

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is the schedule?

School is from 7:45 to 1:48, Monday-Thursday. On Friday, students are released at 12:03. TEC follows the same Common Planning dates as Vanden. TEC has a block schedule, which means that students take classes on Mon/Wed that are different from their classes on Tues/Thurs. The class schedule on Friday rotates. Class periods are long (approx. 1 1/2 hours) to allow for teachers to teach their lesson and then support students in getting their work finished in class.

TEC also offers flexible schedules for students who may need it.

### Does TEC have a graduation ceremony?

Yes! TEC's graduation is held at a local in-door venue. The graduates sit on the stage, wearing their royal blue cap & gown. Typical tickets are not required for family and friends to attend, however, this is subject to change.

### What are the graduation requirements for TEC?

Like Vanden students, TEC students are required to earn 220 credits to earn a high school diploma.

### Is the TEC diploma a "real" diploma?

Yes! TEC's diploma has the same accreditation as a Vanden diploma.

### Are there extra-curricular activities at TEC?

Yes! Guidance classes and leadership plan many fun activities throughout the school year, such as the Thanksgiving Feast and the Multicultural Day. Students are often included in Vanden's senior activities as well. TEC also has many awards and student recognitions.

**Is there bus transportation?** Yes!

## Classes offered at TEC

### Core Classes

Algebra  
Business Math  
Geometry  
Physical Science  
Biology  
English 1-4  
World History  
US History  
Economics  
Government  
Health  
PE

### Electives

Guidance  
PE  
Child Development  
Speech  
Debate  
Intro to Theater  
Geography  
Science Seminar  
Careers in Education  
Intro to Psychology  
Work Experience  
Transitions  
Service Learning  
Vocational Prep  
Information Technology  
Internship  
Journalism  
Music Appreciation  
Fine Arts  
English Seminar  
Personal Finance  
Intro to Coding

TEC Online: Cyber High



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## What We Do

Travis Education Center (TEC) is an alternative high school that offers:

- A WASC accredited high school diploma (same as Vanden)
- Credit recovery for students who may be behind in credits
- An accelerated academic program that allows for an opportunity for early or on-time graduation

## More about TEC

TEC is staffed with 5 fully-credentialed teachers, 1 full-time counselor, 1 instructional assistant, 1 secretary, and 1 principal. The low *student to staff* ratio allows for greater individual student support, increased communication with parents/guardians, and a smaller educational environment. In a typical school year, TEC will have 65-85 students enrolled. The TEC staff focuses on both supporting students in earning a high school diploma and preparing them for life after high school. Character development and life skills are a focus at TEC.

## Our Success Stories

TEC is proud of its record:

- California Model Continuation High School
- Six-Year WASC Accreditation
- High graduation rate (above 90%)
- High attendance rate (above 90%)
- Safe and friendly environment
- Focus on life skills and character development
- Opportunities for college/career transition planning

### Why attend TEC?

Students come to TEC for a variety of reasons. Some are behind in credits and want to get caught up and return to Vanden. Some want a smaller, flexible learning environment where they can work at their own pace. Some want to graduate early and join the workforce, join the military, or enroll in college early. Whatever the reason, the TEC staff is committed to supporting students in achieving their goals.



TEC Graduation

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### Can students who enroll at TEC return to Vanden?

Yes! Once a student is caught up on credits, students may return to Vanden at the beginning of the next semester. However, many students enjoy the smaller environment at TEC and choose to stay and graduate from TEC.

### Is the school safe?

Yes! TEC students, parents, and staff are surveyed annually to get input regarding safety and all 3 groups feel that the school is safe.

### Can graduates from TEC attend college or join the military?

Yes! Many TEC graduates enlist in the military, enroll in community college or attend a trade/vocational school.

### What is the schedule like at TEC?

Students are enrolled in 130 credits per year (32.5 per quarter) Classes change each quarter. The academic pace is more than twice as fast as the pace at Vanden. Teachers focus on essential assignments for students to meet the academic standards. The success of TEC students is based on most work being completed in class, so there is little, if any, homework. Additionally, attendance plays a significant role in student success at TEC due to its fast pace. Students earn 1 credit in each class every 2 weeks. This variable credit system allows for students to benefit from shorter periods of sustained effort. If they miss a credit during a quarter, they can make it up in a different quarter or using Cyber High.

### Who can attend TEC?

The only requirement to enroll at TEC is the student must be at least 16 years old. Typically, TEC students are juniors or seniors.