



Canyon High School



California Distinguished School • International Baccalaureate School
Gold Ribbon School • Craig Abercrombie, Principal

2015-2016 Canyon High School

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Community

Canyon High School sits on a forty acre campus and is one of four comprehensive high schools in the Orange Unified School District. It is located in the beautiful community of Anaheim Hills in Southern California. The Orange Unified School District encompasses 128 square miles, and serves the communities of Anaheim, Garden Grove, Orange, Santa Ana and Villa Park.

School

Anaheim Hills is an upper middle socio-economic community. The schools' ethnicity is 20% Asian, 1% Pacific Islander, 2.5% Filipino, 15% Hispanic, 2% African American and 57% Caucasian. The percent of students who participate in economically disadvantaged programs is less than 2%. The major employers in Orange County include Walt Disney, University of California Irvine, UCI Medical Center and St. Joseph Health System. Orange County is home to a variety of technology based corporations and entertainment related businesses. In 2009, Canyon High School received a 6 year term of accreditation from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. Canyon is currently undergoing its accreditation review.

Curriculum

The academic program is organized on a rotating block schedule where students attend 3 block classes organized by even and odd days. Students are enrolled in 6, year-long courses where they earn 5 credits per course totaling 30 credits per semester. Students may enroll in a zero period class or 7th period class when available. Please note that, 0-period or 7th period classes meet every day of the week. The block schedule permits an average of 100 minutes per period.

AP courses are offered in: Art History, Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Chinese Language & Culture, English Language, English Literature, European History, French Language, Human Geography, Macroeconomics, Music Theory, Physics 1, Physics C, Psychology, Spanish Language, Statistics, U.S. Government & Politics, and U.S. History. The Advanced Placement is an open-enrollment program.

International Baccalaureate courses are offered in: Biology HL, English HL1 & HL2, French IV SL, History of the Americas HL2, Mandarin SL, Psychology SL, Spanish IV SL, Environmental Systems SL, and Theory of Knowledge.

Honors classes are offered in: Algebra II, Biology, Chemistry, English 9 & 10, French III, Geometry, Physics, Pre-calculus w/Trig, and Spanish III.

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Grading

The school administrative staff reviews grading criteria and practices annually. Grading practice is communicated to students at the onset of each semester through the dissemination of course expectations.

Rank

A percentage rank is calculated for seniors based on their weighted academic GPA earned in grades 9-11.

Graduating with Honors

Students with a cumulative grade point of 4.7 and above are designated Summa Cum Laude, and those with a cumulative grade point of 4.5 – 4.699 are designated Magna Cum laude for graduation.

GPA Calculation

Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate and Honors classes are weighted on a 5 point scale. Grades are recorded on the transcript and grade point average is computed in January and June.

Class of 2015

80.4% of the 567 graduates in the class of 2015 earned a Grade Point Average (GPA) over a 2.5.

- ❖ 152 earned a 4.0+
- ❖ 89 earned 3.5 – 3.99
- ❖ 110 earned 3.0 – 3.49
- ❖ 105 earned 2.5 – 2.99
- ❖ 82 earned 2.0 – 2.49
- ❖ 28 earned less than a 2.0

Standardized Test Results

56% of the class of 2015 (315) took the SAT		28% of the Class of 2015 (166) took the ACT	
Critical Reading Mean:	533	Average Composite:	25.3
Math Mean:	549		
Writing Mean:	539		

Advanced Placement

In May 2015, 703 students took AP exams.
A total of 1,436 exams were taken in 19 subjects.
69.4% of the AP exams received a score of 3 or higher.

International Baccalaureate

In May 2015, 85 exams were taken in 10 subjects.
9 out of 10 candidates received IB Diplomas.
87% of the IB exams received a score of 4 or higher.

Post High School Placement

53% Matriculate to 4 year colleges & universities.
45% matriculate to 2 year community colleges.
2% select work, military service, or technical instruction.

Awards and Distinctions

Seven National Merit Semi-Finalists; National Rankings: Newsweek: #733; US News and World Report: #1,311 Silver Rating, Washington Post #918; California Business for Education Excellence Honor Roll; Gold Ribbon School

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Colleges attended by Canyon High School graduates over the past few years:

Abilene Christian College	Lewis and Clark College	University of Florida
Air Force Academy	Louisiana State University	University of Hawaii
Arizona State University	Loyola Marymount University	University of Houston
Azusa Pacific University	M.I.T.	University of Kentucky
Baylor University	Michigan State University	University of La Verne
Biola University	Naval Academy	University of Michigan
Boston University	New York University	University of Missouri
Brandeis University	Northern Arizona University	University of Montana
Brigham Young University	Northwestern University	University of New Hampshire
California Baptist University	Pennsylvania State University	University of Nevada
California Institute of Technology	Pepperdine University	University of Notre Dame
California State University (all campuses)	Pomona College	University of the Pacific
Chapman University	Portland State University	University of Pennsylvania
Colgate University	Purdue University	University of Redlands
Colorado State University	Rice University	University of San Diego
Columbia University	Rutgers University	University of San Francisco
Cornell University	Scripps College	University of Southern CA
Dominican College	Seattle University	University of Southern Vermont
Duke University	Stanford University	University of Wyoming
Florida State University	Tennessee State University	Utah State University
Georgetown University	Texas Christian University	Vassar College
Harvard College	University of Alabama	Wesleyan University
Harvey Mudd College	University of Alaska	Westmont College
Johns Hopkins University	University of Arizona	West Point
	University of California	Yale University

Note:

We do not send official transcripts or test scores; students request test scores through College Board & ACT and official transcripts through Parchment.

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