



SAN MARCOS HIGH SCHOOL

Empowering Personal Growth and Honorable Contributions

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Response to COVID-19 and Change of Instructional Model

San Marcos High School switched to virtual instruction on March 16, 2020. San Marcos Unified School District implemented a “no harm” grading policy for spring semester allowing for a combination of letter and pass/fail grading. Credit recovery opportunities were provided utilizing the online Edgenuity platform. The district attempted to mitigate the adverse technological impact of COVID-19 by providing each student a Chromebook and access to the internet with cooperation from local providers.

As of Fall 2020, San Marcos High School has moved from a traditional six period model with exclusively year-long classes (taken in two semesters) to a 4x4 model with year-long courses completed in one semester/term.

Transcripts will show courses taken prior to the 20/21 school year earning five (5) credits per class per semester. Courses taken during the 20/21 school year are completed in one semester/term and earn 10 credits.

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 96,847 and has much to offer its citizens.

The School

San Marcos High School is a comprehensive high school fed by four 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 3,595 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 built in sound and display systems. As of 2020, all teachers are equipped with a laptop that easily fits into any docking station on campus. In addition to our 12 computer labs, 8 which are dedicated to CTE, we have increased our technology availability by more than 300% since 2018. There are 52 computer carts on campus to provide adequate access to students among all departments. 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 2.12%
- American Indian or Alaska Native 0.40%
- Asian 6.11%
- Filipino 2.07%
- Hispanic or Latino 38.15%
- Pacific Islander 0.42%
- White (Not Hispanic) 44.86%
- Socioeconomically Disadvantaged 32.86%
- English Learners 4.98%
- Students with Disabilities 10.36%
- Multiple or No Response 5.86%

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 ; College and Career Readiness Indicator (CCI). API scores ranged from 200-1,000, with a statewide target of 800. San Marcos High School's last API score was **857**

Graduation Requirements for the Class of 2021

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	20 credits	2 years
(1 physical, 1 life)		
Social Science	30 credits	3 years
Physical Education	20 credits	2 years
World Language	20 credits	2 years
Visual and Performing Arts	10 credits	1 year
Electives	70 credits	

All classes meet five hours per week. The 70 remaining credits are earned in elective, vocational, or college prep classes.

Curriculum

San Marcos High School offers a wide range of Honors (14 total), AP (23 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 2020, 67% met the UC/CSU A-G subject requirements. Approximately 44% of our graduates enroll at a four-year university and the remaining 56% enroll in a community college, enter the workforce or join the military. The graduating class of 2020 received over \$4 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 Freshman, J.V., and Varsity levels. Our teams are very successful and have captured many league and CIF titles. In 2019-2020 12 of our varsity sports made it to CIF playoffs and we produced 168 senior scholar athletes. 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.

Highest GPA Class of 2020	4.60
Graduation Rate Class of 2020	99%
National Merit Scholars Class of 2020	Commended Students
	15
	Finalist
	1
	Winner
	1
National Hispanic Recognition Scholars	4
Class of 2020 State Seal of Biliteracy In six languages	94
Class of 2020 AP Scholars	71



GPA Computation College Prep Courses	
A	4
B	3
C	2
D	1
F	0
GPA Computation Weighted Courses	
A	5
B	4
C	3
D	1
F	0

School-Wide Special Programs

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. 24 total students are selected to represent SMHS as Excalibur Knights. They visit middle schools to tutor 8th graders both academically and socially. They also serve as peer academic tutors at SMHS.

Knights of the Round Table :

12 seniors (over 100 applicants) who are selected through a highly competitive interview process with a panel of administrators. The Knights of the Round Table (KORT) conduct assemblies at local elementary schools promoting a drug and alcohol free lifestyle

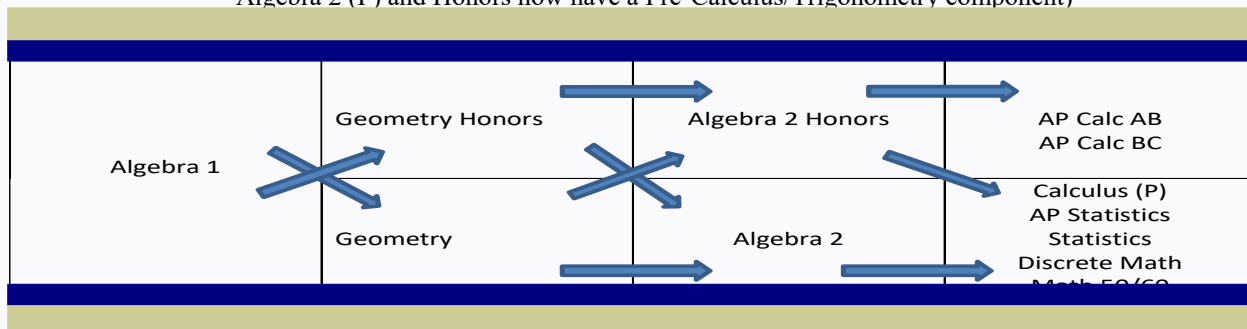
AP Ambassadors:

8 seniors from underrepresented backgrounds 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.

School-Wide Achievements

- 2018-2020 recognized by the California Student Aid Commission as Race To Submit Champions for high FAFSA & CA Dream Act completion.
- San Diego County Race to Submit Champion for the inaugural competition in 2020.
- Named a 2018-2019 ERP Honor Roll School.
- 2019-2020 designated as a No Place For Hate School.
- The class of 2020 produced 254 Honor Graduates.
- The class of 2020 produced in its inaugural year, 18 AP Capstone completers, 4 Capstone diplomas, and 2 AP Seminar & Research certificates.
- The class of 2020 produced 159 Career Technical Education pathway completers.
- 91 students in the class of 2020 earned Honorable Contribution Sashes and contributed to over 48,000 hours of community service.
- 168 athletes in the class of 2020 maintained a 3.0 GPA or higher and were recognized as Scholar Athletes.
- For two years in a row, the Knight Regiment band was nationally recognized and a finalist in the Bands of America Regionals in Utah.
- 19 athletes from the class of 2019 and 17 athletes from the class of 2020 (Spring sports cancelled due to COVID) signed National Letters of Intent (NLI) to play their sport in college.
- Air Force JROTC earned the Distinguish Unit Award, for the 3rd year in a row, bestowed upon the top 10% of units in the nation.

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 2018 - 2020

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