

## Referral Process

Phoenix Academy accepts students between 13 and 18 years of age who have been identified as needing support to maintain a sober lifestyle.

Students may be referred by the Juvenile Probation Department, school administrators, School Attendance Review Boards, other treatment programs, family members or the students may refer themselves.

Contact the Phoenix Academy Principal to make an appointment for an individual assessment.

Phoenix Academy (415) 491-0581

Counseling Office (415) 491-0218

## Directions:

From Highway 101 take the North San Pedro Road Exit in San Rafael. Go east toward the Marin County Civic Center. At the first stop light on the east side of the freeway go straight for two-tenths of a mile. On the left will be Washington Street and on the right will be the parking lot of Blessed Sacrament Church. Go into the parking lot, drive past the church on the right, and up the hill to the blacktop. Please check in at the school office in the south wing.

The Marin County Office of Education Alternative Education Program does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap or age in any of its policies, procedures, or practices, in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975.



Phoenix Academy is a school community committed to providing academic and therapeutic services for adolescents to achieve and maintain sobriety and to develop life-long learning skills.



Phoenix Academy is a program of the Marin County Office of Education.

Mary Jane Burke  
Marin County Superintendent of Schools

## Purpose

The primary purpose of Phoenix Academy is to provide a comprehensive academic, therapeutic, health and recreational program to prepare its students to succeed in their local high schools, vocational programs, colleges or employment.



## Background

In 1980 Marin General Hospital opened the Marin Adolescent Recovery Center. The Marin County Office of Education (MCOE) provided the educational component. In 1991 MCOE opened the Sober Classroom at County Community School. In 1995 it became Marin County's first charter school, Sobriety High School. When the charter was renewed in 2000 the name was changed to Phoenix Academy.

## Partnerships

Phoenix Academy would not be possible without the generous support of many partners. A partial list includes:

*Bay Area Community Resources*  
*Canal Community Alliance*  
*Marin Community Foundation*  
*Marin General Hospital Foundation*  
*Marin County Juvenile Probation*  
*Marin Arts Council*

## Team Approach

The Phoenix Academy staff operate as a team, with daily check-ins and weekly staff and treatment team meetings to support students progress through a level system based on their academic, therapeutic and recovery work.



## Therapy

Counseling staff facilitate daily groups, provide students with individual counseling and monitor student progress.

Family therapists work with families to support their child's lifestyle changes and progress in the program.

Families are encouraged and expected to participate in parent education and a multi-family therapy group.

Groups are available in Spanish for families who are primarily Spanish-speaking.



## Academics

Credentialed teachers plan and implement individualized educational programs.

Academic subjects follow State Standards in the core subjects, including Math, Science, English and History.

Students participate in a statewide water project involving extensive field-work, technical analysis and an environmental awareness.

Phoenix Academy is a Digital High School and integrates technology in the educational program.

A Regional Occupational Program teacher provides instruction at all levels of ability in technology within the computer lab, on both Mac and PC.

Special Education students are served by an on-site Resource Specialist.

