

CAREER PATHWAYS at SAN DIEGUITO ACADEMY



What is a Career Pathway? A Career Pathway is a series of courses that directly connect what students learn in high school to college or technical training and beyond. Pathways allow students to explore a career field and to find their passion. Several pathway courses offer both high school and community college credit. Many courses are approved by the UC and CSU system. Students who successfully complete a pathway will earn a **Certificate of Achievement**, an excellent addition to a college application, job application, or resume.

What courses must I take in the pathway? We have several paths to allow your student the flexibility they need to create a personalized experience while learning about a career that interests them. We offer introduction, concentration and capstone (completer) courses in each pathway that allows students to sequence their course selection to build on their education year after year.

Will I have room in my schedule? San Dieguito Academy students enjoy the 4x4 schedule, which allows students to take 90 additional credits beyond graduation requirements. In addition, many pathway courses also fulfill high school graduation and college admissions requirements. Fitting career pathway courses into a schedule is not a problem at SDA, and is one of the many positive benefits of the 4x4 schedule.

Why participate in a pathway? Participation in a career pathway offers many benefits. Students enrolled in pathway courses study a series of hands-on, exciting topics in a field that may be of particular interest to them. Students have the opportunity to explore a possible career path while planning for life after high school, thus saving both time and money! They also have the ability to gain valuable experience in the field by taking a variety of courses that expose them to the career of their choice. Career pathways demonstrate to colleges, work training, or future employers the dedication and commitment of the student.

Where can I go for more information? Visit the school website and check out the Career Pathways link. The Counseling website also offers excellent course descriptions. In addition, counselors and teachers provide valuable insight. Be sure to join us for Making the Choice Night and Course Selection Night if you are new to San Dieguito Academy. We welcome your participation!

Note: You may take any of these classes without joining a pathway