

ADULT EDUCATION

WINTER/SPRING 2026 COURSE CATALOG

REGISTRATION OPENS TUES., NOV. 18, 8:00 A.M.



SVAEP.org



408-723-6450



760 Hillsdale Ave
San Jose, CA 95136

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DEAR COMMUNITY MEMBERS,

I'm thrilled to invite you to register for our Winter/Spring 2026 classes at Silicon Valley Adult Education (SVAE)!

SVAE is a proud member of the South Bay Consortium for Adult Education, and is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). We have dedicated and caring teachers and support staff ready to assist you throughout your educational journey.



Whether you're eager to learn something new or advance your career, we offer something for everyone. We have both day and evening classes throughout the school year to fit your educational needs. Our programs are designed to help individuals learn adult basic education skills, improve their English skills, earn their high school diploma or equivalency, and acquire valuable career and technical education job skills in areas like Medical Assistant, Medical Terminology with ESL Support, and Medical Assistant Back Office. We are also excited to welcome new CTE classes to our offerings this semester with the addition of Automotive Maintenance & Light Repair and Metals Technology (Welding).

Adult education touches on many aspects of our education system and workforce development. It's not just about one path—it's about providing opportunities for personal and professional growth across various fields.

Investing in your education is one of the best decisions you can make. By continuing your education, you open doors to better job opportunities, personal development, and a brighter future for you and your family.

Register today and take the first step toward your journey to success!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Malileh Vafai". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Malileh Vafai, Ph.D.
Director, Silicon Valley Adult Education

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SPRING 2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR

SPRING 2026 REGISTRATION OPENS:
Tuesday, November 18 at 8:00 a.m.

NOTE: Registration for ESL, High School Diploma,
and Medical Assisting classes are ongoing.

Visit [SVAEP.org](https://svaep.org) or call (408) 723-6450

WINTER/SPRING SEMESTER STARTS	January 6, 2026
WINTER BREAK	February 16-20, 2026
SPRING BREAK	April 6-10, 2026
WINTER/SPRING SEMESTER ENDS	May 27, 2026
GRADUATION	May 28, 2026

Check for Updates: svae.metroed.net/calendar

Silicon Valley Adult Education (SVAE) is part of the Metropolitan Education District (MetroED). It offers adult education classes FREE of charge or low cost to adults 18 years or older. SVAE provides entry-level and advanced courses in Career Technical Education as well as free English as a Second Language (ESL), Adult Basic Education (ABE), and High School Equivalency (HSE) preparation for General Educational Development (GED) and High School Equivalency Test (HiSET) and High School Diploma (HSD) courses both on-campus and online. Accredited by WASC, SVAE also offers free assessment tests, academic and career counseling, and a Regional Testing Center for various state and national exams.

For more information about programs and services in addition to this catalog, visit the school website at SVAEP.org or call us at 408-723-6450.

Mission

We inspire, engage, and connect for success in life, college and careers

Vision

We will become the model of authentic career technical and adult learning through high-quality instruction, staff, partnership and facilities

Guiding Values

- Collaboration
- Compassion
- Creativity
- Equity
- Integrity



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SILICON VALLEY ADULT EDUCATION

CHANGING STUDENTS' LIVES

CREATING BRIGHTER FUTURES

WELCOME TO THE WINTER/SPRING TERM

We are thrilled to unveil our new Winter/Spring 2026 catalog! Explore the new classes we have available and discover opportunities to learn and grow with us. Whether you're looking to advance your career, pick up a new hobby, or enhance your skills, our diverse course offerings are designed to meet your needs. Join our vibrant community of learners and take the first step toward achieving your goals. Dive in and see what adventures await you this season!

