

Dublin Unified School District

Educational Options for Students

Traditional K-12 Schools: DUSD is made up of six elementary schools; Dougherty Elementary, Dublin Elementary, Frederiksen Elementary, Murray Elementary, Green Elementary and Kolb Elementary. Our elementary schools are grades K-5. DUSD has two Middle Schools grades 6-8; Fallon Middle School and Wells Middle School, both of which feed into our one traditional high school – Dublin High School. Our traditional schools offer a breadth of programs including music and the arts, career technical education programs, an array of Honors and Advanced Placement programs, sports, theatre and before and after school programs. Please see individual school websites for more information.

Pathways: Pathways is an alternative option for elementary students, grades K-5 at the Murray elementary site. Pathways mission is to create a well-rounded, soundly based, meaningful academic experience, which utilizes parent participation and students' individual interests to emphasize the whole child developing at their own skill level in a respectful environment.

Valley High School: VHS is a WASC accredited, Model Continuation High School. VHS offers students smaller class sizes, a comprehensive academic program, two diploma options (230/200) and extensive personal and career counseling services. This high school supports students working at their own pace and taking ownership of their Individualized Learning Plans (ILPs) in preparation for post secondary options. Valley High School is a viable option for students who are not succeeding at the traditional high school. Students must be 16 years old to attend VHS and may register concurrently for a maximum of two classes at Dublin High School. VHS also offers a test-prep class for CAHSEE, GED and CHSPE skills.

QUEST Independent Study: QUEST is an independent study program offered through both Dublin High School and Valley Continuation High School(grades 9-12) as well as Fallon Middle School and Wells Middle School(grades 7 &8). Students apply through an application process at their respective schools. The decision for approval is based on individual circumstances and the ability to work independently. Once students enter the QUEST program, students are assigned a teacher and meet one hour a week with their teacher to complete course work in academic and elective areas. Students may also register concurrently for a maximum of two classes at DHS while in QUEST.

Dublin Adult School: The Dublin Adult School offers a Diploma program for High School. Students who have failed a class at Dublin High School or Valley High School may remediate the course through this program which is held in the evening. The Diploma program meets similar to Independent Study for one hour a week. Students must adhere to the strict timeliness of the program and attend class and submit all written work weekly in order to remain in the program and receive credit. If students do not graduate from one of the two high schools, they are referred directly to Dublin Adult School to complete their high school diploma.

Home/Hospital Instruction: This is a short-term program designed to accommodate students who have serious physical or mental health issues. Upon determining the setting is appropriate, the student is assigned a home teacher for 5 hours per week. This teacher coordinates school work with the school of origin and assists the student in maintaining progress until the student can return to school.

Home Schooling: DUSD offers a home schooling program for K-6th grade. Students apply through an application process at their respective schools. Home schooling allows for parents/guardians to work with a credentialed teacher to implement district approved, state adopted curriculum. In this program, the parent/guardian is the primary instructor and requires that all participants sign a contract to adhere to academic progress goals.

Online Program For Students (OPS):

DUSD has adopted and modified the curriculum from the Odysseyware™ online program to meet DUSD standards and course requirements. This program is operated through our QUEST independent study program and our home schooling program, grades 3-12, in addition to the more traditional means of doing independent/home study. High school students can access the OPS courses by way of application for credit through their school counselors. The OPS program also offers a GED prep program. Students access the course work electronically from anywhere that is internet connected and meet with a teacher weekly to review work, take tests, and grade essays.

Students with Disabilities: Students with disabilities are evaluated to determine placement in the least restrictive environment. If a student has an educational need that substantially interferes with a major life activity, they are provided with appropriate accommodations or services through a Section 504 Accommodation Plan. If a student has more significant educational needs they are evaluated to determine eligibility for special education. Based on the development of an Individualized Educational Program (IEP), the student is either served in the Special Education Resource Specialist program or has available a full continuum of service(s) and/or placement options through the Tri-Valley Special Education Local Plan area.