



### MISSION

Dana Hills High School guides all learners toward college and career readiness in a safe, inclusive, and diverse environment.

### VISION

As a school filled with great tradition, our firm foundation has developed outstanding educational programs, exceptional staff, and distinguished academic achievements. We strive to be a place that inspires and connects with all learners, experiences, and lives. We pride ourselves on collaborating with families and our community as we prepare our students for a successful future.

### COMMUNITY PROFILE

Dana Hills High School is committed to a challenging and comprehensive curriculum that prepares students for the world beyond high school. Located near the ocean in picturesque Dana Point, the school opened in 1973 and currently has an enrollment of about 1,822 students in grades 9-12. DHHS serves the communities of Dana Point, Laguna Niguel and San Juan Capistrano. The area is mainly residential, and most families are middle to upper-middle class, college-educated, and professional or semi-professional. Several parents are non-fluent English speakers, reflecting the diversity of our student population.

### 2023-24 STUDENT BODY

Student Ethnicity	
White	53.18%
Hispanic/Latino	33.92%
Asian	2.69%
Filipino	0.99%
Black/African American	0.71%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	0.22%
Pacific Islander	0.11%
Multi-ethnic	8.18%

- **53% Male, 47% Female**
- **6.5% English Language Learners**
- **20% Free and Reduced Lunch**

### ACADEMIC & GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The school year is 180 days long and consists of two semesters. Each class meets 3 times a week with a modified bell/block schedule. Students earn 5 credits per class per semester. Freshmen and sophomores are required to take a minimum of six classes. Juniors and seniors may take a minimum of five classes, if they meet credit requirements. A total of between 210-220 credits are required for graduation.

English	40 Credits
Social Science	30 Credits
Mathematics	30 Credits
Science	20 Credits
Physical Education	20 Credits
Fine Arts/World Language	10 Credits
Health (Classes of 2027, 2026, 2025 only)	5 Credits
Electives	65 Credits

### 2023-24 ENROLLMENT: 1,822



DHHS offers a curriculum that covers a range of college preparatory, technology and performing arts. Students also have access to the College & Career Advantage (CCA) Program offering career and technical education classes. More than fifty different course offerings are available within 15 career pathways. DHHS also provides two unique and competitive Academies. The Health & Medical Occupations (HMO) is a state funded academy designed for students who want to pursue a career in the health field. The South Orange County School of the Arts (SOCSA) is a visual and performing arts academy for students who have special interests for creativity.



# ACADEMICS & EXTRACURRICULARS

## GPA & ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

Semester grade point averages (GPA) are computed using the following numerical value:

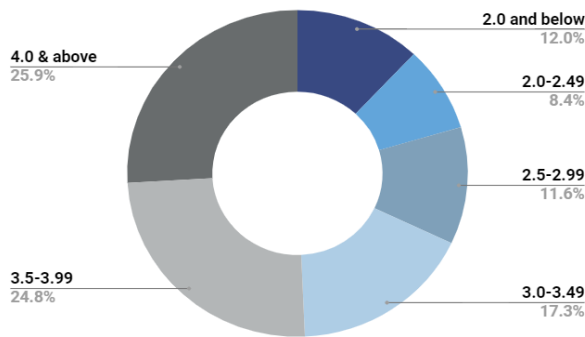
A = 4; B = 3; C = 2; D = 1; F = 0

For Honors and Advanced Placement courses, grade points are awarded according to the following values:

A = 5; B = 4; C = 3; D = 1; F = 0

Physical Education classes are not counted in the computation of the academic GPA with the exception of determining eligibility for athletics. A repeated class, indicated by an "r" on the transcript does not receive additional credit. The higher grade is used in computing the GPA.

## ACADEMIC GPA DISTINCTION: CLASS OF 2023



## HONORS & AWARDS

Class of 2023	
Valedictorian	134
Academic Distinction	106
Seal of Biliteracy	61

Scholar of Scholars	Highest cumulative academic GPA
Valedictorian	Cumulative academic GPA $\geq$ 4.0
Academic Distinction	Cumulative academic GPA 3.5-3.99
Seal of Biliteracy	Passed a world language level four or higher course with a 3.0 or higher grade and demonstrated proficiency in English Language Arts
Achievement Awards	Nominated annually by teachers within department
Principal's Honor Roll	Semester GPA $\geq$ 3.5
Superintendent's Honor Roll	Semester GPA $\geq$ 3.85

## COLLEGE AND CAREER ADVANTAGE (CCA)

Some CCA courses offered are designated as honors and given a weighted GPA. CCA articulated courses offer high school students the opportunity to earn community college credit and high school graduation credit. More about these courses can be found at <https://cca.capousd.org/>

## ATHLETICS

Dana Hills High School fields 25 CIF sports from freshman to varsity levels. Athletic teams participate in South Coast and Sea View Leagues.