LOCATION:

760 Hillsdale Ave
San Jose, CA 95136

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Thursday:
8:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Key to Class Notations

Day	Time	Date	Fee
M	8:30 - 11:45 a.m.	1/6 -5/27	\$100
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Day	Time	Start/End	Fee

MORE INFORMATION:

Visit our website:

SVAEP.org

Email us:

svaeregistration@metroed.net

Call us:

[408-723-6450](tel:408-723-6450)



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Fully accredited by the schools
commission of the Western Association of
Schools and Colleges.



On July 9, 2023, SVAE was granted their third full six-year WASC Accreditation!

CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE)

Embark on a transformative learning journey that will empower you with valuable skills and open doors to exciting career opportunities. Our comprehensive Career Technical Education (CTE) courses allow you to earn certifications, enhance your trade skills, and advance your career.

THREE REASONS TO ENROLL IN CAREER TRAINING:

- 1 Classes taught by industry professionals.
- 2 Short-term training allows you to enter the workforce faster.
- 3 Gain the skills employers want and stand out in the job market.



NEW
COURSE

AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE & LIGHT REPAIR*

This course provides entry level skills for students to find their first job in automotive repair. Based on the ASE Entry Level Certification program, this is a series of eight exams designed to enable students to quickly master the foundational skills required for the ASE MLR G1 Certification award.

Day	Time	Date	Fee
T, W, Th	5:00 to 9:00 p.m.	1/13-5/27	\$880

METALS TECHNOLOGY (WELDING)*

This course provides students with entry level and intermediate skills in metal design and fabrication to prepare them for industry certifications in welding and employment in metals technology occupations.



NEW
COURSE

Day	Time	Date	Fee
T, Th	5:00 to 9:00 p.m.	1/13-5/26	\$670

* Certification(s) Available | ** Prerequisites

CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE)

HEALTH SCIENCE AND MEDICAL



MEDICAL ASSISTANT **

This course is a one-year program consisting of eight modules and a month of externship. Each module meets daily for five to six weeks. At the end of the course, students will demonstrate mastery in front and back medical office procedures. Students may begin the program at the start of any module, as space is available.

Day	Time	Date	Fee
M - F	8:30 to 11:45 a.m.	1/6 - 5/27	\$2,100
M - F	12:15 to 3:45 p.m.	1/6 - 5/27	\$2,100

Prerequisite: High School Diploma/GED, A physical exam and shots (TB, Tdap, Hep B) are required by the start of the class.

* Certification(s) Available | ** Prerequisites

CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE)

MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY WITH ESL SUPPORT

This class is designed for English language learners as a stepping stone into a healthcare pathway. Students are supported in language learning while learning to recognize word roots, prefixes, and suffixes used in medical language. Learn how to combine words to create meaningful medical conditions, comprehend their definition, and know the correct spelling. Emphasis is on medical terminology, anatomy and physiology, communication, medical ethics, and legality.



Note: This class meets the prerequisites for the Medical Assistant Back Office class.

Day	Time	Date	Fee
M, W	6:30 to 9:00 p.m.	1/12 - 5/27	FREE



MEDICAL ASSISTANT BACK OFFICE, WITH ESL SUPPORT**

This class is designed for English Language Learners after meeting the prerequisites. It trains students to assist physicians in the back office of a doctors office, clinic, with basic patient care procedures including lab work. A

120 to 160 hours clinical assignment at a different site by arrangement is required.

Day	Time	Date	Fee
T, Th	5:00 to 9:00 p.m.	1/13 - 5/26	FREE

Prerequisite: High School reading level and passing Medical Terminology with a “C” or better. A physical exam and shots (TB, Tdap, Flu, Titer) are required by the fifth week of class.

