



POWAY HIGH SCHOOL

Poway Unified School District



2016– 2017 SCHOOL PROFILE

GENERAL INFORMATION

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THE SCHOOL AND ITS COMMUNITY

Poway High School is a four-year comprehensive public high school, established in 1961 and nationally recognized for academic excellence. Poway High School currently serves approximately 2,247 students in grades 9-12, with a senior class of 577.

Located in a suburban community 15 miles northeast of San Diego, the Poway Unified School District is a primarily middle to upper-middle income residential community. The population of the area is approximately 197,500, with a Poway Unified School District population of 35,888 students in grades K-12. The majority of student enrollment at Poway High School comes from the communities of Poway and Rancho Bernardo.

Poway High School has approximately 101 certificated staff members, including four administrators, five counselors, and one school psychologist.

CURRICULUM

All students are required to complete 230 credits, with 5 credits earned for each course completed with a grade of "D" or better. The school is currently on a traditional semester schedule. There are 6 periods and classes meet for 57 minutes daily two days per week, 114 minutes two days per week, and 48 minutes one day per week to accommodate staff professional development and collaboration time.

HONORS AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

The following Honors and Advanced Placement courses are offered at Poway High:

AP Biology	AP Statistics
AP Calculus AB	AP Studio Art: 2D
AP Calculus BC	AP Studio Art: 3D
AP Chemistry	AP Studio Art: Drawing
AP Computer Science	AP US History
AP English Language	Honors Algebra 3-4
AP English Literature	Honors Biology 1-2
AP European History	Honors English 1-2
AP French	Honors Humanities
AP German	Honors Pre-Calculus
AP Government	Honors Spanish 3-4
AP Human Geography	Honors Spanish 5-6
AP Music Theory	
AP Physics	
AP Psychology	
AP Spanish Language	
AP Spanish Literature	

ELECTIVES

Courses are offered in Art, Agriculture, AVID, Career/ Technical Ed, Drama, Music (instrumental and choral), Physical Education, and School Service (teaching assistants and academic tutors).

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER (ELL)

Courses offered for students learning to speak, read, and write English include language acquisition and sheltered courses in English, Math, Science and Social Science.

CAREER/TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE)

Vocational training classes are offered through CTE in areas including auto, digital media, floriculture, graphics and photography.

ACCREDITATION

Poway High School is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Special instruction is provided for students with more severe learning problems, either by participation in a Special Day Class or the Resource Specialist Program.

AVID (ADVANCEMENT VIA INDIVIDUAL DETERMINATION)

The AVID program is designed to help qualifying students with average /high standardized test scores prepare for college.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Poway High School students must earn 230 credits (5 credits for each course completed) from the following subject areas:

English	8 semesters	40 credits
Mathematics	4 semesters	20 credits
Science	4 semesters	20 credits
Social Science	6 semesters	30 credits
Physical Education/Health	5 semesters	25 credits
Fine Arts	2 semesters	10 credits
Electives		85 credits
TOTAL		230 credits

GRADING AND GPA CALCULATION

Poway High School does not rank its students.

Grade point average is calculated based on all grades earned in classes taken from 9th to 12th grade. Physical education, school service, work experience, and planning leadership grades are excluded from the computation. The following breakdown is used:

<u>All courses (except AP)</u>	<u>AP Courses</u>
A=4.0	A=5.0
B=3.0	B=4.0
C=2.0	C=3.0
D=1.0	D=1.0
F=0.0	F=0.0

The college recommended mark is C or above. The passing grade is D.

2015-16 STANDARDIZED TESTING INFORMATION

SAT REASONING TEST	PHS	CA
Mean Critical Reading	541	491
Mean Mathematics	557	500
Mean Writing	534	485

ACT		
Mean English	24.4	22.1
Mean Mathematics	24.6	22.7
Mean Reading	25.1	22.9
Mean Science	24.0	22.1
Mean Composite	24.7	22.6

AP EXAMS

Number of AP exams taken	1423
Number of AP students tested	704
Percentage of qualifying scores (3 or higher)	77.6%

2015 National Merit Semi-Finalists	2
2016 National Merit Finalists	1

POST SECONDARY PURSUITS

Approximate enrollment after graduation is as follows:

Four-year colleges and universities	59%
Two-year colleges	31%
Workforce	5%
Military	3%
Specialty (technical/trade) schools	2%

Poway High School graduates are admitted to colleges and universities across the country. Below is a partial list of higher education institutions attended by our most recent graduates:

Arizona State University	Cornell College	Prince William Sound Community College	University of Cincinnati
Auburn University	Cornell University	Purdue University	University of Colorado—Boulder
Baylor University	DePaul University	Rhode Island School of Design	University of Denver
Boise State University	Eastern Michigan University	Saint Katherine College	University of Massachusetts—Amherst
Boston University	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	San Diego Miramar College	University of Michigan—Ann Arbor
Brigham Young University	Grand Canyon University	San Diego State University	University of Montana—Missoula College
Bryant University	Grossmont College	San Francisco State University	University of Nevada—Reno
California Baptist University	Humboldt State University	San Jose State University	University of New Mexico
California Polytechnic State University—SLO	Iowa State University	Santa Clara University	University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill
California Polytechnic State University—Pomona	Johns Hopkins University	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Oregon
California State University—Channel Islands	Johnson and Wales University	Seattle University	University of Redlands
California State University—Chico	Lake Forest College	Sonoma State University	University of San Diego
California State University—Fullerton	Lewis-Clark State College	Stanford University	University of San Francisco
California State University—Long Beach	Loyola Marymount University	Texas Christian University	University of Southern California
California State University—San Marcos	Michigan State University	University of Alabama	University of Texas—Austin
Chapman University	Mira Costa College	University of Alaska	University of Texas—Arlington
Clemson University	Montana State University—Billings	University of Arizona	University of Utah
College of The Holy Cross	Northern Arizona University	University of California—Berkeley	University of Washington
Colorado Mesa University	Ohio State University—Columbus	University of California—Irvine	Washington State University
Colorado State University	Ohio Wesleyan University	University of California—Los Angeles	Western New Mexico University
Columbus State Community College	Oregon State University	University of California—Merced	Westminster College
Concordia University—Irvine	Palomar College	University of California—Riverside	Winona State University
	Pennsylvania State University—DuBois	University of California—San Diego	
	Pepperdine University	University of California—Santa Barbara	
	Point Loma Nazarene University	University of California—Santa Cruz	