- **Fall Sports:** Cross Country (Boys' & Girls'); Football; Girls' Golf; Surf; Girls' Tennis; Girls' Volleyball; Boys' Water Polo
- **Winter Sports:** Basketball (Boys' & Girls'); Soccer (Boys' & Girls'); Girls' Water Polo; Wrestling
- **Spring Sports:** Baseball; Boys' Golf; Boys' Tennis; Lacrosse (Boys' & Girls'); Softball; Swimming (Boys' & Girls'); Track & Field (Boys' & Girls'); Boys' Volleyball

## CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS & CLUBS

Co-curricular programs offered at Dana Hills High School include: Associated Student Union (ASU), instrumental music, drama, vocal music, dance, marching band, pep squad, journalism and yearbook programs. The school's yearbook and newspaper have received national recognition every year. Students are also involved in Science Olympiad, National Math Competition, Dolphin Ambassadors, International Thespian Honor Society, National Honor Society, California Scholarship Federation and AVID. DHHS also has over 65 clubs including:

American Red Cross	Improv Club
Animal Rescue Fundraising	Innovation for Change
Baking 4 Better Club	Key Club
Best Buddies	Le Cercle Francais Club
Cards 4 Courage Club	Mock Trial
Chess Club	Pickle Ball Club
Drama Club	Robotics
Environmental Club	Spanish Club
Film Club	Speech & Debate Club
French Club	Surfrider Foundation
Gender Sexuality Alliance Club	Travel Club
Heroic Hearts Club	True North Christian
Hope Squad Club	Unicef

# TESTING DATA & ADVANCED COURSES

## AP TESTING: 2023

21 AP courses offered in 2022-23

477 students took an AP Exam

898 exams were administered

82% of students scored a 3 or higher

3.5 average score

## AP PASS RATE BY SUBJECT

SUBJECT	PASS RATE	STUDENTS
Art History	100%	14
Biology	88.5%	26
Calculus AB	85.1%	47
Calculus BC	100%	12
Chemistry	98.4%	63
Computer Science A	83.3%	24
Comp Science Principles	80%	20
English Lang & Comp	82.9%	111
English Lit & Comp	94.1%	51
Environmental Science	71.4%	42
European History	56.8%	88
French Lang & Culture	20%	5
Music Theory	66.7%	9
Physics C: Mechanics	68.2%	22
Psychology	91.3%	46
Spanish Lang & Culture	89.7%	29
Spanish Lit & Culture	100%	2
Statistics	86.1%	36
US Gov & Politics	93.3%	104
US History	70%	120
World History	87%	23

- **27.1%** of the Class of 2023 took at least one AP exam
- **39%** of the Class of 2023 was enrolled in at least one AP Course during the 2022-23 school year
- **50%** of the Class of 2024 is currently enrolled in at least one AP course during the 2023-24 school year

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT SCHOLARS

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
National	N/A	N/A	N/A	15	14
w/Distinction	74	54	75	101	99
w/Honors	38	29	33	53	56
Scholar	67	66	69	68	97

## SAT & ACT SCORES (2022-23 MEAN SCORES)

SAT	ACT
154 students tested	49 students tested
Avg. Reading: 620	Avg. Composite: 27.7
Avg. Mathematics: 634	Eng: 27.5    Math: 26.7
	Sci: 27.1    Rd: 28.8

## NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNITION

	2023	2022	2021
Finalist	N/A	1	2
Semifinalist	N/A	1	2
Commended	2	5	7

## HONORS COURSE OFFERINGS (27)

Honors English I, HMO	Honors Marine Ecology	Adv. Sound Engineering
Honors English II, HMO	Biotechnology	Theater Performance
Honors Algebra II / Trig, HMO	Forensics	Digital Photography
Honors Pre-Calculus, HMO	Actors Repertory	Multimedia Design
Honors Biology, HMO	Stagecraft	Digital Video Production
Honors Chemistry, HMO	Honors World History, HMO, TWI	Adv. Digital Video Prod.
Honors Anatomy/Physio., HMO	Publishing Newspaper	Adv. Sports Medicine
HMO Medical Core	Publishing Yearbook	Adv. Culinary Arts
HMO Medical Hospital Career	Sound Engineering	Theatrical Production

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT OFFERINGS (21)

AP Lang/Composition	AP European History	AP Physics C
AP Literature/Comp	AP US History	AP Spanish IV
AP Statistics	AP Gov/Econ	AP Spanish V
AP Calculus AB	AP Biology	AP French IV
AP Calculus BC	AP Chemistry	AP Art History
AP Computer Science A	AP Environmental Science	AP Music Theory
AP World History	AP Computer Sci. Princ.	AP Psychology

