

**MIDDLE COLLEGE** offers students with college potential the opportunity to complete their high school requirements on the West Valley College campus. This program provides a supportive, challenging, and mature educational setting. Students benefit by taking college level courses and earning college credit while completing high school graduation requirements. This rigorous educational environment provides students with an opportunity to stimulate their academic development and their quest for learning.

## WHO IS THE MIDDLE COLLEGE STUDENT?



## FAQs

### CAN I WALK AT MY HIGH SCHOOL'S GRADUATION?

Yes! You will graduate with your high school classmates and receive your home high school diploma.

### WHAT WVC CLASSES CAN I TAKE?

Middle College students may take any class, except Scuba, offered at WVC, providing they meet the prerequisites. See the current WVC class schedule for information on more than 100 different classes.

### WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AN AP CLASS AND A COLLEGE CLASS?

There are many differences due to teaching styles and classroom limitations. However, the ONLY SURE way to earn COLLEGE CREDIT is to take a transferable college class. Colleges look favorably at Middle College students who have proven their success as college students.

### WHAT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES DO MIDDLE COLLEGE GRADUATES ATTEND AFTER HIGH SCHOOL?

Recent graduates have been accepted to all CSU and UC campuses, specifically UCLA, UCSD, UCD, UCSC, Berkeley, and Cal Poly. Additionally, Middle College students have been accepted to Brown University, Columbia University, Cornell University, Emerson College, NYU, BYU, Pepperdine, Lewis and Clark, University of Portland, University of Chicago, University of Michigan, LSU, Tulane, St. Edward's University at Austin, Santa Clara University and many other prestigious private and public colleges and universities.

### QUESTIONS?

Contact your high school guidance counselor or one of the instructors:

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## THE MIDDLE COLLEGE STUDENT

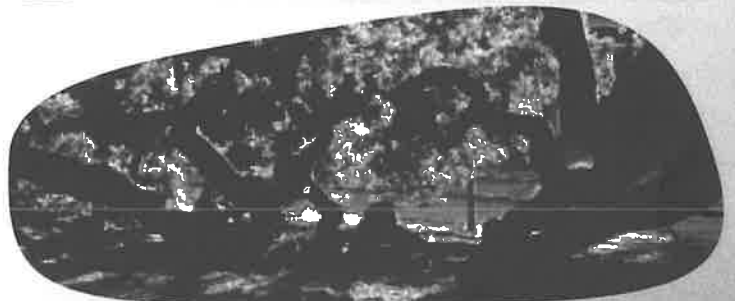
**MUST DEMONSTRATE A SINCERE INTEREST IN COMPLETING HIGH SCHOOL AND GOING TO COLLEGE. THE MIDDLE COLLEGE STUDENT:**

- Shows adequate social adjustment within the high school, but may be disconnected from the high school environment
- Is eager to expand his or her educational experiences with college courses on a college campus
- May be creative, artistic, and individualistic
- Demonstrates mature behavior, excellent time management skills, and works well independently

## STUDENT ENROLLMENT CRITERIA

### STUDENTS MUST:

- Have completed at least 110 semester units with no make-ups required
- Have passed the California High School Exit Exam
- Have a 2.8 GPA or higher
- Complete all college and Middle College high school courses with grade C or higher
- Complete a minimum of 6 college units each semester and maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0. (Most Middle College students' GPAs are above 3.5)





# Middle College

@ WEST VALLEY COLLEGE

## A GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND TEACHERS

**WEST VALLEY MIDDLE COLLEGE** is sponsored by the Campbell and Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High School Districts. Middle College is hosted by West Valley College in Saratoga. Students who are mature, independent, motivated and proactive thrive in Middle College. Students looking for a wide selection of classes and/or more advanced classes appreciate the varied course offerings at WVC.

### OVERVIEW OF MIDDLE COLLEGE

**MIDDLE COLLEGE STUDENTS** are mature high school juniors and seniors who take all high school coursework at West Valley College. Middle College students take a combination of high school and college classes to complete their high school education. Credentialed CUHSD and LGSUHSD district instructors teach the required California English and Social Studies curricula. Both instructors have taught in local traditional high schools and are familiar with high school programs, curriculum, and preparation. Currently, Juniors take English and Social Studies on Mondays and Wednesdays, while Seniors take English and Social Studies on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The balance of the student's schedule is comprised of college classes – students may take any WVC class, except Scuba, for which they meet the prerequisites. Some popular classes for Middle College students include art history, vocal and instrumental music, traditional and modern dance, advanced math courses, Engineering, Chinese, Japanese, ASL, cultural anthropology, film and music surveys, history, philosophy, yoga, anatomy and physiology, ceramics, marine biology, public speaking, interpersonal communications, college success, and interior and fashion design. Middle College students take 6-11 college units in addition to their two high school courses, English and Social Studies. Middle College students must maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA in all classes—almost all maintain a 3.0 GPA or higher.

**STUDENTS HAVE ACCESS TO ALL WVC PROGRAMS**, clubs and services. Middle College students are involved in WVC student government, clubs, sports (red shirt), cheer, drama, and music. Students take advantage of free tutoring, counseling, health services, writing and math labs. Some students have on-campus jobs in the cafeteria/food services, outreach, library, and print services.



**THE MIDDLE COLLEGE COMMUNITY IS A TIGHT KNIT GROUP.** There is a strong optional social component of the Program. The high school instructors are the Middle College club advisors. Typically, 2-3 social events are planned each semester. Additionally, students have access to the WVC academic counselors as well as a high school counselor. There is a great deal of support and framework – students are expected to be proactive and engaged participants in their education. However, Middle College students are still high school students and the high school teachers are available on campus daily for additional support and guidance.

### WHAT PARENTS AND TEACHERS CAN DO

If you have a student who would thrive in and benefit from this exceptional educational opportunity, please contact his/her high school counselor and encourage the student to investigate the Middle College option. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a visit to see the Program in action, please contact the instructors directly. Please check [westvalley.edu](http://westvalley.edu) for any upcoming information sessions.

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