can learn at home!* This is a good program if you cannot come to class regularly. In this program, you have free access to an online educational website. Students are required to study four (4) hours per week on the computer. Then students meet with the teacher for a half hour (30 minutes) each week. You can meet with the teacher on Zoom or in-person.

- Students must take an in-person placement test to register for the LEAH program.
- Students may start LEAH classes at any time.
- Please call 650-494-2326 to make an appointment for the placement test.

The Fall 2026 LEAH program begins on Monday, August 24, 2026.

For more information or to sign up for the class,
please call our adult school ESL office: (650) 494-2326.

¿Necesitas ayuda en español? Deje un mensaje al 650-494-2326.



ESL WRITING ACADEMY

FALL 2026 ESL WRITING ACADEMY
September 11–November 20, 2026

FALL SESSION CLASSES

ESL WRITING ACADEMY

Write for life! Whether it's a simple email, a thank-you note, or a complex essay or report, our ESL Writing Academy classes will help you with content, organization, tone, and purpose.

The Academy offers two levels of classes, beginning with the basics of sentence creation and paragraph development. When you complete the required assignments, you can earn Certificates of Achievement and/or Proficiency.

**** Writing Academy registration opens Mon., Aug. 24, 2026 at 8 a.m. ****

Register at <https://paadultschool.org/class/writing-academy>.

For more information, please call (650) 494-2326 or send an email to esl@pausd.org.

**** Required Orientation Meeting ****

Fri., Sep. 11, 2026 • 9:30 a.m. • Greendell Campus

FUNDAMENTALS OF WRITING

FUNDAMENTALS OF WRITING I — INTRODUCTION TO PARAGRAPHS *

Instructor: Abigail Christensen

Prerequisite: For students who are at the high beginning to low intermediate level

Practice writing sentences and developing coherent paragraphs with the goal of writing about your own life experiences. Guidance will also be given on correct grammar and word choice.

10 wks / September 11–November 20

Friday / 9:30 a.m.–12 noon

Greendell Rm P7 / No Fee *

FUNDAMENTALS OF WRITING II — WRITING PARAGRAPHS *

Instructor: Simone Wojtowicz

Prerequisite: For students who are at the low intermediate to high intermediate level

Learn how to write well-developed and cohesive paragraphs. This class will focus on how to choose and organize content, connect ideas, and use supporting details to address a topic.

10 wks / September 11–November 20

Friday / 9:30 a.m.–12 noon

Greendell Rm P6 / No Fee *

ENGLISH ENRICHMENT

ADVANCED ESL LISTENING AND SPEAKING BOOK CLUB

Instructor: Simone Wojtowicz, swojtowicz@pausd.org

Prerequisite: For advanced English language learners

This course is ideal for students who want to improve their English listening and speaking skills. We will read and discuss short stories, and watch and discuss videos that represent culturally relevant topics. Reading, listening, vocabulary, pronunciation, conversation, and a greater understanding of American culture are incorporated into each class. We will investigate and discuss a variety of topics. No textbook.

9 wks / September 17 –November 19 (No class October 29)
Thursday / 9:30–12 noon
Greendell Rm P6 / \$225

AMERICAN IDIOMS 101

Instructor: Simone Wojtowicz, swojtowicz@pausd.org

Prerequisite: Intermediate high to advanced English language learners

This class is ideal for students who want to develop their reading, listening, speaking, and writing skills while becoming familiar with many useful English expressions. Do you want to increase your vocabulary? Improve your TOEFL score? Use idioms in conversation? We will dissect the top 300 idioms used on the TOEFL test in addition to discussing metaphorical language. No textbook.

9 wks / September 15 –November 17 (No class October 27)
Tuesday / 9:30–11:30 a.m.
Greendell Rm P6 / \$180

FOCUS ON PRONUNCIATION AND LISTENING

Instructor: Sue Stevick, sstevick@pausd.org

Prerequisite: Intermediate high to advanced English language learners

Speak more clearly and confidently. Master the four most important features of English pronunciation: *stress in words and sentences, intonation, rhythm, and linking*. Improve your speaking and listening skills by participating in lively in-class conversations and discussions. The instructor will provide a written personalized evaluation of your pronunciation skills. Required textbook can be purchased in the Adult School office before the first class.

SECTION A (Online)

8 wks / September 15–November 3
Tuesday / 6:30–8:30 p.m.
Live Online / \$160

SECTION B (In-Person)

8 wks / September 18–November 6
Friday / 10 a.m.–12 noon
Greendell Rm P2 / \$160

NEW

LET'S TALK!

Instructor: Sharon Gloster, seshel@pausd.org

Prerequisite: For advanced English language learners

Practice your conversation skills and build confidence in speaking English. This course will give you lots to talk about, including everyday news as well as several real-life topics (such as education, jobs, the stock market, health, etc.) based on student interests. Learning and practicing everyday expressions and vocabulary plus pronunciation, and grammar tips will improve your fluency.

8 wks / September 28–November 16
Monday / 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Greendell Rm P6 / \$240

US HISTORY AND CULTURE

Instructor: Simone Wojtowicz, swojtowicz@pausd.org

Prerequisite: Intermediate high to advanced English language learners

This class is ideal for students who want to improve their English skills while becoming familiar with many interesting aspects of US history and culture. We address why Americans think and behave the way they do and the foundation for some of their attitudes and values such as the importance of competition and hard work. *Textbook:* Please email the instructor for the name of the required textbook.

9 wks / September 16 –November 18 (No class October 28)
Wednesday / 9:30–11:30 a.m.
Greendell Rm P6 / \$180

WHAT'S NEW? READING, LISTENING TO, AND DISCUSSING THE NIGHTLY NEWS

Instructor: Sharon Hampel, Ph.D., shampel@pausd.org

Prerequisite: Intermediate high or advanced English language learners



When someone asks you "What's New?", you will always have an answer. This advanced class will read and listen to National Public Radio (NPR) news on U.S. culture and world affairs. As a supplement we will have a short set of materials based on *Reading the News* by Pete Sharma, an international teacher. We will focus on education, health and fitness, high tech, and the environment.

SECTION A

7 wks / September 16–October 28
Wednesday / 1–3 p.m.
Greendell Rm P6 / \$140

SECTION B

7 wks / September 16–October 28
Wednesday / 7–9 p.m.
Palo Alto HS Rm 216 / \$140

BE A VOLUNTEER ESL TUTOR
Help Someone Learn English

For information, please contact:
ESL Volunteer Tutor Program Manager,
Anjani Sarma: asarma@pausd.org

GENERAL INTEREST

BASIC WRITERS WORKSHOP

Instructor: Sam Kauffman, akauffman@pausd.org

Prerequisite: None



Always wanted to write? Everyone has a story. This class, taught by published author and poet, Sam Kauffman, will guide you through your first steps to achieve your goal

of writing wonderful novels, short stories, memoirs, poetry, etc., using basic techniques, resources, tips and supportive class feedback. *Limit 10 students.*

10 wks / September 9–November 18 (No class November 11)

Wednesday / 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Greendell Rm P2 / \$160

CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP

Instructor: Chana Feinstein, cfeinstein@pausd.org

Prerequisite: None

Make your creative writing stronger and more effective by sharing it for constructive comments, reading examples of published writing, and discussing a wide variety of related topics and techniques. All writing genres welcome—from stories to poetry, college applications, to memoir. A warm, supportive place to write. *Limit 12 students.*

10 wks / September 10–November 12

Thursday / 6–8:30 p.m.

Live Online / \$160

CREATIVE WRITING:

WRITERS NURTURING WRITERS

Instructor: Sam Kauffman, akauffman@pausd.org

Prerequisite: None

Everyone has a story. *Come!* Time to tell your story with a friendly, welcoming, supportive group. *All levels* of writers, from rank beginners to those more experienced in written expression, are welcome. This is an encouraging group sharing in a round-table experience. All genres accepted! *Limit 10 students.*

10 wks / September 9–November 18 (No class November 11)

Wednesday / 1–3:30 p.m.

