



SAN MARCOS HIGH SCHOOL

Empowering Personal Growth and Honorable Contributions

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SCHOOL PROFILE 2021-2022

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 the 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.

During the 2020-2021 school year, San Marcos High School 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. An exception to this are the following courses: ASB/Leadership, AVID, Band, AP Seminar and AP Research. These courses were taught for the full academic year and were issued 10 credits per term for a total of 20 credits for the academic year.

For Fall 2021, San Marcos High School returned to in person instruction and a traditional 1-6 period school day with courses issuing 5 credits per semester for 10 credits in an academic year for each class completed.

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 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.

San Marcos High School was established in 1960 and has a current enrollment of approximately 3,556 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.

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 of which are dedicated to CTE, we have increased our technology availability by more than 300% since 2018. 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.



Highest GPA Class of 2022

4.53

Graduation Rate - Class of 2020

99%

National Merit Scholars:

Class of 2021

Commended Students

4

Finalists

2

Winner

2

National Hispanic Recognition Scholars

4

Class of 2021 Seal of Biliteracy Recipients

145 in 6 different
languages

Class of 2020 AP Scholars

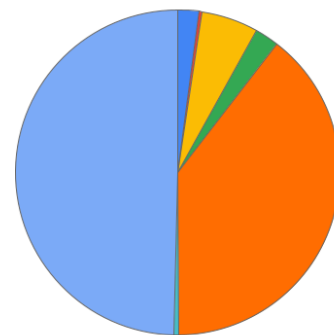
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Policy on Class Rank:

San Marcos Unified School District
does not rank.

Approximate Student Enrollment by Group

- African American / Black 2.09%
- American Indian or Alaska Native 0.31%
- Asian 5.69%
- Filipino 2.34%
- Hispanic or Latino 39.44%
- Pacific Islander 0.50%
- White (Not Hispanic) 49.63%
- Socioeconomically Disadvantaged 32.86%
- English Learners 4.98%
- Students with Disabilities 15%



State Accountability: Academic Performance Index

The Academic Performance Index was an annual measure of the academic performance and progress of schools in California. 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):

• English	40 credits (4 years)
• Mathematics	20 credits (2 years) (including 1 year of Geometry)
• 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, career technical education, or college prep classes.

Curriculum

San Marcos High School offers a wide range of Honors (14 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 Development (ELD) 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 2021, 78% 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 2021 received over \$4 million in scholarships and merit aid.

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, Color Guard, Drama, and Chorus round out our performing arts program.



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

Data Science (P)

A new a-g course was added to campus this year. This course is an introduction to the practice of data science: reasoning about the world with data. The course applies concepts from statistics and probability, alongside computation and visualization, as a means of processing data to learn about the world. An emerging academic discipline, data science creates a basis for thinking about and with data and understanding the ways in which data operate to shape our world. This is a course that satisfies the third and fourth year requirement for math for the UC campuses. For more information see the [UC HSA Special Bulletin on revised mathematics course policy](#).

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) 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 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.

School-Wide Achievements

- 2018-2021 recognized by the California Student Aid Commission as Race To Submit Champions for high FAFSA & CA Dream Act completion rates.
- San Diego County Race to Submit Champion for the competition in 2020 and 2021.
- 2019-2021 designated as a No Place For Hate School.
- The class of 2021 produced 303 Honor Graduates.
- The class of 2021 produced 87 AP Scholars, 41 AP scholars with Distinction, 44 Scholars with Honors, and 4 National Scholars.
- The class of 2021 produced 150 Career Technical Education pathway completers.
- The class of 2021 produced 145 CA State Seal of Biliteracy recipients in 6 different languages.
- 70 students in the class of 2021 earned Honorable Contribution Sashes and contributed to over 21,000 hours of community service.
- 56 members of the California Scholastic Federation and 107 members of the National Honor Society from the class of 2021.
- 16 scholar-athletes from the class of 2021 signed National Letters of Intent (NLI) to play their sport in college.
- Air Force JROTC earned the Distinguished Unit Award, for the 3rd year in a row, bestowed upon the top 10% of units in the nation.





San Marcos High School School-Wide Objectives

Students of SMHS 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 & problem solving



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

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COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

CLASSES OF 2018 - 2021