



Talega Preparatory Academies

PRIVATE SCHOOL INDEPENDENT STUDY PROGRAMS (PSP)

Parent Student Handbook



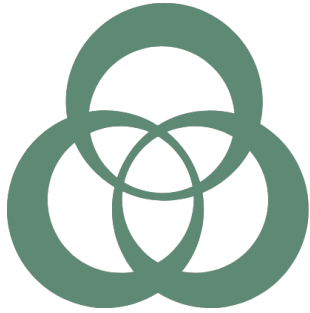


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Overview

Talega Preparatory Academy Independent Study Programs

The Talega Preparatory Academy, a WASC-accredited private school, delivers dynamic independent study programs to students across the United States. Talega Prep's **Athletes 1st Academy** is a supplementary education program uniquely designed to support elite athletes nationwide and offers flexible scheduling to balance rigorous training with academic excellence.

The Talega Preparatory Academy is registered as a private school in California and Florida. We serve families anywhere in the country who [comply with their state's homeschooling regulations](#).

Talega Prep's high school program enables students to earn a prestigious WASC-accredited diploma through two distinct pathways: the **Traditional/College Preparatory Track** or the **General Diploma/Vocational Track**.

Students benefit from self-paced courses, interactive video content, and dedicated, individualized support to achieve their goals.

Through the Acellus online platform, Talega Prep offers a diverse course catalog, encompassing core subjects like Mathematics, English, Social Studies, and Science, alongside a wide array of electives. These electives allow students to explore personal interests and dive into specialized fields, fostering career exploration and skill development tailored to their aspirations.

Accreditation and Membership

Accreditation assures learners and the public that a school meets and exceeds standards for quality of faculty, curriculum, and fiscal stability. It also assures that your diploma is recognized by employers, professional associations and other accredited institutions of higher learning.



The Talega Preparatory Academy is Fully Accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Schools, Western Association of Schools and Colleges



The Talega Preparatory Academy is registered with the California Department of Education.

CDS Code: 30664646204176



The Talega Preparatory Academy is Registered with the Florida Department of Education.
School code 9842



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High School Graduation Paths and Requirements

Talega Preparatory Academy, a WASC-accredited private school, offers two graduation pathways designed to meet diverse student needs and support eligibility for collegiate athletics. Both pathways require 24 Carnegie Units and align with rigorous academic standards.

Path 1: Traditional/College Preparatory Path

This pathway aligns with University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU) A-G standards for college admission, supporting athletic eligibility and preparing students for higher education.

4 English: Approved courses in literature, composition, or related subjects.

3 Math: Includes Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II; a fourth year is recommended.

2 Social Science: Includes 1 year of U.S. History* or 0.5 year U.S. History + 0.5 year American Government/Civics*, and 1 year of World History.

2 Science: Includes two of Biology, Chemistry, or Physics (approved lab sciences); a third year is recommended.

2 World Language: Two years in the same language. (ASL is acceptable)

1 Visual/Performing Arts: Includes dance, drama/theater, music, or visual art.

10 Electives: Approved courses to complete 24-unit total.

*Mandatory courses.

Additional Notes:

- Courses are delivered via the Acellus online platform, designed to meet rigorous academic standards.

- Students must complete at least 10 core courses with a minimum grade of “C” by the start of their senior year to support athletic eligibility.
- Talega Prep’s WASC accreditation ensures academic rigor.
- Students should consult NCAA eligibility requirements and verify course approvals via the NCAA Eligibility Center.

Path 2: General Diploma/Vocational Path

This pathway allows students to pursue individualized interests while meeting California’s minimum graduation requirements and supporting athletic eligibility. It balances core academics with flexible electives tailored to career or personal goals.

3 English: Includes Literature* (0.5 unit), Composition* (0.5 unit), Business Writing, Journalism, or other approved English courses.

Math: Includes Algebra I*, Geometry*, Algebra II, Statistics, or other approved math courses.

2 Science: Includes Biology*, Chemistry, Physics, or other approved lab sciences.

2 Social Science: Includes U.S. History/Geography* (0.5 unit), American Government/Civics* (0.5 unit), World History, or other approved social sciences.