Greendell Rm P2 / \$160

GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

Instructor: Rachel Kellerman, rkellerman@pausd.org

Prerequisite: None

Everyone has a family story to tell—what's yours? Join our welcoming class to learn effective strategies for excelling in your genealogy research, whether you are a beginner or more experienced. Our format includes one hour of dedicated research, followed by an hour for the group to explore topics of interest.

9 wks / September 9–November 4

Wednesday / 1–3 p.m.

Palo Alto HS Rm 31 / \$180

"In the **Genealogy** class, Rachel provides vast resources for research and explains it well."

Susan Scheel

SO, YOU WANT TO PUBLISH!

Instructor: Sam Kauffman, akauffman@pausd.org

Prerequisite: None

You have a manuscript. Now what? Come explore ways to get your writing into print with published, award winning author, poet and lyricist, Sam Kauffman, with over twenty-five years of experience in writing and publishing.

One Session / October 22

Thursday / 1–3:30 p.m.

Greendell Rm P2 / \$35

SPEAKING SHAKESPEARE

Instructor: Julie Ann Lowery,

jaloweryshakespeare@yahoo.com

Prerequisite: None

Shakespeare is for everyone! Discover your voice through his words. Learn to perform sonnets, scenes, and monologues — *all levels welcome*. Through sonnets, monologues, and scenes, you'll unlock techniques used by professional classical actors, made accessible for every level. No prior experience required — only curiosity and a willingness to play! Come as you are. *Leave speaking Shakespeare!*

8 wks / September 9–November 4 (No class October 7)

Wednesday / 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Palo Alto HS Rm 302 / \$160

NEW

HEALTH & FITNESS

ABS AND BOOTY BUSTER

Instructors: Amy Chan, achan@pausd.org

Prerequisite: None

We guarantee you'll see results after one session with Amy! This class is designed to strengthen and tone your core, glutes, and back. This super effective 60-minute workout will transform your body and give you the quickest hour of perfectly paced exercise you've ever experienced. Bring a yoga mat, 1-3 lbs weights, stretching band, and a water bottle.

13 wks / September 10–December 10

(No class November 23 & 26)

Monday & Thursday / 7:45–8:45 p.m.

Palo Alto HS Dance Studio (Peery Center) / \$260

AIKIDO

Instructor: Chris Kuszmaul, ckuszmaul@pausd.org

Prerequisite: None

The Japanese martial art of Aikido is a comprehensive system of throwing, joint locking, striking and pinning techniques that foster strength, flexibility, presence of mind, and cooperative movement. We practice improving awareness and work on conflict de-escalation within and around ourselves. Learn to relax in the face of stress, ground yourself during anxiety, and gain tools to move through the world with confidence.

10 wks / September 8–November 14

Tuesday & Thursday / 6:30–8 p.m. & Saturday / 10–11 a.m.

Cubberley Rm A7 / \$200

HEALTH & FITNESS

EATING FOR LONGEVITY

Instructor: Kim Verity, YMCA Guest Instructor

Prerequisite: None

Discover healthy aging strategies inspired by the Blue Zones. Learn which foods to eat more often, which to limit, the six essential nutrients for adults over 50 and common nutrient deficiencies. Discuss how anti-inflammatory foods can help reduce chronic inflammation and lower the risk of chronic disease while supporting long-term health.

One Session / October 15

Thursday / 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Palo Alto HS Library / \$40

Guest
Instructor

TAI CHI: CHEN STYLE

Instructor: Lisette Yung, cyung@pausd.org

Prerequisite: None

Learn the traditional Chen Style first form (*Taijiquan*). Practice the continuous movements which helps develop balance, body coordination and strength and the understanding of basic Tai-Chi principles. We will focus on different sections of Taijiquan throughout the quarter.

8 wks / September 9–October 28

Wednesday / 7:45–9 p.m.

Palo Alto HS Dance Studio (*Peery Center*) / \$80

YOGA AND MEDITATION

Instructor: Kamal Vilms, kvilms@pausd.org

Prerequisite: None

Gently stretch, relax, and energize your body with yoga poses that cultivate balance, inner awareness, and mobility and release muscle tension. Regular yoga practice can improve health in many ways from stress reduction to increased flexibility and improved breathing. Bring a yoga mat. *Limit 12 students.*

9 wks / September 14–November 9

Monday / 5–6:30 p.m.

Palo Alto HS Rm Library / \$140

LINE DANCING

Instructor: Kent You, kyou@pausd.org, and Sandy Hsu

Prerequisite: None

Line dancing increases endurance and balance along with enhanced memory and awareness. Each class is choreographed by song and taught so the group is dancing in unison. Beginners are welcome. No partners needed.

6 wks / September 8–October 13

Tuesday / 7:45–8:45 p.m.

Palo Alto HS Dance Studio (*Peery Center*) / \$60

MAT PILATES

Instructor: Golnaz Haghverdi, ghaghverdi@pausd.org

Prerequisite: None

Discover Mat Pilates! Strengthen your core, improve posture, and move with ease. Perfect for all levels, whether you're new to fitness or looking to deepen your practice. Build strength, flexibility, and balance, all on the mat. Join us and feel stronger, longer, and more aligned— *inside and out.*

SECTION A

10 wks / September 8–November 10

Tuesday / 6–7:30 p.m.

Palo Alto HS Dance Studio (*Peery Center*) / \$150

SECTION B

10 wks / September 9–November 18 (*No class November 11*)

Wednesday / 6–7:30 p.m.

Palo Alto HS Dance Studio (*Peery Center*) / \$150

PILATES: BEGINNING/INTERMEDIATE

Instructor: Judy Lee-Squire, jleesquire@pausd.org

Prerequisite: None

With a basis in functional movement, pilates is a full-body exercise method that builds strength, flexibility, range of motion and endurance through conscious movement. Focusing on your breath and CORE, your posture, balance and movement will improve in your daily life. Modifications and assistance will be provided. A mat is required during class. *Limit 16 students.*

10 wks / September 8–November 10

Tuesday / 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Cubberley Rm A5 / \$100

ZUMBA

Instructor: Amy Chan, achan@pausd.org

Prerequisite: None

Learn different dance styles including Tango, Flamenco, Cha Cha Cha, Salsa, K-Pop, Bollywood, Belly Dancing, *and more!* Zumba helps improve your balance, coordination, and memory. No partner required. Come join the party, make new friends, and bring a water bottle to class!

13 wks / September 10–December 10

(*No class November 23 & 26*)

Monday & Thursday / 6:45–7:45 p.m.

Palo Alto HS Dance Studio (*Peery Center*) / \$260

9th Annual Palo Alto Community

HEALTH FAIR

September 19 | 11 AM - 2 PM
Mitchell Park Community Center



- Speeches
- Workshops
- Activities



Hosted by the YMCA

HOME & ENVIRONMENT

BUTTON-UP SHIRT SEWING

Instructors: Sally-Ann Rudd,
srudd@pausd.org,
and Maya Sen, msen@pausd.org

Prerequisite: Previous experience sewing with a sewing machine required

Dreaming of sewing your own classic button-up shirt?

This is the class for you! You will learn professional shirt making skills, such as how to sew tailored collars, cuffs, plackets, sleeves, yokes, and buttonholes. We will also address fitting skills and ways you can customize the shirt to your own preferences. *We have the perfect fit for everyone!* We will send out a list of supplies and pattern suggestions about two weeks before the class. Previous experience sewing with a sewing machine required. *Limit 15 students.*

8 wks / September 23–November 18 (No class November 11)
Wednesday / 6–9 p.m.

J. L. Stanford Middle School Rm 140 / \$240

FLORAL EXPRESSION —IKEBANA SOGETSU

Instructor: Virginia Tsai, vtsai@pausd.org

Prerequisite: None



Ikebana is the centuries-old Japanese botanical art, not simply for decoration, but to express movement, space, and feeling. This course introduces the basic principles and techniques of the Sogetsu style Ikebana. Advanced students are encouraged to explore and

choose your own containers. Beginning students should follow the curriculum, the textbook, and the materials being used in the classes. There will be a \$125 materials fee payable to the instructor at the first class meeting. Please visit our website for materials list.

