



**SAN MARCOS HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Empowering Personal Growth and Honorable Contributions**

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***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 industry. 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 95,261 and has much to offer its citizens.

***The School***

San Marcos High School is a comprehensive high school fed by three 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 that embraces our motto "Empowering personal growth and honorable contributions of all Knights."

San Marcos High School was established in 1960, and has a current enrollment of approximately 3,500 students 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.

As of 2014, San Marcos High School has been rebuilt into a state of the art facility. Every classroom has 21st century technology including interactive projectors and touchscreen computers. In addition to 10 computer labs, fourteen computer carts are shared throughout the campus. The design of the new campus is one of collaboration and transparency. Teachers have collaborative office spaces and students have interior collaborative spaces, including the Student Union, all with an abundance of windows, soft seating, tables, and chairs.

***School-Wide Objectives***

Students of San Marcos High School are self-regulated learners that will graduate as empowered individuals with 21st century skills and attitudes to positively contribute to their personal, local, and global communities. In order to do this, throughout their time at SMHS, students will demonstrate growth in their ability to:

- Think critically** and **creatively** in learning and life
- Produce** various forms of **effective communication**
- Productively interact** with **collaborative** environments for **learning and problem solving**

***Approximate Student Enrollment by Group***

- African American** 2.92%
- American Indian or Alaska Native** 0.39%
- Asian** 4.71%
- Filipino** 2.29%
- Hispanic or Latino** 43.94%
- Pacific Islander** 0.59%
- White (Not Hispanic)** 43.66%
- Socioeconomically Disadvantaged** 39.7%
- English Learners** 11.96%
- Students with Disabilities** 9.86%
- Multiple or No Response** 1.46%



### State Accountability: Academic Performance Index

The Academic Performance Index was an annual measure of the academic performance and progress of schools in California. The State of California is adopting a new measurement system of school performance. API scores ranged from 200-1,000, with a statewide target of 800. San Marcos High School's score for 2012/2013: **857**

### Graduation Requirements for the Class of 2019

Students must earn a minimum of 230 credits (5 credits per class per semester) including the following:

English	40 credits	4 years
Mathematics	20 credits	2 years
Science (1 physical, 1 life)	20 credits	2 years
Social Science	30 credits	3 years
Government	5 credits	1 semester
Economics	5 credits	1 semester
Physical Education	20 credits	2 years
Foreign Language or Fine Arts	10 credits	1 year
Electives	80 credits	

All classes meet five hours per week. The 80 remaining credits are earned in elective, vocational, or college prep classes.

### Curriculum

San Marcos High School offers a wide range of Honors (12 total), AP (21 total), College Prep and Career Technical Education (CTE) Courses to meet the needs of all students. Accelerated students are challenged by a series of Honors and Advanced Placement Courses.

A comprehensive Special Education program is provided for students with learning disabilities. English Language (EL) and co-taught college prep classes are offered for students who are not proficient in English. Many students take classes at Palomar College prior to high school graduation. We are also proud of our AVID program that received recognition as a National Demonstration and Program of Distinction.

### College Admissions

For the graduating class of 2018, 70% met the UC/CSU A-G subject requirements.

Approximately 49% of our graduates enroll at a four-year university and the remaining 51% enroll in a community college, enter the workforce or join the military.

The graduating class of 2018 received over \$2.5 million in scholarships and merit aid.

### Policy on Class Rank

San Marcos Unified School District does not rank.

### 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

### 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 Frosh, J.V., and Varsity levels. Our teams are very successful and have captured many league and CIF titles. In 2017 –2018 all 24 varsity sports made the playoffs. Our award-winning dance program has both men's and women's teams. Jazz, Concert, and Marching Band, Drama, and Chorus round out our performing arts program. We are very proud of our teams and individual athletic accomplishments as well as what our athletic programs do to motivate young students to be responsible citizens.

#### Highest GPA Class of 2018

**4.65**

#### Graduation Rate Class of 2018

**98%**

#### National Merit Scholars

##### Class of 2018

#### Commended Students

**17**

#### Semifinalists

**1**

#### Winner

**1**

#### GPA Computation College Prep Courses

**A= 4**

**B= 3**

**C= 2**

**D= 1**

**F= 0**

#### GPA Computation Weighted Courses

(All AP courses, Spanish 3 Honors, French 3 Honors, Wind Ensemble Honors, Engineering Honors & Genetics Honors)

**A= 5**

**B= 4**

**C= 3**

**D= 1**

**F= 0**

#### Class of 2018 Inaugural State Seal of Biliteracy

**19**

#### Class of 2018 AP Scholars

**125**



Special Programs

**Excalibur Knights**

Students with a 4.0 GPA or higher are invited to apply for this position. They go through an application process, which includes an interview. 24 students out of the 80+ applicants are chosen to represent SMHS. They visit middle schools to mentor eighth graders academically and socially. They also serve as peer academic tutors at the high school.

**Knights of the Round Table**

10 seniors (of over 80 applicants) are selected through a competitive interview process with the principal. The Knights of the Round Table (KORT) conduct assemblies at local elementary schools promoting a drug and alcohol-free lifestyle.