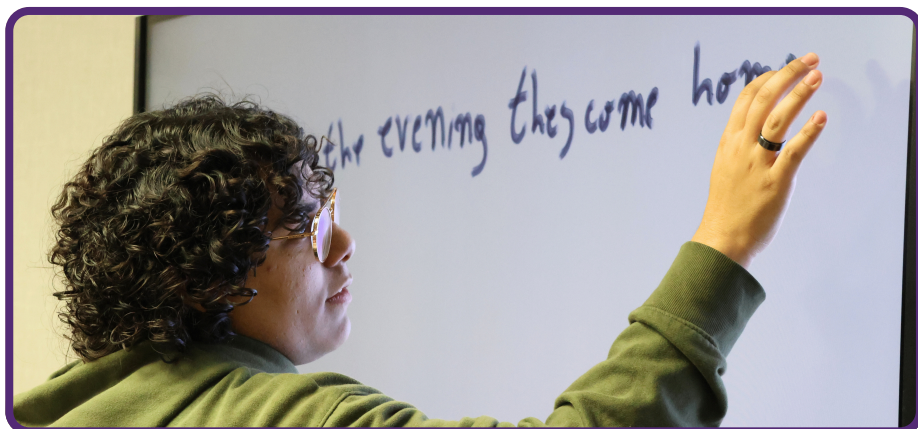
*Provided by The ELL Healthcare Pathways Grant

*** Certification(s) Available | ** Prerequisites**

LEARN ENGLISH

English as a Second Language (ESL)

The Silicon Valley Adult Education program offers English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, from basic literacy to advanced levels. Classes assist students in language acquisition by developing skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. We strive to make each person successful in a global society.



INGLÉS COMO SEGUNDO IDIOMA

El Programa de Educación para Adultos de Silicon Valley ofrece clases de inglés como segundo idioma (ESL), desde alfabetización básica hasta niveles avanzados. Las clases ayudan a los estudiantes en la adquisición del lenguaje mediante el desarrollo de habilidades para escuchar, hablar, leer y escribir. Nos esforzamos por hacer que cada persona tenga éxito en una sociedad global.

TIẾNG ANH NHƯ MỘT NGÔN NGỮ THỨ HAI

Chương trình Giáo dục Người lớn tại Thung lũng Silicon cung cấp các lớp học tiếng Anh như ngôn ngữ thứ hai (ESL), từ trình độ đọc viết cơ bản đến trình độ nâng cao. Các lớp học hỗ trợ học sinh tiếp thu ngôn ngữ bằng cách phát triển các kỹ năng nghe, nói, đọc và viết. Chúng tôi cố gắng giúp mỗi người thành công trong một xã hội toàn cầu.

Day	Time	Date	Fee
M - F	8:30 to 11:45 a.m.	1/6 - 5/27	FREE
M - Th	5:45 to 9:00 p.m.	1/6 - 5/27	FREE

Prerequisite: All students will take the CASAS reading and math assessment for placement before they are assigned a class.

You may enroll and begin anytime after the start date.

Textbook: Provided in the classroom.

FINISH HIGH SCHOOL

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

Silicon Valley Adult Education provides the opportunity to attain a high school diploma by concentrating on one subject at a time.

Classes are offered during the morning and evening to accommodate student schedules. Classes are designed for adult students to complete the courses necessary for their high school diploma. Students work at their own pace on individual course plans. To improve flexibility and accessibility to the program, this class is offered in the hybrid model, part online and part in-person instruction.

SVAE is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). All of the offered classes meet the requirements for high school.

Graduation Requirements:

English	40
World History	10
U.S. History.....	10
U.S. Government.....	5
Economics.....	5
Mathematics.....	10
Algebra.....	10
Biological Science	10
Physical Science	10
Fine Arts or Foreign Language	10
Electives	30
Computer Literacy (Recommended)	
TOTAL SEMESTER CREDITS.....	150



Prerequisite: All students are required to take the CASAS reading and math assessment for placement before they are assigned a class.

Day	Time	Date	Fee
M - F	8:30 to 11:45 a.m.	1/6 - 5/27	FREE
M - Th	5:45 to 9:00 p.m.	1/6 - 5/27	FREE

For new High School Diploma students: Obtain official transcripts from your last high school.

