



# Canyon High School

California Distinguished School • International Baccalaureate School  
Gold Ribbon School • Brent McKee, Principal



2023-2024 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 school's ethnicity is 19.5% Asian, 3.2% Filipino, 24.4% Hispanic, 1.3% African American, 44.5% Caucasian, and 6.4% multi-ethnic. The percent of students who qualify for economically disadvantaged programs is 17.5%. Less than 10% of students are first-generation college students. 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. Canyon High School received a 6 year term of accreditation (through June 2029) during its last visit from the Western Association of Schools and College (WASC).

## 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 six year-long courses where they earn 5 credits per course totaling 30 credits per semester. Students may enroll in a zero period class or 7<sup>th</sup> period class when available. Please note that 0-period or 7<sup>th</sup> period classes meet every day of the week. The block schedule permits an average of 100 minutes per period.

AP courses are offered in: 2D Art & Design, Art History, Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Computer Science A, Computer Science Principles, Drawing, English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, European History, French Language & Culture, Human Geography, Macroeconomics, Music Theory, Physics 1, Physics C, Psychology, Spanish Language & Culture, Spanish Literature & Culture, Statistics, U.S. Government & Politics, and U.S. History. The Advanced Placement program is an open-access program.

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

Honors classes are offered in: Biology, Chamber Singers, Chemistry, English 9 & 10, French 3, Math 1, Math 2, Math 3, Orchestra, Physics, Physiology, Pre-Calculus w/Trig, Spanish 3, UCCI Spanish 4.

## **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 decile 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 2023**

The Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) for the 515 graduates was 3.75.

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|------------------------|---------------------------|
| ❖ 237 earned a 4.0+    | ❖ 53 earned 2.5 –2.99     |
| ❖ 92 earned 3.5 – 3.99 | ❖ 36 earned 2.0 – 2.49    |
| ❖ 87 earned 3.0 – 3.49 | ❖ 10 earned less than 2.0 |

## **Advanced Placement**

In May 2023, 699 students took 1444 AP exams.  
A total of 1,444 exams were taken in 29 subjects.  
75% of the AP exams received a score of 3 or higher.

## **International Baccalaureate**

In May 2023:  
85% of IB Diploma candidates received IB Diplomas.  
86% of the IB certificate students passed their exams.

## **Post High School Placement**

58.2% Matriculate to 4 year colleges & universities.  
42.2% Matriculate to 2 year community colleges.  
4.1% Joining the workforce full time.  
1.4% Enlisting in military service.

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## Awards and Distinctions

Four National Merit Semi-Finalists; Two National Merit Finalists, 20 National Merit Program Commended Students, 94 Seal of Biliteracy Recipients, 264 Golden State Seal Merit Recipients, California Distinguished School; California Golden Bell Award Winning School; Gold Ribbon School

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

Abilene Christian College  
 Air Force Academy  
 Arizona State University  
 Azusa Pacific University  
 Baylor University  
 Biola University  
 Boston College  
 Boston University  
 Brandeis University  
 Brigham Young University  
 California Baptist University  
 California Institute of Technology  
 California State University  
 Carnegie Mellon University  
 Chapman University  
 Colgate University  
 Colorado State University  
 Columbia University  
 Cornell University  
 Dominican College  
 Duke University  
 Florida State University  
 Georgetown University  
 Harvard College  
 Harvey Mudd College  
 Johns Hopkins University

M.I.T.  
 Michigan State University  
 Naval Academy  
 New York University  
 Northern Arizona University  
 Northeastern University  
 Northwestern University  
 Pennsylvania State University  
 Pepperdine University  
 Pomona College  
 Portland State University  
 Purdue University  
 Rice University  
 Rutgers University  
 Scripps College  
 Seattle University  
 Skidmore College  
 Soka University  
 Stanford University  
 Tennessee State University  
 Texas Christian University  
 University of Alabama  
 University of Alaska  
 University of Arizona  
 University of California  
 University of Chicago  
 University of Florida

University of Houston  
 University of Kentucky  
 University of La Verne  
 University of Michigan  
 University of Missouri  
 University of Montana  
 University of New Hampshire  
 University of Nevada  
 University of Notre Dame  
 University of Oregon  
 University of the Pacific  
 University of Pennsylvania  
 University of Redlands  
 University of San Diego  
 University of San Francisco  
 University of Southern CA  
 University of Southern Vermont  
 University of Wyoming  
 Utah State University  
 Vanderbilt University  
 Vassar College  
 Wesleyan University  
 Westmont College  
 West Point  
 Whittier College  
 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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