2 Physical Education: Includes individual/team sports, athletic training, or approved activities.

2 Arts, Music, or World Language: Includes visual/performing arts or languages (e.g., ASL accepted as a foreign language).

11 Additional Core Subject Courses or Electives: May include approved CTE courses, Work Experience, or independent studies to meet 24-unit total.

*Mandatory minimum of 0.5 unit each.

Online High School Courses

Talega Preparatory Academy provides flexible, year-round enrollment, allowing students to start their courses at any point. We encourage all high school students to develop a personalized education plan to ensure they meet graduation requirements while exploring subjects that ignite their passions. This plan is crafted before a student's first year and can be adjusted as needed throughout their time at Talega Prep. Student Athletes must create an NCAA profile upon admission to determine course requirements and eligibility.

Our high school curriculum encompasses core disciplines, including Mathematics, Science, English, and Social studies. Beyond these, we offer a diverse range of courses in foreign languages, music, fine arts, health, and career and technical education, empowering students to discover interests that could shape their future careers.

Talega Preparatory Academy provides Advanced Placement (AP) classes for students who demonstrate high achievement in specific areas, nurturing their academic strengths.

Our courses feature dynamic video lessons and engaging interactive content, powered by adaptive AI to personalize learning for each student.

Any transfer credits or external coursework must be reviewed and approved to ensure they align with our standards for depth and rigor.

High School Course Catalog

(credit for each course is 1 unit unless otherwise noted)

Math:

- [Pre-Algebra](#)
- [Algebra I](#)
- [Geometry](#)
- [Algebra II](#)
- [Trigonometry](#) (*Semester 0.5 units*)
- [Pre-Calculus](#)
- [AP Calculus AB](#)
- [AP Calculus AB Exam Prep](#)
- [AP Calculus BC](#)
- [AP Statistics](#)
- [Business Math](#)
- [College Exam Math Prep](#) (*Semester 0.5 units*)
- [Pre-Algebra – Spanish](#)
- [Algebra I – Spanish](#)

Language Arts:

- [English I](#)
- [English II](#)
- [American Literature – English III](#)
- [British & World Literature – English IV](#)
- [College Prep – English IV](#)
- [AP English Literature and Composition](#)
- [AP English Language and Composition](#)
- [Discover English – Part I](#) (*ESL*)
- [Discover English – Part II](#) (*ESL*)

Science:

- [Physical Science](#)
- [Biology](#)

- [AP Biology](#)
- [Introduction to Physics and Chemistry](#)
- [General Chemistry](#)
- [AP Chemistry](#)
- [General Physics](#)
- [Honors Physics](#)
- [AP Physics I](#)
- [Environmental Science](#)
- [AP Environmental Science](#)

Social Studies:

- [Introduction to US History](#)
- [United States History](#)
- [AP US History](#)
- [World History](#)
- [World Geography](#)
- [AP World History: Modern](#)
- [US Government and Civics](#) (*Semester 0.5 units*)
- [Economics](#)
- [AP European History](#)
- [Personal Finance](#) (*Semester 0.5 units*)
- [Psychology](#)
- [AP Psychology](#)
- [Epic Moments in World History](#)
- [Ethnic Studies](#) (*Semester 0.5 units*)

Career and Technical Education:

- [Business Management](#)
- [Electrical Technology I](#)
- [Electrical Technology II](#)
- [HVAC Technology I](#)
- [HVAC Technology II](#)
- [Info Management I](#)
- [Info Management II](#)

- [Medical Terminology](#)
- [Plumbing Technology I](#)
- [Plumbing Technology II](#)
- [Intro to Accounting](#)
- [Accounting I](#)
- [Accounting II](#)
- [Principles of Business, Marketing, and Finance](#)
- [Investigating Careers](#)
- [College & Career Readiness](#)
- [Instructional Standards in Education and Training](#)
- [Mastering Microsoft Excel](#)
- [Principles of Agriculture](#)
- [Agriculture I](#)
- [Agriculture II](#)
- [Fundamentals of Design](#)
- [Driver Safety](#) (*Mini-Course 0.25 units*)

