

PALO ALTO



ADULT SCHOOL

Palo Alto Unified School District

Palo Alto Adult School

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School Fact Sheet 2025-26

Education is for life.



MISSION STATEMENT

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

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

(SLOs) *Students will ...*

- SET GOALS

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

- ACHIEVE SKILLS

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

- DEMONSTRATE LEARNING

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

ACCREDITATION

The Palo Alto Adult School has been accredited by the Western Association of Schools & Colleges (WASC) since 1969.

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

in our state-supported programs

ETHNICITY AND RACE	
American Indian or Alaskan Native	<1%
Asian	44.7%
Black or African American	1.2%
Hispanic/Latino	34.4%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	<1%
White	19%
Other	0%
GENDER	
Female	71%
Male	29%
AGE RANGE	
16-18	1.6%
19-24	10%
25-44	47.4%
45-54	18.5%
55-59	6.3%
60+	16.2%

North Santa Clara County Consortium (NSCCC)

Serving adult students in the North Santa Clara County



Our CAEP partners:

- Mountain View Los Altos Adult School
- FUHSD Adult School Sunnyvale-Cupertino
- DeAnza College
- Foothill College

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

Comprehensive Adult School Achievement System (CASAS) Standardized Testing Performance for ESL classes*		
ESL Level	Palo Alto Adult School	California State Goal*
ESL Beginning Literacy	37.5%	42.7%
ESL Beginning Low	77.2%	
ESL Beginning High	60.6%	
ESL Intermediate Low	59.7%	
ESL Intermediate High	64.1%	
ESL Advanced	51.8%	

*Percentage of students achieving measurable skills gains 2024-2025
From NRS Table 4. (NRS Table 4 2025 -2026 data not available yet.)

ENROLLMENT

Students Served: 2025-2026 School Year	
State-supported classes	759
Community Education classes	3620
Total students served	4379
Enrollment Highlights by Program:	
English as a Second Language	720
ESL Writing Academy	86
Community Education classes:	
• Home and Environment	376
• Music	547
• Woodworking	569
• World Languages	497