

Alternative Schools and High School Completion Programs

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| Adult High School Completion @ Tacoma Community College | Adult Learning Center, Building 7 Room 13 Tacoma Community College 6501 S.19th Street Tacoma, WA 98466-6139 | 8am-7pm M-Th And 8am-5pm on Fri. Contact TCC for class schedule. | The program accepts students whose class has already graduated and who are 18 years of age or older. | The Adult High School Completion Program is designed for students who want to earn an adult high school diploma or a GED. All high school, college and other transcripts (from ninth grade on) will be required for evaluation. Courses offered include those required by the state as well as a wide variety of elective subjects. Please call for further credit/diploma information. | (253) 566-5144 | Application and acceptance into this special program must be completed through the Adult Learning Center <u>one month</u> prior to the start of each quarter. For details, contact the Adult Learning Center, Building 7 or call 566-5144. | Eligible students who are classified as residents of the State of Washington will have a portion of their tuition waived. Non-resident students must pay full college tuition. All students are responsible to pay for fees and books. \$25 for tuition per quarter and \$5 per class for materials. Tuition information can be found at: http://www.tacomac.ctc.edu/register/tuition.shtm . |

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| Alternative Learning Center - Tacoma Public Schools | 3319 S Adams Tacoma, WA 98409 (located on the Oakland Alternative School site) | Individualized to meet each student's needs. Will be approximately 5 hours a week. | Referrals are needed from a pending high school from counselor or the principal. Serving students grades 9 th thru 12 th that are disconnected from the comprehensive high schools. | In the Alternative Learning Center, there are three staff members who teach the required subjects to students who are self-motivated and who need a very different type of school schedule. Learning is individualized to meet each student's needs. | (253) 571-1955 | Students apply for this program, are interviewed and assigned a teacher in the Center by the Oakland site guidance counselor. | Free. |
| Bates Technical High School | Downtown Campus (main campus) 1101 South Yakima Avenue Tacoma, WA 98405 South Campus 2201 South 78th Street Tacoma, WA 98409 | Contact Bates Technical College for class schedule. | Students must be between 16 and 20 years old, have a minimum of 10 high school credits, and have written permission from their high school principal. | Eligible high school students may register in career training programs at Bates and earn high school credits while learning job skills. | Call (253)680-7000 or 680-7410 | Call to get application and registration materials. In addition, Technical High School students must attend a program orientation. (Orientations for Technical High School and Running Start students are held the first and third Thursdays of every month at the Downtown Campus Cafeteria at 3pm and at the South Campus Cafeteria at 10:30 am.) | Technical High School students do not pay tuition, but there are costs for consumable materials and the activity/program fees. |
| Clover Park Technical College | 4500 Steilacoom Boulevard S.W. Lakewood, Washington 98499 | Contact Clover Park for class schedule. | Adults 19 years and older. | High School completion program. | (253) 589-5548 | Contact Clover Park for enrollment information. | There is a fee for the classes. |

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| Communities in Schools | 6701 Park Avenue Tacoma, WA 98408 | Year round. | Students from kindergarten through high school. | CIS is a community based organization committed to helping kids succeed in school and prepare for life. This is done through connecting resources, services, business partners, parents and volunteers with schools to make it easier for kids and families to get the help they need. | (253)571-3484 | Call or stop by. | Differs depending upon the program. |
| Day Reporting School @ Remann Hall | 5501 6th Ave Tacoma, WA 98406 | Monday-Friday. | Mostly high school students, some middle-school students. | The Day Reporting School works in connection with the Tone Transitional Center. This school is for students who are from homeless families, have parole officers, or have been out of school for a significant period of time and are need of transitional help. | (253) 798-7900 | Contact the school. | Free. |
| Diaz Art For Youth (New DAY) | PO Box 2161 Tacoma, WA 98401 | Monday through Friday 9-5. | Interested teens. | To aid youth in creating art. | (253)627-5933 | Call or come by. | Price is discussed upon appointment. |