Health:

- [High School Health](#)
- [High School Social & Emotional Health 1](#)
- [High School Social & Emotional Health 2](#)
- [Medical Terminology](#)
- [Physical Education](#)

STEM:

- [STEM 1: Intro to Coding](#)
- [STEM 2: JavaScript](#)
- [STEM 3: Electronics and Coding](#)
- [Introduction to Java](#)
- [AP Computer Science Principles](#)
- [AP Computer Science A](#)
- [Fundamentals of Design](#)

Foreign Language:

- [Discover Spanish](#)
- [Discover Portuguese](#)
- [French I](#)
- [French II](#)
- [German I](#)
- [German II](#)
- [Spanish I](#)
- [Spanish II](#)
- [Spanish III](#)
- [American Sign Language](#)

Fine Arts:

- [Music Appreciation](#)
- [AP Music Theory](#)
- [AP Drawing](#)
- [Collaborative Theater](#)

[View Sample High School Transcript](#)

Grading Scale

Talega Preparatory Academy Grading Scale

Grade	Range	Standard Courses	Honors/AP Dual Credit
A+	97-100	4.0	5.0
A	93-96	4.0	5.0
A-	90-92	3.7	4.7
B+	87-89	3.3	4.3
B	83-86	3.0	4.0
B-	80-82	2.7	3.7
C+	77-79	2.3	3.3
C	73-76	2.0	3.0
C-	70-72	1.7	2.7
D+	67-69	1.3	2.3
D	63-66	1.0	2.0
D-	60-62	0.7	1.7
F	0-59	0	0

Note: To qualify for graduation with honors, a minimum GPA of 3.0 is required.

Community Service Requirements

Florida Bright Futures Scholarship students are required to download, fill out, and submit the listed forms to **Kya Miller**, our Community Service Coordinator.

- **Proposal:** Submit before starting a community service project to gain approval for your proposed project. Once you receive approval, you may begin your service.
- **Evaluation:** Submit after you complete your service, logging your hours.
- **Attendance form:** This is for group leaders to take attendance and corroborate the hours for each student who participated

Prior to graduation, all college-bound students planning to use the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship must complete at least 100 hours of community service, fulfilling the eligibility requirements for the Florida Academic Scholars Award under the Florida Bright futures Scholarship.

Program Community Service Requirement.

[Volunteer Work Hours Record \(Download\)](#)

Applying for Graduation

Once all graduation requirements are met, parents must submit a [High School Graduation Application](#) through the Parent Portal.

Talega Preparatory Academy High School Code of Ethical Conduct

For Students and Staff

Purpose

This Code of Ethical Conduct establishes expectations for students and staff to foster a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment that supports academic success and personal growth in high schools across California and Florida.

Scope

This code applies to all students, teachers, administrators, and support staff within the school premises, during school-sponsored activities, and in any interactions representing the school, including online platforms.

General Principles

1. **Integrity:** Act honestly and uphold ethical standards in all actions.
2. **Respect:** Treat others with dignity, valuing diversity and individual differences.
3. **Responsibility:** Be accountable for actions and their impact on the school community.
4. **Safety:** Prioritize the physical and emotional well-being of all members.
5. **Fairness:** Ensure equitable treatment and opportunities for all.

Rules for Students

1. **Academic Honesty:**
 - Submit original work and properly cite sources.
 - Refrain from cheating, plagiarism, or assisting others in dishonest acts.
 - Report academic misconduct to teachers or administrators.

2. Respectful Behavior:

- Use respectful language and avoid bullying, harassment, or discrimination based on race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, or other protected characteristics (aligned with California's Education Code Section 220 and Florida's Jeffrey Johnston Stand Up for All Students Act).
- Follow classroom and school rules, including dress codes and behavioral expectations.
- Respect school property and the personal belongings of others.

