THE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

Established in 1961, Poway High School is a four-year comprehensive public high school, nationally recognized for academic excellence and fully accredited by the Schools Commission of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). Poway High School is home to approximately 2,268 students in grades 9-12, with a senior class of 562. The Poway Unified School District is located in northern San Diego County, California. The population of the area is approximately 208,000, 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 110 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.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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

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**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:

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

For Spring 2020, Poway Unified School District began utilizing a CR/NM final grading scale due to COVID-19 school closures, based on guidance from the California Department of Education.
PROGRAMS

AVID (Advancement via Individual Determination)
AVID’s mission is to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society.

Career/Technical Education (CTE)
Career Pathway programs are offered through CTE in areas including Agriculture; Arts, Media & Entertainment; Engineering & Architecture; Information & Communication Technology; and Transportation.

Electives
Courses are offered in areas including Agriculture; Auto Technology; AVID; Engineering & Architecture; Journalism; Performing Arts (Choir, Drama, Instrumental Music); Psychology; Visual Arts (Ceramics, Digital Media, Drawing/Painting, Photography); Performing Arts (Choir, Drama, Instrumental Music); Yearbook

English Language Learner (ELL)
Courses for students learning to speak, read, and write English include language acquisition and sheltered courses in English, Math, Science and Social Science.

Special Education
Poway High provides special instruction for students with active Individualized Education Plans (IEPs). We offer a full continuum of services based on IEPs for students with mild to moderate and moderate to severe disabilities. Additionally, we have two mod/severe classes in Critical Skills (CS) and an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) class. In the Special Education setting, learning support classes are offered based on students’ IEP goals. We support academic needs, organizational needs, and provide transition planning for students who are turning 16.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT AND HONORS COURSES
All students are strongly encouraged to take Advanced Placement (AP) and Honors courses in all academic areas.

Advanced Placement Courses:
- AP Biology
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Chemistry
- AP Computer Science A
- AP Computer Science Principles
- AP English Language
- AP English Literature
- AP Environmental Science
- AP European History
- AP French Language
- AP German Language
- AP U.S. Government and Politics
- AP Human Geography
- AP Physics C: Mech
- AP Psychology
- AP Spanish Language
- AP Statistics
- AP Studio Art: 2D Photography
- AP Studio Art: 3D Ceramics
- AP Studio Art: Drawing
- AP U.S. History

Honors Courses:
- Honors High School English
- Honors French
- Honors Humanities
- Honors Pre-Calculus
- Honors Principles of Engineering

ADVANCED PLACEMENT AND COLLEGE ADMISSION TESTING STATISTICS

Advanced Placement 2019-20
- Poway High
  - Number of AP students tested: 706
  - Number of AP exams taken: 1358
  - Percentage of qualifying scores (3 or higher): 83%

SAT Reasoning Test/SAT I 2019-20
- Poway High
  - Mean ERW: 601
  - Mean Mathematics: 625
  - Mean Total Score: 1226

ACT 2018-19
- Poway High
  - Mean English: 23.5
  - Mean Mathematics: 23.9
  - Mean Reading: 23.8
  - Mean Science: 23.1
  - Mean Composite: 23.7

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ATTENDED BY POWAY HIGH GRADUATES—CLASS OF 2020

Arizona State University
Auburn University
Arizona Pacific University
Bates College
Baylor University
Biola University
Boise State University
Brigham Young University
California Lutheran University
California Polytechnic State University—Pomona
California Polytechnic State University—SLO
California State University—Channel Islands
California State University—Chico
California State University—Fresno
California State University—Fullerton
California State University—Long Beach
California State University—Northridge
California State University—San Marcos
Carnegie Mellon University
Chapman University
Colorado State University
Dartmouth College
Drake University
George Washington University
Grand Canyon University
Grossmont College
Howard University
Humboldt State University
Iowa State University
Lafayette College
Lewis and Clark College
Loyola Marymount University
Lynwood Union
Mira Costa College
New York University (NYU)
New York University—Shanghai
Northern Arizona University
Oberlin College
Occidental College
Oregon State University
Pacific University
Palomar College
Panola School of Design
Penn State
Point Loma Nazarene University
Princeton University
Rutgers 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
Santa Monica College
Sonoma State University
Stanford University
Syracuse University
Texas Christian University
The College of William and Mary
Tufts University
University of Alabama
University of Arizona
University of Arkansas—Little Rock
University of British Columbia
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 La Verne
University of Nevada—Las Vegas
University of North Dakota
University of Notre Dame
University of Oregon
University of Portland
University of Puget Sound
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of Southern California
University of Utah
University of Vermont
University of Washington
University of Wyoming
Virginia Military Institute
Washington State University
Westminster College
William and Mary
Worcester Polytechnic Institute