FINISH HIGH SCHOOL

PRE-HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY



This class will build skills for the workplace and review basic skills in reading, writing, and math. It will raise the levels of competency so students can be promoted to the High School Equivalency (HSE) Preparation or the High School Diploma (HSD) programs. In Pre-HSE, students may earn elective credits transferable to the High School Diploma program.

**NEW
COURSE**

Day	Time	Date	Fee
M - F	8:30 to 11:45 a.m.	1/6 - 5/27	FREE
M - Th	5:45 to 9:00 p.m.	1/6 - 5/27	FREE

Prerequisite: All students must take the CASAS reading and math assessment for placement before they are registered in a class.

SPANISH GED HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY

This course offers an accelerated path for High School Equivalency (HSE) students to complete their high school education. Instruction and instructional material will be delivered in Spanish, and GED Testing in Spanish is available in our Pearson Vue-authorized Regional Testing Center on site.



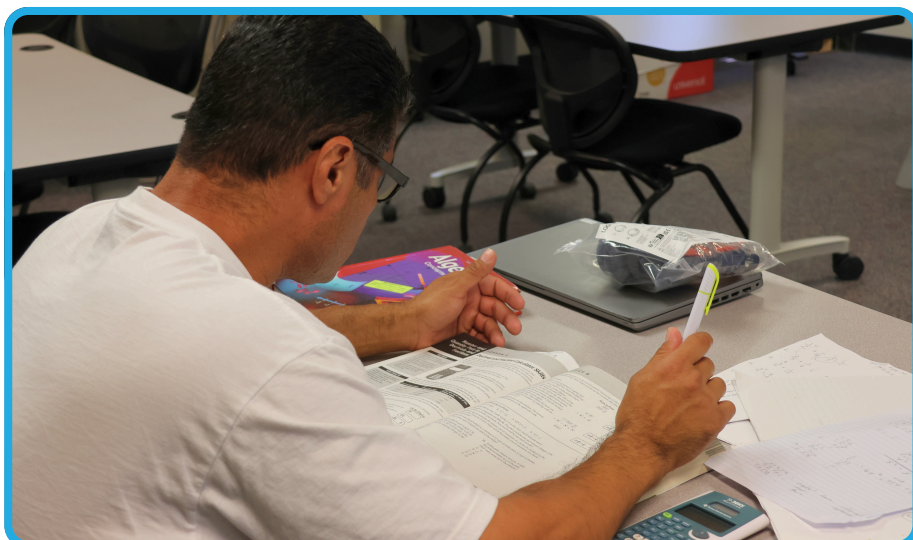
**NEW
COURSE**

Day	Time	Date	Fee
M - Th	5:45 to 9:00 p.m.	1/6 - 5/27	FREE

FINISH HIGH SCHOOL

HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY

Silicon Valley Adult Education offers free High School Equivalency classes in English. All students are required to take the CASAS reading and math assessment for placement and meet with a counselor before they are registered in a class. Students must be able to speak, read, and write English. HSE exams are offered in a computer-based format at the [Regional Testing Center](#) on the Silicon Valley Adult Education campus.



Day	Time	Date	Fee
M - F	8:30 to 11:45 a.m.	1/6 - 5/27	FREE
M - Th	5:45 to 9:00 p.m.	1/6 - 5/27	FREE

Prerequisite: All students are required to take the CASAS reading and math assessment for placement before they are registered in a class.

For High School Equivalency students: Obtain official transcripts from your last high school.

FINISH HIGH SCHOOL

High School Equivalency Tests

TESTING INFORMATION

Computer-based testing is available in English or Spanish. Check age and testing requirements at www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/gd/. Bring a valid government-issued photo ID to register and on test day. Out-of-state or foreign IDs require proof of CA residency (utility bill, bank statement, employment documents). Change or cancel appointments at least 24 hours before the exam date.



