

# Local Area Information for Students Attending Diablo Valley College or the International Education Center at Diablo Valley College (IEC@DVC)



Diablo Valley College and the International Education Center at Diablo Valley College (IEC@DVC) are located across the street from each other in Pleasant Hill, California.

Pleasant Hill is directly surrounded by the following cities: Walnut Creek, Concord, and Martinez. You can learn more about living in the DVC and IEC@DVC area by viewing each of the cities websites below. Each website can provide you with information regarding climate, demographics, and services.

Pleasant Hill: [www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us](http://www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us)

Walnut Creek: [www.ci.walnut-creek.ca.us](http://www.ci.walnut-creek.ca.us)

Concord: [www.ci.concord.ca.us](http://www.ci.concord.ca.us)

Martinez: [www.cityofmartinez.org](http://www.cityofmartinez.org)

## Local Hotel Information

Following are some of the hotels located in the area around DVC and IEC@DVC. All of the hotels below are either within walking distance to the schools, or they are located within walking distance to public transportation. We recommend viewing their websites to check on rates and availability.

### Concord Hotels

<p><b>Holiday Inn Hotel*</b> 1050 Burnett Avenue Concord, CA 94520 Phone: 925-687-5500 Fax: 925-363-5443 <a href="http://www.holiday-inn.com">http://www.holiday-inn.com</a></p> <p><b>Distance to DVC: 0.93 miles</b></p>	<p><b>Crown Plaza Hotel*</b> 45 John Glenn Drive Concord, CA 94520 Phone: 925-521-3786 Fax: 925-689-5326 <a href="http://www.ichotelsgroup.com">http://www.ichotelsgroup.com</a></p> <p><b>Distance to DVC: 1.22 miles</b></p>	<p><b>Hilton Hotel</b> 1970 Diamond Blvd. Concord, CA 94520 Phone: 925-827-2000 Fax: 925-827-2113 <a href="http://www.hilton.com">http://www.hilton.com</a></p> <p><b>Distance to DVC: 1.72 miles</b></p>
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\*The Sales Managers at this Holiday Inn Hotel and this Crown Plaza Hotel offer a special discounted DVC rate, to our students and families. You may request the special discounted DVC rate by calling the hotels directly, and saying the following ***"I need to make a reservation under the special discounted DVC rate. Please let me speak to the Concord front desk reservation staff."*** If you have any trouble, please ask to speak to the Sales Manager.

### Pleasant Hill Hotels

<p><b>Best Western</b> 1432 Contra Costa Boulevard Pleasant Hill, CA 94523 Phone: 1-925-689-3600 Fax: 1-925-689-8400 <a href="http://www.bestwestern.com">http://www.bestwestern.com</a></p> <p><b>Distance to DVC: 1.54 miles</b></p>	<p><b>Marriott Residence Inn</b> 700 Ellinwood Way Pleasant Hill, CA 94523 Phone: 1-925 -689-1010 Fax: 1-925 -689-1098 <a href="http://www.marriott.com">http://www.marriott.com</a></p> <p><b>Distance to DVC: 1.68 miles</b></p>	<p><b>Marriott Courtyard</b> 2250 Contra Costa Boulevard Pleasant Hill, CA 94523 Phone: 1-925-691-1444 Fax: 1-925-691-0616 <a href="http://www.marriott.com">http://www.marriott.com</a></p> <p><b>Distance to DVC: 2.05 miles</b></p>
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## Walnut Creek Hotels

<p><b>Holiday Inn</b>                  2730 North Main Street                  Walnut Creek, CA 94597                  Phone: 1-925- 932-3332                  Fax: 1-925-256-7672  <a href="http://www.holiday-inn.com">http://www.holiday-inn.com</a></p> <p><b>Distance to DVC: 4.42 miles</b></p>	<p><b>Motel 6</b>                  2389 North Main Street                  Walnut Creek, CA 94596                  Phone: 1-925- 935-4010                  Fax: 1-925-906-0860  <a href="http://www.motel6.com">http://www.motel6.com</a></p> <p><b>Distance to DVC: 5.20 miles</b></p>	<p><b>Marriott Hotel</b>                  2335 North Main Street                  Walnut Creek, CA 94596                  Phone: 1-925-934-2000                  Fax: 1-925-934-6474  <a href="http://www.marriott.com">http://www.marriott.com</a></p> <p><b>Distance to DVC: 5.25 miles</b></p>
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## Local Apartment Information

Following are the apartments **closest** to DVC and IEC@DVC. We recommend that you contact the apartments directly for current rates and availability information.

