



Pirates at SEA

Scholar Enrichment Academy

a school within a school

What is an academy?

A recent progression in education is the development of academies within schools. Academies are made up of a group of students forming a small learning community. Students move together from class to class, providing college preparatory curriculum with a career theme. Academies usually have a dedicated group of caring and committed teachers who may have experience with or interest in the career pathway in which they teach. Pathways provide intense, focused instruction, preparing students for that given field of study at a post-secondary institution. Benefits of an academy model not only provide college prep course work, but students are more likely to qualify for and participate in things like apprenticeships and community college certification. The academy model also encourages high levels of engagement because of student choice and the opportunity to make meaningful connections between subjects. Students learn valuable life skills including collaboration, critical thinking, and problem solving. Some earmarks of a good academy program include multi-year courses, project-based learning, community partnerships, and the strong support of school personnel.



The academy at WUHS:

The Pirates at SEA program is grant-funded, so priority must be given to the fields of agriculture and business. Students have the opportunity to earn an Associate's Degree (60 units) by the time of high school graduation if they follow their chosen pathway successfully. We have partnered with Yuba Community College to provide an Early High School Program through dual and concurrent enrollment where students are attending and receiving credits at both institutions. Students will also enroll in articulated courses which are WUHS classes aligned with CTE standards and meet the requirements of the community college. These requirements are often more intensive and advanced than a typical high school course. In order to meet the tight timeline, students must commit to an academy by February of their ninth grade year and take summer courses throughout. Students are expected to be very academically driven with intrinsic motivation for success, but support and tutoring are still available.

What is dual enrollment?

WUHSD students can take advantage of the dual enrollment opportunity with Yuba College to earn credit for college classes that also count toward graduation. These pre-determined courses can be taken at a Yuba College Campus or through articulated courses taken on the WHS campus.

The benefits include:

- **Saving Money** – Dual enrollment college courses have no tuition charges as long as you remain a less than full-time college student, and a full-time HS student.
- **Saving Time** – Dual enrollment courses allow students to count one course for both college and high school credit. When a student completes high school, it is feasible to have accumulated enough credits to save a year or two toward college completion.
- **Increasing success**- Having the support of the high school staff when students take their first few college courses makes for a smooth transition and greater chance of finishing the Associate's Degree.

What is an articulated course?

An articulated course is a high school course that the Yuba College faculty in the discipline have determined to be comparable to a specific Yuba College course. These are most common in the areas of Career and Technical Education.

These courses have all the same benefits of dual enrollment, and they move the student along a particular career pathway. The student will save time and money by taking the courses during high school, and success is more likely since there is a greater level of support for the student in high school.

Still have questions? Ready to jump on board?

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Here is a breakdown of what a student should expect to take during each year of high school in addition to the other high school graduation requirements.

Grade 9

10

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12

Agriculture Academy

Pirate Focus -
Counseling 25

History 4 A/B
Ag Plant Science

Biology 10L
History 17 A/B
Arts
English 1A
Humanities
Speech

Ag Animal Science
English 1B
Statistics 1
Physical Science
open afternoon for
YCC classes

Business Academy

Pirate Focus -
Counseling 25

History 4 A/B
Business Computer
Applications

Biology 10L
Intro to
Business/Principles
of Marketing
History 17 A/B
Arts
English 1A
Humanities
Speech

Entrepreneurship
English 1B
Statistics 1
Physical Science
open afternoon for
YCC classes