



2025-2026

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Del Amigo High School

10540 Albion Road San Ramon, CA 94582

Serving all students across the district, 16 -18 years old

California Education Code sections that provide for continuation education include sections 44865, 46170, 48400–48438, and 51055.

Our Vision & Mission

Vision:

At Del Amigo, we are dedicated to providing support to every single member of our school community as they reflect on their experiences, acknowledge their strengths, develop skills, identify their purpose, and understand their impact on both their lives and the world around them.

Mission:

- We cultivate a school community culture that fosters positive relationships and genuine connections, enabling students to learn and excel academically and socially.
- We utilize trauma-informed practices that prioritize emotional safety, offering access to counseling and mental health services.
- We focus on transition activities to prepare students for life beyond high school.
- We develop students who think critically, solve problems, accept responsibility, and learn how to make informed decisions in a supportive and challenging environment.
- We believe students learn in different ways and shall be provided with a variety of instructional approaches to support their learning.
- We value every student as a unique individual, respect their opinions, and leverage their strengths.

What makes Del Amigo “Alternative”?

- A 4-day-a-week bell schedule is in effect if you are making adequate progress and attending regularly. Flexible instructional minutes allow for more time to engage in work experience, community college, or transition activities.
- School design allows for embedded credit recovery- more frequent credit/grading earning periods.
- Smaller class sizes and supportive staff, greater access to academic and mental health supports
- Reduced graduation requirements: Del Amigo students must earn 190 credits to graduate, all of which are aligned with SRVUSD graduation requirements.
- A majority of the academic workload is done on-site and during school hours. Students who do not complete their work on Monday through Thursday will be required to attend school on Friday to complete their assignments.
- Del Amigo offers a variety of innovative ways to earn additional credits beyond those earned during the regular class schedule, allowing students to meet the SRVUSD graduation requirements.
- A school focused on the importance of Academics, Social Emotional Learning, and Mental Health.
- Frequent feedback and monitoring of grades and credit earning.
- Students often graduate throughout the school year once they have

completed all necessary graduation requirements.

2025-2026 Del Amigo Bell Schedule

M, T, TH, FR	45 minutes	Wed	40 minutes
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	Advisory	11:06 - 11:46
Period 4	11:51 - 12:36	LUNCH	11:46 - 12:16
Period 5	12:38 - 1:23	Period 4	12:18 - 12:58
		Period 5	1:00 - 1:40

- Period 1-5 held Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
- Fridays - In-person intervention, Edgenuity, small group instruction as assigned
- Advisory will be held on Wednesdays from 11:06 - 11:46 am
- **Students are assigned to Fridays automatically if they miss school M-Th**

2025-2026 Grading Periods & Credit

Grading Period	GP 1	GP 2	GP 3	GP 4	GP 5	GP 6	GP 7	GP 8	
Dates	8/13-9/12	9/15-10/10	10/13 - 11/7	11/12 - 12/19	01/6-02/6	02/9-3/19	3/23-5/1	5/4-6/4	
Credits per class	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	5 CLASSES PER GP
Total - Minimum	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	100 TOTAL PER YEAR

2025-2026 Grading Periods & Weeks/Days

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

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

Graduation Requirements

Credits Needed to Graduate from Del Amigo High School

Subject	Credits
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	30
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Total Credits Needed:	190

Note: Comprehensive high schools in SRVUSD require 220 credits to earn a high school diploma.

Graduation

There are two (2) ways to graduate:

1. Complete 190 Credits and a Senior Portfolio here at Del Amigo High School and walk the stage at graduation as a Del Amigo High School graduate.
2. Complete at least 190 credits or more at Del Amigo High School and return to your comprehensive school by the start of the Spring Semester of your Senior year, earn the remaining 30 credits, and walk the stage as a graduate of your comprehensive school. **Students MUST take at least English 12 and Economics or Government at the comprehensive high school.** It is essential to meet with your counselor ASAP to develop a transfer plan if this is your goal.

Alternative & Innovative Ways to Earn Additional Credit

Careers in Teaching Course- (Internship included) 2 GPs, 4th & 5th period

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.

Edgenuity Lab as a Class

Edgenuity is an online format where students can earn credits at their own pace, with expectations regarding adequate progress. Students can be enrolled in one course at a time and may complete multiple classes in a grading period. We offer an Edgenuity lab during the 5th period for those who need extra support. See your counselor for more details.

Edgenuity as an Outside Class

If a student attends over 80% of the time and completes teacher-designated assignments, they have the option of enrolling in an Edgenuity class to be completed outside of their regular 1-5 period schedule. Students can be enrolled in one course at a time and may complete multiple courses in a grading period. Students can receive additional support for their Edgenuity classes in person on Fridays. See your counselor for more details.

Independent Learning Contract “ILC” – (Competency-based)

If you are not enrolled in a class, you may make a contract with the subject teacher to earn credit outside of school. The approval of the agreement, as well as the assignment and the due date, will be at the teacher's discretion, subject to administrative approval. If you fail to meet the quality requirements or fail to turn in the assignment by the due date, you will not receive credit for the assignment. Students must have 80% attendance to access this option.

Summer School

Del Amigo 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-hour 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, [Del Amigo](https://dahs.srvusd.net/) <https://dahs.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 .
- **After a student has had 10 full-day excused illness absences, a doctor's note will be required to excuse any additional absences due to illness or medical appointments.** Absences for which a doctor's note has been submitted do not count toward this total. Doctor's notes do need to include the date(s) of absence and must be submitted within two school days of the student's return to campus; either a hard (paper) copy presented in person or a digital copy submitted by e-mail is acceptable.
Here is a link to the October 2023 revision of the SRVUSD policy that addresses this issue: [View Regulation 5113: Absences And Excuses \(eboardsolutions.com\)](https://eboardsolutions.com)

Credit Crushers:

- Students who earn all possible credits and a GPA of 3.5 + will be recognized as our CREDIT CRUSHERS!

Grades:

- IC Campus [Parent/Student portal](#) (for grades and attendance)
- Grades and credits for Del Amigo will be given and mailed at the end of each grading period (8 times a year)
- Students will participate in a Graduation Status Review at the end of each grading period to track their progress toward graduation.

Technology:

- Del Amigo students are assigned a Chromebook that remains on campus for daily use and can also have one to use at home if requested.
- [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](#)