

The Community

Vista is located in North San Diego County. It is within easy commuting distance to the greater metropolitan San Diego area with its many cultural, recreational and educational facilities.

Vista High School is one of thirty schools in the Vista Unified School District. The district encompasses 38 square miles and serves the city of Vista and parts of Oceanside, Carlsbad and San Marcos. These suburban communities are part of one of the fastest growing population areas in the United States. The district serves an enrollment of 22,091.

The Faculty

The certificated staff at Vista High School consists of one principal, four assistant principals, six counselors, one librarian, one school nurse, one athletic director, one student activities director, and one hundred seventeen teachers. More than half of the faculty members hold graduate degrees. The support staff consists of ninety-eight paraprofessional, clerical, and other personnel, including a sheriff's resource officer.

Academic Program

Vista High School provides a challenging academic program in the following content areas: English, Mathematics, Science, Social Science, World Language, Physical Education, Career Technology Education and the Visual/Performing Arts. In addition, the following cross-departmental programs exist to assist students as they pursue their individual course of study:

Honors Program: Vista High School offers both a rigorous International Baccalaureate Diploma Program and Advanced Placement courses.

AVID: The AVID Program helps under-represented students with potential for college develop their skills and interests in furthering their education.

ELD: Courses are provided to allow English Language Learners to improve their English, reading, writing and speaking skills and to facilitate their access to the core curriculum.

Special Education: Students diagnosed as having a learning disability are provided special instruction by participation in either a Diploma Bound or Certificate Bound Program.

Principal

Anthony Barela

Assistant Principals

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Jacqueline Wood

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The School

Vista High School is a four-year comprehensive public high school with an enrollment of 2,588 students. The ethnic diversity of the student population is 18% White, 74% Hispanic, .3% African American, 4% Asian/Pacific Islander, and < 1% American Indian.

Strong academics, competitive athletics, and a dynamic arts program allow Vista High School students to develop their own special talents and interests. A variety of academic programs, including International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, ELD, AVID and Special Education serve the needs of a diverse student body. An outstanding Visual and Performing Arts department promotes the cultural understanding and fine arts talents of students. Extensive athletic, co-curricular and extra-curricular programs provide another dimension to the educational experience of Vista High students.

Vista High School is situated on 45-acre campus. In addition to having more than 120 classrooms, the facilities include a comprehensive library, career center, art gallery, culinary arts kitchen, science labs, agriculture center, auto shop, and computer labs. Visual and Performing Arts facilities include an art wing, 126-seat theatre, band room, choir room and a dance room. Sports facilities include a gymnasium, weight room, two locker rooms, athletic fields and a newly renovated artificial turf stadium for football, soccer, field hockey and track. Technology facilities support three pc-based computer learning centers, two Mac labs, a state of the art Computer Aided Drafting (CAD) lab, a business and entrepreneurial computer lab, full campus wide wireless connectivity. Eight iPad carts housing over 200 iPads and 40 carts housing over 1300 Chromebooks. All classrooms are equipped with LCD projectors, document cameras, television set, DVD/VCR player, a teacher computing station and color printers. 60 % of our campus is covered by technology.

Vista High School

Pride in Unity



School Profile 2016-2017

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Graduation Requirements

For a Vista High School Diploma:

English	40 credits
Math	30 credits
Science	20 credits
Social Studies	40 credits
Fine Arts/Foreign Language	10 credits
Physical Education/Health	30 credits
Electives	50 credits

- 1) Complete 220 credits (1 semester class=5 credits)

Grading Practice

Grades	Regular Courses	Honors IB/AP
A Excellent	4	5
B Above Average	3	4
C Average	2	3
D Passing	1	1
F Failing	0	0

- Students are given three grade point averages (GPA):
 1. The Total Grade Point Average represents the grades for all classes taken in grades 9-12.
 2. The Academic Grade Point Average includes grades 9-12, excluding physical education and teacher aide classes.
 3. The California State University Grade Point Average includes grades 10-12 and excludes physical education and teacher aide classes.
- Class rank is computed using the weighted Academic Grade Point Average grades 9-12. More than one student may possess the same class rank
- The college accepted mark is "C" or above. The passing grade is "D"
- Honors courses are designated as follows:

H (Honors)
 AP (Advanced Placement)
 IB (International Baccalaureate)

The Honors Program

Vista High School offers a comprehensive honors program with both an International Baccalaureate Full Diploma program, International Baccalaureate Certificate program, and the Advanced Placement program. In addition, honors courses which lead to these upper level programs are available. For the current year, we have **45** anticipated full IB Diploma Candidates.

