

Where do I take ESL classes in Northern Alameda County?

We have different types of schools that offer English classes in Northern Alameda County: adult schools and community colleges. Before you choose a class, we recommend that you think about why you are studying English.

ADULT SCHOOL

I want to study English, and I need to start at the beginning. I need practice with the alphabet and numbers.

Adult schools offer English classes for students at every level. We recommend that you begin at an adult school to build your English skills.

I never finished high school and want to get my GED.

Many adult schools offer classes to prepare you to take (and pass!) the GED exam.

I need to improve my English to communicate in the community, at my child's school, and at my work.

Adult schools offer English classes for students who want to learn basic communication skills. We recommend that you begin at an adult school to build your English skills.

COSTS OF ADULT SCHOOL

It is typically free to attend an adult school, regardless of your immigration status. There may be a charge for materials. You must be 18 years or older to attend.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

I want a certificate to get a specific job.

You can receive a technical certificate in subjects like mechanics, aviation, computers, business and more at community colleges. We recommend that you have at least an intermediate level of English before starting a certificate program.

I want to transfer to a university and get a college degree.

Many students take university-level courses at a community college to save money before they transfer to a university. We recommend that you meet with an academic counselor to create a plan.

I need to improve specific English skills, like pronunciation or reading and writing.

Community colleges offer classes in many different subjects. You can choose classes based on the specific language areas that you want to improve.

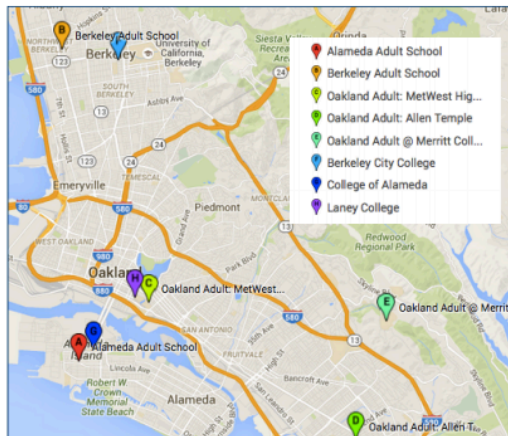
COSTS OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The cost to attend community college depends on: the number of classes you take, how long you've lived in California, your family income and your immigration status. The community college and government can help pay for the costs. Please see a financial aid counselor at the community college for more information.

Why do I want to study English?

I don't have a social security number. Can I take a class?

Adult schools do not ask for a social security number during the registration process. Community colleges ask for a social security number during the registration process, but students are **not** required to provide it. Community college classes cost more without a social security number, as you will be considered an international student.



ESL Class Locations in Northern Alameda County

This is a map of the adult schools and community colleges in Northern Alameda County. Use the information below to decide which location is best for you.

Information Key

L	ESL Literacy	AM	Morning classes
BL	ESL Beginning Low	PM	Evening classes
BH	ESL Beginning High	SMR	Summer classes
IL	ESL Intermediate Low	B	Near bus stop
IH	ESL Intermediate High	B	Near BART
A	ESL Advanced	Ⓢ	Parking lot available

A. Alameda Adult School

401 Pacific Ave, Alameda, CA
510-522-3858

www.alameda-adult-school.org

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B. Berkeley Adult School

1701 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley, CA
510-644-6130

bas.berkeley.net

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C. Oakland Adult School

Classes held at MetWest High School
314 E 10th St, Oakland, CA
510-273-2310

www.ousd.org/oace

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D. Oakland Adult School

Classes held at Allen Temple Baptist Church
8501 International Blvd, Oakland, CA
510-273-2310

