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# Profile 20-21

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San Dieguito Union High School District

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## Accreditation

La Costa Canyon High School is accredited by the Western Assoc. of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

## Assurance of Nondiscrimination

San Dieguito Union High School District prohibits discrimination, harassment, intimidation and bullying in educational programs, activities, or employment on the basis of actual or perceived ancestry, age, color, disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, nationality, race or ethnicity, immigration status, religious beliefs or customs, sexual orientation, parental, pregnancy, family or marital status, military status or association with a person or a group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.

## School and Community: The La Costa Canyon Mavericks

La Costa Canyon High School (LCC) is a student-centered educational community located in south Carlsbad. Current enrollment is approximately 1800 students in grades 9-12, educationally serving students who live within the San Dieguito Union High School District coastal communities of Cardiff, Encinitas, Leucadia, Olivenhain, and south Carlsbad. Our commitment to academic excellence has resulted in being recognized as a California Distinguished school as well as National Blue Ribbon School. LCC is dedicated to providing each student a well-rounded education through exposure to creative and innovative curriculum through college-bound courses as well as opportunities in career-based course pathways. LCC provides a comprehensive interscholastic athletics program with 26 different varsity level sports, earning numerous league, CIF, and Open Division titles. LCC offers more than 60 extra-curricular student clubs and an Associated Student Body (ASB) to ensure each student remains connected and engaged on a daily basis. LCC recognizes the increasingly important role community service plays in education and personal growth. Large numbers of students are involved in service projects that are curriculum and community-oriented, and student-based.

**COVID-19 Information:** Pursuant to San Diego County Public Health Orders, all SDUHS schools physically closed 3/13/2020 and remained closed for spring term. Beginning 3/23/2020, SDUHS schools transitioned to a distance learning plan with a focus on following the curricular sequence and course essential learning outcomes, priority knowledge and skills, and a reduced student workload to approximately 50-60% due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The district issued Credit/No Credit marks as the recommended grading platform. To accommodate later requests for student choice, a second option was added to request distance learning letter grades based on quarter 3 grades as the benchmark. In order to hold all students "harmless," final term grades were based on the 3rd quarter grade which could only be improved by 4th quarter work. Distance learning letter grades are counted toward the cumulative GPA; grades of Credit or No Credit are not counted toward the cumulative GPA. This was a temporary change in grading policy that only applied to Spring 2020 final term grades. This year, pursuant to a 7/2020 Governor's order and continuing county monitoring, all SDUHS schools remained physically closed at the start of the Fall 2020 term and a distance learning model with a return to letter grades and full curriculum was implemented for the second quarter. More information at [SDUHS.net](http://SDUHS.net).

## Graduation Requirements

La Costa Canyon graduates are required to earn a minimum of 230 credits, five for each semester class passed with a D grade or better.

These include:

- 8 semesters English
- 6 semesters Mathematics
- 4 semesters Science
- 4 semesters Phys. Education
- 2 semesters Practical Art
- 6 semesters World and US History and Gov./Econ.
- 2 semesters Visual or Performing Arts
- 14 semesters of electives

*In addition, all students must fulfill CA state competencies by passing Algebra 1 or Integrated Math 1 or higher and Health.*

## Grade Calculation (GPA)

	General/College Prep/ Honors* Courses	AP/IB* Courses
A = Excellent	4 pts.	5 pts.
B = Above Average	3 pts.	4 pts.
C = Average	2 pts.	3 pts.
D = Passing	1 pt.	1 pt.
F = Fail	0 pts.	0 pts.
W = Withdraw (not calculated in the GPA)		

Grades for Advanced Placement (AP) and select International Baccalaureate (IB) courses are computed on a five-point scale and are designated on the transcript with a plus symbol (+). Non-IB Honors classes are not weighted, with the exception of Integrated Math III Honors. **Please note: San Dieguito Union High School District does not compute numerical class ranking. Please see GPA distribution below.**

## Cumulative Unweighted GPA Distribution for Class of 2021 (Junior Year Data)

4.0:	7%
3.75-3.99:	28%
3.5 - 3.74:	20%
3.0 - 3.49:	27%
2.5 - 2.99:	12%
Below 2.5:	6%

## College Eligibility & Selection

- Approximate percentage of students who planned to attend a 4-year college: 67
- Approximate percentage of students who planned to attend a 2-year college: 27

Source: LCCHS Senior Survey, June 2020

## Honors, International Baccalaureate & Advanced Placement Classes

SDUHSD has an expanded access policy allowing students to take Honors/IB/Advanced Placement courses.

