

Alternative Education Update



What is the Bridge Academy?

- ▶ A school within a school, located on each middle school campus.
- ▶ Utilizing a non-traditional model to assist students in recognizing their value and begin the process of healing and restoration, allowing the students to reconnect with their education.

Why does Bridge Academy work?

Social/Emotional

- Building Trust
- Resilience and self-confidence
- Safe boundaries and respect
- Empathy and compassion

Consistency

- Designated Classroom
- Start and End of the Day Routines
- Teacher and Instructional Assistant in each class

Academics

- California standards delivered through experiential learning with culminating projects

Integrating Standards with Experiential Learning



PHS Planetarium

Kurt Kruger presented a lesson on the Solar System to Bridge students



Planet Walk

Sugarloaf State Park



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Where's Pluto?

Building Trust and Self-confidence



College and Career

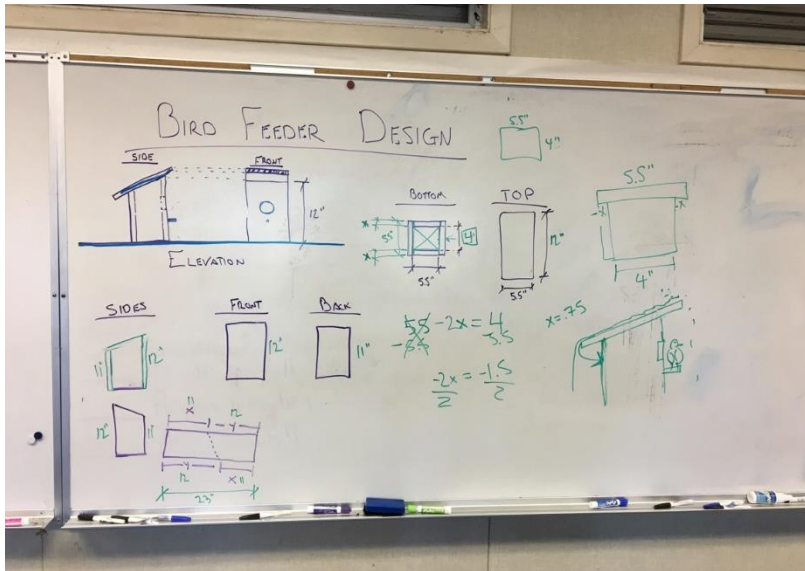
Sonoma State University



Petaluma Creamery and
Spring Hill Cheese



Project-Based Learning: Infusion of life skills and mathematics



Social/Emotional Growth



Student Quotes

- ▶ “This is the first time I’ve ever seen the ocean!”
- ▶ “I feel like I’m going to dream about this place tonight.”
- ▶ “I’m so proud of myself. Honestly, I think I like art.”
- ▶ “I can’t believe I just did that!”

Cohort GPA Data

	2014/2015	2015/2016	%change	2016/2017	% change
Cohort 1	7 th grade	8 th grade		9 th grade	
GPA	1.66	1.64	-1%	1.31	-20%
Cohort 2		7 th grade		8 th grade	
GPA		1.77	NA	2.13	+20%

High School Alternative Education



Next Steps

- ▶ Utilize data to assess and improve the outcomes for Bridge students
- ▶ Improved articulation and collaboration between the middle schools and high schools
- ▶ Expansion of alternative high school programs to include 9th graders