



# SAN MARCOS HIGH SCHOOL

*Empowering Personal Growth and Honorable Contributions*

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## SCHOOL PROFILE 2024-2025

### The Community

The San Marcos Unified School District is located in Southern California between the city of San Diego 30 miles to the south and the city of Los Angeles 90 miles to the north. Major industries in San Marcos are classified as technical and light industries. Palomar Community College is located in San Marcos, as is California State University San Marcos. San Marcos is a rapidly growing community with a population of approximately 94,833 and has much to offer its citizens.

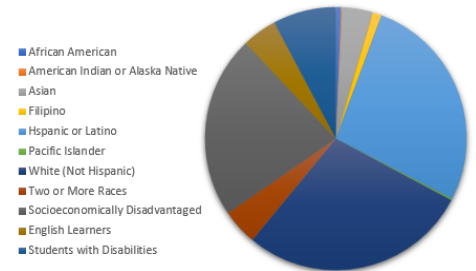
### The School

San Marcos High School is a comprehensive high school fed by five middle schools, which serve students who matriculate from eleven elementary schools. The school's mission statement and guiding principles are based on the philosophy that every student can and will learn and a belief in a professional learning community.

San Marcos High School was established in 1960 and has a current enrollment of approximately 3,200 students in grades 9-12. As an accredited comprehensive high school, the curriculum is broad-based, accommodating the needs of all ability levels. San Marcos High School has been named a California Distinguished School by the California Department of Education.

### Approximate Student Enrollment by Group

African American	1%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.20%
Asian	5.80%
Filipino	1.70%
Hispanic or Latino	41.10%
Pacific Islander	0.30%
White (Not Hispanic)	43.20%
Two or More Races	6.70%
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	34.40%
English Learners	6.60%
Students with Disabilities	11.90%



### Graduation Requirements for the Class of 2025

Students must earn a minimum of 230 credits (5 credits per class per semester). All classes meet five hours per week. The 60 remaining credits are earned in elective, career technical education or college prep classes.

• English 40 credits (4 years)
• Mathematics 30 credits (3 years)
• Social Studies 30 credits (3 years)
• Science (1 Life & 1 Physical) 20 credits (2 years)
• World Language 20 credits (2 years)
• Visual & Performing Arts 10 credits (1 year)
• Physical Education 20 credits (2 years)
• Electives 60 credits
<b>230 total to graduate</b>

### College Admissions

For the graduating class of 2024, 73% met the UC/CSU A-G subject requirements. Approximately 42% of our graduates enroll at a four-year university and the remaining 58% enroll in a community college, enter the workforce or join the military.



## Class of 2024 School-Wide Achievements

Graduation Rate	99.53%
Highest GPA	4.56
Honor Graduates (3.75 cum GPA & above)	355
State Seal of Biliteracy	71
AP Scholars	280
Seal of Civic Engagement	48
CTE Pathway Completers	332
National Honors Society	90
CA Scholarship Federation Sealbearer	41

### Curriculum

San Marcos High School offers a wide range of Honors (14 total), AP (22 total), College Prep, and Career Technical Education (CTE) Courses to meet the needs of all students. A comprehensive Special Education program is provided for students with learning disabilities. Co-taught college prep classes are classes where there is a mix of special education students and general education students with two teachers, one general education teacher and one education specialist, to provide specialized academic instruction and support for students on an IEP. English Language Development (ELD) classes are offered for students who are not proficient in English. We are also proud of our AVID program that received recognition as a National Demonstration and Program of Distinction.

### Honors and Advanced Placement

Honors and Advanced Placement classes are available in English, world languages, math, science, visual/performing arts, engineering, and social science. Students may also take courses through Palomar College, a community college in the City of San Marcos. (P) = College Prep, (H) & (HP) = Honors, (AP) = Advanced Placement

### Dual Enrollment

These courses are Palomar College courses, taught by Palomar College professors in sections that are exclusively for our students. SMUSD students that participate and pass these courses receive weighted credit on their high school transcript that count towards high school graduation, can receive university transferable credit (4-year & 2-year), and meet UC and CSU a-g credit as well. Additionally, both the course and the books are free for SMUSD students.

### Athletics and Extra-Curricular Activities

San Marcos High School competes in the CIF San Diego Avocado League in both boys and girls sports at the Freshman, J.V., and Varsity levels. Our teams are very successful and have captured many league and CIF titles. In the past few years, our league and divisional champions include Girls Volleyball, Wrestling, Waterpolo, LAX and Swim and Dive, Baseball, and Boys Tennis and Golf. Our award-winning boys and girls dance programs, undefeated Knights Regiment, and Color Guard West Coast Winter Guard Championship bronze winners round out our performing arts programs.

