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Welcome to the Independence High School Teaching Academy, an exciting and dynamic educational experience that prepares students academically while offering them a variety of opportunities to explore careers in education and in working with children.

The Teaching Academy is a member of the California Partnership Academies.

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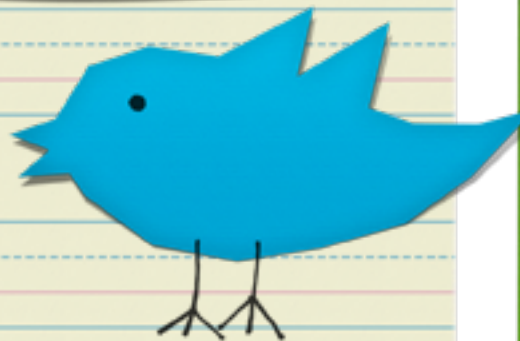
INDEPENDENCE HIGH SCHOOL

TEACHING ACADEMY
STUDENT BROCHURE



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An East Side Union High School District Magnet Program



4-YEAR PLAN

Our program is set up for students to satisfy a-g requirements for college. Our counselor and teachers work with our students to ensure they are eligible to apply to a four-year college upon graduation.

9TH GRADE ACADEMY CLASSES

- English I
- Math I
- Biology

10TH GRADE ACADEMY CLASSES

- English 2 or English 2A
- World History
- Math 2 or above

11TH GRADE ACADEMY CLASSES

- English 3 or AP English Lang
- U.S. History
- Math 3 or above
- Psychology & Education or AP Psych

12TH GRADE ACADEMY CLASSES

- ERWC or AP English Lit
- Teaching Practicum

Mission Statement: The mission of the Teaching Academy is to provide students a rigorous academic curriculum enhanced with teaching experiences that prepare them for college.

Goals: We are preparing our students to be teachers, leaders, and responsible citizens

Eligibility: Any student who has an interest in working with children or in teaching. Any student who is willing to work collaboratively with their fellow students. Any student who is interested in the teaching profession either in or outside of the traditional classroom setting. Any student who wants to develop presentation and communication skills.



What to Expect:

- A challenging, college-college-preparatory experience
- Dedicated teachers
- Active involvement in learning
- Belonging to a group that shares similar interests
- Field studies and other enrichment activities
- Opportunities to develop leadership skills
- Visits to college campuses
- Open communication between home and school
- A supportive, stimulating experience
- Tutoring and monitoring in all Academy Subjects
- Guidance through your four years of high school