5 wks / September 8–October 6

Tuesday / 1:30–4:30 p.m.

Greendell Rm P2 / \$150

GARDENING IN FALL

Instructor: Sherri Bohan, sbohan@pausd.org

Prerequisite: None

Existing gardens are easy to create a space for that is not just landscaping—it can become beneficial habitat and a buffet for pollinators and songbirds, butterflies, and more. Native plants are easy to include for a more water wise beautiful garden.

6 wks / September 9–October 14

Wednesday / 10 a.m.–12 noon

Live Online / \$120

NEW

NATURE SCIENCE HIKES

Instructors: Environmental Volunteers,
communityprograms@environmentalvolunteers.org
Prerequisite: None

Join some of Environmental Volunteers most knowledgeable nature-science educators on three explorations of local open spaces throughout the fall season. Each two-hour hike will be at a different location, with a different trained guide, and each will focus on learning about a different environmental topic. The pace of the hikes will be easy, with semi-frequent stops to discuss subjects. Distance traveled may vary but expect between 1 – 3 miles. *Limit 12 students.*

Three Sessions / See Dates Below

Saturday / 10 a.m.–12 noon

Various Locations / \$60

- **September 26:** Palo Alto Baylands Nature Preserve—*Wetlands Ecology*
- **October 24:** Foothills Park—*Climate Change/Human Impacts*
- **November 7:** Windy Hill Open Space Preserve—*Foothills Ecology & Geology*

SEWING: BEGINNING GARMENT SEWING

Instructors: Sally-Ann Rudd, srudd@pausd.org,
and Maya Sen, msen@pausd.org

Prerequisite: None

Learn step-by-step how professionals make fine, well-fitting clothing. You will sew a basic project, learning about working with patterns and using a sewing machine. We will send out a list of supplies and beginner patterns about two weeks before the class. No sewing machine or previous experience required.

If you are an absolute beginner, this is the class for you! There will be a \$10 materials fee payable to the instructor on the first day of class. *Limit 20 students.*

10 wks / September 10–November 12

Thursday / 6–9 p.m.

J. L. Stanford Middle School Rm 140 / \$300

SEWING: HEMMING AND MENDING

Instructors: Sally-Ann Rudd, srudd@pausd.org,
and Maya Sen, msen@pausd.org

Prerequisite: None

Learn some basic clothing fixes! We will hem jeans and learn visible mending, although basic mending will also be covered. In the first class we will learn how to hem jeans, pants and skirts/ dresses using a sewing machine or (if you like a challenge) by hand. In the second class we will focus on visible mending techniques such as Sashiko stitching and more. No sewing machine or previous experience required. There will be a \$5 materials fee payable to the instructor on the first day of class. *Limit 20 students.*

2 wks / September 9–September 16

Wednesday / 6–9 p.m.

J. L. Stanford Middle School Rm 140 / \$60

HOME & ENVIRONMENT

UPHOLSTERY: BASIC TECHNIQUES

Instructors: Isabelle Trainer, itrainer@pausd.org, Tracey Wyatt, twyatt@pausd.org, Pam Jaradeh, pjaradeh@pausd.org, and Jodie Frerichs, jfrerichs@pausd.org

Prerequisite: None

Learn how to reupholster furniture from start to finish. This class focuses on the upholstery of traditional chairs and ottomans (no automotive or boat), and does not address wood frame restoration. Once registered, you will be asked to submit a photo of the project you would like to work on. All projects must be approved by the teachers to ensure we have the proper expertise to assist you. New students must complete a simple project such as an ottoman or dining seat before progressing onto more complicated projects. *Limit 23 students.*

NEW UPHOLSTERY STUDENTS: After registering, please contact the Adult School Office at (650) 329-3752 for class location and parking information.

SECTION A

10 wks / September 8–November 10

Tuesday / 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

Palo Alto HS Rm 904 / \$450

SECTION B

10 wks / September 10–November 12

Thursday / 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

Palo Alto HS Rm 904 / \$450

"I loved every moment of my **Upholstery** class. The teachers were patient and detail-oriented. I loved learning how to make welting. The course was so much fun, and I learned more than I expected. I can't wait to take it in the fall and beyond."

Sarah Wong

Pastry Chef/ Art Teacher

MUSIC

MASTER SINFONIA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Instructor: David Ramadanoff, info@mastersinfonia.org, www.mastersinfonia.org

Prerequisite: Students must have advanced technical and music skills on an orchestral instrument.

Be part of one of the best chamber symphony orchestras in the Bay Area peninsula. The Master Sinfonia Chamber Orchestra will rehearse and perform works ranging from classics such as Mozart, Beethoven, Brahms, to 20th Century composers such as Samuel Barber and living composers such as John Adams. The orchestra performs 4 concerts per year. Please visit mastersinfonia.org for concert details. *Applicants must audition with the instructor, David Ramadanoff, by contacting him at info@mastersinfonia.org before attending the first orchestra rehearsal.*

10 wks / September 10–November 12

Thursday / 7:30–10 p.m.

Los Altos United Methodist Church / \$55

ODAIKO

Instructor: Kensuke Sumii, info@drumrevolution.com

Prerequisite: Must be currently enrolled in Taiko class

This class is designed for individuals with stamina to hit Odaiko (big Taiko) for two hours. Odaiko will help you build up stamina, rhythmic competence and speed to hit Taiko. New students must audition before registering for class. Please contact the instructor prior to registration. All equipment—including drums and sticks—are provided.

SECTION A (Open to continuing students)

5 wks / August 28–October 2 (No class September 25)

Friday / 7:30–9:30 p.m.

Cubberley Rm M4 / \$50 (+ \$100 materials fee)

SECTION B (Open to continuing students)

10 wks / October 9–December 18 (No class November 27)

Friday / 7:30–9:30 p.m.

Cubberley Rm M4 / \$100 (+ \$200 materials fee)

PENINSULA SYMPHONIC BAND

Instructor: Ted Henderson, mrhenderson1962@gmail.com

This fully instrumental band is for experienced players of wind and mallet-rhythm percussion instruments. Enjoy playing traditional, popular and classical music. Percussionists and tubists are especially needed.

NOTE: There is a waitlist for some sections. To inquire about availability, before attending the first band practice, please email Ted Henderson at mrhenderson1962@gmail.com or call him at (408) 910-1830. A concert will be given on Sunday, August 23, and November 22, 2026.

10 wks / September 14–November 16

Monday / 7:30–10 p.m.

Palo Alto HS Rm 109 / \$65

PENINSULA SYMPHONIC BAND WINTER CONCERT

Conducted By Ted Henderson

Sun. Aug 23 & Nov. 22 • 3 p.m. • Performing Arts Center

Admission FREE — Donations Appreciated



* * **CONCERTS** * *



MASTER SINFONIA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Conducted By David Ramadanoff

Sat. Oct. 17 • 7:30 p.m. • Spangenberg Theater

Visit mastersinfonia.org for date & ticket information

MUSIC

PIANO: BEGINNING/INTERMEDIATE

Instructor: Kathy Woveris, kwoveris@gmail.com



Learn to play music in a fun environment. You will learn to play on the keyboards provided. Instruction includes basic notes, rhythm, theory and finger exercises as well as chords and scales.

