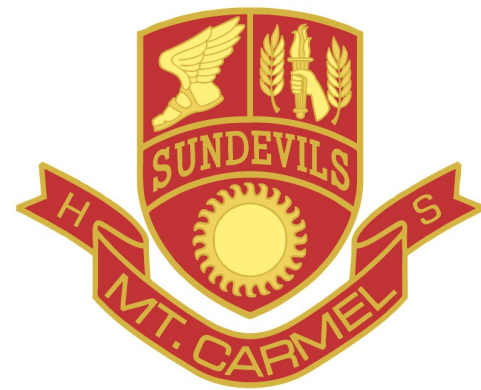


# Mt Carmel High School

## School Profile 2021



### The School and Community

Established in 1974, Mt. Carmel High School lies in the suburban neighborhood of Rancho Peñasquitos in the northern-most inland area of the City of San Diego, and is fully accredited by the Schools Commission of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). It draws students from the communities of Rancho Peñasquitos, Sabre Springs, Scripps Ranch and Carmel Mountain Ranch. Mt Carmel is unique in its diversity of the student body, open enrollment status, open access to AP courses as well as award-winning programs. The school is home to almost 1,900 students of varied backgrounds and is the most diverse high school within the Poway Unified School District. Over 30% of the students speak another language at home and over 50 languages are represented on the campus. Mt. Carmel boasts the only Fire Science program in the school district that is articulated with a local community college. Mt. Carmel has PLTW Engineering and Computer Science Pathways and has a Sports Medicine program that includes internship experience. Our trimester system allows students to accelerate through Spanish, math and science and explore more courses over the four years of high school. Mt. Carmel has been named a California Distinguished School four times over four different decades, and a National Blue Ribbon School in 2005. Mt. Carmel was named a CA Gold Ribbon School in 2017. Mt. Carmel was named a Scholar Honor Roll School by the Educational Results Partnership and CBEE Foundation in 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018.

### THE MT CARMEL CURRICULUM

is an academically challenging college preparatory program. Mt Carmel students can take up to five classes each of three trimesters, earning five credits per course for a maximum of 75 credits in one school year. Two trimesters are equivalent to a full year of coursework. Graduation requires: students complete a minimum of 230 credits that include the following requirements:

English 40 credits  
Mathematics 20 credits  
Social Science 30 credits  
Biological/Life Science 10 credits  
Physical Science 10 credits  
Physical Education (PE) 20 credits  
Fine Arts 10 credits  
Health 5 credits

**GRADING:** Courses identified as college preparatory are coded “P.” Honors classes are coded “H,” Advanced Placement classes are graded on a 5 point scale and coded “HH” and “AH” respectively on student transcripts. Mt Carmel calculates grade point average on a weighted 4.0 scale that includes all subjects taken from freshman year through senior year, except physical education, school services and planning and leadership grades. The following breakdown is used: A=4.00, B=3.00, C=2.00, D=1.00, F=0. Add an additional point for AP grades A, B, C (e.g.A=5.00). +/- not included in weight.

Poway Unified School District/Mt Carmel does NOT RANK students. Mt Carmel does NOT change course grades to reflect AP test scores.

*For Spring 2020 Poway Unified School District began utilizing a CR/NM final grading scale due to the COVID-19 SCHOOL CLOSURES BASED UPON GUIDANCE FROM THE California Department of Education.*

**HONORS & ACADEMIC PLACEMENT:** All students are strongly encouraged to take Honors and Academic Placement courses in all academic areas. As an open access campus, our goal is that every student will attempt at least one AP class. HONORS CLASSES: Honors High School English 1-2, Honors Humanities, Honors Pre-Calculus. ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) COURSES: AP Art History, AP Biology, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, AP Chemistry, AP Computer Science, AP English Language, AP English Literature, AP Environmental Science, AP European History, AP Physics 1A-1B, AP Physics C Electricity and Magnetism, AP Physics C Mechanics, AP Psychology, AP Spanish Language, AP Statistics, AP Studio Art 2D, 3D, Drawing and Painting, AP US Government and Economics, AP US History.

