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## Venture School

10540 Albion Road San Ramon, CA 94582

### CA Education Code -Grades 9-12, Course-Based Model

California Education Code sections that provide for Independent Study are 51744-51749.6 (51749.5–51749.6 specific to course-based)

## OUR GOALS

### Deep Learning and Innovation

All students served in Alternative Education programs will have opportunities to receive and explore rigorous grade-level curriculum and instruction in a supportive environment.

### Equity & Stewardship of Resources

Alternative Education will design school systems through the lens of equity, providing students with access to the resources they need. A focus on building a community that values diversity and inclusion will be prioritized.

### Social- Emotional Well-Being

Social-emotional learning will be embedded into the instructional day, and access to mental health supports will be a key component. Students will be assigned an Advisory class to focus on building connections to school and gaining additional access to staff support.



## VENTURE MASTER AGREEMENT

**Who:** Signed by parent, student, teacher and administrator

**What:** Master Agreements for participation in the program

**When:** Prior to enrolling and starting each school year

**Where:** Here at Venture during orientation

**Why:** Required by Education Code

**Why:** Accountability to all parties

The master agreement is a contract. If students are not meeting its terms or making adequate progress then a return to an in person setting may be necessary.

## What makes Venture “Alternative”?

- **Venture combines online learning, independent assignments, and in-person instructional support.** *This unique alternative offers students a flexible and dynamic educational experience.*
- **We personalize learning, foster digital literacy skills, and accommodate diverse learning styles.** *Teachers utilize technology to deliver lessons, provide resources, and facilitate interactive online discussions.*
- **Our blended learning environment promotes collaboration, critical thinking, and self-directed learning.** *Venture students are well prepared for success in a variety of post-secondary settings!*
- Attendance is taken during your scheduled online classes and is determined by the work submitted for days on which you are not scheduled to attend.
- Smaller class sizes and supportive staff, greater access to academic and mental health supports
- Students can be concurrently enrolled at Venture and their comprehensive high school.
- **A flexible schedule that allows for more time to focus on other extracurricular interests.**
- Venture students can participate in athletics, clubs, and comprehensive site activities if they meet the eligibility requirements.
- Our school emphasizes the importance of Academics, Social-Emotional Learning, and Mental Health.
- The schedule is similar to college life, preparing our students for post-secondary education.

# 2025-2026 Venture Bell Schedule

Venture 9-12 (Online Instruction M-Th, In-person Friday as assigned)

| M, T, TH, FR                 | 45 minutes    | Wed                        | 40 minutes    |
|------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| Advisory Tues<br>11th & 12th | 8:30 - 9:00   | Advisory Wed<br>9th & 10th | 8:30 - 9:00   |
| Period 1                     | 9:00 - 9:45   | Period 1                   | 9:00 - 9:40   |
| Period 2                     | 9:47 - 10:32  | Period 2                   | 9:42 - 10:22  |
| Period 3                     | 10:34 - 11:19 | Period 3                   | 10:24 - 11:04 |
| Lunch                        | 11:19 - 11:49 | LUNCH                      | 11:04 - 12:16 |
| Period 4                     | 11:51 - 12:36 | Period 4                   | 12:18 - 12:58 |
| Period 5                     | 12:38 - 1:23  | Period 5                   | 1:00 - 1:40   |
| Period 6                     | 1:25 - 2:10   | Period 6                   | 1:42 - 2:22   |
| B period                     | 2:12 - 2:58   | B period                   | 2:24 - 3:04   |

- High School classes assigned by grade level (i.e., M/W or T/Th)
- ALL M-Th classes are held online via Google Meet
- Friday classes held **in-person** at Venture (ATTENDANCE Mandatory as assigned)
- Advisory for 11th & 12th- Tuesdays at 8:30 am, Advisory for 9th & 10th, Wednesdays at 8:30 am

## VIP (Venture In Person) Fridays

- Academics
- Attendance
- Support



All new students will be added to Friday in-person classes to support a successful transition to Venture. Each week, students are assigned to in-person courses based on academic need, attendance, and assignment requirements. Students and parents should check Infinite Campus on Wednesday evening if a VIP is required on Friday. All Venture students are welcome to attend classes on Friday or access the support offered here on campus. Please check in using the computers in the main office and bring your Chromebook and charger with you!