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| <p>Fresh Start @ Tacoma Community College</p> | <p>Located in Building 2A (on the 12th Street side of the Campus) Tacoma Community College 6501 S. 19th Street Tacoma, WA 98466-6139</p> | <p>Students will take a ten-credit (2 hours a day, 5 days a week) class that covers study skills, job skills, social skills and communication skills. Students will also take three-credits (1 hour a day, 3 days a week) in computer basics.</p> | <p>Eligibility Requirements: 1.) To qualify, you should be 16 to 21 and not currently enrolled in high school. 2.) You must have been out of school for 60 days, or you must obtain a waiver from the school district. 3.) You must take the Assessment test and score at least at the 90's level for English and Reading.</p> | <p>The Fresh Start Program is designed to give young people a chance to go back to school and improve their employment opportunities. FS helps students get the basic skills, education, and job training they need to succeed in the world of work. Students may finish their diploma through the FS program, take professional-technical courses in order to improve employment opportunities, satisfy basic college requirements, and work on a college certificate or degree in a professional/ technical field. There are a variety of professional/technical degrees to chose from in Business, Computers, Education, Legal, Medical, Office, and Human Services fields.</p> | <p>Call (253)566-5086. For more information about the program or application process call the number above or drop by their office in Building 2A.</p> | <p>Step 1: The Fresh Start Office will supply you with a fee waiver so that you can take the assessment test. This test needs to be done before you will be given application materials. Step 2: Bring the Assessment results to the Fresh Start office to receive an application packet. Step 3: Complete the Application Packet and letter of intent and return it to the Fresh Start office. Step 4: Make an appointment for an intake interview with one of the Fresh Start Educational Planners. Step 5: Attend the Pre-Quarter Orientation to pick up your schedule.</p> | <p>Free classes and textbooks.</p> |

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| Lincoln Tree Farm | 28001 Mountain Hwy E Spanaway, WA 98387 | Monday through Friday, full days. | Students ages 16-21. | A full-day program located on a 365-acre forest. The Lincoln Tree Farm serves as an outdoor work site for students interested in establishing careers in natural resource areas; forestry, wildlife, recreation, mechanics and woodworking skills on the beginning entry-level. The complete course is designed as a two semester program. | (253) 571-6660 | Call the Tree Farm. | Free. |
| Maxine Mimms Academy | Office Location: Oasis of Hope , 1937 South G Street Tacoma, WA 98405 Classroom Location: People's Community Center 1602 Martin Luther King Jr. Way Tacoma, WA 98405 | Sites are open and available for use from 9:30 am to 5:30 pm. School in session 10 am to 3 pm Mon-Fri. | Suspended and expelled middle school students. | The Maxine Mimms TRIAGE program is a new vision of schooling for suspended/expelled youth that addresses academics and behavioral challenges and works to ensure students pass state standardized tests. The Academy works in collaboration with the family via workshops for each parent, counseling sessions, etc. Each student has a mentor and each family has access to an educational advocacy coach 24 hours a day. | (Oasis) (253) 627-5506 (PCC) (253) 627-8004 | Call for more information. | Call for more information. |
| MESA @ Pacific Lutheran University | Tacoma/South Puget Sound MESA Program, PLU Tingelstad Hall, #101 Tacoma, WA 98447 | Monday-Friday, 8 am-5pm | Ages K – 12 th grade. | Underrepresented students in WA state will achieve their full potential and contribute in the fields of mathematics, engineering, and science. | (253) 535-7142 | Call or stop by. | Free. |

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| Oakland Alternative-Tacoma Public Schools | 3319 S. Adams St. Tacoma, WA 98409 | Follows TPS calendar, call for hours Office Hours: 7:00am – 3:30pm. | 9 th – 12 th grade students. | High school with a student-centered curriculum which provides an education option different from traditional education. | (253) 571-6470 | There is an application process that includes referral by principal of student's primary school of attendance. Students also must take a placement test, and, together with a parent or guardian, meet with Oakland's principal for orientation. | Free. |
| Pierce College High School Completion | Pierce College, Fort Steilacoom 9401 Farwest Drive SW, Lakewood, WA Pierce College, Puyallup 1601 39th Avenue East Puyallup, WA | Contact Pierce College for class schedules. | Any person who does not have a high school diploma and who meets the college's general admission requirements may enter the high school completion program. If a student is still in high school or has dropped out but his/her class has not yet graduated, he/she must get permission from the high school or school district to attend Pierce. | A variety of high school classes are offered in English, Math, Social Studies, Science, and Study Skills in order to provide students with the credits they need to graduate from high school. | Pierce College at Fort Steilacoom: (253) 964-7324 Pierce College at Puyallup: (253) 840-8461 www.pierce.ctc.edu/ged/ | Contact the Pierce College Learning Center and make an appointment with an advisor. (For students who are receiving a high school diploma from Pierce College, a transcript of all previous high school or other school work is required. If necessary, Pierce College's staff will help the students obtain transcripts). | Tuition rates can be found online. (Persons 19 years or older who meet the requirements for Washington state residency for tuition-paying purposes, or who are active-duty military or dependents of same, will pay a reduced rate for classes that apply toward their high school completion program. Washington state residents under 19 years must pay resident tuition rates.) |

