



# **BAY AREA SCHOOL OF ENTERPRISE**

## **A Public Charter High School**

**A PROJECT OF  
ALTERNATIVES IN ACTION**

**Enterprising (en'ter-pri'zing) adj. Marked by an energetic spirit and a willingness to take daring action**

### **ABOUT BASE**



The program at BASE is grounded in the belief that our minds are designed for complex, situated learning. Learning best occurs when youth are engaged in real work on projects of their choice that have meaning for their lives. Lasting learning engages multiple intelligences and varying learning styles.

With this in mind, youth at BASE are engaged in "enterprise learning." Enterprise learning emphasizes youth working with adults to create, implement, and evaluate projects that benefit the community, make their academic work relevant, and inspire their imaginations.

### **WHAT BASE OFFERS:**

- Small Class Sizes
- College Prep Curriculum
- Real World Experience
- Project-Based Learning
- Engaging Curriculum
- College and Career Counseling
- Internships
- Community Involvement
- Graduates who are going places!



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# Youth Leadership at BASE

Meaningful youth leadership, in their communities, in their schools, and in their own education, increases the relevance of learning, the youth ownership of their schools, and creates a collaborative relationship between youth and adults. BASE puts youth in charge of their school and their education, changing school from something that is done to youth to something youth and adults create together. BASE also challenges youth to be advocates and leaders in their communities. Leadership and ownership at BASE are an experience for every youth on multiple levels.

## BASE Students in the News



### **BASE Charter High School: Building Community Leaders One Project at a Time**

Charter Currents, Spotlight on Innovation,  
Fall 2003

“When I first came to BASE I was one of the quietest kids in the group, but ...being in charge of something big really changed me...I’m more assertive, and I express my opinions more. I [also] feel more strongly about public issues,” says Carolyn VerDuin, a recent graduate of BASE and member of the founding Charter Design Team who has enrolled at UC Davis this fall.

### **Island Kids Show their Positive Effects**

Oakland Tribune  
June 4, 2003

Students at BASE will demonstrate Saturday that while headlines scream recession, teacher layoffs and murder, plenty of young people are making positive contributions to their communities.

## Support for BASE

BASE is only able to offer youth our comprehensive and specialized program through the support of a dedicated extended community.

BASE is supported by:

- Over 70 individual donors
- Over 200 volunteers
- 150 Individual donors

BASE is supported by the following foundations:

- The S.H. Cowell Foundation
- The East Bay Community Foundation
- The Surdna Foundation
- The Evelyn & Walter Hass, Jr. Foundation
- The Walter S. Johnson Foundation
- The Mary Crocker Trust

BASE works with the support or in partnership with the following community organizations:

- The HOME Project
- HOME Sweet HOME Preschool
- The City of Alameda
- Tri-High Health Center
- Alameda Power & Telecom
- The Alameda Point Collaborative
- The Alameda Collaborative for Children, Youth, and Families
- The Charter Schools Development Center
- The Community Network for Youth Development