## 2025-2026 Grading Periods & Weeks/Days

|                | Fall Semester 1 |              | Spring Semester 2 |              |
|----------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Grading Period | Qtr 1           | Qtr 2        | Qtr 3             | Qtr 4        |
| Dates          | 8/13- 10/10     | 10/13- 12/19 | 01/6- 03/20       | 03/23- 06/04 |

|                                   |           |           |                 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|
| GP 1 - August 13 to September 12  | (4 Weeks) | (22 days) | Progress Report |
| GP 2 - September 15 to October 10 | (4 Weeks) | (19 days) | Qtr 1           |
| GP 3 - October 13 to November 7   | (5 Weeks) | (20 days) | Progress Report |
| GP 4 - November 12 to December 19 | (5 Weeks) | (23 days) | Qtr 2/ Sem 1    |
| GP 5 - January 6 to February 6    | (5 Weeks) | (23 days) | Progress Report |
| GP 6 - February 9 to March 19     | (6 Weeks) | (27 days) | Qtr 3           |
| GP 7 - March 23 to May 1          | (5 Weeks) | (24 days) | Progress Report |
| GP 8 - May 4 to June 4            | (5 Weeks) | (22 days) | Qtr 4/ Sem 2    |

**ALL ASSIGNMENTS FOR GRADUATING SENIORS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO YOUR TEACHER: FRIDAY, MAY 29TH (SO WORK CAN BE GRADED)**

## Weekly Assignment Schedule



Teachers in Google Classroom post assignments at the beginning of the week, which are due by the end of the week (Friday at 11:59 p.m.). Assignments are then reviewed and graded for academic and attendance credit. Some in-class assignments may be due while online.

# SRVUSD Graduation Requirements

## Credits Needed to Graduate from Venture School

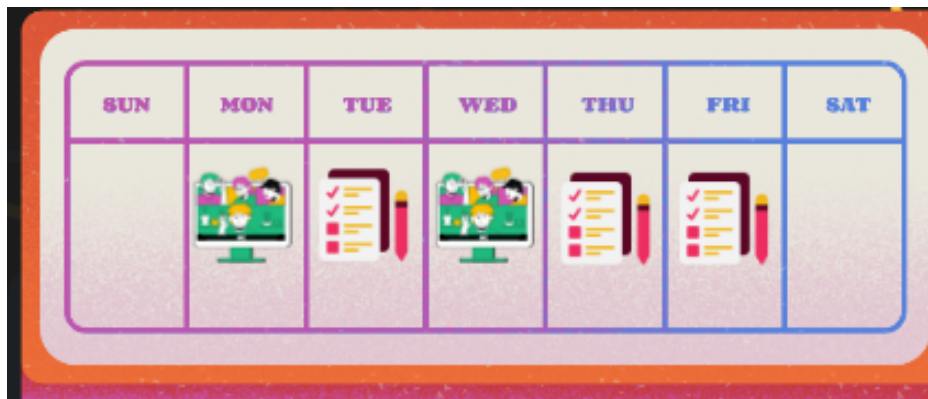
| <b>Subject</b>                | <b>Credits</b> |
|-------------------------------|----------------|
| English                       | 40             |
| Math (general)                | 10             |
| Algebra 1                     | 10             |
| Health                        | 5              |
| PE                            | 20             |
| Life Science                  | 10             |
| Physical Science              | 10             |
| World History                 | 15             |
| US History                    | 10             |
| Government                    | 5              |
| Economics                     | 5              |
| Fine Art/Foreign Language/CTE | 20             |
| Electives                     | 60             |
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| <b>Total Credits Needed:</b>  | <b>220</b>     |

**Note: Venture requires the exact graduation requirements as all SRVUSD comprehensive campuses.**

## Attendance in Infinite Campus

Teachers in Infinite Campus (IC) will take attendance for all online classes during the scheduled class period. Attendance is given for having cameras on and for active participation.

Attendance for non-class days is driven by work submitted. Below is an example of how attendance is taken for a student with M/W classes. Please communicate with your teacher and the main office (925) 479-1200 if you are absent. You are still responsible for the work missed due to an absence.



# Alternative & Innovative Ways to Take Coursework

## AddVENTURE

Concurrent students can be enrolled in 1-2 AddVenture courses per semester. When there is a schedule conflict with the master schedule, AddVenture is offered through Edgenuity. Edgenuity is an online format where students work at their own pace, with expectations regarding adequate progress. Venture students can enroll in one AddVenture course per semester. We offer AddVENTURE courses in English, History, Math & Science. Some elective courses may also be offered. These courses are taken for original credit and are supervised and supported under the guidance of credentialed Venture teachers in their respective subject areas. Students check in with their AddVenture assigned teacher at least once a week and may be assigned Fridays for additional support.