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| Running Start @ Bates Technical College | <p>Downtown Campus (main campus) 1101 South Yakima Avenue Tacoma, WA 98405</p> <p>South Campus 2201 South 78th Street Tacoma, WA 98409</p> | Contact Bates Technical College for class schedule. In the hours from 8am-5pm Mon-Fri. | High school age 16 and up or, juniors and seniors who are eligible for Running Start. | The college's career training programs are state-approved Running Start courses. Students earn high school credits while learning job specific skills. Students are in an adult environment with challenging courses. Students receive one or two years of post-secondary technical job training -- tuition free. | Call (253)680-7004 or 680-7263 | Eligible high school juniors and seniors register in their local school district and at Bates. | Running Start students pay quarterly fees and are responsible to purchase consumable materials. |
| Running Start @ Clover Park Technical College | 4500 Steilacoom Boulevard S.W. Lakewood, Washington 98499 | Contact Clover Park for class schedule. | Juniors or seniors in high school, ages 16-21. | High school upperclassmen who have chosen career direction can benefit from college-level instruction, earning high school and college credit/job training simultaneously. | (253) 589-5701 | To enroll, students must take the COMPASS test, and meet program-specific requirements. Contact Monika for assistance. | Students pay fees and purchase books. See the website of contact Monika for further information. |

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| Running Start @ Tacoma Community College | Building 18 Tacoma Community College 6501 S. 19th Street Tacoma, WA 98466-6139 | Contact TCC for course schedule. Suggested Application Dates: June 1 for Fall quarter December 1 for Winter quarter March 1 for Spring quarter *These are not the last days, but are recommended | Eligibility requirements: 1.) Be enrolled in a public high school. 2.) Be a Junior or Senior according to the student's high school. 3.) Place at college level in Reading and English on TCC's assessment placement program. 4.) Students with high school grade-point-averages of less than 2.50 are admitted, but may be advised to enroll in a college success course their first quarter in the program. | Running Start is a statewide program that allows eligible high school juniors and seniors to enroll in tuition-free courses at TCC and earn both high school and college credit. Students may enroll part-time or full-time at the college. Running Start student enrollment is limited to classes numbered 100 and above. Students may enroll simultaneously in high school and college classes, or solely in college classes. They will receive high school credit toward graduation as well as college credit toward a transfer or vocational degree. | (253)566-6061 or runstart@tcc.ctc.edu | 1.) Attend a Running Start information session. Call or email for times that information sessions are offered. 2.) Meet with high school counselor to determine eligibility and to get a "Certificate of Eligibility" (if Tacoma & within school District). 3.) Take an assessment test at the college. Call 566-5158 for an automated message of testing dates and times. 4.) Complete all of the following: TCC admissions application, pre-enrollment form, RS form, and high school transcript. 5.) Return paperwork to Building 18 and set up an orientation and scheduling appt. | Students can take up to 18 free credits each quarter. Costs for books, supplies, and transportation are the responsibility of the student. |
| School of the Arts-Tacoma Public Schools | 1950 Pacific Ave. Tacoma, WA 98402 Office Hours: 7:30am – 4:00pm | Roughly follows TPS calendar, call for specifics. | 10 th -12 th grade students. | Comprehensive high school focused around the fine and performing arts. | (253) 571-7900 | Potential students apply in the spring of their 9 th grade year. Contact the SOTA office for specific info regarding application process. | Free. |