

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
- Electives 85 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.



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For the Spring Trimester (March to June) of 2020, Poway Unified School District moved to a CR - Credit or NM - No Mark grading system due to emergency COVID school closures. In addition, California State Assembly Bill AB 104 allowed students to request Pass/Fail grading for the 2020-2021 school year. The 2021-2022 school year was almost 100 percent virtual. We re-opened for in-person instruction with very limited capacity for high need students in March of 2021. Most of our students remained virtual for the 2020-21 school year. For the class of 2021 we saw a dramatic increase in the number of graduates attending local community colleges, many for financial reasons as our local 2-year colleges provide free tuition and fees for 2 years. Many 2021 graduates also chose to stay closer to home due to the COVID pandemic. In the past, 60+ % of our graduating seniors enrolled in 4-year colleges and 25+% enrolled in 2-year colleges. Overall about 70+% of our students meet 4-year college entrance requirements despite where they choose to enroll.

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.

COLLEGE ATTENDANCE

Grad Year	4 year	2 year	Total to College
2021	27 %	48 %	75 %
2020	62 %	26 %	88 %
2019	53 %	36 %	89 %

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