3. Safety and Well-Being:

- Refrain from violence, threats, or possession of weapons or illegal substances (per California Education Code Section 48900 and Florida Statutes Section 1006.07).
- Report unsafe behaviors or situations to school staff immediately.
- Follow safety protocols during emergencies, drills, or school activities.

4. Digital Citizenship:

- Use school technology responsibly and only for educational purposes.
- Avoid cyberbullying or sharing inappropriate content online.
- Comply with the school's acceptable use policy for devices and internet access.

5. Attendance and Punctuality:

- Attend classes regularly and arrive on time, as required by California's compulsory education laws (Education Code Section 48200) and Florida's attendance policies (Florida Statutes Section 1003.21).
- Provide valid reasons for absences and follow school procedures for reporting.

Rules for Staff

1. Professional Conduct:

- Maintain professional boundaries with students, avoiding favoritism or inappropriate relationships (aligned with California's Title 5, Section 80303 and Florida's Code of Ethics for Educators).
- Model ethical behavior, including honesty, fairness, and respect in all interactions.
- Protect student confidentiality, except when required to report by law (e.g., child abuse reporting under California Penal Code Section 11166 and Florida Statutes Section 39.201).

2. Equity and Inclusion:

- Foster an inclusive environment free from discrimination or bias.
- Address and report any instances of harassment or bullying promptly.
- Provide equitable opportunities for all students to succeed academically and socially.

3. Safety and Supervision:

- Ensure a safe learning environment by enforcing school policies and reporting hazards.
- Supervise students during assigned duties, including field trips and extracurricular activities.
- Respond promptly to incidents of violence, substance abuse, or other safety concerns.

4. Professional Development:

- Engage in ongoing training to stay informed about state laws, ethical standards, and best practices (e.g., California's professional standards for educators and Florida's Professional Educator Competencies).
- Reflect on personal biases and seek to improve teaching and interaction methods.

5. Use of Resources:

- Use school resources, including technology and funds, responsibly and for intended purposes.
- Avoid conflicts of interest, such as accepting gifts that could influence decisions.

Enforcement and Consequences

- **Students:** Violations may result in disciplinary actions, including warnings, detention, suspension, or expulsion, depending on severity and in accordance with state laws (California Education Code Section 48900-48927; Florida Statutes Section 1006.07-1006.09).
- **Staff:** Violations may lead to disciplinary measures, including verbal or written warnings, professional development requirements, suspension, or termination, per state education regulations and district policies.
- **Reporting:** All members of the school community are encouraged to report violations confidentially to administrators or through designated channels, such as a school ombudsman or online reporting system.

Compliance with State Laws

- **California:** This code aligns with the California Education Code, Title 5 regulations, and the California Safe Schools Act, emphasizing non-discrimination, safety, and academic integrity.
- **Florida:** This code complies with Florida Statutes Chapter 1006, the Florida Educator's Code of Ethics, and anti-bullying laws, prioritizing student welfare and professional responsibility.

Review and Updates

This Code of Ethical Conduct will be reviewed annually to ensure alignment with state laws, district policies, and community needs. Feedback from students, staff, and parents will be considered during revisions.

College and NCAA Planning and Admissions Counselors

Private online college planning counselors provide personalized guidance to students and families navigating the college admissions process. Here are some reputable options based on available information, offering virtual services with tailored support for college applications, essays, financial aid, and more:

Private high school NCAA planning counselors specialize in guiding student-athletes through the complex NCAA eligibility and college admissions process, ensuring compliance with academic and athletic requirements. Below is a curated list of private counseling services and resources that focus on NCAA-specific planning for high school student-athletes, offering virtual or in-person support. These services help with core course planning, NCAA Eligibility Center registration, recruiting strategies, and more.

