



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 19.6% Asian, 1% Pacific Islander, .3% American Indian/Alaskan Native, 3.9% Filipino, 20.5% Hispanic, 2.4% African American and 50.8% Caucasian. The percent of students who qualify for economically disadvantaged programs is 12.1%. 8.4% of students are first-generation college. 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 October 2015, Canyon High School received a 6 year term of accreditation from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

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, Computer Science, 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 2016

84.6% of the 575 graduates in the class of 2015 earned a Grade Point Average (GPA) over a 2.5.

- ❖ 164 earned a 4.0+
- ❖ 118 earned 3.5 – 3.99
- ❖ 102 earned 3.0 – 3.49
- ❖ 103 earned 2.5 – 2.99
- ❖ 68 earned 2.0 – 2.49
- ❖ 20 earned less than a 2.0

Standardized Test Results

55% of the class of 2016 (317) took the SAT		36% of the Class of 2016 (208) took the ACT	
Critical Reading Mean:	550	Average Composite:	25.0
Math Mean:	558		
Writing Mean:	543		

Advanced Placement

In May 2016, 741 students took AP exams.
A total of 1,603 exams were taken in 23 subjects.
69.9% of the AP exams received a score of 3 or higher.

International Baccalaureate

In May 2016, 67 exams were taken in 9 subjects.
7 out of 8 candidates received IB Diplomas.
82% 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

Five National Merit Semi-Finalists; National Rankings: US News and World Report: #1,266 Silver Rating, Washington Post #936; 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 Hawaii
Air Force Academy	M.I.T.	University of Houston
Arizona State University	Michigan State University	University of Kentucky
Azusa Pacific University	Naval Academy	University of La Verne
Baylor University	New York University	University of Michigan
Biola University	Northern Arizona University	University of Missouri
Boston College	Northeastern University	University of Montana
Boston University	Northwestern University	University of New Hampshire
Brandeis University	Pennsylvania State University	University of Nevada
Brigham Young University	Pepperdine University	University of Notre Dame
California Baptist University	Pomona College	University of Oregon
California Institute of Technology	Portland State University	University of the Pacific
California State University	Purdue University	University of Pennsylvania
Carnegie Mellon University	Rice University	University of Redlands
Chapman University	Rutgers University	University of San Diego
Colgate University	Scripps College	University of San Francisco
Colorado State University	Seattle University	University of Southern CA
Columbia University	Skidmore College	University of Southern Vermont
Cornell University	Soka University	University of Wyoming
Dominican College	Stanford University	Utah State University
Duke University	Tennessee State University	Vanderbilt University
Florida State University	Texas Christian University	Vassar College
Georgetown University	University of Alabama	Wesleyan University
Harvard College	University of Alaska	Westmont College
Harvey Mudd College	University of Arizona	West Point
Johns Hopkins University	University of California	Whittier College
	University of Florida	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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