www.ousd.org/oace

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AM Ⓢ Ⓢ

E. Oakland Adult School

Classes held at Merritt College
12500 Campus Dr, Oakland, CA
510-273-2310

www.ousd.org/oace

AM Ⓢ Ⓢ

F. Berkeley City College

2050 Center St, Berkeley, CA
www.berkeleycitycollege.edu/wp/esl

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G. College of Alameda

555 Ralph Appenzato Memorial Pkwy, Alameda, CA
www.alameda.peralta.edu/english-as-a-second-language

BH IL IH A

AM PM Ⓢ Ⓢ SMR

H. Laney College

900 Fallon St, Oakland, CA
www.laney.edu/wp/esl

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AM PM Ⓢ Ⓢ B SMR

Master List of ESL Classes in the East Bay

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Agency Name	Address and Contact	Levels: Lit/Lo-beg/Hi-beg/ Lo-int/Hi-int	Notes	Fees	Time
Alameda Adult School	2250 Central Ave Alameda, CA 94501 Call Lisa Gonzalves for pre-assessment time (510)522-3858	All levels	No eligibility requirements. See website for registration schedule: alameda-adult-school.org/ Call Lisa Gonzalves for assessment time	\$50 for 9 weeks	M-F 9am-12noon T/Th 6pm-9pm
Berkeley Adult School	1701 San Pablo Ave Berkeley, CA 94702 (510)644-6130 See website for registration/testing days	All levels	Open to all. See website for schedule: http://www.bas@berkeley.net	\$45 per semester cash or credit card payment only	M-F 8:25-11:35 M-F 12:35-3:45 M-Th 6:20-9:30
Castro Valley Adult School	4430 Alma Ave Castro Valley, CA 94546 (510)886-1000 or email cvadult@yahoo.com	All levels	Open to all. See website for schedule: www.cvadult.org	\$35 per quarter	M-Th 8:30-12:00 M/Tues/Thurs 6:30-9:00 pm Additional Learn at Home Distance Learning Programs available for Citizenship and ESL
Clinton Park (Run by Refugee Transitions)	655 International Blvd. Oakland, CA email: Nicole Germanov, nicole@reftrans.org	Literacy level	Priority reserved for CalWorks and RCA clients in the Alameda County Consortium - VESL	none	M-F, 1:30-4:30 Priority given to literacy level RCA and Calworks students. Other space for literacy students open on rolling basis.

Oakland International High School (Run by Refugee Transitions)	4521 Webster Street, Oakland, CA 94609 (510)842-6592	Literacy Level Class	Priority given to family members of OIHS students Bus passes provided to OIHS family members only Contact Lauren Markham to register at the number listed or drop by school to inquire	none	Monday-Thursday 9-11am *Note classes full as of Nov. 2013
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Oakland International High School	4521 Webster Street, Oakland, CA 94609 (510) 842-6592	Basic Computer Literacy Class	Priority given to family members of OIHS students Contact Lauren Markham to register at the number listed or drop by the school to inquire	none	Fridays 9-12
Peralta Community Colleges	Laney (510) 834-5740 Alameda (510) 522-7221 Merritt (510) 531-4911 Berkeley City College (510) 981-2800	Hi-beg through Hi-int	Requirements posted on website: http://www.peralta.edu	\$50 registration fee \$26/unit tuition	multiple days/times
Refugee Transitions	1212 Broadway, Suite 804 Oakland, CA 94612 Contact Nicole Germanov (415)989-2151 or nicole@reftrans.org	Priority given to low levels	Home-based individualized tutoring. Site based classes for adults. Afterschool tutoring for youth. www.reftrans.org	none	Call or email for information

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San Lorenzo Adult School	820 Bockman Road San Lorenzo 94580-2906 (510)317-4200 registration and placement daily	All levels	Open to all. See website for schedule: http://adult-sizusd-ca.schoolloop.com/	\$30 semester	M-F 8:20-12:30
Spanish-Speaking Unity Council	1900 Fruitvale Ave Oakland CA 94601 (510)536-1830	All levels	Merritt College classes offered at Unity Council's Community Resource Center - call for more information www.unitycouncil.org		
The English Center	66 Franklin Street, Suite 300 Oakland, CA 94607 Contact Qais Ahmadi or Jennifer Ruong (510) 836-6700 ext. 109	Lo beg-Hi int	Computer skills and career readiness - tuition-based program aid may be available. www.englishcenter.edu	Depends on income	classes daily- 8:30-1pm and 1-5:20pm
Vietnamese American Community of the East Bay (VACCEB)	655 International Blvd. Oakland, CA 94606 Contact Shirley Gee vacceb@gmail.com 510.891.9999	All levels	http://www.vacceb.net	call for fees	call for class schedule

Also:

Teaching ESL and Empowering New Immigrants (ongoing)

Date: Every Monday

Time: 8:30am - 9:50am

Location: Laurel Elementary School Auditorium

This ESL class is held weekly in the Laurel Elementary School. It is attended by immigrant parents and adults in the community, and now the class has grown to 15+ students.