



Ventura High School

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Graduation Requirements

English	40
Social Science	30
Mathematics	30
Science	20
Physical Education	20
Applied Arts	5
Fine Arts	10
College & Career	5
Health	5
Electives	65

Grade Point Average:

GPA is computed on a 4.0 scale. The cumulative GPA includes all courses. Weighted GPA includes AP/Honors, which will determine class rank. Grades are assigned according to the following scale:

- A = Excellent -4.0
- B = Above Average - 3.0
- C = Average- 2.0
- D = Below Average- 1.0
- F = Fail- 0.0
- NM = No Mark
- I = Incomplete

Calendar: Semester System

2020-2021 School Profile

Mission:

The mission of Ventura High School is to develop highly educated, well-rounded students. This mission is accomplished by providing all students with quality educational opportunities, engaging their aspirations and abilities, nurturing innovation, creativity, and collaboration. We create productive community members and lifelong learners. The Cougar Learner Outcomes (CEOs) emphasize the importance of students that are effective and ethical communicators, critical thinkers, active and collaborate community members, and reflective and self-aware decision makers.

Faculty:

Ventura High School has approximately 100 faculty members from around the country, 90% of whom hold advanced degrees. Approximately 35% of our staff is comprised of VHS alumni.

Community:

The City of Ventura is situated along five miles of Pacific coastline, approximately 65 miles northwest of Los Angeles. The community maintains a balance of residential, commercial, industrial, and recreational activities. There are two comprehensive public high schools, one technology magnet high school, one independent study high school, one continuation high school, and an adult education program.

School:

Ventura High School (VHS) was established in 1889 as the first high school in Ventura. VHS is a comprehensive public high school enrolling approximately 2,150 students in grades 9-12. VHS is accredited by the Western Association of School and Colleges. The population of the school is diverse: 53.3% of the students are Hispanic/Latino, 38.6% are White, 2% are Asian, 1.3% are African American, and 1.5% are Filipino, Pacific Islander, and American Indian. 58.6% of the students qualify for free or reduced-price lunch.

Distance Learning

VUSD resides in Ventura County, which was on the state's watch-list of those that could not open schools for live/in-person classroom instruction in the beginning of the 2020-21 school year. As such, all courses began in a distance learning format, conforming to the state's mandate regarding minimum amounts of daily live/synchronous videoconferencing classes.

All 1st semester 2020-21 distance learning coursework is based on a Canvas platform and includes both synchronous and asynchronous teaching and learning activities and materials; this is a continuation of distance learning that began on March 16th of the 2019-20 school year and continued through the end of that school year. All marks for the 2020-21 school year will be traditional A, B, C, D and F letter grades for all grading periods of the 2020-21 school year, regardless of instructional format. VUSD plans to re-open in a hybrid (i.e., blend of online and in-person/classroom instruction) format at the start of the 2nd semester in January of 2021, pending the authorization of the state and the County of Ventura.

Curriculum

These **AP courses** are offered: English Literature and Composition, English Language and Composition, European History, US History, Economics, US Government & Politics, Psychology, Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Physics, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Computer Science A, Computer Science Principles, Spanish Language and Culture (alternate years), Spanish Literature and Culture (alternate years), Art History, and Studio Art: 2D Design, 3D Design and Drawing. **AP is an open-enrollment program.**

Honors Classes are offered in English 9, English 10, World History, Math 1, Math 2, Math 3, Biology with Earth Science Topics, Chemistry, Physiology, Medical Technology, French 3, French 4, Italian 4, Spanish for Native Speakers 5, Wind Ensemble, String Ensemble II, ROP Choreography, and ROP Robotics.

These **Career Technical Pathways** are offered: Agricultural and Natural Resources, Environmental Resources, Food Service and Hospitality, Machining and Forming Technologies, Health Science and Medical Technology, Performing Arts (Dance), Software Systems Development and Systems, Transportation (Diagnostics, Service and Repair), and Building Construction and Trades.



Extra-Curricular Programs

Advanced via Individual Determination (AVID)

The **Advancement via Individual Determination (AVID)** program at Ventura High School prepares students for college readiness and success in a global society. AVID is an elective course in which students receive direct study skills instruction and tutorial support, are exposed to motivational activities, attend college tours, and take rigorous courses within their schedule. The AVID program has an astounding success rate with an average of over 98% of students enrolling in postsecondary institutions. AVID satisfies the practical art graduation requirement.

Interscholastic Athletics

Boys: Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Soccer, Swimming, Tennis, Track & Field, Volleyball, Water Polo, and Wrestling.

Girls: Basketball, Cross Country, Golf, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Track & Field, Volleyball, Water Polo, and Wrestling. Football is open to female athletes.

AP Scores

56 = 5 = 12.5%

75 = 4 = 16.8%

137 = 3 = 30.7%

268 Exams

31%

of 2020 seniors received a score of 3 or higher at any point during high school.

SAT Scores (2019-2020)

	VHS	CA
ERW	586	540
Math	571	543
Mean Total: 1156		

ACT Scores (2018-2019)

	VHS	CA
Composite	23.2	22.7

AP Scores (May 2020)

- Total of 566 exams administered
- 64% received scores of 3 or higher.

Post High School Placement (Class of 2020)

- 411 Graduates
- 37% matriculated to 2-4 year colleges
 - 38.5% to 4 year
 - 48.5% to 2 year
- 13% selected gap year, work, military service, technical instruction or undecided

Data reflective of seniors who reported

Where Our 2020 Grads are Going:

UCLA
UC Santa Barbara
UC Santa Cruz
UC Davis
UC Irvine
UC San Diego
Oregon State
SBCC
Cal Poly SLO

Cal Berkeley
CSUN
CSUCI
San Francisco State
Fresno State
Humboldt
Occidental College
Hawaii Pacific University
Virginia Military Institute

Chico
Fullerton
Cal Lutheran
Chapman University
Willamette University
Brown
CU Boulder
Ventura College
University of Hawaii Manoa

Dartmouth
Syracuse University
St. Olaf College
Westmont
USC
Middlebury College
CSU Long Beach
Westmont
Grand Canyon University

Texas Tech
University of British Columbia
Carnegie Mellon University
University of Oregon
University of Dublin
CSU Monterey Bay

Advanced Placement (AP)

30 AP Scholars
13 AP Scholars w/Honors
20 AP Scholars w/Distinction
1 National AP Scholar

*Student reported data