Honors Program course offerings include:

World History 1 Honors	IB French SL
AP Human Geo	IB German SL
AP European Hist	IB German HL1
AP US Hist	IB German HL2
IB Hist Amer HL2	AP Spanish Lng
AP Microeconomics	AP Spanish Lit
AP Macroeconomics	IB Spanish SL
AP Psychology	IB Spanish HL1
IB Psychology SL	IB Spanish HL 2
IB Bsness Mgmt SL	AP Studio Art: 2-D
IB TOK	IB Dance SL
English 9 Honors	IB Dance HL2
English 10 Honors	IB Music Solo SL
AP English Lng/ Cmp 11	IB Theater Arts HL1
IB Eng Lit 12 HL2	IB Theater Arts HL2
Algebra 2 Honors	
Math Analysis Honors	
AP Calculus AB	
AP Statistics	
IB Math Studies SL	
IB Math HL2	
Lab Bio 1 Honors	
AP Biology	
IB Lab Bio 3 HL2	
Chemistry 1 Honors	
AP Chemistry	
AP Physics 1	
AP Physics 2	
IB Environmental Systems (SL)	
IB Physics HL2	
IB Physics SL	
IB Design Tech SL	

International Baccalaureate

International Baccalaureate Scores

Testing Year	Total No. Tests	Score of 4 or better	% Passing	Diplomas Earned
2015-16	246	136	55%	6
2014-15	197	135	68.5%	7
2013-14	206	114	55%	11
2012-13	196	126	64%	11
2011-12	193	110	57%	5

Advanced Placement Scores

Testing Year	Total No. Test	Score of 3 or better	% Passing
2015-16	688	248	36%
2014-15	742	252	34%
2012-14	900	344	38%
2011-13	707	193	43%
2010-12	488	180	60%
2010-11	521	295	57%

Examination Scores Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) 2016

(School Code No. 053675)

Mean Scores

	Critical Rdg.	Writing	Math
Vista High	481	464	487
California	491	485	500
National	494	482	508

American College Test (ACT) 2016

	English	Math	Reading	Science	Composite
Vista High	20.6	21.9	21.9	21.5	21.6
California	22.1	22.7	22.9	22.1	22.6
National	20.1	20.6	21.3	20.8	20.8

Out of a graduating class of 542,237 seniors (43.7%) took the SAT Reasoning and 108 (19.9%) took the ACT.

Note: The University of California will award 30 quarter credit hours or 20 semester credit hours for students who obtain the IB Diploma with a score of 30 out of 45 points.

College Admissions

Vista High School graduates apply to and are accepted by many colleges and universities throughout the United States. Graduates of the class of 2016 are attending a variety of institutions including:

***The asterisk denotes scholarships**

4-year university/college	37%
2-year college	48%
Vocational trade schools	3%
Military	4%
Work/other	8%

College admissions:

Abilene Christina Univ*., TX	University of Arizona*
American University*	University of Houston*, TX
Arizona State University*	University of Minnesota*
Azusa Pacific University*	Universal Technical Institute
Baylor University*	University of California (all campuses)*
Benedict College*, S.C.	
Biola University*	University of Chicago
Boise State University*	University of LaVerne*
Brigham Young University*	University of Redlands*
BYU, Idaho	University of San Diego*
Cal Baptist Univ.*	University of the Pacific*
Cal Lutheran Univ.*	University of WA, Seattle*
California Polytechnic University, Pomona	
California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo*	
California State University (all campuses)*	
Concordia University, Irvine*	University of Colorado,
Cornell University	Boulder
Culinary Institute of America*	University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Cypress College	
Dartmouth College*, NH	University of Nevada, Reno
Fresno Pacific University*	University of Texas, El Paso
Grand Canyon Univ.*, AZ	University of Utah
Irvine Valley College	Virginia Military Academy*
Mira Costa College	West Virginia Univ.*
Montana State University*	
Northwest Missouri State University*	
Northwestern University*	
Palomar College*	
Palomar School of Cosmetology	
Paul Mitchell School of Beauty	
Point Loma Nazarene University*	
Rice University, TX	
Saddleback Community College	
San Diego Mesa Community College	
San Diego Miramar College	
Stanford University*	
Southern Utah University*	