



SCHOOL PROFILE 2018-19

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 1885. 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 2018, self-reported data from our Senior Exit Survey with 100% participation showed 33% are attending two year colleges and 64% are attending four-year colleges, some of which are: Univ of S. California, Univ of San Diego, Univ of Oregon, Univ of San Francisco, Univ of Washington, UC Boulder, Univ of Arizona, Lewis & Clark Coll, Northern Arizona Univ, Arizona State Univ, Univ of the Pacific, Loyola Marymount Univ, Boston Univ, Penn State Univ, Univ of Redlands, Chapman Univ, Univ of Denver, Washington State Univ, Santa Clara Univ, Academy of Art Univ, Emerson Coll, Montana State Univ, Seattle Univ, Univ of Utah, Whitman Coll, Hawaii Pacific Univ, Georgetown Univ, Pt. Loma Nazarene Univ, Univ of Edinburgh, Columbia Univ, Georgia Institute of Tech, Texas A & M, Willamette Univ, Tufts Univ, Oberlin Coll, Reed Coll, Univ of British Columbia, Brandeis Univ, and a variety of colleges within the University of California and Cal State University systems. The California Department of Education data from the 2017-18 school year shows that 371 out of the 463 total number of graduates, or 80.1%, 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

The school is located in North San Diego County. All 9th—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, Canyon Crest Academy or Sunset High School. The students bring a rich diversity of socio-economic backgrounds to San Dieguito Academy.

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GPA DISTRIBUTION CHART-Unweighted

<u>GPA Range</u>	<u>% of class w/this GPA</u>
4.00-3.75	24%
3.74-3.50	21%
3.49-3.25	14%
3.24-3.00	14%
2.90-2.50	19%
≤ 2.49	8%

AVERAGE TEST SCORES from 2016—2017

ACT composite score – 25.3
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 Calculus III/Linear Algebra course through Mira Costa College 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 Integrated Math 1. 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 480
Number of Semi-finalists 5
Number of Commended Students 19

HONORS & ADVANCED PLACEMENT

SDA offers 28 honors and advanced placement classes

English 9 & 10 Honors	AP World History
AP English Language	AP European History
AP English Literature	AP Govt & Politics Comparative
AP Chemistry	AP Psychology
AP Biology	Integrated Math 1,2,3 Honors
AP Environmental Science	AP Calculus AB
AP Physics 1 & 2	AP Calculus BC
AP Physics C: EM	AP Statistics
AP Physics C: Mechanics	AP Comp. Science A
AP Govt & Politics U.S.	AP Studio Art
AP Microeconomics	AP Art History
AP US History	AP Spanish Lang

OPPORTUNITIES TO EXCEL

San Dieguito Academy offers many extracurricular and leadership experiences. Academic teams: Speech and Debate and Mustang Minds. Our 20 athletic teams compete in the Avocado East League. 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, 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)

	Courses	A P & Integrated Math 3 Honors
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.