HiSET Information

Candidates will be tested in five (5) core areas:

- Language Arts – Reading
- Language Arts – Writing
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Studies

Cost:

- \$175 entire HiSET® test battery (5 subtests)
- \$31 per content area
- \$14 -\$29 retest fee (Discounts may be offered by HiSET®)

How to Register:

Create a test-taker account and schedule online at: hiset.org

Questions?

Call: 1-855-MY-HiSET
(1-855-694-4738)



GED Information

Candidates will be tested in four (4) content areas:

- Reasoning Through Language Arts
- Mathematical Reasoning
- Science
- Social Studies

Cost:

- \$164 entire GED® test battery (4 subtests)
- \$41 per content area
- \$15 retest fee (Discounts may be offered by GED®)

How to Register:

Create a test-taker account and schedule your tests online at: MyGED.com

Questions?

Call: 1-877-EXAM-GED
(1-877-392-6433)

REGIONAL TESTING CENTER

Unlock your potential with our comprehensive testing services. We offer GED and HiSET exams in key subjects like English Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies. Join millions who trust Pearson VUE for secure certification testing. Register at Pearson VUE and select your program.



TESTS OFFERED, INCLUDING:

PearsonVUE:

- Professional certifications and licensure for various industries
- GED - General Educational Development
- Teacher credentialing examinations
 - CBEST - California Basic Educational Skills Test
 - CPACE - California Preliminary Administrative Credential Examination
 - CSET - California Subject Examinations for Teachers
 - CTEL - California Teacher of English Learners
 - RICA - Reading Instruction Competence Assessment

Other:

- HiSET - High School Equivalency Test
- Kryterion - Technology and other professional certifications
- National Center for Competency Testing (NCCT) Medical Assistant (NCMA)
- National Healthcareer Association (NHA) Exams

408-723-4249



Scan the QR code for more details.



SUPPORT SERVICES

DUAL ENROLLMENT



Dual enrollment allows you to take community college classes for FREE while enrolled in a High School Diploma or Equivalency program. It's a great option if you are trying to graduate sooner, get an advanced degree or get a better job.

Contact the Transition Specialist below 

TRANSITION SPECIALIST

- Supports students in setting and achieving college and career goals
- Connects students to resources that guide their academic and professional pathways
- Provides coaching on essential job-seeking skills, including résumé writing and interview techniques
- Prepares students to enter the workforce with confidence and professionalism

**Arezoo Miller,
Transition
Specialist**

amiller@metroed.net
408-723-6470

COUNSELOR SUPPORT

**Angelica Vila,
Counselor**

avila@metroed.net
408-723-4212

- Provides personalized guidance to help students choose between High School Equivalency (HSE) and HS Diploma (HSD) pathways
- Offers academic and career advising tailored to individual goals
- Supports students in managing stress and balancing work, school, and personal responsibilities
- Connects students with resources and support services within the school and broader community

CALWORKS

Helping families with the essentials



The award-winning MetroED CalWORKs program, a partnership between the Metropolitan Education District and the Department of Social Services, is a state-funded program that supports low-income students with dependent children who are receiving county assistance.



CalWORKs offers an array of supportive services designed to assist students in obtaining the educational level they require to transition off of cash assistance and ultimately achieve long-term self-sufficiency.

CalWORKS Benefits:

- ✓ Educational Training
- ✓ Adult Basic Education/ GED Preparation Classes
- ✓ Job Development
- ✓ Work-Study
- ✓ Personal Development
- ✓ Work Experience/ Community Service
- ✓ Mentoring
- ✓ ESL/Vocational ESL

AND MORE....

GENERAL POLICIES

Other Resources



ADMISSION AND ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

Classes are open to adults 18 and older, regardless of residency or citizenship.

CHILDREN

Children are not permitted during testing and in any Silicon Valley Adult Education class or assessment sessions. Adult education students who bring children to class will be asked to take their children home.

CLOSED CAMPUS

Non-students and non-service dogs are not allowed on campus. No loitering. All students are required to wear their ID badges while on campus. Students must leave the campus if they are not in class.