You will need a keyboard at home to practice on, or you can rent a keyboard. Every term we will study a classical composer's biography and simple music by that composer as well as listening to a recording. Textbooks: *Adult All-In-One Course: Lesson-Theory-Technic: Level 1*, and *Fundamentals of Piano Theory-Preparatory Level*. Bring textbooks to first class, or you may purchase one from the teacher that same night. **NOTE:** No perfumes or scented hair products of any kind in class due to the instructor's allergies. *Limit 10 students.*

SECTION A: Beginning (No previous lessons)

9 wks / September 9–November 4
Wednesday / 5–6:30 p.m.
Palo Alto HS Rm 308 / \$135

SECTION B: Intermediate (Beginning or equivalent)

9 wks / September 9–November 4
Wednesday / 6:30–8 p.m.
Palo Alto HS Rm 308 / \$135

TAIKO I

Instructor: Kensuke Sumii, info@drumrevolution.com

Prerequisite: None

Taiko is the art of Japanese drumming, which develops self-expression and musical creativity. This course engages in Uchikomi based practice. You should have a sense of rhythm and/or stamina to hit drums for two hours. Similar to martial arts practice, students do not wear shoes or socks in class. All equipment – including drums and sticks – are provided. *Limit 24 students each section.*

SECTION A (Open to all students)

6 wks / August 26–September 30
Wednesday / 7:30–9:30 p.m.
Cubberley Rm M4 / \$60 (+ \$120 materials fee)

SECTION B (Open to continuing students)

10 wks / October 7–December 16 (No class November 25)
Wednesday / 7:30–9:30 p.m.
Cubberley Rm M4 / \$100 (+ \$200 materials fee)

VIOLIN: BEGINNING

Instructor: Dr. Chag-Hee Lee, chlee@pausd.org

In a supportive and encouraging environment, you will discover the fundamental techniques of playing the violin. You will explore and learn a variety of repertoire through demonstrations and active engagement in class. Bring your own violin with other equipment. See website for class objectives and materials. *Limit 12 students.*

SECTION A: Beginning I

(Open to CONTINUING Beginning I students only)

— No new students accepted)

Prerequisite: Beginning I

10 wks / August 20–November 19 (No class September 3 & October 1, & One Week TBD in October & November)

Thursday / 8–9 p.m.

Palo Alto HS Rm 30 / \$200

SECTION B: Beginning II

(Open to CONTINUING students or equivalent)

Prerequisite: Beginning I & II or equivalent

10 wks / August 18–November 17

(No class September 8 & 29, & October 27)

Tuesday / 7–8 p.m.

Palo Alto HS Rm 30 / \$200

VIOLIN: INTERMEDIATE

Instructor: Dr. Chag-Hee Lee, chlee@pausd.org

Prerequisite: Beginning I and II and Intermediate or equivalent



This class is for continuing Intermediate students who wish to refine their technique and skills in a group setting. You will review and reinforce music reading, playing fundamentals and technique that are important for lasting musical development. Emphasis will also be on proper posture and playing

position, development of characteristic tone quality, and training in music literacy. Bring your own violin. See website for class music and materials. *Limit 12 students.*

10 wks / August 18–November 17

(No class September 8 & 29, & October 27)

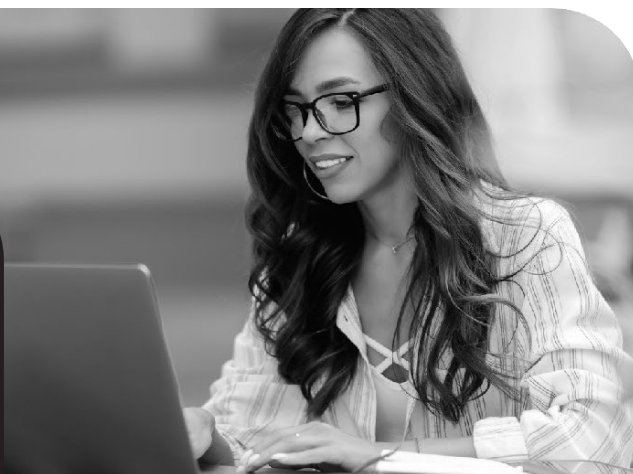
Tuesday / 8–9 p.m.

Palo Alto HS Rm 30 / \$200

"The **Violin** class has sparked my interest in music and introduced me to the beauty of the violin, an instrument I once knew nothing about. Learning the violin brings me joy and adds beauty to my life."

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INSTRUCTOR: PRESCHOOL FAMILY STAFF

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- 2 Year Old Class
- 3 Year Old Class
- 4 Year Old Class



For information about 2026-2027 classes and registration please visit <https://greendell.pausd.org/programs/preschool-family>
Follow PreSchool Family at [instagram.com/preschoolfamily](https://www.instagram.com/preschoolfamily)
PreSchool Family phone: (650) 856-0833

WOODWORKING: *Classes Limited to 15 Students Unless Noted*

WOODTURNING: INTRO TO THE LATHE

Instructor: Tina Chou, tchou@pausd.org

Prerequisite: None (Class not substitution for Woodturning 1 or Woodworking 1)



The first class of Woodturning modified into a 3-hour standalone lesson. You will learn basic safety, operating a lathe, and using the spindle roughing gouge to turn a simple rolling pin. There

will be a \$20 materials fee payable to the instructor at the first class meeting. *Limit 6 students.*

One Session / See Dates Below

Monday or Sunday / See Times Below

Palo Alto HS Woodshop / \$70 per session

- **October 5**—Monday, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **December 6**—Sunday, 1:30–4:30 p.m.

WOODTURNING: INTRO TO PENS

Instructor: Tina Chou, tchou@pausd.org

Prerequisite: None (Class not substitution for Woodturning 1 or Woodworking 1)

In this class, you will learn the basics of pen turning, how to turn safely at the lathe, and then assemble your pen with metal pen kit components. This great starter project will familiarize you with the lathe and traditional turning tools. There will be a \$20 materials fee payable to the instructor at the first class meeting. *Limit 6 students.*

One Session / See Dates Below

Tuesday or Sunday / See Times Below

Palo Alto HS Woodshop / \$70 per session

- **October 25**—Sunday, 1:30–4:30 p.m.
- **December 8**—Tuesday, 6:30–9:30 p.m.

WOODWORKING: *Classes Limited to 15 Students Unless Noted*

WOODTURNING 1: INTRO TO SPINDLES

Instructor: Tina Chou, tchou@pausd.org

Prerequisite: None

Learn basic fundamentals of woodturning: make rolling pins, a cocktail muddler, a mallet, and bud vases. There will be a \$40 materials fee payable to the instructor at the first class meeting. *Limit 6 students.*

SECTION A

Four Sessions / September 8–September 18

Tuesday & Friday / 6:30–9:30 p.m.

Palo Alto HS Woodshop / \$280

SECTION B

Four Sessions / September 10–September 21

Monday & Thursday / 6:30–9:30 p.m.

Palo Alto HS Woodshop / \$280

SECTION C

Four Sessions / October 3–October 24

Saturday / 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Palo Alto HS Woodshop / \$280

WOODTURNING: HOLIDAY ORNAMENTS

Instructor: Tina Chou, tchou@pausd.org

Prerequisite: Woodturning I

Revisit the spindle turning techniques experimenting with different shapes to make some decorative ornaments. Make as many ornaments as you can finish! There will be a \$20 materials fee payable to the instructor at the first class meeting. *Limit 6 students.*

One Session / December 10

Thursday / 6:30–9:30 p.m.

Palo Alto HS Woodshop / \$70

WOODTURNING: OPEN LATHE SHOP

Instructor: Tina Chou, tchou@pausd.org

Prerequisite: Woodturning I & instructor pre-approval

For previous students wanting to practice, repeat a past class project, and/or work on their own project(s) with some instructor supervision. Please contact the instructor at tchou@pausd.org with your intended project(s) for approval prior to enrolling. There will be a \$20 materials fee payable to the instructor at the first class meeting, plus the cost of any wood purchased. *Limit 6 students.*

SECTION A

Two Sessions / November 14–November 15

Saturday & Sunday / 1:30–4:30 p.m.

Palo Alto HS Woodshop / \$140

SECTION B

Two Sessions / December 12–December 13

Saturday & Sunday / 1:30–4:30 p.m.

Palo Alto HS Woodshop / \$140

SECTION C

Two Sessions / December 16–December 17

Wednesday & Thursday / 6:30–9:30 p.m.

Palo Alto HS Woodshop / \$140

WOODWORKING 1: BUILD A TABLE

Instructors: Section A – Sean McCluskey, smccluskey@pausd.org, and Derek Witte, dwitte@pausd.org; Section B – Rayan Ghazal, rghazal@pausd.org, Alex Granieri, agranieri@pausd.org, and Marty Lastowski, mlastowski@pausd.org

Prerequisite: None

Develop woodworking skills while building a table from rough wood using power tools. The class will focus on safety, project planning, and understanding the medium of wood. There will be a materials fee (\$50–\$60) payable to the instructor to cover the cost of wood. Textbook optional. Handouts and materials list will be emailed before class.