# COLLEGE MATRICULATION

**Bold denotes 2022 attendance**

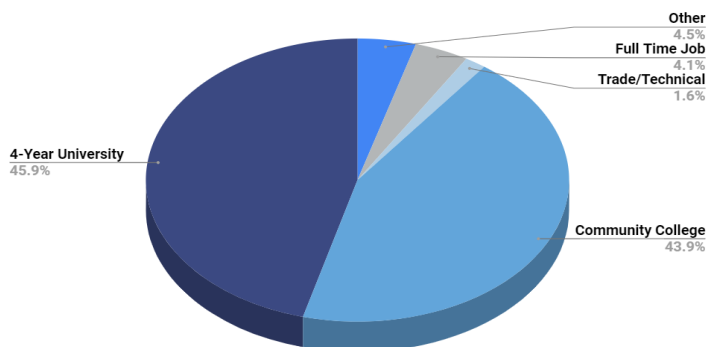
Anderson University  
 Arizona State University  
**Auburn University**  
 Azusa Pacific University  
**Baylor University**  
 Biola University  
 Boise State University  
 Boston College  
 Boston University  
 Brigham Young University  
 California Baptist University  
 California Lutheran University  
 California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo  
 California Polytechnic Pomona  
 California State University, Chico  
 California State University Dominguez Hills  
 California State University Fresno  
 California State University, Fullerton  
 California State University, Humboldt  
 California State University, Long Beach  
 California State University, Los Angeles  
 California State University, Maritime  
 California State University, Merced  
 California State University, Monterey Bay  
 California State University, Northridge  
 California State University, San Bernardino  
 California State University, San Diego  
 California State University, San Francisco  
 California State University, San Jose  
 California State University, San Marcos  
 California State University, Sonoma  
 Chapman University  
 Clemson University  
 Colorado Christian University  
 Colorado State University  
 Columbia University  
 Concordia University, Irvine  
 Cornell University  
 Dartmouth University  
 DePaul University  
 Design Institute of San Diego  
 Duke University  
 Emerson College

Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising  
 Florida State University  
**Fordham University**  
 Franklin University, Switzerland  
 George Mason University  
 George Washington University  
 Georgetown University  
 Grand Canyon University  
 Harvard University  
 Harvey Mudd College  
 Hawaii Pacific University  
 Hofstra University  
 Indiana University  
 Iowa State University  
 Jacksonville University  
 Kansas State University  
 Laguna College of Art and Design  
 Long Island University Brooklyn  
 Louisiana State University  
 Loyola Marymount University  
 Loyola University, Chicago  
 Miami University  
 Michigan State University  
 Montana State University  
 Mount Saint Mary's University  
 New Jersey Institute of Technology  
 New York University  
 Northern Arizona University  
 Northeastern University  
 Northwestern University  
 Ohio State University  
 Oklahoma State University  
 Oregon Institute of Technology  
 Oregon State University  
 Otis College of Art and Design  
 Penn State University  
 Pepperdine University  
 Point Loma Nazarene University  
 Portland State University  
 Princeton University  
 Purdue University  
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
 Rice University

Rochester Institute of Technology  
 Sacred Heart University  
**Saddleback College**  
 San Diego Mesa College  
 Santa Barbara City College  
**Santa Clara University**  
 Savannah College of Art and Design  
 School of the Art Institute of Chicago  
**Seattle University**  
 Southern Methodist University  
 Southern Oregon University  
**St. Bonaventure University**  
 St. Olaf College  
 Stanbridge University  
 Stanford University  
 Syracuse University  
**Texas A&M University**  
**Texas Christian University**  
**Texas State University**  
 Transylvania University  
 Trinity College  
**Tufts University**  
 United States Air Force Academy  
 United State Coast Guard  
 Universidad de Salamanca  
**University of Alabama**  
**University of Arizona**  
**University of California, Berkeley**  
**University of California, Davis**  
**University of California, Irvine**  
**University of California, Los Angeles**  
**University of California, Merced**  
**University of California, Riverside**  
**University of California, San Diego**  
**University of California, Santa Barbara**  
**University of California, Santa Cruz**  
 University College London  
**University of Colorado, Boulder**  
**University of Colorado, Colorado Springs**  
**University of Denver**  
**University of Hawaii at Manoa**  
**University of Idaho**  
**University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**

**University of Kansas**  
**University of Manchester**  
 University of Massachusetts  
 University of Miami  
**University of Michigan**  
**University of Minnesota, Twin Cities**  
**University of Nebraska**  
**University of Nevada, Las Vegas**  
 University of New Mexico  
 University of North Dakota  
**University of Notre Dame**  
**University of Oklahoma**  
**University of Oregon**  
**University of Pacific**  
**University of Pittsburgh**  
**University of Portland**  
**University of Puget Sound**  
**University of Redlands**  
**University of San Diego**  
**University of San Francisco**  
**University of Southern California**  
**University of Tennessee, Knoxville**  
**University of the Pacific**  
**University of Utah**  
**University of Vermont**  
**University of Washington**  
**University of Wisconsin, Madison**  
**Utah State University**  
**Utah Valley University**  
 Valley Forge Military Academy  
**Vanguard University**  
 Villanova University  
**Virginia Tech University**  
**Washington State University**  
**Washington University, St. Louis**  
**Weber State University**  
**Western Oregon University**  
**Western Washington University**  
**Westmont College**  
**Wheaton University**  
**Whittier College**  
 Yale University

## COLLEGE ENROLLMENT STATS: CLASS OF 2023\*



\*Percentage is based on number of surveys completed, not senior enrollment

### 4-Year University Stats

**Out-of-State Colleges: 29.3%**

Public 17.7%

Private 11.6%

**In-State Colleges: 42.8%**

Public 31.2%

Private 11.6%

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