COURSE CANCELLATIONS

If there is insufficient enrollment before the class is scheduled to start or there are challenges with instructor availability, we reserve the right to cancel the course.

DISCLAIMER

No medical insurance is provided for any accident or injury sustained while participating in an adult education class. SVAE does not assume responsibility for injuries or accidents that might occur through no negligence on the part of the Metropolitan Education District.

FEES

Some programs and classes are NOT tax supported. Fees vary according to length and type of class and are payable by credit card or cash.

PARKING

Students and visitors are encouraged to park in front of SVAE buildings and display their parking pass. Please follow the driving signs and arrows, and drive the 5 miles per hour speed limit. We are not liable for any damages incurred by vehicles parked in the school parking lots. Park at your own risk.

REFUNDS

There are NO refunds once class begins. You will be notified of any cancellations, and if fees are applied, your money will be refunded.

GENERAL POLICIES

Other Resources

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Metropolitan Education District Governing Board Sexual Harassment [Board Policy 5145.7](#) applies to all students participating in adult school classes offered at this facility.

SMOKING

Smoking and/or the use of tobacco products are not permitted at any time in the buildings or on the grounds of the Metropolitan Education District. Smoking and/or the use of tobacco products is also prohibited in any district-owned vehicle. ([Board Policy 3513.3](#))

UNIFORM COMPLAINT

The District recognizes its responsibility to ensure compliance with state and federal laws and regulations governing education programs and activities. Therefore, following state guidelines, the District has adopted "[Uniform Complaint Procedures](#)," which shall be followed when addressing complaints alleging unlawful discrimination, harassment, or intimidation, or failure to comply with state or federal law related to adult education programs.

WAIT LIST

Students may be placed on a waiting list until there is space in a class.

Websites for searching ESL classes and other services for new immigrants in the Santa Clara county:

- sbcae.org/programs/esl/
- SJPL.org/Citizenship
- Immigrationinfo.org

For more information and procedures about Silicon Valley Adult Education, view the SVAEP.org [2025-26 Student Handbook](#).



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SILICON VALLEY ADULT EDUCATION IS A MEMBER OF THE SOUTH BAY CONSORTIUM FOR ADULT EDUCATION (SBCAE)

The South Bay Consortium for Adult Education collaborates with four colleges and five adult schools in Santa Clara County, serving more than 30,000 adult education students every year. We are working together to build pathways for adult learners to achieve economic self-sufficiency in an area with one of the highest costs of living in the nation. Our consortium is committed to positively impacting the local workforce, and building a just economy and healthy community.



Campbell Adult and Community Education - cace.cuhsd.org

East Side Adult Education - adulthoodeducation.esuhd.org

Milpitas Adult Education - adulthood.musd.org

Santa Clara Adult Education - santaclaradulthood.org

San Jose City College - sjcc.edu

Silicon Valley Adult Education - SVAEP.org

Evergreen Valley College - evc.edu

Mission College - missioncollege.edu

West Valley College - westvalley.edu



REGISTRATION

Information

Registration opens Tues., Nov. 18 at 8:00 a.m.

For ESL, ABE, High School Equivalency Test Preparation, and High School Diploma Courses:

Enrollment Process

1. Go to SVAEP.org
2. Visit the 2026 Winter/Spring Fall courses page
3. Select the global icon
"Register Now"

- We will contact you to schedule the CASAS assessment test
- You will receive details to attend an orientation
- **For new High School Diploma and High School Equivalency students:** Obtain official transcripts from your last high school.