SECTION A

Instructors: Sean McCluskey, smccluskey@pausd.org, and Derek Witte, dwitte@pausd.org

10 wks / September 9–November 18 (*No class November 11*)

Wednesday / 1:30–4:30 p.m.

Palo Alto HS Woodshop / \$300

SECTION B

Instructors: Rayan Ghazal, rghazal@pausd.org, Alex Granieri, agranieri@pausd.org, and Marty Lastowski, mlastowski@pausd.org

10 wks / September 24–December 3 (*No class November 26*)

Thursday / 6:30–9:30 p.m.

Palo Alto HS Woodshop / \$300

WOODWORKING 1: BUILD A BLANKET CHEST

Instructors: Anitra Romfh, aromfh@pausd.org, Padriac Romfh, jromfh@pausd.org, and Marcus Miller, wmiller@pausd.org

Prerequisite: None

Develop woodworking skills while building a blanket chest from rough wood using power tools. The class will focus on safety, project planning, and understanding the medium of wood. There will be a materials fee (TBD) payable to the instructor on the first day of class.

10 wks / September 15–November 17

Tuesday / 6:30–9:30 p.m.

Palo Alto HS Woodshop / \$300

WOODWORKING 2: BUILD A BENCH

Instructor: Marcus Miller, wmiller@pausd.org, and Aaron Straight, astraight@pausd.org

Prerequisite: Woodworking 1 – NO EXCEPTIONS (Students should not miss either of the first two classes)



No glue, no screws—*no problem!*

Advance your woodworking skills as you learn drawbore mortise and tenon joinery. This class will continue to emphasize safety as

you expand your knowledge of power tools and joinery technique. Materials fee (TBA) payable to the instructor to cover the cost of wood.

10 wks / September 14–November 16

Monday / 6:30–9:30 p.m.

Palo Alto HS Woodshop / \$300

WOODWORKING: *Classes Limited to 15 Students Unless Noted*

WOODWORKING 2: BUILD A KNOCK-DOWN BENCH

Instructor: Chris Cahill, chris.ccahill@pausd.org, and Nicholas Lewin-Koh, nlewinkoh@pausd.org

Prerequisite: Woodworking 1 – NO EXCEPTIONS (Students should not miss either of the first two classes)



In this course we will build a knock-down bench. This class will build on the skills developed in Woodworking 1, focusing on safety, process, developing joinery skills and understanding

how to use the machinery. The focus will be on the design and execution of the bench using mortise and tenon joinery combined with cutting curves and shaping the sides. There will be a materials fee (\$80-\$100) payable to the instructor on the first day of class.

10 wks / September 25–December 4 (*No class November 27*)
Friday / 6:30–9:30 p.m.

Palo Alto HS Woodshop / \$300

WOODWORKING 2: INTRODUCTION TO HAND TOOLS

Instructor: Sumit Roy, sroy@pausd.org and Tom Gaston, tgaston@pausd.org

Prerequisite: Woodworking 1 – NO EXCEPTIONS & instructor approval required to enroll in the class

This class will introduce woodworkers to the use and maintenance of common hand tools used in fine woodworking. In the first half of the semester, you will learn how to layout a mortise and tenon, prepare the joint using chisels and a hand saw, and to clean up the result using a block plane. Sharpening of chisels and plane blades will also be covered. In the second half of the semester, you can practice your skills and build a sliding lid tool box. You will need to bring your own set of tools—expect to invest \$300+ prior to the beginning of class. The required tool list is available from sroy@pausd.org. Instructor pre-approval will be needed to enroll in the class. There will be a materials fee of \$50 payable to the instructor before the first class.

10 wks / September 15–November 17
Tuesday / 1:30–4:30 p.m.

Palo Alto HS Woodshop / \$300

WOODWORKING 2 PROJECT: BUILD AN EPOXY RIVER CHARCUTERIE BOARD

NEW

Instructors: Marc Brown, marc@chezbrown.org

Prerequisite: Woodworking 1 completion, or are currently enrolled in Woodworking 1 – NO EXCEPTIONS (This class does not prequalify for Woodworking 3)

Build an epoxy river charcuterie board, about 1" x 12" x 18"—you can customize it (within reason). There will be a \$125 materials fee payable to the instructor on the first day of class. Please see website for more details.

4 Sessions / November 16–17 & November 23–24
Monday & Tuesday / 9 a.m.–1 p.m.
Palo Alto HS Woodshop / \$160

WOODWORKING 3: ADVANCED WOODWORKING TECHNIQUES

Instructors: Claude Godcharles, cgodcharles@pausd.org, and Sumit Roy, sroy@pausd.org

Prerequisite: Woodworking 1 & Woodworking 2 —NO EXCEPTIONS & Instructor approval required

Learn advanced techniques and setup for power tools and hand tools, using your personal project for training and practice! You will supply your own materials. Textbook (*recommended*): *Woodworking Basics* by Peter Korn.

8 wks / September 14–November 9
Monday / 2–5 p.m.
Palo Alto HS Woodshop / \$240

WOODWORKING 4: ADVANCED—OPEN SHOP

Instructors: Rayan Ghazal, rghazal@pausd.org, and Sharad Patel, spatel@pausd.org

Prerequisite: Three quarters of Woodworking classes

Work at your own pace with access to instruction, equipment and advice when you need it. A skills test will be given at the first class. Students supply their own materials. Prior to enrolling, please email instructor at rghazal@pausd.org.

10 wks / September 9–November 18 (*No class November 11*)
Wednesday / 6:30–9:30 p.m.
Palo Alto HS Woodshop / \$300

WORLD LANGUAGES

CHINESE: BEGINNING (1st Quarter)

Instructor: Lucia Wu, www@pausd.org

Prerequisite: One quarter of Beginning or equivalent

Be able to speak accurately with tones from the start. At the end of the quarter, you will be able to recognize all the phonetic elements, read and speak Chinese through phonetics and conduct simple conversations. Characters will be introduced in the second quarter. Required textbook can be purchased in the Adult School office. Textbook: *Chinese Express, Book 1*.

9 wks / September 8–November 3
Tuesday / 4–6 p.m.
Palo Alto HS Rm 30 / \$180

CHINESE: CONTINUING (4th Quarter)

Instructor: Lucia Wu, www@pausd.org

Prerequisite: One year of Chinese or equivalent, ability to properly read Chinese phonetics with tones, and knowledge of some basic grammar and characters

Explore modern China through various popular topics about the modern generation. Continue to expand vocabulary grammar. Required textbook can be purchased in the Adult School office. Textbook: *Chinese Express, Book 2*.

9 wks / September 8–November 3
Tuesday / 6:30–8:30 p.m.
Palo Alto HS Rm 309 / \$180

WORLD LANGUAGES

FRENCH: BEGINNING

Instructor: Pary Sarraf, fsarraf@pausd.org



Bonjour! You will learn the fundamentals of pronunciation and will develop everyday conversational skills with a focus on phonetics, grammar, listening, reading, and writing exercises. You will become familiar with French culture and customs. Order book from Amazon prior

to first class. Textbook: *Dis-moi!* (ISBN: 0-673-21627-6).

SECTION A: Beginning I

Prerequisite: None

10 wks / September 8–November 10

Tuesday / 9–11 a.m.

Live Online / \$200

SECTION B: Beginning II

Prerequisite: French Beginning I or equivalent

10 wks / September 8–November 10

Tuesday / 2–4 p.m.

Live Online / \$200

SECTION C: Beginning III

Prerequisite: French Beginning II or equivalent

10 wks / September 8–November 10

Tuesday / 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Live Online / \$200

NEW

FRENCH: INTERMEDIATE I

Instructor: Pary Sarraf, fsarraf@pausd.org

Prerequisite: French Beginning III or equivalent

Increase your vocabulary knowledge through reading and listening exercises. Improve your conversational skills by following guided activities. Continue reinforcing your mastery of grammar and improving syntax. Enhance your knowledge of French culture and customs. Order book prior to first class. Textbook: *Viens Voir!* (ISBN: 0-673-216284).

