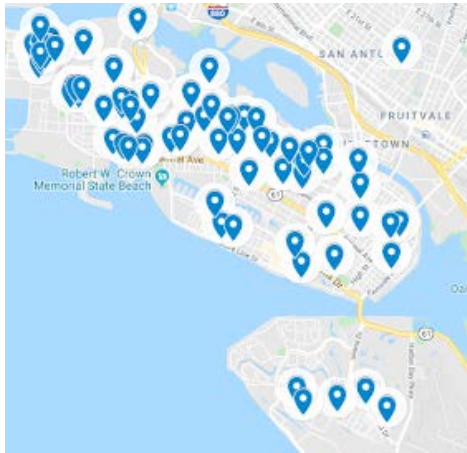


# Highlighting Alameda Schools and Employee Spotlight: Island High School



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# Introduction

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## **MOTTO: SUCCESS BY CHOICE**

- The Island High motto is “Success by Choice.” At Island you have made a choice to stay in school, catch up on your credits, and graduate. The major difference between Island High and other schools is we offer choices about how to obtain your diploma. The Island Way handbook helps you understand your choices.

## **MISSION: EVERY STUDENT IS A GRADUATE AND ON A CAREER PATH**

- We believe that every student can graduate, no matter how far behind you are when you arrive. We give you skills you need to complete high school, then to plan for life after high school.

# Employee Spotlight

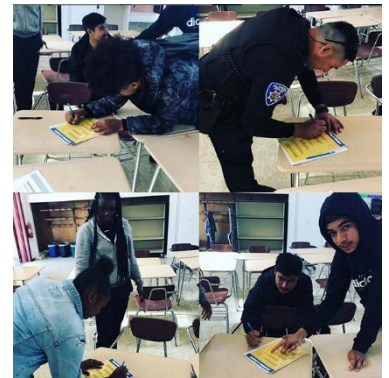
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- Heidi Guibord is one of our phenomenal teachers. This year she took on a new role teaching our Social Justice class. Every day she is excited to try new ideas and has fostered a space where students feel safe to talk about a variety of Social Justice Issues.
- Marie Santos is our ParaEducator at Island. She moves at the speed of light to support ALL of our students. We regularly see her walking with a student here or there to make sure they are connecting where they need to, and constantly is incredibly thoughtful about all students needs!

# Why Island High School?

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- 25:1 max student to teacher ratio
- Late start/Early finish (9am – 2pm)
- No homework
- Work experience program to earn credit for working
- College of Alameda (CoA) Fab Lab partnership - students learn to work with laser tools
- Concurrent enrollment opportunities on campus with support
- Access to mental health services, including Medi-Cal approved rooms for outside therapists
- Variably awarded credit - this is key
- Acellus courses
- Check our Instagram account, we have a LOT of fun!



# Credit Recovery vs Early Graduation

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## Credit Recovery

- A student falling behind can earn credits at an accelerated rate to dig out of the hole they are in.
- A student can go on to graduate or transfer back to traditional school.
- Island is NOT A-G, so if a student transfers back, he/she may need to complete additional science credits to be able to graduate.

## Early graduation

- Traditional: Island students are excited to find success in school and keep going. We currently average one junior a year who graduates.
- NEW: A senior who is not looking to go directly into a 4 year university, would only need to finish government/economics and additional elective courses to graduate.

# What is Independent Study?

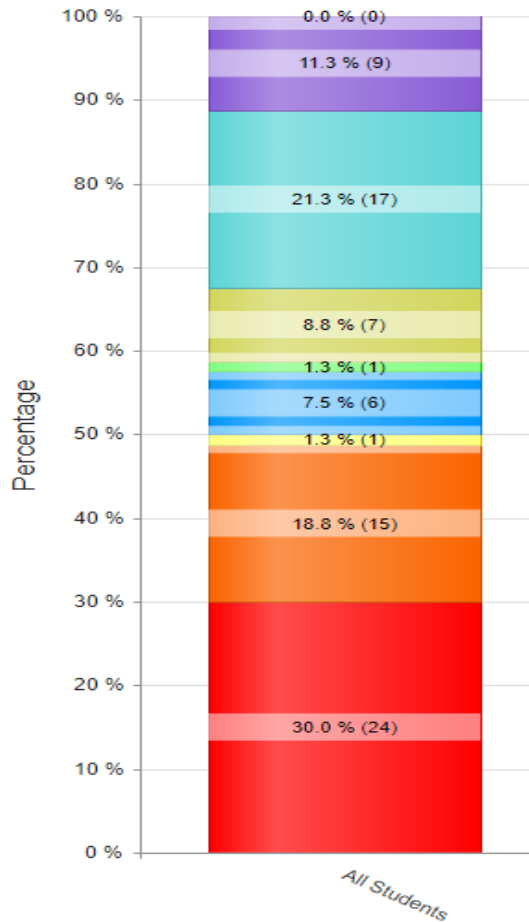
- Independent Study is on the quarter system
- Students take three classes per quarter
- It is NOT a Credit Recovery program
- Students attend a one hour weekly meeting with a credentialed teacher
- Students turn in assignments, get new assignments, and take assessments
- Students can participate in Acellus courses
- Students can have a Hybrid schedule of courses at their traditional high school and participate in Independent Study



