



VIOLET HEINTZ EDUCATION ACADEMY

The Violet Heintz Education Academy (VHEA) is Fresno County's educational program for expelled and probation/court referred youth. VHEA embraces a multi-disciplinary, community-based approach to support our at-risk youth in our county. This multi-disciplinary approach is a treatment-oriented program among Fresno County Superintendent of School (FCSS), Fresno County Probation, Fresno City Police Department, Fresno County Mental Health, Mental Health County substance abuse program, along with several collaborative partners. An additional benefit to our students at VHEA is the addition of the Cen Cal Mentoring program. Their mission is to provide mentoring services to "at risk" youth in Alternative Education Programs in the Central Valley. The school program provides educational programming for students who are court-ordered, probation-referred, on formal or informal probation, or who have been expelled from district schools. Students are provided with an educational program tailored to meet their individual academic learning level and behavioral needs. Students are typically enrolled for one to two semesters. With the support of the aforementioned collaborative partners, VHEA is working to fulfill its mission of preparing our students to thrive educationally and socially with the goal of transitioning back to their district of residence or on to college and/or career.