WHERE DO I TAKE ESL CLASSES IN MID-ALAMEDA COUNTY?

There are different types of schools that offer English classes near you: adult schools and community colleges. Before you choose a class, we recommend that you think about why you are studying English.

**ADULT SCHOOL**

I want to study English, and I need to start at the beginning. I need practice with the alphabet and numbers.

Adult schools offer English classes for students at every level. We recommend that you begin at an adult school to build your English skills.

I want to prepare to go to college.

Adult schools can give you the reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills you need.

I never finished high school and want to get my GED.

Many adult schools offer classes to prepare you to take the GED exam or earn your high school diploma.

I need to improve my English to communicate in the community, at my child’s school, and at my work.

Adult schools offer English classes for students who want to learn basic communications skills. We recommend that you begin at an adult school to build your English skills.

**COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

I want a certificate to get a specific job.

You can receive a technical certificate in subjects like mechanics, aviation, computers, business, and more at community colleges. We recommend that you have at least an intermediate level of English before starting a certificate program.

I want to transfer to a 4-year university to get a degree.

Many students take lower-level courses, such as ESL and math, at a community college to save money before they transfer to a 4-year university. We recommend that you meet with an academic counselor to create a plan.

I have intermediate level English skills.

Community college English is challenging. To do well and be successful you need to be at intermediate level English.

I need to improve specific English skills, like speaking, reading, and writing.

Community colleges offer ESL classes in different language skills. You can choose classes based on the English skills you want to improve to help you succeed in your job, your classes, or your daily life.

**WHY DO I WANT TO STUDY ENGLISH?**

I DON’T HAVE A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER. CAN I TAKE A CLASS?

Adult Schools and Community Colleges may ask for social security number during registration. Community colleges ask for a Social Security number during the registration process, but students are not required to provide it. Community college classes cost much more without a Social Security number, as you will be considered an international student. If you went to high school in California please ask a financial aid counselor about AB540.

**COSTS OF ADULT SCHOOL**

It is free to attend ESL adult school, regardless of your immigration status. There may be a charge for materials. You must be 18 years or older to attend.

**COSTS OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

The cost to attend community college depends on: the number of classes you take, how long you’ve lived in California, your family income, and your immigration status. There may be resources available to help you with costs. Please see a financial aid counselor at the community college for more information.
ESL CLASS LOCATIONS IN ALAMEDA COUNTY

This is a map of the adult schools and community colleges in Alameda County. Use the information below to decide which location is best for you.

INFORMATION KEY
AM ... Morning classes
PM ... Evening classes
SMR ... Summer classes
B ... Near bus stop
B ... Near BART
P ... Parking lot available

A. Dublin Adult School
6901 York Drive, Dublin, CA
(925) 307 - 1910
www.dublin.k12.ca.us/Domain/1323

B. Castro Valley Adult & Career Education
4430 Alma Avenue, Castro Valley, CA
(510) 886 - 1000
www.cvadult.org

C. Hayward Adult School
22100 Princeton Street, Hayward, CA
(510) 293 - 8595
www.has.edu

D. New Haven Adult School
600 G Street, Union City, CA
(510) 489 - 2185
www.mynhas.org

E. San Leandro Adult School
1448 Williams Street, San Leandro, CA
(510) 667 - 6287
www.sanleandro.k12.ca.us/Domain/125

F. San Lorenzo Adult School
820 Bockman Road, San Lorenzo, CA
(510) 317 - 4200
adult-slzusd-ca.schoolloop.com

G. Pleasanton Adult & Career Education
4665 Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton, CA
(925) 463 - 0616
adulteducation.pleasantonusd.net

H. Livermore Valley Adult Ed.
1401 Almond Avenue, Livermore, CA
(925) 606 - 4722
livermoreadulted.schoolloop.com

I. Chabot College
25555 Hesperian Blvd, Hayward, CA
(510) 723 - 6600
www.chabotcollege.edu

J. Las Positas College
3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore, CA
(925) 424 - 1000
www.laspositascollege.edu