For Career Technical Education (CTE) Courses:

Online Registration

1. Go to SVAEP.org
2. Visit the 2026 Winter/Spring courses page
3. Select the global icon
"Register Now"
4. It will direct you to the registration portal, where you will sign up and pay



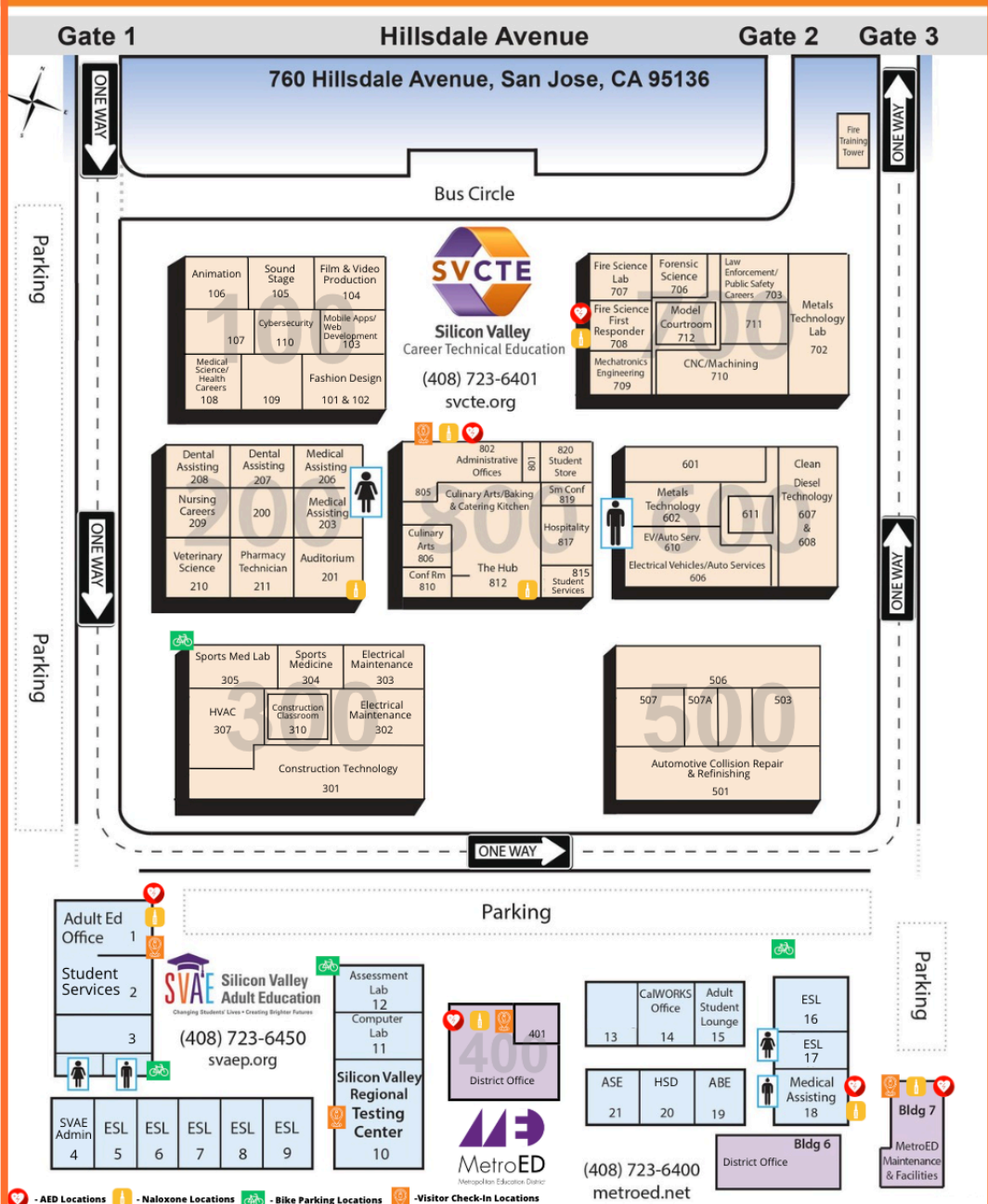
**REGISTER AND BEGIN
ONCE CLASSES START.**

Scan the QR code to get started.

