

Vineyard SOL Academy A California Partnership Academy

Core Classes:

- English
- World History/Global Sustainability
- Food Science, Plant and Soil Science

Electives:

- Tourism and Hospitality



A 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:

Welcome to the VA SOL (Students of Life) Core! Our journey together will focus on project-based learning, student-generated activities, and community partnerships. Themes for our program will focus on global citizenship, global/local resources, farm-to-fork sustainable farming, and personal responsibilities (academic, health, relationship to our environment).

Student Profile:

Students looking for a hands-on educational experience that prepares them for college and career find a home in VA SOL.

As a member of VA SOL, you can look forward to: Workshop Wednesdays, field trips to farms, farmers markets, food banks, local businesses, and colleges/universities, guest speakers, working in the Living Laboratory at H Quad Garden, teaching students at Cali Calmecac about healthy food, and researching & investigating current issues like: GMO's, global agricultural development, climate change, hunger, food waste, urban food deserts, etc.

Curriculum:

Students in our core complete 2 years of college prep core classes, including: English, World History, Global Sustainability, Food Science and Plant & Soil Science. Goals for our students include: creating life-long memories & academically rigorous opportunities for students to "go beyond" their pre-set expectations.

College and Vocational Preparation:

All courses are college preparatory.

Community Involvement:

VA SOL deeply values community involvement. Throughout the year students develop deep ties within the core during our Workshop Wednesday core activities.

Each month groups of students go to Cali Calmecac to teach elementary students about nutrition.

Guest speakers visit our core to share about their experiences working in the local food and agriculture related industries.

