



**CONTINUOUS LEARNING:** Our schools are open 12 months a year. This means more time spent learning with minimal interruptions.

**SUBJECT MATTER FOCUSED:** Our curriculum is paced to one or two subjects at a time, helping students be in control and focused, and encouraging them to gain self-confidence.

**ACCOUNTABILITY:** Our students are monitored and tested on a regular basis to ensure progress in meeting required State of California standards. All students are required to pass the CAHSEE (California High School Exit Exam) and to participate in all other state-mandated testing.

### THE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

OFY schools comprise dozens of learning centers in safe and convenient locations easily accessible by public transportation. The centers provide generous space for independent study

and group meetings, and are equipped with wireless laptop computers and the latest in cutting edge technology.

The OFY learning environment is calm, quiet and free from social and other distractions found in large high schools. Outside the classroom, OFY promotes an active student life, complete with a prom, sports, field trips and experiential learning.

### ACCREDITATION & STANDARDS

Our teachers are credentialed and meet Highly Qualified requirement guidelines as established by the Federal No Child Left Behind Act. Additionally, our curriculum meets California state standards and offers University of California and NCAA approved courses. All OFY learning centers are accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

### ELIGIBILITY

OFY accepts any student who:

- is under the age of 19
- is at the 7th – 12th grade level
- not enrolled in another diploma program
- resides within the county of the chartering school district or one of its contiguous counties
- able to read at a sixth grade level

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

We welcome your questions! For more information please call us at (626) 685-9300 or (888) 639-6696 or visit us online at [www.ofy.org](http://www.ofy.org).



**Options For Youth**  
Public Charter Schools  
*Empowering Minds by Inspiring Hearts*

250,000 STUDENTS AND GROWING.

20 YEARS AND COUNTING.



### ABOUT US

As teachers in the Los Angeles Unified School District during the 1980s, John and Joan Hall saw countless students struggling to fit in and do well in a traditional high school setting. Committed to providing them with an alternative educational environment, in 1987 the Halls established Options for Youth (OFY) public charter schools.

From its inception, OFY's mission has been to recover students who have dropped out of traditional schools or have fallen behind in credits and are at risk of failing. This highly successful program has established a track record of achievement in strengthening student performance. OFY student test scores and graduation rates consistently rank equal to, or above, those of comparable schools.

OFY and its sister school, Opportunities for Learning (OFL), teach an estimated 25,000 at-risk students in California each year. Combined, these

schools operate more than 60 learning centers sponsored by eight chartering school districts.

The schools believe that every child has a choice, a dream and can be a leader. They help students succeed by placing a premium on core values such as personal responsibility, academic performance and accountability.

Our year-round academic program enables at-risk youth to earn a high school diploma by preparing them to return to their home schools, or by permitting them, through independent study, to complete their credits for graduation.

### OUR GUIDED INDEPENDENT STUDY PROGRAM

Independent study is a proven approach to learning often compared to the college model because students complete most of their schoolwork

outside the traditional classroom setting. This approach requires students to be responsible, self-reliant, self-disciplined and accountable to their teachers and themselves.

Our program offers flexibility and independence while simultaneously ensuring regular one-on-one contact with OFY's Highly Qualified instructors, who teach, monitor progress, assign homework and administer weekly tests and quizzes. OFY students are required to pass all necessary state coursework and exams.

### WHAT MAKES US UNIQUE

At OFY, our effectiveness stems from a focus on building close relationships with our students and creating a safe learning environment that allows them to thrive. The following are hallmarks of our program:

**STUDENT COMMITMENT:** Students attend our schools by choice — they want to be with us.

All students sign a contract stating their commitment to earn a high school diploma by voluntarily adhering to our enrollment requirements; attendance, work production, test performance, and graduation.

**GUIDED INDIVIDUAL INSTRUCTION:** Our students receive personalized attention from qualified teachers who care about them and their success.

**SMALL GROUP INSTRUCTION:** Students can take advantage of tutorials and small group instruction with a credentialed teacher when additional help is needed.

**FLEXIBLE & SELF-PACED:** Students work independently and at a pace tailored to each individual's ability and learning level, as teachers keep them on track to graduate in an appropriate time period.

**OPEN ENROLLMENT:** In our year-round program, students can enroll at any time.

1 REMARKABLE RESULT—GRADUATION.