### School-Wide Special Programs & Achievements

#### Excalibur Knights:

Students with a 4.0 GPA or higher are invited to apply for this coveted position. They go through an application process, which concludes with an interview. About 22 students are selected to represent SMHS and serve as our academic and school service leaders. They provide academic guidance and mentorship to our underclassmen and incoming freshmen.

#### Knights of the Round Table:

About 15 seniors (over 100 applicants) are selected through a highly competitive interview process with a panel of administrators. These students are involved in extracurricular activities and live by the values and principles that all Knights hold dear. They also conduct assemblies at local elementary schools promoting a drug and alcohol-free lifestyle.

#### AP Ambassadors:

Ten seniors and juniors from underrepresented backgrounds are recommended and selected by staff to represent the AP program by encouraging and challenging their peers. They share their own experiences, challenges, and successes in addition to speaking at parent/community events and offering peer tutoring.

#### Project Next - High School Ambassador Program

This program is open to any North County San Diego high school student. Through the High School Ambassador Program, we are able to engage students in our foundation, the SMUSD, and the greater community, as well as help them gain invaluable workplace skills and grow their professional networks. As ambassadors, students have the opportunity to develop and flex their skills in leadership, public speaking, organization, collaboration (with both peers and adults), and service to others. Each of our ambassadors brings their unique perspective to the team, enabling us to keep a strong student voice at the forefront of all we do.

#### The Class of 2024 Produced:

- 2018-2024 recognized by the California Student Aid Commission as Race To Submit champions for high FAFSA & CA Dream Act completion
- 2019-2024 designated as a No Place For Hate School
- The class of 2024 produced:
  - 85 Honoral Contributions totaling 26,898 hours of community service
  - 16 AP Capstone Diploma
  - 2 National Merit Finalist, 8 National Merit Commended Scholars
  - 142 First generation graduates



### Policy on Class Rank:

**San Marcos Unified School District does not rank.**

### GPA Calculation:

#### **College Prep Classes:**

**A = 4, B = 3, C = 2, D = 1, F = 0**

#### **Weighted Classes:**

**A = 5, B = 4, C = 3, D = 1, F = 0**

### San Marcos High School Mission:

**SMHS, a partnership of students, staff, parents, and community, is committed to developing the academic, social, emotional, and physical well-being of students through an engaging and rigorous learning environment.**

**OUR VISION...High academic rigor and personal growth for all students.**

Arizona State University  
Boise State University  
Brigham Young University  
Bushnell University  
California Baptist University  
California Lutheran University  
California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt  
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona  
California State Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo  
California State University Channel Islands  
California State University Chico  
California State University Fullerton  
California State University Long Beach  
California State University Maritime Academy  
California State University Monterey Bay  
California State University Northridge  
California State University San Marcos  
Chapman University  
Colorado Mesa University  
Colorado School of Mines  
Colorado State University  
Columbia University  
Duquesne University  
Florida State University  
Fordham University  
Gannon University  
George Fox University  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
Gnomon  
Grand Canyon University  
Gonzaga University  
Indiana University  
Laguna College of Art & Design  
Life Pacific University  
Montana State University  
Northern Arizona University  
Oregon Institution of Technology  
Oregon State University  
Palomar College  
Pennsylvania State University  
Point Loma Nazarene University  
Purdue University  
Rice University  
San Diego State University  
San Francisco State University  
San Jose State University  
Santa Clara University  
Sonoma State University  
Stanford University  
Syracuse University  
University of Alabama  
University of Arizona  
University of California, Berkeley  
University of California, Davis  
University of California, Irvine  
University of California, Los Angeles  
University of California, Merced  
University of California, Riverside  
University of California, San Diego  
University of California, Santa Barbara  
University of California, Santa Cruz  
University of Colorado Boulder  
University of Connecticut  
University of Hawaii  
University of Hawaii at Manoa  
University of Massachusetts Amherst  
University of Massachusetts Boston  
University of Minnesota  
University of Mississippi  
University of Missouri  
University of Nevada Reno  
University of Notre Dame  
University of Oregon  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Portland  
University of San Diego  
University of South Carolina  
University of Southern California  
University of the Pacific  
University of Utah  
University of Washington  
Utah State University  
Utah Valley University  
Villanova University  
Virginia Military Institute  
Virginia State University  
Virginia Tech  
Washington State University  
West Virginia University  
Western Washington University  
Westminster University  
Westmont College

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## COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

### CLASS OF 2024