



# Year One Impact Report

2023-2024



## Continuity Meets Change

For those who recall the Hanna Boys Center of the past, or 'the old Hanna,' as longtime locals sometimes call it, 'the new Hanna' represents both change and continuity.

Now non-denominational and coeducational, accepting young people from school districts statewide, Hanna Academy serves as a strategic resource for Hanna Center and vice versa.

A campus that once housed a single organization today hosts two: Hanna Center and Hanna Academy. Complementing Hanna Center's system of care, Hanna Academy carries forward the mission of providing a supportive learning environment for troubled youth.

# On the Right Track



Reflecting on our first year as a Nonpublic School (NPS), I am grateful for the invaluable lessons we've encountered. This journey has been full of surprises that have both challenged our assumptions and reaffirmed our mission. We've found that the new students we serve are much like those we've always supported, and we've seen how a nurturing environment can transform their educational experience. These insights have deepened our commitment to adaptive, student-centered learning.

Initially, we anticipated that students referred to us, rather than those that chose to attend, might pose challenges. However, this concern quickly proved unfounded. The 47 students who joined us last year demonstrated striking similarities to the ones we've long served.

This year also marked an important milestone—welcoming our first female student, Sophia, whose leadership and success, including being top welder in our Career and Technical Education (CTE) program, paved the way for more girls to join. We now proudly welcome seven students who identify as female.

While our primary goal is to transition students back to comprehensive high schools, many are reluctant to leave an environment where they feel they belong. It's rewarding to see this attachment, and it underscores our vision: to create a world where schools like ours aren't needed. Until that day, we're proud to provide a place where students, often for the first time, experience success.



As we move into our second year as an NPS, we remain dedicated to supporting these exceptional students while working toward a future where our services are no longer necessary.

**—Courtney Jackson,  
Principal, Hanna Academy**



## Hanna Academy's New Residential Program: A California-Based Solution

In February 2024, Hanna Academy launched its Residential Program, opening doors to students across California who previously faced geographical barriers. This marks a major milestone for school districts looking for in-state options for students with specialized educational needs.

After Hanna Academy secured certification as a nonpublic school in 2023 from the California Department of Education and accreditation from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, we wanted to be sure we could serve more students than those within driving distance. While most residential programs are out of state, Hanna Academy is now one of the few California NPS schools offering a co-ed program for students in grades 9 through 12 who have individualized education plans (IEPs).

With a low 1:6 staff-to-student ratio, the program provides personalized attention, counseling, and structured daily activities. Students benefit from group living, sports, and recreation programs on Hanna Center's 90-acre campus, which supports emotional and social growth.

This new residential offering positions Hanna Academy as a vital in-state resource for students with specialized needs, empowering California families with an educational opportunity that supports their student's unique talents and abilities.



# Hanna Academy Highlights

## OUR STUDENT EXPERIENCE

- **90%** of students agreed Hanna Academy has helped them figure out which careers match their interests and abilities.
- **81%** of students agreed their teachers encourage them to explain their answers—why they think what they think.
- **49** students were enrolled and stayed with Hanna Academy for more than two months during the 2023-2024 academic year, surpassing our Year One goal of 48 students.
- **70%+** of eligible students have used individual guidance counseling every month throughout the academic year.

## CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION

- **72%** of students would recommend the CTE program to their friends.

*“Mr. Snowden was my favorite teacher; I really enjoyed learning from him. He introduced me to welding, the first path that I loved and could see making a career out of. He gave me focus where before, I had no direction.” —Alex, 2024 Graduating Senior*

## OUR FACULTY IMPACT

- **91%** of students feel their teachers connect in-class learning with life outside of school.
- **88%** of students feel there is an adult from school who they can talk to when they're feeling upset, stressed, or having problems.

*“I really feel like the teachers care about me and how successful I am in life.”*

*“They don't give up on me, they will meet me where I am, they give me grace and also help me to do my best.”*



Hanna Academy faculty



# Hanna Academy's Vision

We see a world in which every student is prepared and able to succeed in school and in life—regardless of academic and emotional challenges. Our vision is grounded in the belief that, with support and guidance, every student can identify and reach their goals.



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