

Next Evolution in Work-based Learning
(N.E.W. School)
A California Partnership Academy



Core Classes:

- English
- Integrated Science
- Global Studies/World History

California Partnership Academy

California Partnership Academies (CPAs) receive funding from the California Department of Education each year for 10th-12th grade students. The funds are designed to support student engagement through enrichment and motivational activities, provide extra academic support when needed, and offer valuable work-based learning opportunities. Like all cores at WHS, the CPA model gives students a sense of community while at school and teaches valuable skills that will help them in any work or educational environment.

Core Description:

N.E.W. School is dedicated to putting students at the center of learning. Students will construct knowledge and make meaning through inquiry, research, making/building, and cooperation in project-based learning. They will examine and tackle real world topics, issues, and challenges. Curriculum will be tied to life beyond the classroom fostering exploration of various career pathways and capitalizing on the expertise of professionals—locally and globally.

N.E.W. School's instruction will focus on English, Science and History and New Media Technology, which will be tied directly to projects and taught concurrently. Students will use technology strategically to connect, communicate, collaborate, create and publish their work sharing it with an authentic audience. The goal of N.E.W. School is to cultivate engaged, curious, independent learners.

Student Profile:

Embedded honors option allows students to opt into a honors track for English, history and science. Honors option requires an additional interview and portfolio presentation.

N.E.W. School is composed of a wide range of learners from students who are already academically successful and driven to those students who have found it challenging to be successful in the traditional class setting. The goal is to design a flexible learning environment that encourages curiosity and excites students to learn individually and collaboratively.

Curriculum:

N.E.W. School teaches English, Science, and Global Studies in concert as students explore topics related to their lives beyond the classroom. Students in N.E.W. School examine these real world topics and issues through multidisciplinary projects that challenge them to communicate, collaborate, research, create, iterate and publish. Skills, content, and the Common Core standards are taught and learned through the process of work on these multidimensional projects. Students collect evidence from their body of work to show proficiency and mastery of specific skills placing them at the center of the evaluation process. Because collaboration and student choice are at the heart of the curriculum, the classroom space is a flexible learning environment allowing for movement, individual and small group work, self-paced learning, and work both on and offline. The goal of N.E.W. School is to personalize the learning path for each student allowing them the opportunity to pursue either college prep or honors-level course work.

N.E.W. School includes academic and digital media preparation to enter the Arete Media Academy 11/12 core.

College and Vocational Preparation:

N.E.W. School reimagines the work students are asked to do in school while reflecting new skill-sets needed for success in the evolving 21st Century workplace. Students will use technology strategically to connect, communicate, collaborate, create, and publish their work sharing it with an authentic audience. N.E.W. School strives to cultivate engaged, curious, independent learners ready to create success in a dynamic and changing workplace.

Community Involvement:

N.E.W. School utilizes project-based learning, design thinking, student exhibitions, guest speakers, and community partnerships to provide opportunities for practical, real-world experience and leadership. Throughout projects and explorations students learn more about their surrounding community by interacting and networking with industry experts.

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