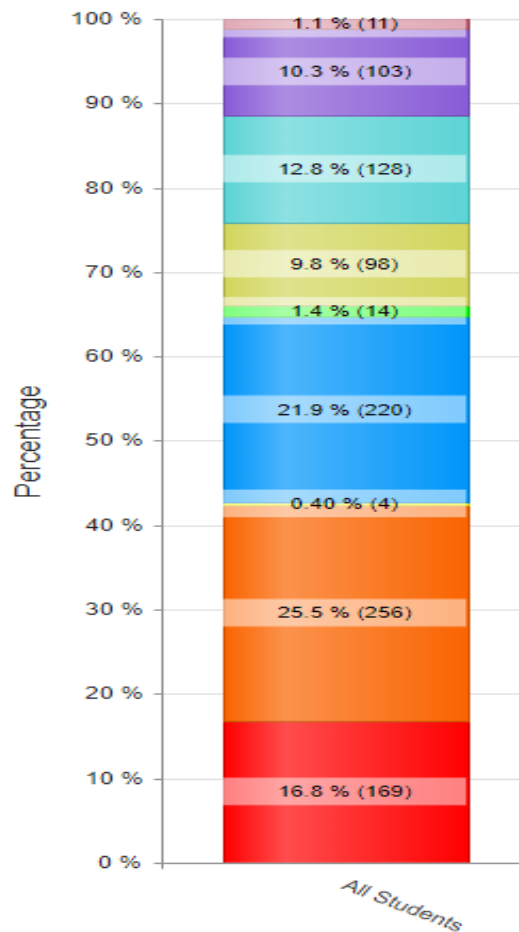
# **Why Students Choose Independent Study**

- Students who choose Independent Study want a different way to access the traditional school curriculum
- Transcripts reflect the student's home high school name
- Independent Study offers A-G courses with the exception of lab science and foreign language
- Independent Study offers a one-on-one setting, in an untraditional classroom
- Many current Independent Study students have chosen this program because they are experiencing social anxiety and/or have a 504 plan. Independent Study gives these students more flexibility

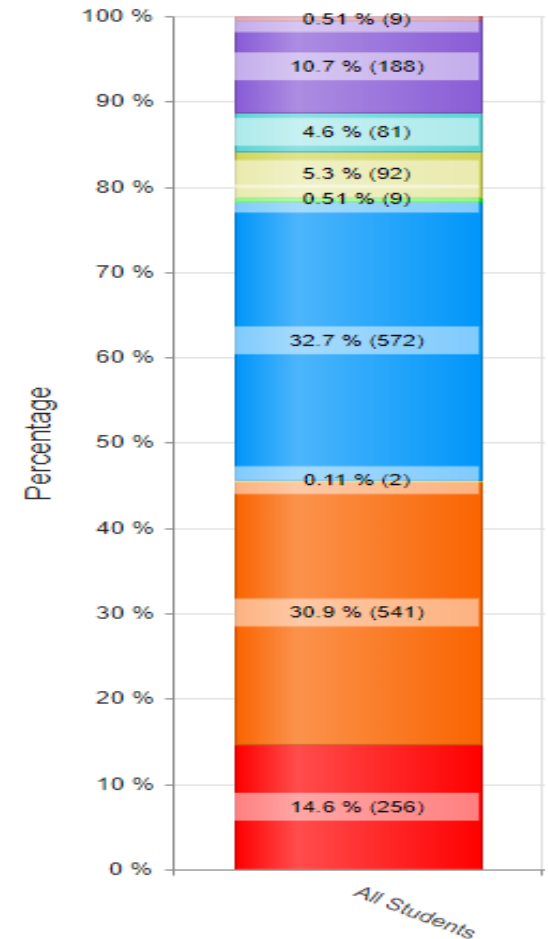
# IHS vs EHS vs AHS



Schools: Island HS  
Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12



Schools: Encinal Jr-Sr HS  
Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12



Schools: Alameda HS  
Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12



# Anti Defamation League: No Place for Hate

- Certified as a “No Place for Hate School” for 18-19
- Again participating in “No Place for Hate” activities for 19-20
- Signing of the Resolution of Respect by all staff
- Local speaker on the history of Racism in Alameda and history of social issues like redlining
- Imam from the Islamic Center of Alameda to talk about Islam and what its like to be a Muslim in Alameda



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# Questions?