POWAY HIGH SCHOOL
Poway Unified School District

2019-2020 SCHOOL PROFILE

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 2,307 students in grades 9-12, with a senior class of 532.

The Poway Unified School District is located in northern San Diego County, California. The population of the area is approximately 204,300, with a Poway Unified School District population of approximately 36,500 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 109 certificated staff members, including four administrators, five counselors, and one school psychologist.

CURRICULUM

Poway High School is currently on a trimester schedule with five class periods. Poway High students may take up to five classes each of three trimesters, earning five credits per course completed with a grade of “D” or better. All students are required to complete 230 credits to graduate.

HONORS AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

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

AP Biology 3-4
AP Calculus AB 1-2
AP Calculus BC 1-2
AP Chemistry 3-4
AP Computer Science Principles 1-2
AP English Language 1-2
AP English Literature 1-2
AP Environmental Science 1-2
AP European History 1-2
AP French Language 7-8
AP German Language 7-8
AP U.S. Government and Politics 1-2
AP Human Geography 1-2
AP Physics C: Mech 1-2
AP Psychology 1-2
AP Spanish Language 1-2
AP Statistics 1-2
AP Studio Art: 2D 1-2
AP Studio Art: Drawing 1-2
AP Studio Art: 3D 1-2
AP U.S. History 1-2
Honors HS English 1-2
Honors French 7
Honors Humanities 1-2
Honors Pre-Calculus 1-2

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.

ELECTIVES

Courses are offered in Art, Agriculture, AVID, Career/Technical Education, Drama, Law in Action, Music (instrumental and choral), Physical Education, and School Service (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 Agriculture, Auto, Digital Media, Floriculture, Graphics and Photography.

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: 40 credits
- Mathematics: 20 credits
- Science: 20 credits
- Social Science: 30 credits
- Physical Education: 20 credits
- Health: 5 credits
- Fine Arts: 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, and planning leadership grades are excluded from the computation. The following breakdown is used:

Courses (except AP) | AP Courses
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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 recommending mark is C or above. The passing grade is D.

2018-19 COLLEGE ADMISSION TESTING AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT STATISTICS

SAT REASONING TEST/SAT I
Mean ERW: 599
Mean Mathematics: 607
Mean Total Score: 1206

ACT
Mean English: 23.5
Mean Mathematics: 23.9
Mean Reading: 23.8
Mean Science: 23.1
Mean Composite: 23.7

AP EXAMS
Number of AP exams taken: 1391
Number of AP students tested: 740
Percentage of qualifying scores (3 or higher): 83%

2018 National Merit Semi-Finalists: 5

POST SECONDARY PURSUITs
Approximate enrollment after graduation is as follows:

- Four-year colleges and universities: 55%
- Two-year colleges: 33%
- Workforce: 5%
- Military: 4%
- Specialty (technical/trade) schools: 3%

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
- Auburn University
- Baylor University
- Boise State University
- Brigham Young University - Idaho
- Brigham Young University - Provo
- California Polytechnic State University - Pomona
- California Polytechnic State University - SLO
- California State University - Channel Islands
- California State University - Chico
- California State University - Fullerton
- California State University - Humboldt
- California State University - Long Beach
- California State University - Monterey Bay
- California State University - San Bernardino
- California State University - San Marcos
- Chapman University
- Colorado State University
- Cuyamaca College
- Fresno State University
- George Washington University
- Gonzaga University
- Grand Canyon University
- Harvard University
- Harvey Mudd College
- Hawaii Pacific University
- Hobart & William Smith College
- Itawamba Community College
- JP Catholic University
- Lewis & Clark State College
- Louisiana Tech
- Loyola Marymount University
- Loyola University
- Miami University of Ohio
- Milwaukee School of Engineering
- Mira Costa College
- Montana State University
- New York University
- Northeastern University
- Northern Arizona University
- Northwest Nazarene University
- Norwich University
- Ohio State University
- Oregon State University
- Pace University
- Palomar College
- Pepperdine University
- Point Loma Nazarene University
- Princeton University
- Purdue University
- San Francisco State University
- Saint Louis University
- San Diego City College
- San Diego Mesa College
- San Diego Miramar College
- San Diego State University
- San Francisco State University
- San Jose State University
- Scripps College
- Sonoma State University
- Southern California
- Stanford University
- Stevens Institute
- Syracuse University
- Texas Christian University
- Texas A & M
- Tulane University
- University of Alabama - Tuscaloosa
- University of Arizona - Tucson
- 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 Denver
- University of Hawaii - Hilo
- University of Kansas - Lawrence
- University of Minnesota - Duluth
- University of Nevada - Reno
- University of Oregon - Eugene
- University of Portland
- University of Redlands
- University of San Diego
- University of Southern California
- University of Utah - Salt Lake City
- University of Washington
- USAF Academy Prep School
- Wesleyan University
- Whitman College
- Whittier College

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