



# Fresno County Court School - Alice M. Worsley School

Alice M. Worsley Court School (AMW) provides a comprehensive education program for school-age youth who are in the custodial care of the Fresno County Juvenile Justice Campus. The Fresno County Office of Education Court School program is in session year round, is operated under the direction of Jim Yovino, Superintendent of Fresno County Court Schools, and has been fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) for over 20 years.

Our vision of the Court School program is to provide exemplary educational programming guided by a well-defined curriculum designed to address the individual needs of Fresno County's at-risk youth. Our mission is to assess students' educational needs; provide educational opportunities for all students which strive to develop positive self-esteem, academic skills, practical life and social skills; provide relevant career technical education, assist students in completing their high school education, and/or in transitioning to other appropriate educational programs.

Our Student Learning Outcomes, in accordance with the school accreditation process and stakeholder feedback, were revised in May 2014:

1. Students will demonstrate progress toward proficiency in academics, 21st Century skills, and college and career readiness.
2. Students will exhibit pro-social behavior, demonstrate self-discipline, responsibility, and encourage peer improvement.
3. Students will successfully transition and continue on an educational and/or career path.

Our school's progress indicators are CAHSEE passage rates and local formative assessments in reading, writing and math. Progress indicators are monitored throughout the school year at our regularly scheduled administrative team meetings, Leadership Cadre meetings, content-area specific focus group meetings, and professional learning communities.

The Court School's curricular emphasis has a solid foundation of the California State Standards and the California High School Exit Exam Standards, while maintaining particular attention to the various needs and learning styles represented by all students. We are focused on transitioning to full implementation of the Common Core State Standards and practices in accordance with our district set goals. We will continue to monitor progress of our focus on learning and collective inquiry to best practice. In addition, our school is in its second year of School-wide Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports, a decision making framework that guides selection, integration, and implementation of evidence-based academic and behavioral practices for improving academic and behavior outcomes for all students. Professional development opportunities will continue to be aligned to support our identified critical areas of need of the school community such as literacy, numeracy, English Language Development, character education/social development and 21st Century Learning Skills in order to maximize academic engagement and achievement for all students.

School enrollment at Worsley varies for each student as determined by the adjudication process of the juvenile courts. The long term enrollment program until recently provided school services to students who were adjudicated for four or more months. However as early as 2010, the commitment student population's sentence duration has varied with a growing number of students in custody duration decreasing. Our designated short-term enrollment program ("detention campus") provides school services to students awaiting court processes, resulting in school enrollment that may range from a few days to several weeks. Our CBEDS 2013 enrollment for the school campus was 299 (171 enrolled in the commitment campus and 128 in the detention campus). Capacity for student enrollment in the school program is dependent on the Fresno County Juvenile Justice Campus' (JJC) capacity/budget/resources; capacity is 390. Due to the nature of a court school program, up to 3,000 students may be served in one school year.