



Alliance Patti and Peter Neuwirth Leadership Academy

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School:

Alliance Patti and Peter Neuwirth Leadership Academy, locally known as Neuwirth Academy, was founded in 2007 in South Los Angeles. Neuwirth Academy's mission is to graduate scholars ready for success in college, and in life. Our educational model is based on key elements including a culture of high expectations for all scholars, a small and personalized learning environment, an extended school day and year, a team of highly qualified teachers and school leaders, and parents as partners. Administrators, teachers and staff strive to ensure that each Neuwirth Academy scholar develops resilient character and strong critical thinking and collaborative skills necessary to become socially responsible, globally minded citizens who are an integral part of their local, national and international communities.

Alliance College-Ready Public Schools:

Neuwirth Academy is part of Alliance College-Ready Public Schools (Alliance), the largest nonprofit charter organization in Los Angeles. Alliance serves over 13,000 scholars across 25 free, public charter schools across Los Angeles County. Alliance's mission is to open and operate a network of small, high-performing high schools and middle schools in historically underserved communities that demonstrate scholar academic achievement growth, and graduate scholars ready for success in college regardless of their background or zip code.

Community:

Neuwirth Academy is located within the South Park area of South Los Angeles, a historically underserved community composed mainly of low-income, working class immigrant families. According to the 2010 U.S. Census, 77% of residents are of Hispanic or Latino decent and 20% are African American; 26% hold a high school diploma or equivalency and only 2.5% have a college degree. Most working families hold positions in the service or manufacturing sectors. Residents of South Park struggle to overcome socioeconomic barriers that result from poor education and cultural isolation.

Scholars:

Enrollment – Grades 9-12	584
Enrollment – Grade 12	131
Free and Reduced Lunch Program	96%
Ethnicity	
Hispanic/Latino	96%
African American	3%
Other	1%

DISTINCTIONS & AFFILIATIONS:

Neuwirth Academy is proud to have earned the following recognition:

- U.S. News and World Report Best High Schools – Silver Medal Award (2018)
- U.S. News and World Report Top High Schools Nationwide (annually since 2015)
- Top 2,000 High Schools in Nation, Newsweek (2015)
- JSA So Cal Chapter of the Year (2017)

Neuwirth Academy is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

Our charter is authorized by Los Angeles Unified School District.

Curriculum:

All Neuwirth Academy scholars engage in an academically challenging program that requires them to meet the University of California and California State University “A-G” undergraduate admissions requirements. Our instructional team works diligently to implement highly rigorous instruction that focuses on providing the highest caliber learning experiences for all scholars using data driven instruction, blended and collaborative learning, and supportive instructional resources.

Concurrent Enrollment:

Scholars at Neuwirth Academy have the opportunity to take college courses at Los Angeles Trade Tech (LATT) College while in high school. Fall 2018 offers one course: Business.

Grading:

Grading is based on a 4-point scale. Letter grades of “A-C” are assigned based solely on their individual mastery of course standards, as evidenced through assessments. In alignment with University of California and California State University undergraduate admissions requirements, Alliance schools do not grant “D” letter grades. A grade below a “C” is considered Not Proficient or “NP” and will not satisfy graduation requirements. Scholars earning an “NP” for any required course must repeat the course to earn a grade of “C” or higher. Advanced Placement courses are weighted with one extra point.

The average weighted GPA for the Class of 2018 was 3.22.

Alliance-wide Grading Scale

GPA	3.40 - 4.0	2.70 - 3.39	2.0 - 2.69	0 – 1.99
GRADE	A	B	C	NP

Graduation Requirements

English.....40 Credits

Math.....30 Credits

History/Soc. Science.....30 Credits

Foreign Language.....20 Credits

Laboratory Science.....20 Credits

Visual/Perf. Arts.....10 Credits

College Prep Electives.....10 Credits

Minimum of 230 credits is required for high school graduation.

Total Minimum A-G credits required is 160.

Standardized Test Scores for Class of 2018:

SAT (112 Students Tested)	
Evidence Based Reading & Writing Average	440
Math Average	480
ACT (130 Students Tested)	
English Average	14.8
Math Average	17.2
Reading Average	16.5
Science Average	17.2
STEM	17.2

College Counseling:

Counselors work closely with individual scholars based on their career interests, GPA, SAT/ACT scores, intended college major, and individual traits to match them with colleges and universities that can best support their post-secondary success. Workshops and individual guidance and support are provided to scholars and parents throughout the college application and financial aid process. All students who are on track to graduate are required to submit a minimum number of college applications.

Advanced Placement & Honors Courses

AP English Language & Composition	AP Psychology	AP World History
AP English Literature & Composition	AP Government and Politics, US	AP Spanish Language
AP Environmental Science	AP United States History	AP Spanish Literature

Extra Curricular Activities

Basketball	National Honor Society	Ambassadors Club
Volleyball	Student Council (ASB)	Junior States of America
Soccer	Queers & Allies	Yearbook
Steam	Boxer News	Dreams Club
Step UP! Mentoring Clug	STOP	P.O.D.E.R.
Civic Engagement (sponsored by USC)	Anime Club	

Colleges and Universities: Class of 2018 Acceptances

Azusa Pacific University	Edgewood College	Syracuse University
Benedictine University at Mesa (AZ)	El Camino College	The University of Arizona
Boston University	Elmira College	University of California, Berkeley
California Lutheran University	Glendale Community College	University of California, Davis
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo	Grand Canyon University	University of California, Irvine
California State Polytechnic University - Pomona	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	University of California, Los Angeles
California State University, Bakersfield	Humboldt State University	University of California, Merced
California State University, Channel Islands	Johns Hopkins University	University of California, Riverside
California State University, Chico	Los Angeles Southwest College	University of California, San Diego
California State University, Dominguez Hills	Loyola Marymount University	University of California, San Francisco
California State University, East Bay	Menlo College	University of California, Santa Barbara
California State University, Fullerton	Mills College	University of California, Santa Cruz
California State University, Long Beach	Mount Saint Mary's University	University of La Verne
California State University, Los Angeles	New York University	University of Portland
California State University, Monterey Bay	Northern Arizona University	University of Redlands
California State University, Northridge	Notre Dame de Namur University	University of San Diego
California State University, Sacramento	Pepperdine University	University of Southern California
California State University, San Bernardino	Quinnipiac University	University of the Pacific
California State University, Stanislaus	Regis University	University of the West
Carson-Newman University	Rio Hondo College	Whittier College
Champlain College	San Diego State University	Woodbury University
Chapman University	San Francisco State University	Xavier University
Cornerstone University	San Jose State University	
Dominican University of California	Santa Monica College	
	Sonoma State University	