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**EXCELLENCE, PROGRAMS AND AWARDS: INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC** has won numerous unanimous superior awards and sweepstakes awards at band tournaments and field shows all over Southern California as well as four appearances in the prestigious Tournament of Roses Parade. **THE MARCHING SUNDEVILS & COLOR GUARD** are the undefeated five—time (Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association) SCSBOA 6A Gold Medal Champions.. The **CHORAL MUSIC** program’s reputation for excellence includes performances at Carnegie Hall, the Golden State Festival, and the Holiday Bowl in San Diego. Recognized by the Grammy Foundation in 2003, 2005 and 2008. The **MT CARMEL SUN NEWS-PAPER** has won local and national journalism education recognition and was in the National Top Ten of School news websites for 2016 and 2017 JEA (Journalism Education Association). The **DRAMA** program has won distinction at the CETA (CA Educational Theatre Association) Festival and recognition for excellence in Drama education. **THE ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY (ASB)** received the Outstanding Leadership Program Award the past 4 years at the CA Association of Student Leaders Conference.

**ATHLETICS:** MCHS holds 108 CIF Championships and 188 League Championships over the course of the school’s history.

**CLASS OF 2021 COLLEGE ATTENDANCE**

- 75 % of students to college
- 27% of students to 4-year college
- 48 % of students to 2-year college

**ELECTIVES** — *CTE Pathway Electives in italic*  
 3D Computer Animation, ASB Planning and Leadership, Athletic Training/Sports Medicine, Automotive Technology, AVID, Band, Biotech/Biotech Internship, Choir, Computer Programming, Dance, Design Mixed Media, Digital Media Production, Drama, Drawing and Painting, Ethnic Studies, Filipino Language and Culture, Fire Science, First Responder, French, Internship, Intro to Computer Science, Intro to Engineering Design \*, Journalism, Orchestra, Photography, Principles of Engineering\*, Psychology Sociology, Spanish, Tall flags (Color Guard) Theater Tech, Work Experience, Year-book.

\*=PLTW/Project Lead The Way course.

**CLASS OF 2021 DEMOGRAPHICS**

AVID 8%      ELL .1%  
 SENIOR CLASS SIZE: 456  
 HIGHEST GPA: 4.56

**ADVANCED PLACEMENT 2020-21**

241 Seniors were enrolled in AP classes  
 393 AP exams taken by Seniors  
 73% of all AP students scored 3 or higher

**NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2020-21**

5 Finalists

**SAT/ACT**

2021 SAT	ERW Mean	Math Mean	Total Mean
tba			

2021 ACT	Composite Score
tba	

**COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES ATTENDED BY  
 MT CARMEL CLASS OF 2021**

**4 Year Colleges/Universities**

- Academy of Art University
- Alabama A&M University
- Arizona State University
- Arkansas State University
- Boise State University
- Boston University
- Brigham Young University Idaho
- Cal Poly Pomona
- Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
- California State University Chico
- California State University Dominguez Hills
- California State University Long Beach
- California State University Los Angeles
- California State University Monterey Bay
- California State University Northridge
- California State University San Marcos
- Chapman University
- Clarke University
- Colorado State University Fort Collins
- Elon University
- Embry Riddle Aeronautical University - Prescott, Arizona
- Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising
- Fisk University
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Grand Canyon University
- Greenville Technical College
- Hawaii Pacific University
- Humboldt State University
- Idaho State University
- Ithaca College
- Jefferson Community and Technical College
- Johns Hopkins University
- Lake Forest College
- Landmark College
- Lourdes University
- Montana State University
- New York University
- Northeastern University
- Northern Arizona University
- Oregon State
- Paul Mitchell the School Boise
- Pembroke College, Oxford
- Point Loma Nazarene University
- Portland State University
- Principia College
- Purdue University

- San Diego State University
- San Francisco State University
- San Jose State University
- Scripps College
- Sonoma State University
- St. Ambrose University
- SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry
- University College of Dublin, Ireland
- University of Arizona
- University of California Berkeley
- University of California Davis
- University of California Irvine
- University of California Los Angeles
- University of California Riverside
- University of California San Diego
- University of California Santa Barbara
- University of California Santa Cruz
- University Of Colorado Boulder
- University of Colorado Colorado Springs
- University of Hawai’i at Mānoa
- University of Idaho
- University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign
- University of Nevada Las Vegas
- University of Oregon
- University of Redlands
- University of San Diego
- University of Southern California
- University of Utah
- University of Washington Seattle
- Utah State University
- Western Oregon University
- William and Mary
- Williams College

**2 Year Colleges**

- Southwestern Community College
- SDCCD Mesa College
- SDCCD Miramar College
- SDCCD San Diego City College
- Santa Barbara City College
- Palomar Community College
- Mira Costa Community College
- Grossmont College
- Gilbert Chandler Community College
- Collin Community College