



Ventura High School

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2019-2020 School Profile

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.

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.

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.

Graduation Requirements (230 units):

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

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, Spanish Literature and Culture, , Art History (alternate years), 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, French 3, French 4, Italian 4, Spanish for Native Speakers 5, Wind Ensemble, ROP Choreography, ROP Environmental Field Studies, and ROP Robotics.

These **Career Technical Pathways** are offered: Agricultural and Natural Resources, Environmental Recourses, 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

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.*

SAT Scores (2018-2019)

	<u>VHS</u>	<u>CA</u>
ERW	576	540
Math	560	543

ACT Scores (2018-2019)

	<u>VHS</u>	<u>CA</u>
Composite	23.2	22.7

AP Scores (May 2019)

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

Post High School Placement (Class of 2019)

- 498 Graduates
- 87% 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