

Where do I take ESL classes in Northern Alameda County?

We have different types of schools that offer English classes in Northern Alameda County: adult schools and community colleges. Before you choose a class, we recommend that you think about why you are studying English.

ADULT SCHOOL

I want to study English, and I need to start at the beginning. I need practice with the alphabet and numbers.

Adult schools offer English classes for students at every level. We recommend that you begin at an adult school to build your English skills.

I never finished high school and want to get my GED.

Many adult schools offer classes to prepare you to take (and pass!) the GED exam.

I need to improve my English to communicate in the community, at my child's school, and at my work.

Adult schools offer English classes for students who want to learn basic communication skills. We recommend that you begin at an adult school to build your English skills.

COSTS OF ADULT SCHOOL

It is typically free to attend an adult school, regardless of your immigration status. There may be a charge for materials. You must be 18 years or older to attend.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

I want a certificate to get a specific job.

You can receive a technical certificate in subjects like mechanics, aviation, computers, business, and more at community colleges. We recommend that you have at least an intermediate level of English before starting a certificate program.

I want to transfer to a 4-year university to get a degree.

Many students take lower-level courses, such as ESL and math, at a community college to save money before they transfer to a 4-year university. We recommend that you meet with an academic counselor to create a plan.

I need to improve specific English skills, like speaking, reading, and writing.

Community colleges offer ESL classes in different language skills. You can choose classes based on the English skills you want to improve to help you succeed in your job, your classes, or your daily life.

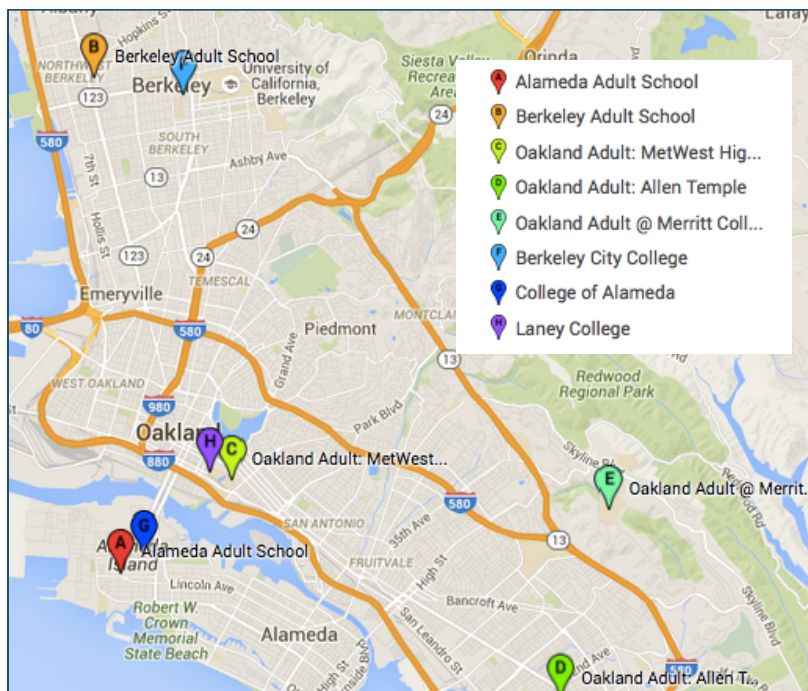
COSTS OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The cost to attend community college depends on: the number of classes you take, how long you've lived in California, your family income, and your immigration status. There may be resources available to help you with costs. Please see a financial aid counselor at the community college for more information.

Why do I want to study English?

I don't have a social security number. Can I take a class?

Adult schools do not ask for a social security number. Community colleges ask for a social security number during the registration process, but students are **not** required to provide it. Community college classes cost more without a social security number, as you will be considered an international student. If you went to high school in California, please ask a financial aid counselor about **AB540**.



ESL Class Locations in Northern Alameda County

This is a map of the adult schools and community colleges in Northern Alameda County. Use the information below to decide which location is best for you.

Information Key	
L	ESL Literacy
BL	ESL Beginning Low
BH	ESL Beginning High
IL	ESL Intermediate Low
IH	ESL Intermediate High
A	ESL Advanced
AM	Morning classes
PM	Evening classes
SMR	Summer classes
🚏	Near bus stop
B	Near BART
Ⓟ	Parking lot available

A. Alameda Adult School

401 Pacific Ave, Alameda, CA
510-522-3858

www.alameda-adult-school.org

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AM PM 🚏 Ⓟ

B. Berkeley Adult School

1701 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley, CA
510-644-6130

bas.berkeley.net

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C. Oakland Adult School

Classes held at MetWest High School
314 E 10th St, Oakland, CA
510-273-2310

www.ousd.org/oace

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PM 🚏 Ⓟ **B**

D. Oakland Adult School

Classes held at Allen Temple Baptist Church
8501 International Blvd, Oakland, CA
510-273-2310

www.ousd.org/oace

BL BH IL

AM 🚏 Ⓟ

E. Oakland Adult School

Classes held at Merritt College
12500 Campus Dr, Oakland, CA
510-273-2310

www.ousd.org/oace

AM 🚏 Ⓟ

F. Berkeley City College

2050 Center St, Berkeley, CA

www.berkeleycitycollege.edu/wp/esl

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G. College of Alameda

555 Ralph Appezato Memorial Pkwy, Alameda, CA
www.alameda.peralta.edu/english-as-a-second-language

BH IL IH A

AM PM 🚏 Ⓟ **SMR**

H. Laney College

900 Fallon St, Oakland, CA

www.laney.edu/wp/esl

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