## Careers in Teaching Course– (Internship included)

This course will provide students with information regarding career opportunities in the field of education. All students will observe and participate in various settings and classrooms at the elementary school level. Students will work at local schools as Interns to the Mentor teachers there. Students will spend two virtual class periods discussing, reviewing, and evaluating their experience and observations, as well as participating in activities and lectures. Students will benefit from various assignments and videos on topics related to current educational practices. This course has been approved for **free** college credit by Diablo Valley College (DVC), which is then transferable to California State Universities (CSU) and University of California (UC) campuses. This is optional, and students must complete eight written assignments, approved by Diablo Valley College (DVC), for the three FREE COLLEGE credits (please see Ms. Metcalf & Ms. Kruse for more information).

## Community College Courses

Community college courses are an option for those who want to earn 5-10 high school credits, depending on the number of college units assigned to the course. See a counselor for more details and refer to the non-district course policy on the SRVUSD website.

## Non-district Courses

A limited number of Non-District courses may be completed for: Advancement, Enrichment, Graduation Requirements, and Remediation.

If there is any question as to whether or not a particular course that you are interested in taking is okay to use for high school credit, be sure to check with your counselor. The complete non-district course policy is available on the SRVUSD website.

- [2025-2026 Non-District Course Intent Form](#)

## Summer School

Venture students will be recommended to attend summer school through SRVUSD if they remain credit deficient and require additional credits to graduate on time. The counselor will notify students and families before the start of summer school.

## Work Experience as an Outside Class – (Work-hours based)

Work Experience is an additional elective course for those who have a part-time job. Students in the program earn high school credit by having a work permit on file and submitting weekly pay stubs that indicate the hours worked. Regular check-ins with the teacher are required.

# ALT ED Values

## Community Behavior Agreements

The staff and students of SRVUSD Alternative Education (Del Amigo & Venture) believe that each student has the right to learn in a safe and respectful environment. As part of the educational process, all members of our community are expected to behave responsibly. The following expectations are aligned with our ALT ED values.

### A CTIVE PARTICIPANT

**Motivate yourself and others to succeed - Attend classes online or in person as assigned- Cameras ON!- Ask questions, contribute to class discussions, advocate for yourself**

- All work done in class and at home should be done by that individual student. To use AI tools for school activities, you must get approval from a teacher first. Use AI to support your learning, not to replace your efforts, and always properly credit AI-generated work. Copying from others or the internet is considered plagiarism and will not receive credit. Violating these rules can result in warnings or more severe consequences.
- Attendance is key at both Del Amigo and Venture. Teachers take attendance for each class period. Venture students will be required to submit assignments for non-instructional days via Google Classroom.
- Students taking PE should wear their PE clothes and athletic shoes.
- Students assigned to ACCESS on Fridays are required to attend. Take advantage of this extra support!

### L EARNING ENVIRONMENT

**Bring materials for school and stay engaged- Safe and positive learning environment.**

- When attending in person, please bring the needed materials to school. If you need materials, please inform your teacher.
- On campus. Restrooms are single-use. Only one person should be in the restroom at a time.
- Students are to be free from possession and influence of drugs and alcohol, including marijuana, drug paraphernalia, and drug-related items (pipes, vape pens, e-cigs, lighters, etc.)
- State law does not permit smoking and/or possession of tobacco products on school grounds.
- To minimize distractions, all electronic devices, including cell phones and earbuds, must be silenced and stored in the designated caddy/location immediately upon entering the classroom. Devices may only be used when they are part of a specific, teacher-led instructional activity.
- When on campus, School IDs should be carried at all times.
- No deliveries of any kind are permitted on campus. That includes but is not limited to Door Dash, Grub Hub, Starbucks, etc.
- Weapons of any kind are not allowed on or near campus or in the possession of any community members during school hours or at a school event. Threats of violence or weapons towards any school community member or the community at large are to be reported to the administration immediately and will not be tolerated. This includes threats via social media.

### T AKE CHARGE

**Be aware of your graduation status and begin thinking about post-secondary options- Your actions now will pave the way for future opportunities**

- Participate in Advisory and community-building events.
- Understand graduation requirements, A-G requirements, and college prerequisites.
- Meet regularly with your teachers to discuss assignments and grades.
- Please communicate any concerns or needs you have so that you can receive the support you need.
- Make a graduation plan and work hard to achieve it!



## ENCOURAGE OTHERS

**Be a positive member of our school community and make and support good choices-**

### **Encourage others to use their voice**

- Encourage classmates to attend school regularly and lead happy and healthy lives.
- Del Amigo is a closed campus. Students are to stay on campus until dismissal.
- If you are out, please call the attendance line at (925) 479-1200 to report your absence.
- If you are late, please check in at the front counter and proceed to your class. Enter the classroom in a polite manner that does not interrupt instruction.
- Each day is a new day. Show gratitude and take pride in your accomplishments!