For more information, visit our website at SVAEP.org
call 408-723-6450, or email SVAERegistration@metroed.net.

OTHER INFORMATION

CAMPUS MAP



OTHER INFORMATION

Directions and Contact Information

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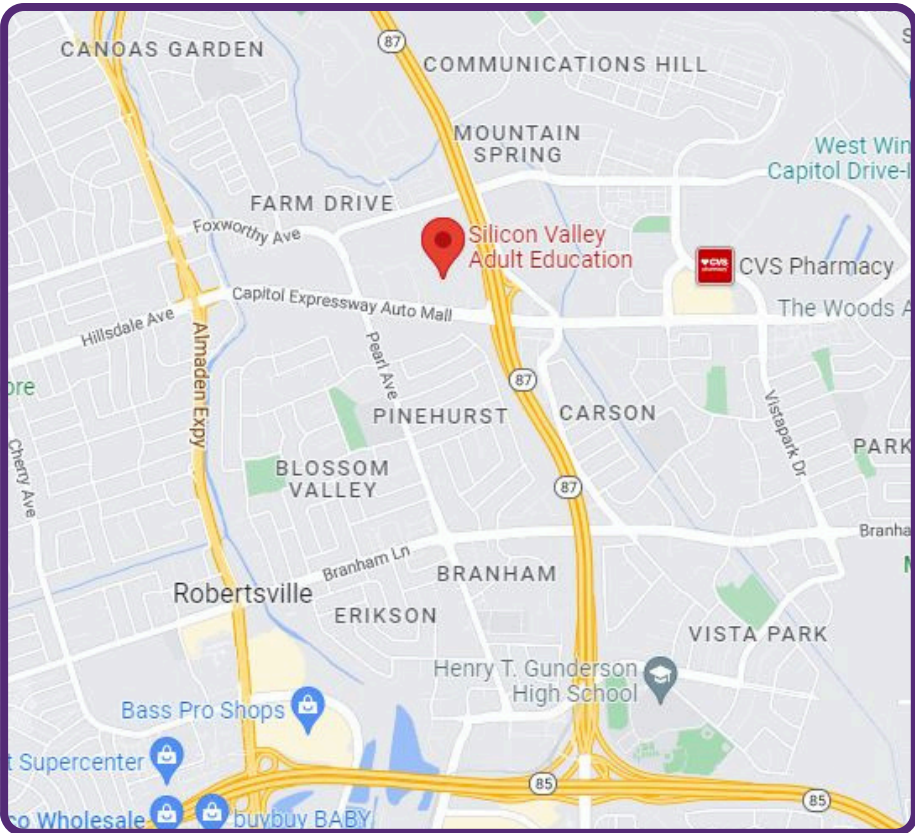
CREATING BRIGHTER FUTURES

Visit our website to get started, SVAEP.org



PHONE NUMBERS

Silicon Valley Adult Education	408-723-6450
Student Absence Line	408-723-4208
Regional Testing Center	408-723-4249
CalWORKs Office	408-723-6568
District Office	408-723-6400



Winter/Spring Classes

- ✓ Registration Opens **Tuesday, November 18 at 8:00 a.m.**
- ✓ Offering Five Career Technical Education (CTE) Classes
- ✓ Offering Two New High School Equivalency Classes



FREE CLASSES

- ✓ English as a Second Language (ESL)
- ✓ High School Diploma (HSD)
- ✓ Pre-High School Equivalency
- ✓ High School Equivalency (GED) including Spanish



Call 408-723-6450 or visit SVAEP.org for more information.

Non-Discrimination in District Programs and Activities: The Governing Board is committed to providing equal opportunity for all individuals in district programs and activities. District programs, activities, and practices shall be free from unlawful discrimination, including discrimination against an individual or group based on race, color, ancestry, nationality, national origin, immigration status, ethnic group identification, ethnicity, age, religion, marital status, pregnancy, parental status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or genetic information; a perception of one or more of such characteristics; or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.