



Counseling Services



How can the counselor help and support me?

Your counselor is a highly qualified, very caring person who will provide you with expert counseling guidance. Creekside High School maintains an "open door policy" that assures access to counseling services; however, it is best to make an appointment to see your counselor, which are to be made during before school, after school or during break ONLY – not during class time. If you have an emergency, someone will see you immediately. See your counselor for the following:

Career/College Planning	Credit/Transcript Check	Project Success	Student Study Team
Counseling, Group	Peer Pressure	ROP referral	Student Conflicts
Counseling, Personal	Personal Problems	Schedule Planning	Substance Abuse

How can I earn accelerated credits?

Note: See EARNING ACCELERATED CREDITS

EXTRA CREDIT

Doing extra work in classes will enable the student to earn a maximum of 6 credits every nine weeks per class. Students must develop a contract with individual teachers. *Attendance Must Be Exemplary at 90% or better.*

ICAN (Independent Contracted And Negotiated)

The **ICAN** independent study contract is designed to meet individual needs which may include: Community College courses, supervised outside activities, physical education (1 Club or Team Sports per Quarter), fine arts courses, volunteer work and other approved off-site educational activities. All **ICAN** contracts will be monitored and verified by the teacher, counselor, and principal.

CHSPE EXAM (California High School Proficiency Exam)

Successful passage of the **CHSPE** will allow a student (16 years and older) to 1) exit high school with written parent permission or 2) apply 30 elective credits toward graduation from Creekside High School **ONLY**. See your counselor for further information or go to <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/hs/>

GED (General Education Development Test)

The **GED** is a high school equivalency examination for an adult that measures a student's knowledge and academic skills against those of today's traditional high school students. Students must pass all five sections in order to earn an equivalency diploma. Students must be at least 17 years 10 months old to be eligible for the **GED**. See your counselor for further information or go to <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/GED>

CROP (Coastline Regional Occupational Program)

You may enroll in a **CROP** class by meeting certain requirements. See your counselor for further information including class offerings, general prerequisites, and registration procedure. www.coastlinerop.com

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

High school credit is available for successful completion of a class at a university or community college. Students must be 15 years of age and in their sophomore year of high school to be eligible for college credit. Students may take a maximum of two classes. Students using college credit for high school graduation are required to provide an official college transcript to Sue Campbell (Records Technician). See your counselor for further information.

ADULT EDUCATION

Some evening courses are available in addition to earn additional credits each semester for students 16 years or older. See the counselor regarding registration. www.irvineadultschool.com/IAS/



Counseling Services



How can I change my class schedule?

Schedule changes are kept to a minimum and only after consultation with teachers affected and your counselor or administration for specific reasons, (i.e., student completed course; senior needs a specific class; staff/student/parent request and agree; emergency crisis intervention; other unforeseen circumstances). **NO SCHEDULE CHANGES occur during the last TWO weeks of any quarter** to stabilize student schedules for issuing quarterly grades and credits. NEVER assume or change your class without authorization and having received a new and revised computer printout of your schedule.

How can I assure that my transcript, grades and attendance are accurate?

When you make a schedule change, make certain sure you check with your new teacher immediately to make certain your name has been added to their ABI attendance roster. If you discover what you believe to be an error on your transcript (wrong grade or credits posted, course(s) missing from CHS or another high school you attended) , you must contact Sue Campbell (Records Technician) within one semester of the transcript posting you believe to be in error.

What is the CAHSEE? (California High School Exit Exam)

The **CAHSEE** consists of English language arts and math tests designed to assess whether high school students have mastered a basic set of skills to participate fully in civic life and to succeed in the workplace. The exit exam reflects California's very challenging academic content standard and is considered to be one of the more rigorous high school exit exams in the nation. Once a student earns a passing score, regardless of their grade level, they are not required to take the exam again. <http://www.cde.ca.gov/statetests/cahsee/>

How can I earn credits outside of school?

COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE (Credits for Paid Work)

This program is designed to give the working student elective credits in addition to his/her hourly wages. A maximum of 10 credits per semester (1 elective credit = 40 paid hours) and a maximum of 40 elective credits per high school experience. See your counselor for further information.

COMMUNITY SERVICE (Credits for Volunteer Work)

Community Service is volunteering for community or charitable organizations. Such charitable service develops character, responsibility, and citizenship. Community Service experiences can be a source for earning credits as an unpaid volunteer (20 volunteer hours = 1 elective credit). See your counselor for further information. Some examples of community service projects:

Clubs	Disaster Preparation	First Aid Training	Youth Club Sports	School Projects
Camping Programs	Drug Abuse Help	Fund Raising	Political Parties	Scouting
Church Projects	Explorers - Fire	Hospital/Nursing	Red Cross Drive	Tutoring
City of Irvine	Explorers - Police	Libraries	Salvation Army	Youth Action Team