## DIVERSITY

**Celebrate our differences- Be tolerant and inclusive -Interact using polite language**

- Welcome new students and visitors into our community!
- Seek support from adult staff should a conflict arise.
- Be open to different opinions and experiences.
- Do not engage in or accept any type of harassment, discrimination, or intimidation. All differences are valued here at Del Amigo and Venture. Report any harassment or discrimination of any kind to the administration immediately.
- Use language that is respectful and is not offensive to others in our community.

## *Dress Code Agreements*

Alternative Education students and staff take great pride in our community and the diversity that it embodies. Alt Ed strives to be a safe and positive learning environment, which requires students and staff to dress for success!

*We believe that students should be given as much choice as possible in their school attire. We believe students should be comfortable at school and be allowed to express themselves; however, we do believe that students should dress safely and appropriately for an academic setting.*

- **Basic Principle:** All students and staff must always cover certain body parts. Clothes must be worn in such a way that private parts and buttocks are covered with solid (not see-through) material. All items in the categories below must adhere to this principle.
- **Students must wear:**
  - Shirt
  - Bottom: pants/sweatpants/shorts/skirt/leggings/dress
  - Shoes: Activity-specific shoe requirements are permitted (sports, PE)
- **Students may wear:**
  - Hats, including religious headwear
  - Hoodie sweatshirts
  - Ripped jeans as long as underwear is not exposed
  - Tank tops
  - Cultural clothing
  - Clothing with commercial or athletic logos, provided they do not violate the items below: "Students cannot wear".

- **Students cannot wear:**

- Violent images or language
- Images or language depicting drugs, alcohol, or any other illegal item or activity
- Hate speech, profanity, pornography
- Images that create a hostile or intimidating environment based on a protected class
- Visible underwear, including bralettes

***Consequences for violation of these expectations are not limited to, but may include any of the following: Counseling/Warning, Confiscation, Campus Beautification, Conferences, Parent Conferences, Detention, Suspension, Expulsion, Drug/Alcohol Workshop, and/or Police Involvement.***

## **District Mobile Communication Devices (MCDs) Policy**

High school students may use their Mobile Communication Devices (MCDs), including phones, smartwatches, and other wearable communication tools, only during non-instructional time (e.g., breaks, lunch, passing periods). During classroom instructional time, MCDs must be turned off and put away, unless a teacher gives permission for academic use.

MCDs may not be used in a way that disrupts learning or violates others' privacy. If a student uses a device in an unauthorized way, it may be confiscated, and disciplinary action may be taken, especially in cases of repeated misuse.

Exceptions may be made for health needs, emergencies, or when required by a student's IEP or 504 Plan, with appropriate documentation.

The district is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged devices brought to school.

Please use devices responsibly and follow all school rules to support a safe and focused learning environment.

- [BP 5131.8: Mobile Communication Devices](#)
- [AR 5131.8: Mobile Communication Devices](#)

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## Stay Connected!

- Refer to our website [Venture](https://veis.srvusd.net/) <https://veis.srvusd.net/>
- Monthly Alt Ed Newsletter
- Instagram: Del Amigo - @delpride Venture - @venturevikings
- Front office hours- 8 am- 3 pm daily
- Contact us! (925) 479-1200

## Attendance:

- If your student is absent, please call our Alt Ed Attendance Line at (925) 479-1200 before 8:30 am. In addition to your phone call, if you have a doctor's note please email our Attendance secretary, Ms. Marjon at [mmakkink@srvusd.net](mailto:mmakkink@srvusd.net)

## Grades:

- IC Campus [Parent/Student portal](#) (for grades and attendance)
- Grades and credits will be given and mailed at the end of each semester. A quarter-grade report card will be sent to any student earning a D or F.
- Seniors will participate in a Graduation Status Review each quarter on campus to track their progress towards graduation.

## Honor Roll :

- Venture students with 3.5 + will be recognized each semester for the Honor Roll. Graduating Seniors will be given special ropes for this achievement.

## Technology:

- Venture students are assigned a Chromebook that they should bring back and forth to campus.
- [Parent IT Support](#) (Tech Tickets & Purchase Chromebook Insurance)
  - <https://parentithelp.srvusd.net/support/home>
- [Student IT Support](#) (SUBMIT a TECH ticket)
  - <https://studentithelp.srvusd.net/support/home>
- [Need to Know - New Tech Info](#)