

SAN MARCOS HIGH SCHOOL

Empowering Personal Growth and Honorable Contributions

SCHOOL PROFILE 2022-2023

Response to COVID-19 and Change of Instructional Model

San Marcos High School responded to the needs of families in fall of 2021 with the support of the district by offering flexibility in their learning model as we transitioned back to school from distance learning. The models included: a traditional full-time in-person education; a grades 6-12 virtual independent study; and a blended option. In addition, credit recovery opportunities were provided utilizing the online Edgenuity platform offered as a course within the school day. The district continued to provide each student a Chromebook and helped families with access to the internet with cooperation from local providers.

During the 2020-2021 school year, in person instruction transitioned back to a traditional six-period model year-long classes taken in two semesters from the 4x4 model of year-long courses that was used during distance learning. Transcripts will show courses taken prior to the 20/21 school year and after the 21/22 school year students earned five (5) credits per class per semester. Courses taken during the 20/21 school year will show courses completed in one semester/term earned 10 credits, with the exception of 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 even during the year of distance learning.

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 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 3,407 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.

State Accountability: Academic Performance Index

The Academic Performance Index was an annual measure of the academic performance nd 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. There was no API for the 2021-2022 school year.

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Graduation Rate Class of 2022

999

Honors Graduates (3.75 cum GPA & Above)

373

Class of 2022 State Seal of Biliteracy Recipients

96

Class of 2022 AP Scholars

174

Class of 2022 Seal of Civic Engagement

49

CTE Pathway Completers

150

National Honors Society Members

60

Scholastic Federation Members

38

Policy on Class Rank:

San Marcos Unified School District does not rank.

Approximate Student Enrollment by Group

- African American
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- AsianFilipino
- Hispanic or Latino
- Pacific Islander
- White (Not Hispanic)
- Two or More Races
- Socioeconomically Disadvantaged
- English Learners
- Students with Disabilities

2.1% Filipino 2.1% 38.8% Hispanic or Latino 38.8%

1.3%

0.4%

5.4%

0.3% • Pacific Islander 0.3% 47.6% • White (Not Hispanic) 47.6%

Asian 5.4%

4.1% • Two or More Races 4.1%

African American 1.3%
American Indian or Alaska Native 0.4%

- 28.6%
- 6.4%
- 11.78%



Graduation Requirements for the Class of 2023

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 including 1 year of Geometry)
 - Social Science 30 credits (3 years)
- Science 20 credits (2 years; 1 physical 1 life)
- World Language 20 credits (2 years)
- Visual & Performing Arts 10 credits (1 year)
- Physical Education 20 credits (2 years)
- Electives 60 credits

Curriculum

San Marcos High School offers a wide range of Honors (13 total), AP (22 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. 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. 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 2022, 77% met the UC/CSU A-G subject requirements. Approximately 41% of our graduates enroll at a four-year university and the remaining 59% enroll in a community college, enter the workforce or join the military.

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

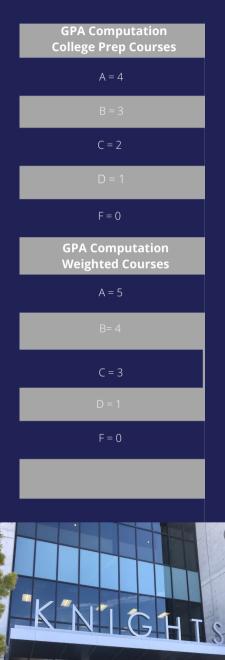
Dual Enrollment

These courses are Palomar College courses, taught by Palomar College hired 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 UC and/or 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 and Boys Volleyball, Field Hockey, Girls Water Polo, Girls and Boys Swim and Dive, and Girls Soccer. 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

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 mentor 8th graders both academically and socially. They also serve as peer academic tutors at SMHS.

Knights of the Round Table:

Sixteen 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:

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.

The San Marcos Promise - High School Ambassador Program (district-wide):

This program is open to any SMUSD high school student. Through the High School Ambassador Program, they are able to engage students in The San Marcos Promise 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 our team, enabling us to keep a strong student voice at the forefront of all we do.

School-Wide Achievements

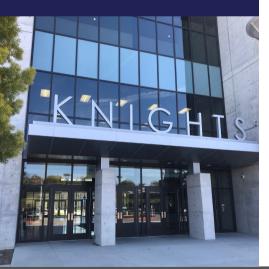
- 2018-2022 recognized by the California Student Aid Commission as Race To Submit champions for high FAFSA & CA Dream Act completion
- 2019-2022 designated as a No Place For Hate School
- The class of 2022 produced 174 AP Scholars, 74 AP Scholars with Honors, 117 AP Scholars with Distinction, 10 AP Capstone Diplomas, 17 AP Seminar & Research Certificates
- 93 students in the class of 2022 earned Honorable Contribution sashes
- 130 athletes in the class of 2022 maintained a 3.0 GPA or higher and were recognized as Scholar Athletes
- For three years in a row, the Knight Regiment band was nationally recognized and a finalist in the Bands of America Regionals in Utah
- 17 athletes from the class of 2022 signed National Letters of Intent (NLI) to play their sport in college
- Air Force JROTC earned the Distinguished Unit Award, for the 4th 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 selfregulated 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



Alfred State College Arizona State University **Baylor University** Belmont University Boise State University Boston University Brigham Young University, Idaho Brigham Young University, Provo Cal Poly Humboldt Cal Poly Pomona Cal Poly San Luis Obispo Cal State Chico Cal State East Bay Cal State Fullerton Cal State Long Beach Cal State Los Angeles Cal State San Marcos Cerritos College College of Mount Saint Vincent Colorado School of Mines Colorado State University Cornell University Cuesta College Culinary Institute of America Davbreak Leadership College Eastern Michigan University Easter Oregon University Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Fashion Institute of Technology Florida Atlantic University Florida State College at Jacksonville George Fox University Grand Canyon University Griffith University Hawaii Pacific University Iowa State University Irvine Community College Johnson & Wales University Loyola Marymount University McKendree University Mira Costa College New York University North Park University Northeastern University Northern Arizona University Northwest Lineman College Norwich University Ohio University Oregon State University Otis College of Art & Design Pace University Palomar College Palomar Institute of Cosmetology Parsons School of Design Penn State University **PIMA Medical Institute** Point Loma Nazarene University Portland State University **Rice University** Saddleback College San Diego Community College

San Diego State University San Jose State University Santa Barbara City College Santa Clara University Santa Monica College Sonoma State University St. John's University Swarthmore College Temple University, Japan Texas A&M University Texas Christian University The George Washington University The University of Utah United States Air Force Academy United States Military Academy, West Point United States Naval Academy University of Alabama University of Arizona UC Berkeley UC Davis UC Irvine UC Los Angeles UC Merced UC Riverside UC San Diego UC Santa Barbara UC Santa Cruz University of Central Florida University of Colorado, Boulder University of Colorado, Colorado Springs University of Connecticut University of Dallas University of Denver University of Hawaii at Manoa University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign University of Kansas University of Massachusetts, Amherst University of Minnesota Twin Cities University of Missouri University of Nevada, Reno University of Notre Dame University of Oregon University of Pennsylvania University of Redlands University of San Diego University of San Francisco University of Southern California University of the Pacific University of Toronto Scarborough University of Utah University of Washington Vanguard University Western University Virginia Military Institute Virginia Tech Washington State University West Virginia University Woodbury University Yale University

San Marcos High School College Acceptances Class of 2022