10 wks / September 14–November 16

Monday / 2–4 p.m.

Live Online / \$200

FRENCH: INTERMEDIATE II

Instructor: Pary Sarraf, fsarraf@pausd.org

Prerequisite: French Intermediate I or equivalent

You will increase your vocabulary knowledge through reading and listening exercises, and you will improve your conversational skills by following guided activities. Continue reinforcing your mastery of grammar and improving syntax, and enhance your knowledge of French culture and customs. Order book prior to first class. Textbook: *Viens Voir!* (ISBN: 0-673-216284).

10 wks / September 8–November 10

Tuesday / 5–7 p.m.

Live Online / \$200

FRENCH GRAMMAR REVIEW

Instructor: Pary Sarraf, fsarraf@pausd.org

Prerequisite: French intermediate or equivalent

In this comprehensive grammar review course, emphasis is on language structure leading to effective communication. Enhance your conversation skills through attention to grammar rules and syntax. The curriculum includes a thorough revision of the parts of speech, modes, sentence structure, verb conjugation, and activity-based exercises. Order book prior to first class. Textbook: *Grammaire en dialogues – Niveau Avancé*. (ISBN: 978-209-038062-0).

10 wks / September 10–November 12

Thursday / 2–4 p.m.

Live Online / \$240

FRENCH: HIGH INTERMEDIATE READING & CONVERSATION

Instructor: Mireille Belloni, mbelloni@pausd.org

Prerequisite: High intermediate or equivalent

You will use a contemporary French novel as a vehicle for improving your language skills and discover aspects of French-speaking culture. *Requirements:* This class is aimed at students who can express themselves fluidly in French, can understand complex sentences, have a solid knowledge of past tenses, and enjoy reading fiction in any other language. Please contact the instructor for textbook information before or upon registration. *Limit 12 students.*

6 wks / September 8–October 13

Tuesday / 6–7:30 p.m.

Live Online / \$90

ITALIAN: BEGINNING I

Instructor: Roberta Lamanda, rlamanda@pausd.org

Prerequisite: None



No prior knowledge of Italian is required. You will learn essential vocabulary, pronunciation, everyday expressions, and basic grammar while practicing speaking from day one through engaging group activities and guided conversation. This course is perfect for complete beginners who

want to build a strong foundation and start communicating in Italian right away. Class link and details will be sent one day before the first class. *A presto!*

10 wks / September 10–November 12

Thursday / 5–6:30 p.m.

Live Online / \$150

"I started taking Roberta's **Italian Beginner** class in 2023, and I am now enrolled in her Early Advanced language class. Roberta is a very enthusiastic and encouraging teacher who loves to share her heritage, culture, and traditions with her students."

Vanessa Mock
Financial Analyst (Retired)

WORLD LANGUAGES

ITALIAN: INTERMEDIATE I

Instructor: Roberta Lamanda, rlamanda@pausd.org

Prerequisite: Completion of Beginning levels or equivalent

Ready to move beyond the basics? Ideal if you are comfortable with basic conversations and want to continue progressing in Italian while improving fluency, accuracy, and confidence, and if you already have a solid beginner foundation and are ready to communicate more comfortably and spontaneously in Italian. New students welcome! *A presto!* Contact the instructor if you have any placement questions. Class link and details will be sent one day before the first class.

10 wks / September 8–November 10

Tuesday / 5–6:30 p.m.

Live Online / \$150

SPANISH: BEGINNING

Instructor: Leonardo McCord Salazar



Learn the essentials of Spanish grammar from a native speaker, and develop the four language skills in meaningful contexts.

Topics included will be useful for parents with children in Spanish Immersion classes. Adult students

will be able to participate actively in simple conversations with their children. Required textbook can be purchased in the Adult School office.

Levels 2, 3, & 4 are not offered this fall quarter.

SECTION A (Level 1)

Prerequisite: None

10 wks / September 10–November 12

Thursday / 7–9 p.m.

Palo Alto HS Rm 302 / \$200

SECTION E (Level 5)

Prerequisite: Four quarters of Spanish – (Beginning or equivalent)

10 wks / September 14–November 16

Monday / 7–9 p.m.

Palo Alto HS Rm 302 / \$200



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SPANISH: LOW INTERMEDIATE

Instructor: Leonardo McCord Salazar

Prerequisite: Two years of Spanish Beginning or equivalent

¡Habla Ud. español? Continue your studies, and focus on conversational skills. Add to your knowledge of grammar and Hispanic culture. Textbooks: (1) *Gramatica de uso del espanol* (ISBN # 978-84-675-2108-5) — Can be purchased in the Adult School office (prior to first class). (2) *Stories from Mexico* (ISBN # 978-1260011043) — Confirm with instructor first night before ordering from Amazon.

10 wks / September 8–November 10

Tuesday / 7–9 p.m.

Palo Alto HS Rm 302 / \$200

SPANISH: INTERMEDIATE

Instructor: Leonardo McCord Salazar

Prerequisite: Three quarters of low intermediate Spanish or equivalent

Learn the fine points of Spanish grammar and the multiple uses of the subjunctive mood in this engaging course. Read, translate, and discuss a masterpiece of Spanish, Latin-American, or Chicano literature.

Textbooks: (1) *Advanced Grammar* (ISBN 978-0-07-183899-3) — Can be purchased in the Adult School office (prior to first class). (2) *El Reina del Dragon de Oro* (ISBN 978-0-06-059171-7) — Confirm with instructor first night before ordering from Amazon.

10 wks / September 9–November 18 (No class November 11)

Wednesday / 5–7 p.m.

Live Online / \$200

"After taking Leo's **Spanish Intermediate** class, my Spanish is definitely improving! My new skills enable more reading and speaking in Spanish."

Steve Bellamy

SPANISH: ADVANCED CONVERSATION AND LITERATURE

Instructor: Leonardo McCord Salazar

Prerequisite: Advanced Spanish skills

Converse with other students in Spanish, and read contemporary Spanish, Latin-American, or Chicano plays, novels, or short stories. Repetition of the course is encouraged, as new literature is introduced every quarter. Textbook: *Los de abajo* by Mariano Azuela (ISBN # 978-0-14-026621-4) — Confirm with instructor first night before ordering from Amazon.

10 wks / September 9–November 18 (No class November 11)

Wednesday / 7:30–9:30 p.m.

Live Online / \$200

MISSION AND SCHOOLWIDE LEARNER OUTCOMES (SLOs)

MISSION

Palo Alto Adult School is committed to providing a broad range of accessible, flexible, and effective educational programs that enable our diverse community of adult learners to achieve their academic, career, and personal goals.

SCHOOLWIDE LEARNER OUTCOMES (SLOs)

SET GOALS

Students will assess their own needs and identify their academic, career, and/or personal goals.

- With guidance, develop and communicate plans to achieve their goals.
- Be self-directed learners who learn independently and collaboratively in a diverse environment.

ACHIEVE SKILLS

Using a variety of methods, technology, and resources, students will acquire knowledge and skills.

