

Learning Post Academy

2020-21

Learning Post Academy is the Wm. S. Hart District's premier independent study school, servicing students in grades 7-12.

The original Learning Post High School was opened in 1980 – 40 years ago. We are WASC accredited & NCAA approved offering A-G courses just like the comprehensive high schools in the Wm. S. Hart District. Dr. Pete Getz is the Principal of Learning Post Academy.

Learning Post Academy offers various independent study options to accommodate the various needs of our students seeking a flexible and independent learning environment. Our beautiful new home (June 2020) will be on the state-of-the-art campus at Castaic High School, located in the hills above Castaic with a breathtaking view of the entire Santa Clarita valley.

We have many unique features which distinguish us as a school of preferred choice by many. Offering a flexible learning environment and utilizing the online curriculum provider, Apex, students will enjoy our online format as the material is available 24/7. Teacher support is offered during regular business hours, Monday-Friday, 8:30am – 3:00pm.

After an initial orientation meeting with a supervising teacher, a schedule will be developed based on the individual needs of the student. This could be a weekly meeting or a bi-monthly meeting in which the student can submit work, ask questions, receive feedback on work completed, take chapter tests, discuss curriculum pacing, and develop goal plans if not on pace.

Students must make contact with their supervising teachers a minimum of twice a month but are welcome and encouraged to come work in our classrooms as often as desired. Students visiting our facility will be able to take advantage of work/study stations, student computers, student printers, and any books that may be needed for classes (i.e. novels for English classes).

Due to the nature of independent study, students are free to come and go from the school site as they choose – it is an open campus.

Many of the assignments and tests are done online, but there are some assignments which are turned in directly to the teacher and some tests which must be taken on site.

Our academic counselor works closely with the students to develop an educational plan, ensuring they are on track for graduation, college, and on their way towards a successful career.

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Variable Credit

Learning Post Academy uses a variable credit system which means students are earning their credits at their own variable rate. When a student completes a course, the credits are posted to the transcript, and the student can immediately move on to the next course of study. For example, if a student finishes English 10A in early November, the credits are posted and the student can immediately begin English 10B course work. The variable credit system is ideal for students who are credit deficient and need to work at a more rigorous pace in order to catch up & stay on pace in order to graduate on time. The variable credit system is also ideal for students who have a goal of graduating early and are motivated to work at a more rigorous pace in order to meet their early graduation goal.

Dual Enrollment

Students have the option of dual enrollment at their residence area school. Primary enrollment is with Learning Post Academy and secondary enrollment at their residence area school for one or two classes is an option. Currently, students can take no more than two classes at the residence school. Class requests are arranged by the Learning Post Academy academic counselor and are based on space availability. Students can have the independent study experience as well as the accessibility to Band, Choir, Dance, High School TV, and more. Students will have an option to play on CIF sectioned athletic teams if they choose to do so. If a student is participating in a CIF level sport at their residence area school, there is a district policy requirement of taking two classes for dual enrollment – PE/sport and one additional class. CIF participants must meet all CIF/district requirements for participation.

Castaic High School Activities

Since Learning Post Academy will be sharing the school campus with Castaic High School, students have the option of choosing either Castaic HS or their residence area school for dual enrollment class(es).

- **iCAN Academy**

Students can earn both high school and college credits through a partnership between the Wm. S. Hart District and College of the Canyons.

- **Amenities**

Learning Post Academy students will have access to a very comfortable, high-tech library to study in while on campus. Additionally, if students would like to buy lunch or a snack, they will have access to a student store & food services.

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Upper level courses

Students attending Learning Post Academy who wish to participate in foreign language, honors, or AP level courses may do so via dual enrollment at their residence area school, dual enrollment at Castaic HS, or directly through our Apex online curriculum. Another option for this level of course work is taking classes at College of the Canyons (COC) beginning in 11th grade. COC tuition is free to high school students.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Learning Post Academy students are encouraged to participate in our Associated Student Body (ASB) Club. Students and the ASB Club Director meet weekly for fun, peer building activities as well as planning school activities such as school dances, holiday-themed events, talent show, charitable causes as well as community service activities. Students are also able to qualify for and participate in California Scholarship Foundation (CSF) activities and honors.

Additionally, students may take part in any extra-curricular activities offered at their residence area school or Castaic High School. This includes dances and sporting activities. Please note that to participate in activities on other campuses, you might be required to purchase one of their ASB cards.

Graduation

Learning Post Academy offers a unique and personal graduation ceremony where the supervising teachers speak briefly about each of their students. Families rave time and time again about how much they appreciated the personal, up close ceremony for their Learning Post Academy graduate. If a Learning Post Academy student has dual enrollment during their final semester, they have the option of requesting to participate instead (or in addition to) in their residence area school's graduation ceremony.

How to enroll

The process for enrollment at Learning Post Academy begins with an application. A transcript must be included with the application unless the applicant is currently enrolled in one of the Wm. S. Hart District schools.

Please understand, enrollment in Learning Post Academy is not appropriate for all learners. The leadership team at Learning Post Academy carefully evaluate each application. Due to our popularity, our program is often at capacity.