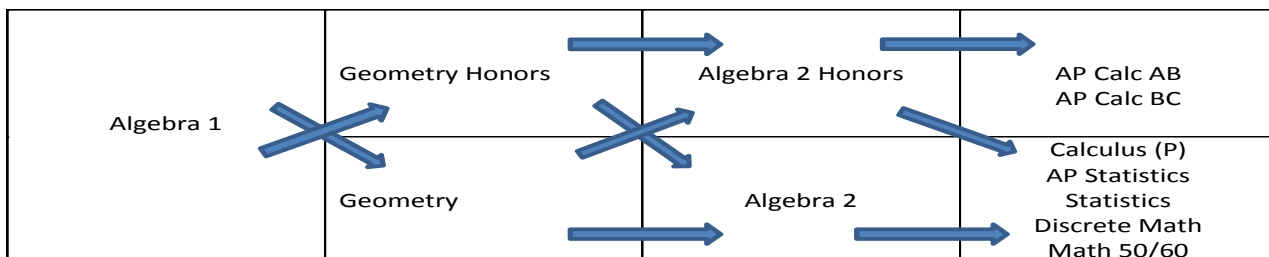
**AP Ambassadors**

Eight seniors from underrepresented backgrounds who are recommended and selected by teachers, counselors and administration to encourage their peers to challenge themselves academically. They share their own experiences, challenges and successes. They provide peer tutoring, mentorship and speak at parent/student information events.

School-wide Achievements

- 2017 California Gold Ribbon School by the California Department of Education to recognize “outstanding educational programs and practices.”
- **100%** of AVID graduates were accepted to and are currently attending college
- ASB was awarded the Outstanding School Leadership Award
- Knight Regiment (the largest marching band in San Diego County) earned a “Top 10 in the West” at WBA Grand Championships in Fresno in 2015, the Silver Medal at the 2014 SCSBOA 6A Championships and is ranked among the top high school marching bands in all of Southern California
- The San Marcos Dance Team won several regional and national titles
- **155** athletes in the class of 2018 maintained a GPA of 3.0 or higher and were recognized as **Senior Scholar Athletes**
- **27** athletes from the class of 2018 signed **National Letters of Intent (NLI)** to play their sport in college
- In 2018, the following athletic teams won **league championships**: Girls Tennis, Girls Cross Country, Girls Volleyball, Boys Cross Country, Girls Soccer, Wrestling, Boys Soccer, Boys Basketball, Boys Golf, Boys Tennis, Boys & Girls Lacrosse, Boys & Girls Swimming, Baseball and Softball
- In 2018, the following teams won **CIF Championships**: Girls Volleyball, Wrestling, Boys Soccer and Softball. Softball also won the California State Championship

**San Marcos High School Math Pathways** (Pre-Calculus and Math Analysis were discontinued in 2018– 2019 as Algebra 2 (P) and Honors now have a Pre-Calculus/Trigonometry component)



## San Marcos High School College Acceptances, Classes of 2017 & 2018

Adams State University	Humboldt State University	UC Los Angeles
Arizona State University	Iowa State University	UC Riverside
Biola University	Kansas State University	UC San Diego
Boise State University	Kutztown University—Penn	UC Santa Barbara
Boston University	Longwood University	UC Santa Cruz
Brightwood College	Loyola Marymount University	United States Naval Academy
Brigham Young University, Hawaii	Loyola University, New Orleans	University of Alabama
Brigham Young University, Idaho	Massachusetts College of Pharmacy	University of Albany SUNY
Brigham Young University, Provo	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	University of Arizona
Cabrillo College	Mercyhurst University	University of Central Florida
California Institute of Technology	Michigan State University	University of Colorado, Boulder
Cal Lutheran University	Minot State	University of Hawaii, Manoa
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo	Montana State University	University of Idaho
Cal State Channel Islands	New Mexico State University	University of Iowa
Cal State Chico	New York University	University of Kansas
Cal State Fullerton	Northern Arizona University	University of New Mexico
Cal State Long Beach	Ohio State University	University of Notre Dame
Cal State Monterey Bay	Oral Roberts University	University of Oregon
Cal State Northridge	Oregon State University	University of Pennsylvania
Cal State San Marcos	Point Loma Nazarene University	University of Pittsburgh
Cal State Stanislaus	Sacramento State University	University of Puget Sound
Carthage College	San Diego State University	University of Redlands
Central Michigan University	San Francisco State University	University of San Diego
Chapman University	San Jose State University	University of San Francisco
College of Idaho	Santa Barbara City College	University of Texas, Dallas
Colorado School of Mines	Santa Clara University	University of Texas, El Paso
Colorado State University, Fort Collins	Santa Monica College	University of the Pacific
Concordia University, Wisconsin	School of Art Institute - Chicago	University of Utah
Cornell University	Seattle University	University of Vienna
Dartmouth College	Sonoma State University	University of Washington
East Carolina University	Southern Oregon University	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical	Southern Virginia University	Utah State
Endicott College	Stanford University	Utah Valley University
Fordham University	Texas Christian University	West Coast Baptist College
Fresno State University	UC Berkeley	Westminster College
George Mason University	UC Davis	Yale University
Georgia Institute of Technology	UC Irvine	
Harvard University	UC Merced	