



SCHOOL PROFILE 2016

VISION STATEMENT

We cultivate compassion, optimism, and love for learning, while building on our core values, so all students may lead rewarding lives and contribute to their communities.

MISSION STATEMENT

San Dieguito Academy is a learning community which nurtures the individual, promotes academic rigor, **provides** varied opportunities for success, and celebrates creative expression.

THE SCHOOL

San Dieguito Academy (SDA) is a school of choice. It is a comprehensive, public, four-year high school with a student population of 1850. It is a learning community which encourages active student involvement, leadership, and team work. SDA values rigorous academics and personal student attention. Career awareness ties the classroom to the community through our Career Pathways Program. Our active Associated Student Body supports many activities for student involvement throughout the year. Academics, media, world languages, career interest areas, community service, physical activities, and politics are represented by the many clubs and events on campus. Parents and community members are encouraged to take an active role at SDA. They are members of Site Council, SDA Foundation, Student Success Services, and serve in volunteer capacities. SDA seeks to form meaningful partnerships with other learning institutions. Many students in their junior and senior years take classes at Mira Costa or Palomar Community Colleges.

From the class of 2016, self-reported data from a Naviance Senior Exit Survey with 100% participation showed 32% are attending two year colleges and 67% are attending four-year colleges, some of which are: Univ of Chicago, Univ of British Columbia, Univ of S. California, Univ of San Diego, New York Univ, Univ of Oregon, Univ of San Francisco, Univ of Washington, UC Boulder, Univ of Arizona, Lewis & Clark, Willamette Univ, Univ of Arizona, Univ of Utah, Columbia Univ, Univ of Iowa, Univ of the Pacific, Loyola Marymount Univ, Sarah Lawrence Coll, Northwestern Univ, Scripps Coll, Univ of Michigan, Baylor Univ, Carleton Coll, Whittier Coll, George Washington Univ, Univ of LaVerne, Seattle Pacific Univ, American University, Univ of Vermont, Butler Univ and a variety of colleges within the University of California and Cal State University systems. The California Department of Education data from the 2014-15 school year shows that 232 out of the 331 total number of graduates, or 70.1%, have completed UC/CSU course requirements.

THE FACULTY

The faculty at SDA completely reflects the dedication, enthusiasm and expertise that have become synonymous with the San Dieguito Union High School District. Over half of SDA certificated faculty members hold advanced degrees. Teachers and counselors serve as homeroom advisors to students and as liaisons to their parents.

COMMUNITY SURROUNDINGS

San Dieguito Academy is located in North San Diego County. All 9th through 12th grade students who are **residents** of the San Dieguito Union High School District may choose to attend any of SDUHSD schools: Torrey Pines High School, La Costa Canyon High School, San Dieguito High School Academy or Canyon Crest Academy. The students bring a rich diversity of socio-economic backgrounds to San Dieguito Academy.

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GPA DISTRIBUTION CHART

GPA Range	% of class w/this GPA
≥ 4.25	8%
4.24-4.0	13%
3.9-3.5	29%
3.49-3.0	25%
2.9-2.5	16%
≤ 2.49	9%

AVERAGE TEST SCORES from 2015—2016

ACT composite score – 25.6
SAT total score – 1668

THE SCHEDULE

The high school operates on a “4 x 4” block schedule in which students attend four 90-minute classes each day. There are two 18-week terms, divided into four 9-week quarters. The school day includes a twenty-five minute homeroom period four times a week. Students have the opportunity to earn as many as 320 credits over four years. SDA students can enroll in a wide array of elective courses including video production, sociology, photography, surf P.E., computer game design, speech and debate, theatre, and music. We offer a combined course of AP U.S. History /AP English Language which shows as 2.5 credits for each quarter on the transcript. We also offer a Calculus III course through CSU San Marcos on our campus.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

We require 230 credits (5 for each quarter class passed with a D or better) to graduate. Students must also pass the California High School Exit Exam and Algebra I. Coursework must include:

- 40 credits in English
- 30 credits in math
- 20 credits in science
- 20 credits in physical education/health
- 10 credits in practical arts
- 10 credits in visual/performing art
- 10 credits in world history
- 10 credits in United States history
- 10 credits in economics/government

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Number of Graduates 395
Number of Semi-finalists 4
Number of Commended Students 19

HONORS & ADVANCED PLACEMENT

SDA offers 21 honors and advanced placement classes

English 9, Honors	AP Studio Art
English 10, Honors	Algebra II/Trigonometry Honors
AP English Language	Pre-Calculus, Honors
AP English Literature	AP AB Calculus,
AP Environmental Science	AP BC Calculus
AP Chemistry	AP Psychology
AP Physics 1	AP Economics
AP Physics 2	AP Government
AP Japanese Language	AP United State History
AP Spanish Lang	AP World History
AP Art History	

OPPORTUNITIES TO EXCEL

San Dieguito Academy offers many extracurricular and leadership experiences. Students may compete in the following academic teams: Speech and Debate and Mustang Minds. Our 20 athletic teams compete in the North County Conference. AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination), ASB (Associated Student Body), and PALs (Peer Assistance Listeners) allow students who demonstrate academic potential, leadership skills, and interest in helping others to contribute to the school community. SDA also offers instrumental, symphonic band, wind ensemble, visual and performing art, American sign language, and a comprehensive technical program. We also offer peer tutoring & internships in real-world settings.

MARKING PRACTICE (GPA)

	Regular	A P & Honors Pre Calculus
A	4 pts	5 pts
B	3 pts	4 pts
C	2 pts	3 pts
D	1 pt	1 pt
F	0 pts	0 pts
I	0 pts	0 pts
P	0 pts	0 pts

ACCREDITATION

Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)

It shall be the policy of the San Dieguito Union High School District to prohibit discrimination or harassment on the basis of sex, disability, race, color, national origin, religious creed, age, marital status, or sexual orientation in the educational programs and activities which it operates.