[NCAA Eligibility Center](https://www.ncaa.com/) (<https://www.ncaa.com/>)

- **Collegewise**
 - **Description:** Offers 1:1 online counseling via platforms like Zoom, with expertise in NCAA eligibility requirements. Their counselors, including former admissions officers, guide student-athletes through academic planning, NCAA core course requirements, and application strategies.
 - **NCAA-Specific Services:** Ensures students meet NCAA Division I/II core course and GPA requirements, assists with NCAA Eligibility Center registration, and provides recruiting guidance.
 - **Notable Feature:** Personalized plans starting as early as 7th grade, with a focus on reducing stress and aligning academic and athletic goals.
 - **Contact:** collegewise.com
- **Empowerly**
 - **Description:** Provides virtual college counseling with a 98% success rate for top 100 U.S. college admissions, including support for student-athletes. Their counselors help navigate NCAA academic and amateurism standards.
 - **NCAA-Specific Services:** Assists with core course planning, NCAA Eligibility Center registration, and crafting applications that highlight athletic achievements. Offers feedback from former admissions officers.

- **Notable Feature:** Free 30-minute consultation and access to the Empowerly Score® to assess NCAA readiness.
- **Contact:** empowerly.com

▪ College Ready

- **Description:** Offers one-on-one counseling with a focus on NCAA-bound student-athletes, boasting 5x higher admission rates compared to averages. Helps students gain admission to top schools while minimizing debt.
- **NCAA-Specific Services:** Guides students through NCAA Eligibility Center registration, core course planning, and financial aid strategies tailored for athletic scholarships.
- **Notable Feature:** Over 110 Ivy League placements and a free report on 50 summer ideas for student-athletes.
- **Contact:** [CollegeReady](https://CollegeReady.org)

▪ Honest Game

- **Description:** Honest Game provides a comprehensive software and service platform to simplify NCAA and NAIA academic eligibility for high school student-athletes. Its CARE® (College Athletic Report on Eligibility) system automates real-time tracking of academic progress, ensuring students meet college sports eligibility requirements across all five divisions. The platform supports families with virtual counseling sessions, expert guidance, and resources to navigate the complex college athletic pathway, boosting student-athlete success and college opportunities.
- **NCAA-Specific Services:** Honest Game assists with NCAA Eligibility Center registration, audits and updates school course lists for NCAA compliance, and provides personalized eligibility reports. It guides students on core course selection, NCAA Core GPA requirements (minimum 2.3 for DI, 2.2 for DII), and test score planning. The platform also offers Recruit Assist for step-by-step recruiting guidance and shareable reports for college coaches.
- **Notable Feature:** The CARE® report transforms student transcripts into college-compliant eligibility plans, identifying risks and providing actionable steps to maintain or achieve qualifier status.

Talega Preparatory Staff and Advisors

Marguerite Gaspar, Founder and Director. BA, MS, California and Florida Multiple Subject Teaching Credential, Supplementary Authorization, General Science.

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Additional tutors and support staff are offered by recommendation.

Talega Preparatory Academy School Calendar

Enrollment for New and Returning Students	(Year-Round)
Early Enrollment (Guaranteed Placement)	Jan 1-Mar 31
General Enrollment	April 1-July 30
Late Enrollment (Additional Fee Applies; subject to waitlist)	After Aug 1
First Day of School	August 15
General Admission Course of Study, Tuition, & Fees Due	August 15
-Begin Attendance Record-Curriculum Activated	
Early Application Period Opens for private High schools	Sep-Dec
Fall Semester Ends	Dec 20th
REGISTRATION for Traditional High School begins	February
SPRING SEMESTER ENDS	May 15
Last Day of School	May 15
END OF YEAR REPORTS DUE	May 30

* This independent study school calendar is provided as a guideline for planning and instruction. TPA/A1A students are enrolled in a private full-time day school. Provided the student maintains adequate progress in his/her Course of Study, actual dates of instruction may vary from the instructional dates outlined in the school calendar. Most states require 180 School Days. You are free to plan holidays and vacations as you wish.

Each semester includes 18 instructional weeks, allowing for the following recesses and holidays:

Thanksgiving Break: 1 Week
 Winter Break: 2 Weeks
 Spring Break: 1 Week

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
 Presidents Day (2)
 Memorial Day
 Floating Holiday

Due to the independent study nature of our programs, actual daily schedules may vary.

The deadlines for submission of attendance and assessment documents must be followed in order to meet State requirements and maintain each cumulative record. We will email reminders to you as these documents become due.