



SAN MARCOS HIGH SCHOOL

Empowering Personal Growth and Honorable Contributions

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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 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. There was no API for the 2021-2022 school year.



Highest GPA Class of 2022

4.59

Graduation Rate Class of 2022

99%

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	1.3%	• African American 1.3%
• American Indian or Alaska Native	0.4%	• American Indian or Alaska Native 0.4%
• Asian	5.4%	• Asian 5.4%
• Filipino	2.1%	• Filipino 2.1%
• Hispanic or Latino	38.8%	• Hispanic or Latino 38.8%
• Pacific Islander	0.3%	• Pacific Islander 0.3%
• White (Not Hispanic)	47.6%	• White (Not Hispanic) 47.6%
• Two or More Races	4.1%	• Two or More Races 4.1%
• Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	28.6%	
• English Learners	6.4%	
• Students with Disabilities	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.



**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 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 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



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
 Daybreak 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

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COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

CLASS OF 2022