

**Alternative  
Cooperative  
Education**



**Charter School**

will participate in team planning. Teachers will contribute their special strengths and wisdom. We believe that mutual respect, humor, and friendship among us is a model for how we would like our students to interact with each other, making our school a fun and rewarding place to be.

8. Family Participation Element

The ACE program was founded on the principle of parent participation. The California Code of Education allows for alternative programs that require parent volunteer hours (Cal. Code of Ed. 51120-51121(a-e); 58500-58512; see Appendix, Exhibit 2); the ACE Charter School requires families to commit to volunteering for the school. In order to assist all families with meeting this requirement, ACE has a committee (Parent Component Committee) whose function is to help families find ways to earn their volunteer hours. Many of the programs at the ACE Charter School (Multicultural Day, Service Club, parent-led activities) require work to be done both inside the classroom and out. PCC ensures that all families are provided with opportunities to earn ACE hours and become an integral part of the school. The family hours commitment is broken down as follows:

1 child = 8 hours per month

2 children = 10 hours per month

3 children – 12 hours per month (maximum)

For those families who are experiencing hardships, they may request a temporary waiver from their family hours commitment. They may request a Waiver Form through the Parent Board President(s) or Parent Liaison. All information is kept confidential between the families requesting the waiver and the Parent Board President(s) and Parent Liaison.