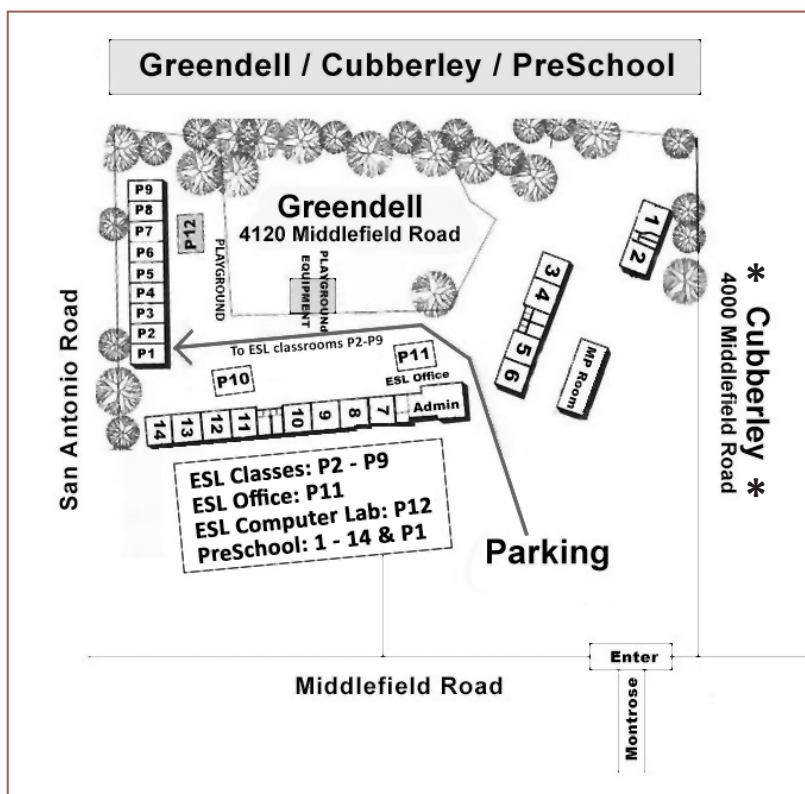
- Develop and apply critical thinking skills.
- Obtain academic and career skills for life and workforce readiness.

DEMONSTRATE LEARNING

Students will apply their acquired core knowledge and skills appropriate to their goals.

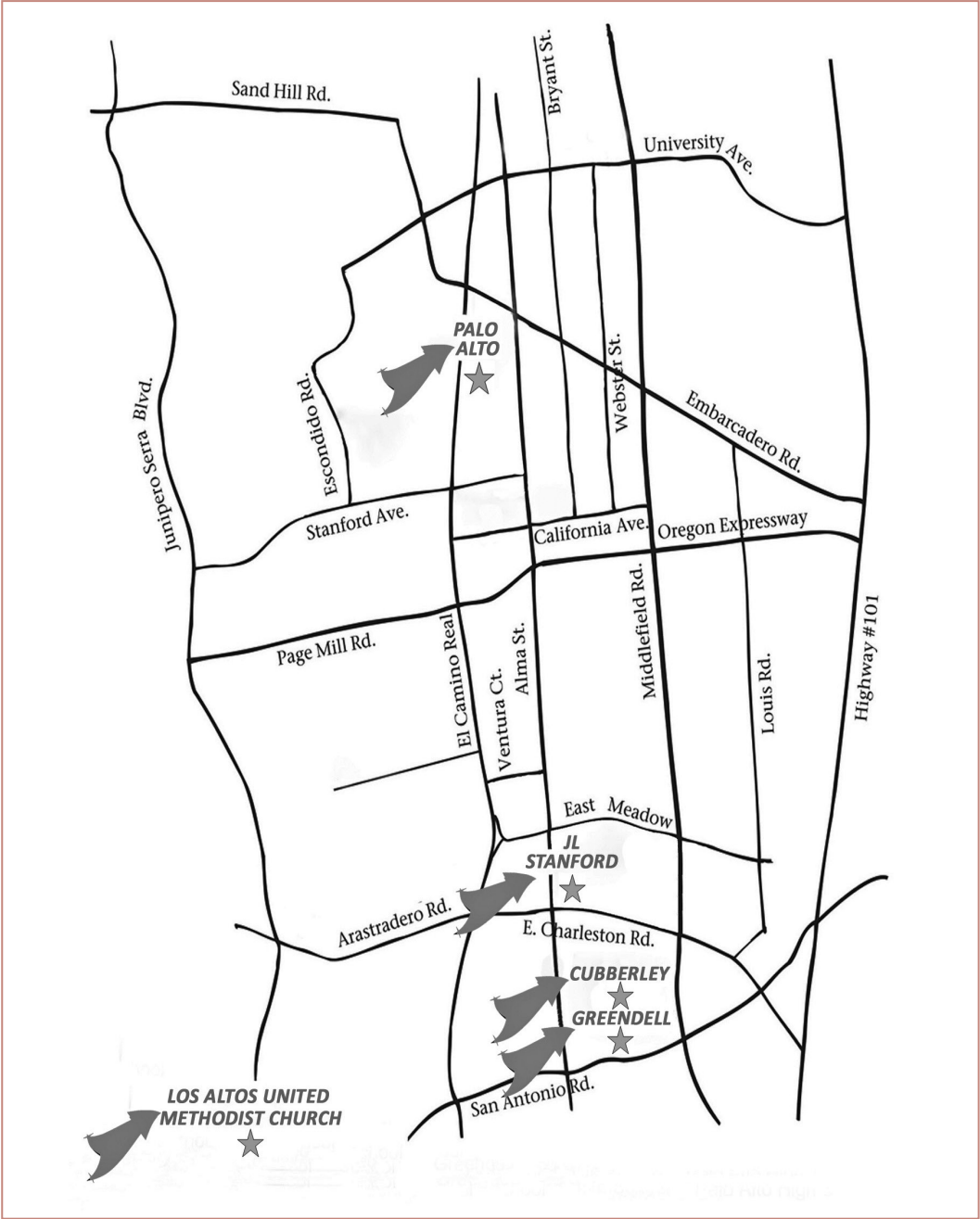
- Advance to post-secondary education or training.
- Contribute to personal enrichment and the community.
- Demonstrate 21st century skills including critical thinking, communication, collaboration, and creativity.

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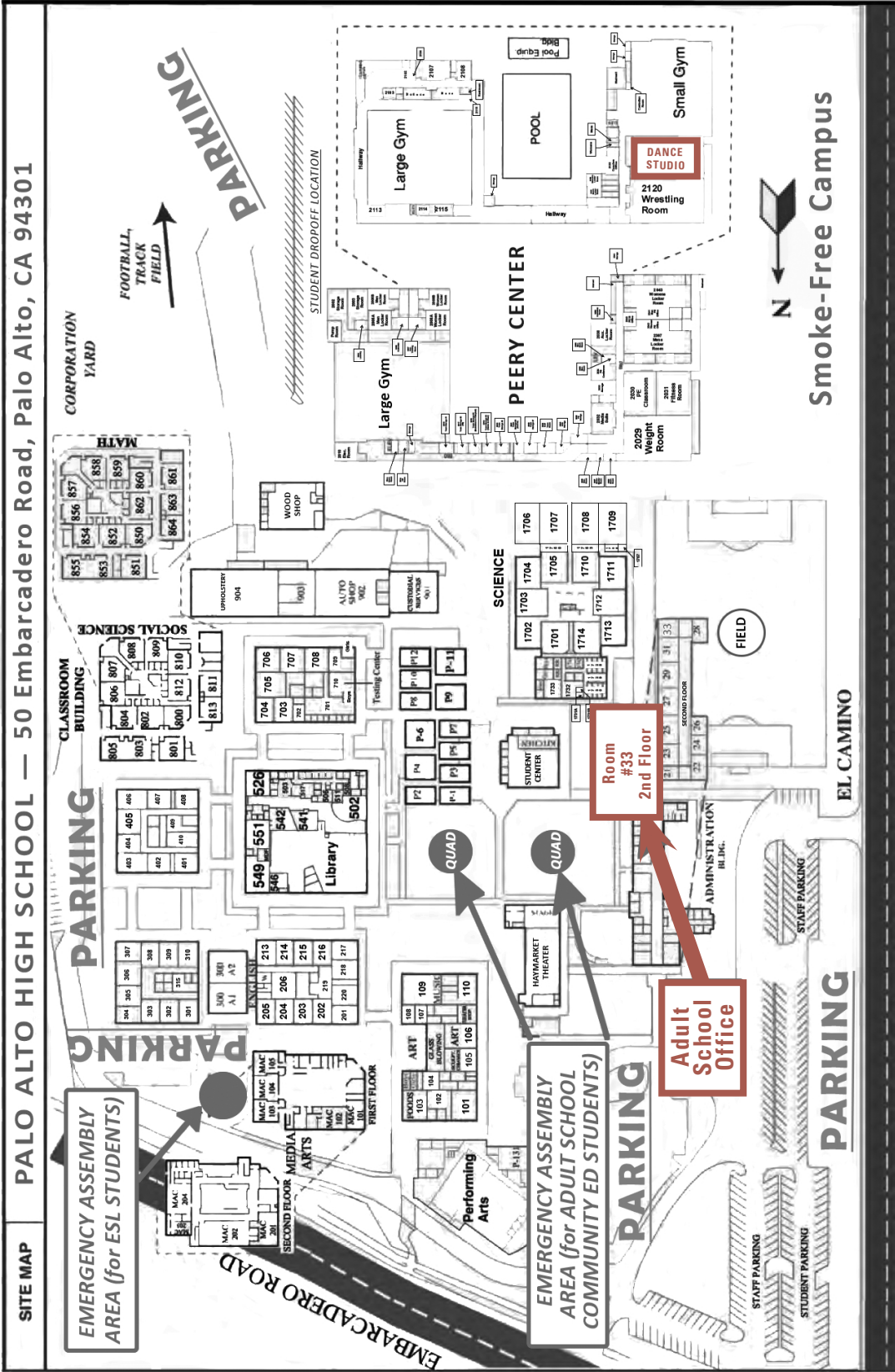
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PALO ALTO ADULT SCHOOL CLASS LOCATIONS



