



MISSION

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

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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

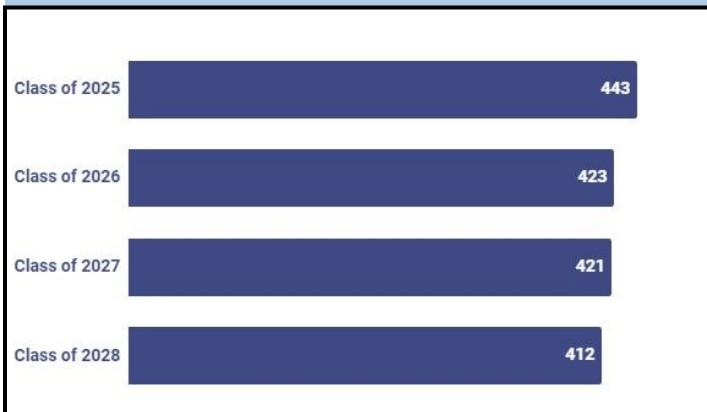
Dana Hills High School is committed to a challenging and comprehensive curriculum that prepares students for the world beyond high school. Located near the ocean in picturesque Dana Point, the school opened in 1973 and currently has an enrollment of about 1,699 students in grades 9-12. DHHS serves the 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.

2024-25 STUDENT BODY

Student Ethnicity	
White	52.46%
Hispanic/Latino	34.21%
Asian	2.87%
Filipino	0.94%
Black/African American	0.53%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	0.23%
Pacific Islander	0.18%
Multi-ethnic	8.60%

- **55%** Male, **45%** Female
- **5.7%** English Language Learners
- **34%** Free and Reduced Lunch

2024-25 ENROLLMENT: 1,699



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 220 credits is 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	5 Credits
Electives	65 Credits

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:

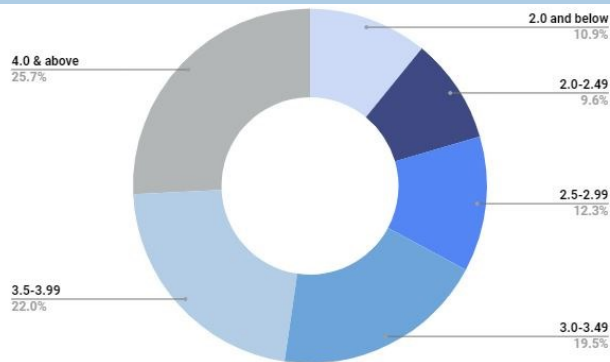
A = 4; B = 3; C = 2; D = 1; F = 0

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 2024



HONORS & AWARDS

Class of 2024	
Valedictorian	123
Academic Distinction	105
Seal of Biliteracy/TWI	47

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 28 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; Girls' Flag Football, Boys' Water Polo
- **Winter Sports:** Basketball (Boys' & Girls'); Soccer (Boys' & Girls'); Girls' Water Polo; Wrestling (Boys' & Girls')
- **Spring Sports:** Girls' Beach Volleyball, Baseball; Boys' Golf; Boys' Tennis; Lacrosse (Boys' & Girls'); Softball;

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: 2024

- 21 AP courses offered in 2023-24
- 482 students took an AP Exam
- 940 exams were administered
- 84% of students scored a 3 or higher
- 3.6 average score

AP PASS RATE BY SUBJECT

SUBJECT	PASS RATE	STUDENTS
Art History	78.1%	32
Biology	92.3%	26
Calculus AB	80.3%	71
Calculus BC	94.4%	18
Chemistry	96.6%	29
Computer Science A	82.4%	17
Comp Science Principles	100%	10
English Lang & Comp	77.3%	110
English Lit & Comp	98.3%	60
Environmental Science	57.9%	76
European History	66.7%	54
French Lang & Culture	100%	1
Music Theory	83.3%	7
Physics C: Mechanics	68.2%	35
Psychology	90.5%	42
Spanish Lang & Culture	88.5%	26
Spanish Lit & Culture	50%	2
Statistics	92.6%	27
US Gov & Politics	100%	109
US History	91.9%	124
World History	70.5%	44

- 32% of the Class of 2024 took at least one AP exam
- 44% of the Class of 2024 was enrolled in at least one AP Course during the 2023-24 school year
- 50% of the Class of 2025 is currently enrolled in at least one AP course during the 2024-25 school year

ADVANCED PLACEMENT SCHOLARS

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
National	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	15
w/Distinction	89	74	54	75	101
w/Honors	42	38	29	33	53
Scholar	80	67	66	69	68

SAT & ACT SCORES (2023-24 MEAN SCORES)

SAT	ACT
132 students tested	46 students tested
Avg. Reading: 616	Avg. Composite: 27.1
Avg. Mathematics: 612	Eng: 26.7 Math: 27.1
	Sci: 26.3 Rd: 27.9

NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNITION

	2024	2023	2022
Finalist	N/A	N/A	1
Semifinalist	1	N/A	1
Commended	10	2	5

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,	Adv. Digital Video Prod.
Honors Anatomy/Physio.,	Publishing Newspaper	Adv. Sports Medicine
HMO Medical Core	Publishing Yearbook	Adv. Culinary Arts
HMO Medical Hospital Career	Sound Engineering	Theatrical Production

ADVANCED PLACEMENT OFFERINGS (19)

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 World History	AP Environmental Sci	AP Psychology
		AP Computer Sci. Princ.

COLLEGE MATRICULATION

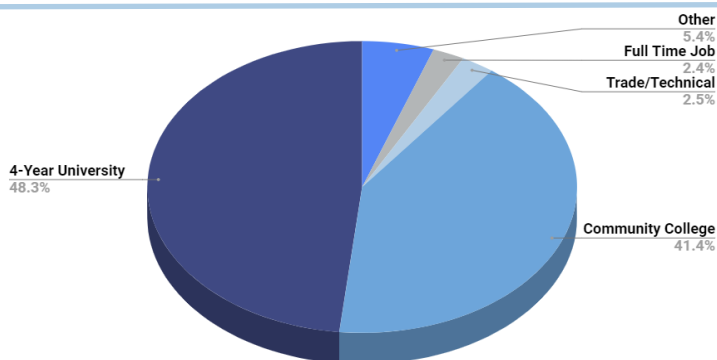
Anderson University
 Arizona State University
 Auburn University
 Azusa Pacific University
 Baylor University
 Biola University
 Boise State University
 Boston College
 Boston University
 Brigham Young University
 California Baptist University
 California Lutheran University
 California Polytechnic University, 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 North Texas
 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 2024*



*Data is based on all CUSD high schools. Percentage is based on number of surveys completed, not total senior enrollment.

4-Year University Stats

Out-of-State Colleges: 47.3%

Public 31.5%

Private 15.8%

In-State Colleges: 52.8%

Public 43.9%

Private 8.9%

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