General Information About Our School*

San Mateo Adult School serves over 10,000 students annually. We are a service of the San Mateo Union High School District to the communities of San Bruno, Millbrae, Burlingame, Hillsborough, San Mateo, and Foster City. We are committed to fulfilling the mandate of Adult Education in California by directing resources to serving those traditionally underserved; especially those disadvantaged economically or academically.

San Mateo Adult School Mission Statement*

“The search for knowledge, understanding and growth is continuous. The San Mateo Adult School is the catalyst for student intellectual growth, creativity, and sustained health. We develop skilled workers, strong families, and successful communities by offering opportunities to learn at every stage of adult life.”
Schoolwide Student Learning Outcomes

San Mateo Adult School provides opportunities for all students to:

1. Set and meet goals
2. Apply acquired skills
3. Learn independently and collaboratively
4. Communicate effectively
5. Demonstrate respect for others
6. Participate within and contribute to the community

**Student Council**

San Mateo Adult School has two Student Councils – morning and evening. Each Student Council has a President, Vice President, and Secretary. Officers are elected in the Fall for a one-year term. Each Main Poplar Campus ESL class chooses two Class Reps to represent their class for the year. The Student Councils meet once a month at the beginning of the month. Minutes are taken at the meetings. Class Reps report back to their classes about topics discussed and decisions made.

**AAACE Presentation**

Student leadership in the form of a student council gives students the power and voice needed to advocate for and meet student needs, organize to respond to crises, and contribute to the larger functioning of an Adult School, the larger community and the Adult Education system.

1. A student team will explain the how the Student Council at San Mateo Adult School is organized. They will detail the strategies, and support that are necessary to an effective Student Council and the goals and benefits of student leadership. They will explain how to create and maintain open communication to address students’ needs as well as how the student leadership helps support the adult school.

1 * [http://www.smace.org](http://www.smace.org)
2. This active, informed engaged student body is prepared to organize and act on their own behalf in times of crises (including the Adult Education funding crises) and advocate for all students. It is important to explain that this process happens every year, and every time the main idea is encourage others to be interested on the school and its problems. They want to have as many students interested on this because their intention is to increase in number of students. For this reason they don’t like to be re-elected they want to be more and more because the students given the responsibility are already involved in the school.

3. Advocacy. This group of students will explain their experience during and after last crisis in adult education. They are ready to share how the students from SMAS have been helping and advocating in behalf of the school.
4. Taking advantage of their leadership, students have been participating in local, state organizations and agencies.

5. The power of the Internet. How do the social media and press help the Student Council in order to be successful?