

What is a Charter School?

Charter schools began in 1992 in order to improve education. The idea was that families will have a choice of educational alternatives, so that the needs of all will be served. **USA** opened as a tax-supported free alternative educational choice in Del Norte County in 2007. **USA** operates as a hybrid independent study school which offers both home study and daily site based classes taught by credentialed teachers.

The school must have a "charter" (an agreement) approved by the county of residence which states the mission of the school, why the school is needed, and how it will operate. **USA's** mission is to produce respectful, responsible, resourceful individuals through the use of thematic, interactive, family-style education.



Family-style education at **USA** includes enabling students to develop positive social and emotional character traits which will allow this future generation to present themselves well, become an asset to society, and cooperate with others.

USA Charts Respect,
Responsibility, and
Resourcefulness!

How is **USA** Different From Other Schools?

USA CONDUCTS FAMILY-STYLE EDUCATION:

USA is the only Del Norte County school governed by a board where the majority of members are parents of the students who attend the school. **Families have a voice in the direction of the school!**

USA partners with the parents in the education of their child: the school supports, not supplants, the role of the parent in education and values parent participation.

USA supports family values through the emphasis of respect, responsibility, and resourcefulness.

USA believes that character training is the most important aspect of education. Individuals with good character will make good future employees, community members, and citizens regardless of their academic aptitude. In most state public schools, academics take clear precedence over character training. **At USA, character is of paramount importance.**

USA facilitates a family atmosphere through multi-age learning groups, a warm, nurturing environment, and the development of long-lasting relationships between students and staff.

USA implements family-style cooperative learning through interactive group activities addressing multiple learning styles and completion of group projects and presentations.

USA provides educational choices for families.

USA is the only Del Norte County school to provide the choice of all-day school, part-day classes, or home study, depending upon the need of the child. **No other Del Norte County school offers this hybrid type of education.**



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Family-Style Cooperative Learning

Thematic, interactive, cooperative education addressing multiple learning styles empowers students to learn at an accelerated rate and become active participants in their own education. **Family-style** cooperative learning promotes assimilation of new information, student inquiry, critical thinking, and creative problem solving skills.



USA Is Charting Family-Style Education



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A Family Atmosphere

Multi-age learning groups, a nurturing environment, and development of respect for students and staff at **USA** creates a **family** atmosphere where students form lasting relationships. Presentations are **family affairs**. **Families** steer the ship: **family members** govern the school and partner with the Academy in the education of their child. **Family** involvement in education is important at the Academy, and we strive to make each student feel that he/she is part of a large, loving **family**.



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Family Values through the development of

Respect: Good character developed through positive mentoring and restorative discipline.

Responsibility: Students plan projects, meet deadlines, and develop real-world presentations.

Resourcefulness: Students develop critical thinking, problem solving, decision making, communication, and cooperative learning skills.