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ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Palo Alto Adult School follows the Policies and Procedures adopted by the Palo Alto Board of Education. These can be found at: <https://www.pausd.org/about-us/policies-procedures/board-policies>. These policies support the Education Code of the State of California.

NON DISCRIMINATION

BP 0400: The Board shall provide equal opportunities in all areas and assure that there will be no discrimination against any person on the grounds of race, religion, age, sex, national origin, color, disability, political belief, sexual orientation, marital status, or veteran's status.

ACADEMIC REGULATIONS

BP 5131: The Board of Education believes that all students have the right to be educated in a positive learning environment free from disruptions. Students shall be expected to exhibit appropriate conduct that does not infringe upon the rights of others or interfere with the school program while on school grounds, while going to or coming from school, while at school activities, and while on district transportation.

Conduct is considered appropriate when students are diligent in study, careful with school property, courteous, and respectful toward their teachers, other staff, students, and volunteers. Prohibited student conduct includes, but is not limited to:

- Conduct that endangers students, staff, or others.
- Conduct that disrupts the orderly classroom or school environment.
- Harassment of students or staff.
- Damage to or theft of property belonging to students, staff, or the district.
- Use of profane, vulgar, or abusive language.
- Plagiarism or dishonesty in school work or on tests.
- Possession, use, or being under the influence of tobacco, alcohol, or other prohibited drug in violation of school rules.

Students who violate district or school rules and regulations may be subject to discipline including, but not limited to, suspension, expulsion, transfer to alternative programs, or denial of participation in extracurricular or cocurricular activities in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation. The Superintendent or designee shall notify local law enforcement as appropriate.

STUDENT RECORDS

BP 5125: At each school, the principal or a certificated designee shall act as custodian of records for students enrolled at that school. The custodian of records shall be responsible for implementing Board policy and administrative regulation regarding student records.

School Policy: Adult student records can be released following a written request by the student to the adult school office. Records are released to other parties with the student's permission.

ELIGIBILITY

All persons over the age of 18 are eligible for all Adult School classes with no residency restrictions.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- Please register early since classes that do not have sufficient enrollment are cancelled.
- Registration begins at 8 a.m. online (PAAAdultSchool.org), or in-person at the Adult School Main Office.
- Once classes fill, students have the option of being put on the waitlist.
- The Adult School subscribes to a one person/one registration policy meaning students can only register for themselves.

REFUND POLICY

Refund of fees will only be given if requested at least 72 hours before the first class meeting. There is a \$15 fee for cancellations. A complete refund will always be made if we cancel a class. Please choose your classes carefully.

- We are sorry we cannot accept medical, business travel or other reasons.
- Refunds will be given automatically if the Adult School cancels a class.
- Deposits and tuition for parent education classes are entirely non-refundable.
- Textbooks are not returnable.

A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

To receive a certificate of hours attended, please submit a request on our website: paadultschool.org.

TOBACCO-FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY

Smoking and the use of tobacco products by all persons is prohibited on Palo Alto Unified School District property and at district-sponsored events.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY

It is the policy of the Palo Alto Unified School District to provide a school environment free from all forms of harassment, including sexual harassment, and to maintain an environment in which all students and staff model this behavior and are treated with dignity and respect. Please see the district website for complete information: <https://www.pausd.org/about-us/policies-procedures/title-ix-office>.

UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

The Palo Alto Unified School District maintains a uniform complaint procedure. Please visit the district website for complete information at <https://www.pausd.org/about-us/policies-procedures/formal-complaint-procedures>.

*Palo Alto Adult School classes are open to all—residents & non-residents.
We look forward to seeing you in class!*

CONSORTIUM PARTNERSHIP

North Santa Clara County Consortium for Adult Education

The Palo Alto Adult School is a member of the North Santa Clara County Consortium for Adult Education (NSCCC), a collaboration between the Foothill-De Anza College District (FHDA), Palo Alto Unified School District Adult School (PAUSD), Fremont Union High School District Adult School (FUHSD), and the Mountain View Los Altos Union High School District Adult School (MVLA). The consortium serves the communities of Cupertino, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Mountain View, Palo Alto, and Sunnyvale, as well as portions of San Jose. Its mission is to coordinate and align programs, create linkages, and develop regional plans to better serve the educational needs of adults in the region.

Meet the members of our consortium:

- Palo Alto Adult School: paadultschool.org
- Mountain View Los Altos Adult School: mvla.net
- FUHSD Adult School Sunnyvale-Cupertino: fuhsdadultschool.com
- De Anza College: deanza.edu
- Foothill College: foothill.edu

Find out more about NSCCC at nscadulthood.com.



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COMMUNITY PARTNER

Our Community Partner this quarter is



YMCA OF SILICON VALLEY

The YMCA of Silicon Valley mission is to strengthen our community by improving the quality of life and inspiring individuals and families to develop their fullest potential in spirit, mind, and body.

WEBSITE // ymcasv.org/paloalto
PHONE // 650.856.9622

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WAYS TO REGISTER

PHONE	(650) 329-3752
EMAIL	adultschool@pausd.org
WEBSITE	PAAAdultSchool.org
MAIL/WALK-IN	Palo Alto Adult School, 50 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto, CA 94301

RECEIPTS/CONFIRMATIONS

Please call if you need a receipt or a confirmation:
(650) 329-3752. You will be notified if a class is cancelled.

REFUNDS

Refunds are given up to 72 hours before the first class meeting. There is a \$15 fee for cancellation. A complete refund will always be made if we cancel a class. Textbooks are not returnable.

NEED HELP? CALL (650) 329-3752

REGISTER EARLY

Register today to secure your place in our most popular classes. If minimum enrollments are not met, classes will be cancelled and a full refund will be processed.

OFFICE HOURS

PALY: Mon-Thu 8 a.m.-9:30 p.m.; Fri 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

CUBBERLEY: Mon-Thu 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.;

Fri 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

HOLIDAYS (*No Classes*): Oct 12 (Paly location only)

Sep 7, Nov 11, 23-27

FALL REGISTRATION BEGINS AUGUST 7, 2026

This schedule is valid through December 18, 2026. Additional information, materials lists and schedule changes are posted on our website at PAAAdultSchool.org.



REGISTRATION FORM

PALO ALTO ADULT SCHOOL

Palo Alto Unified School District
50 Embarcadero Road
Palo Alto, CA 94301

Year: 2026

Quarter: ☐ Winter ☐ Spring

☐ Summer ☒ Fall

Registration Date: _____

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Address: _____
(Street Number) (Street Name) (Apt.) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Start Date: _____ ☐ New Student ☐ Returning Student Date of Birth: _____ ☐ M ☐ F

Class Name	M	T	W	Th	F	S	Instructor	Time	Location	Fee

Type of Payment: ☐ Check ☐ Cash ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ No Fee

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

How did you find out about this class? _____

You can register online at PAAadultschool.org.



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ALL RESIDENTS AND NON-RESIDENTS WELCOME!



Education is for life