Course offerings for the Class of 2020 include 5 Honors, 17 IB Courses and 22 AP Courses:

### Honors Courses:

- English 9 Honors
- English 10 Honors
- Integrated Math I Honors
- Integrated Math II Honors
- Integrated Math III Honors

### IB Courses:

- IB Biology SL
- IB Eng. Lang & Lit HL1, HL2
- IB Env. Systems & Societies SL
- IB Film SL, HL1, HL2
- IB French SL
- IB Hist. of the Amer. HL1, HL2
- IB Math SL, HL2
- IB Physics HL1, HL2
- IB Psychology SL

- IB Spanish SL
- IB Theory of Knowledge

### AP Courses:

- AP American Government
- AP Biology
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Chemistry
- AP Computer Science A
- AP Comp. Sci. Principles
- AP Microeconomics
- AP English Language/Comp.
- AP English Literature
- AP Environmental Science
- AP Physics I
- AP Physics C: Elec/Mag
- AP Physics C: Mech
- AP Psychology
- AP Statistics
- AP Drawing
- AP 2D Art and Design
- AP 3D Art and Design
- AP Spanish Language
- AP U.S. History
- AP World History

## Colleges and Universities Attended by the Class of 2020

- Univ. of Alabama
- American College of Norway
- Arizona State University
- Auburn University
- University of Arizona
- University of Alabama
- Azusa Pacific University
- Baylor University
- Boise State University
- Boston University
- Brigham Young University
- Brown University
- UC Berkeley
- UC Davis
- UC Los Angeles
- UC Merced
- UC Riverside
- UC Santa Barbara
- UC San Diego
- UC Santa Cruz
- Cal Poly, Pomona
- Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo
- CSU Channel Islands
- CSU Chico
- CSU East Bay
- CSU Fullerton
- CSU Humboldt
- CSU Long Beach
- CSU Northridge
- CSU Monterey Bay
- CSU Sacramento
- CSU San Marcos
- California Lutheran University
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Central Washington Univ.
- Chapman University
- Clemson University
- Univ. of Colorado, Boulder
- Univ. of Colorado, Co. Springs
- Colorado State University
- Columbia University
- Concordia Univ.
- Cornell University
- Dartmouth College
- Drexel Univ., Amherst
- University of Denver
- Drexel University
- Emory University
- Gonzaga University
- Grand Canyon University
- Haverford College
- University of Hawaii
- University of Iowa
- Indiana University
- Jamestown University
- Johnson and Wales Univ.
- Liberty University
- Linfield College
- California Lutheran Univ.
- Mass. Institute of Tech.
- Miami University
- Michigan State University
- Montana State Univ.
- University of Michigan
- University of Mississippi
- Univ. of Montana, Missoula
- University of New Mexico
- The New School
- New York University
- Northern Arizona University
- Northwestern University
- Occidental College
- Oklahoma State Univ.
- Oregon State University
- University of Oregon
- Pace University
- University of the Pacific
- Penn State University
- University of Pennsylvania
- Pepperdine University
- Point Loma Nazarene
- Portland State University
- Princeton University
- Purdue University
- Univ. of Redlands
- Rutgers University
- Salisbury University
- University of San Diego
- San Francisco State Univ.
- University of San Francisco
- San Jose State University
- Seattle University
- Univ. of South Carolina
- Univ. of Southern California
- Southern Methodist Univ.
- Stanford University
- Univ. of Tennessee, Knoxville
- Texas A&M Univ., Galveston
- Texas Christian University
- Texas State University
- University of Texas
- Tufts University
- University of Utah
- U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
- Utah Valley University
- Washington State Univ.
- U.S. Air Force Academy
- University of Washington
- Willamette University

### Community Colleges

- Cuesta College
- Mira Costa College
- Palomar College
- San Diego Mesa College
- Santa Barbara City College
- Santa Monica City College

## The Curriculum

La Costa Canyon offers several educational opportunities for students. In addition to challenging courses, students may participate in the Career Technical Education (CTE) courses, AVID, and concurrent enrollment at the local community college. Classes meet on a rotating block schedule. Students attend three or four of their seven classes on one day and the remaining classes meet the following day. Each class is 90 minutes in length. All students are expected to carry a minimum of six classes. LCC operates on a semester schedule and grades and credits are assigned in January and June. In addition to a robust AP program, LCC is also an IB World School, offering the IB Diploma Programme since 2019.

## College Admission Testing and Advanced Placement Statistics

Due to 2020 COVID-19 testing limitations, 2019 is the most recent comprehensive college entrance testing data.

### SAT 2018/19

Percent of Seniors Taking SAT	50%
Mean Total Score SAT	1213
Mean Reading/Writing SAT	605
Mean Math SAT	608

### ACT 2018/19

Number of students tested	248
Composite Scores ACT	25.2

### AP\* 2019/20

Number of AP Students Tested	643
Number of AP Exams Taken	1316
Percentage of Qualifying Scores**	72%

\*Advanced Placement; \*\*Score of 3, 4 or 5; Sources: 2019 College-bound Senior Profile of SAT Program Test Taking, College Board; 2019 ACT High School Profile Report; 2020 Advanced Placement Program, College Board.

## Career Technical Education

La Costa Canyon's CTE program encompasses a series of high school level coursework that educates, inspires and prepares students for careers in the local labor industry. Courses are developed to mirror the needs of the local economy and introduce students to the instruction, techniques and skills that are necessary to pursue a career after high school.

We offer eight pathways; Business Management, Graphic Design, Fashion Design, Film & Video Production, Food Service & Hospitality, Professional Theater, Software & System Development.

Number of students completing pathways in 2020: 125

## National Merit Scholarship Program

Each year, La Costa Canyon seniors are honored through the College Board's National Merit Scholarship Program, a prestigious recognition based on high PSAT scores.

Semi-Finalists (fall 2019).....	1
Commended (fall 2019):.....	7

Source: National Merit Scholarship Program 2020