<p><b>Briarwood Apartments</b>                  141 Golf Club Rd.                  Pleasant Hill, CA 94523                  Phone: (925) 676-3099 Fax: (925) 798-4830</p>	<p><b>Camelback-North</b>                  630 Tempe Ct.                  Pleasant Hill, CA 94523                  Phone: (925) 825-1220</p>
<p><b>Northridge Apartments</b>                  235 Camelback Rd.                  Pleasant Hill, CA 94523                  Phone: (925) 671-2460 Fax: (925) 671-2005</p>	<p><b>Wood Creek Apartments</b>                  210 Twinbridge Circle                  Pleasant Hill, CA 94523                  Phone: (925) 682-2916</p>

You can view apartment information on the Internet at [www.rent.com](http://www.rent.com).

When renting an apartment, be prepared to fill out a background check, which usually requires bank account information, previous addresses and personal and professional references. Please note that California law now prohibits presenting evidence of a Social Security number when renting an apartment. It is normal for a landlord to require first and last months rent, and a security damage deposit. Utilities (water, gas, electricity) may or may not be included in the rental amount. This information will be contained in your lease; this is a legally binding agreement, so make sure to read it carefully before signing.

About leases: Landlords are looking for responsible, financially secure tenants. They usually prefer to have local references. If you have difficulty with this process, please see the DSO at your school. When you find the apartment of your choice, make sure you receive a lease agreement. All rental agreements or leases should be in writing. Read it thoroughly and make sure you understand it completely. If there is any language you do not understand, ask a reliable person to explain it to you. If your landlord does not give you a copy, it is important to request one; your lease and/or rental agreement are the only evidence of your legal tenancy and are designed to protect both parties rights.

### **At a minimum, a lease or rental agreement should include the following:**

- Rental rate and required security damage deposit
- Length of occupancy
- Apartment rules
- Termination requirements

**Some questions you may want to ask include:**

- What is the amount of rent?
- What is included in the rent (i.e., gas, electric, water, parking, laundry, etc.)?
- How many people may occupy the apartment?
- When and how must rent be paid each month?
- If roommates share the apartment, who is responsible if one should leave?
- Under what conditions is the damage deposit refundable?
- What is the length of occupancy?
- What is the landlord's right of entry?
- What is the sublet policy?
- What is the guest policy?
- What are the rules concerning pets, conduct and use of recreational facilities?
- Whom do you call for emergency repairs?

**Finding Housemates and Shared Rentals**

If you are interested in sharing a house with other roommates, we recommend you search [www.craigslist.org](http://www.craigslist.org). This is one of the most popular websites in the San Francisco Bay Area, and you will be able to customize your search criteria very specifically.

There is also a housing bulletin board at each campus. Various types of housing are posted. This is open to all students. The student must get the information from the board and make the calls on their own. The Associated Student Body Office at each campus updates this board and should be contacted if the student has questions.

**Note:** If you are considering renting an apartment or sharing a home, it is important to plan on arriving at least one to two weeks before the beginning of classes. This will give you an opportunity to check out all the different apartment and shared housing options available before signing any contract or lease.

**Emergency Services**

**For any emergency situation, such as a violent crime, accident, heart attack, or fire, dial 911.** For non-emergency situations, the following police and/or fire departments can help you:

**Police and Fire Departments**

<b>Pleasant Hill Police Department</b> 330 Civic Dr. Pleasant Hill, CA 94523 Phone: (925) 288-4600	<b>Pleasant Hill Fire Department</b> Phone: (925) 930-5500
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**Hospitals in the DVC and IEC@DVC Area**

<b>John Muir Medical Center – Concord Campus</b> 2540 East St. Concord, CA 94520-1906 Phone: (925) 682-8200	<b>John Muir Medical Center</b> 1601 Ygnacio Valley Rd. Walnut Creek, CA 94598-3122 Phone: (925) 939-3000
<b>Kaiser Permanente Walnut Creek Medical Center</b> 1425 South Main Street Walnut Creek, CA 94596 Phone: (925) 295-4000	<b>Contra Costa Regional Medical Center</b> 2500 Alhambra Ave. Martinez, CA 94553 Phone: (925) 370-5000