

**TRABUCO HILLS HIGH SCHOOL
INCOMING FRESHMAN HANDBOOK
CLASS OF 2013**

WELCOME TO TRABUCO HILLS HIGH SCHOOL! Please take time to read through this handbook. It contains all the questions most frequently asked by freshmen and their parents. The answers will help you get off to a good start by ensuring that you take the correct steps in registering for your classes.

How do I register for my freshman classes?

Take home all the materials you received from your Guidance Specialist. Complete the following items:

- ◆ Course Recommendation Letter
- ◆ Athletic Forms (if interested)

Be sure your parents sign the Course Recommendation Letter.

On the date listed below, return your letters to your Intermediate School where we will be visiting to register you. Bring all of your completed registration materials at this time.

Friday	April 17th , 2009	Los Alisos Intermediate
Tuesday	April 21st, 2009	La Paz Intermediate
Friday	April 24th , 2009	RSM Intermediate
Friday	May 1st , 2009	Serrano Intermediate

What if I have questions about my classes?

First, we highly recommend that you attend Open House at THHS on Thursday, April 16, 2009. The Freshman Information Faire starts at 5:15 p.m. and the formal program starts at 6:00 p.m. Teachers, Coaches and Guidance Staff will be available to answer questions. A special Freshmen Parent Orientation and Registration Meeting starts off the evening along with self-guided tours of elective and academic classrooms.

How many classes should I take?

All freshmen must enroll in six classes maximum.

What courses am I required to take in my freshman year?

- ◆ English I (one of three levels)
- ◆ A Math class
- ◆ Physical Education 9 or other PE credit approved course (Marching Band, Pep Squad, Color Guard, Drumline)
- ◆ A Science class
- ◆ An Elective course (A modern language class is highly recommended to meet A-G UC Requirements)

What are the three levels of English and Geography?

- ◆ **Workshop:** This level is designed to help students who need some assistance in composition and reading and who can benefit from the smaller classes where they will get more individual help.
- ◆ **Grade Level:** This level is for students who have low average to above average skills and qualifies for college admission if college prep English is taken in the Junior and Senior years.
- ◆ **Honors:** This level is designed for accelerated students who have a high interest and aptitude in literature and composition. **Admission requires teacher recommendation** and a demonstrated superior performance in 8th grade.

In addition, English Language Development 1 & 2, Seminar 1 & 2, and Sheltered Cultural Geography are offered for limited English speaking students.

All 8th grade students will receive a teacher recommendation for the level of their freshman English, Science, and Math classes.

What science class should I take?

You will be placed in a science class according to your performance in your core classes in the 8th grade. Possible recommendations are:

Earth Science Sheltered	English Language Learner
Intro to Earth Science	Workshop
Earth Science	Grade Level
Biology	Teacher Recommendation

What math class should I take?

Your current math teacher will recommend you for the appropriate math class.

Math 8	Math A, Algebra 1A* or Algebra 1
Algebra 1	Algebra 1 (repeat) or Geometry Honors
Geometry	Algebra 2 Honors

*Algebra 1A begins a two-year course sequence with Algebra 1B being taken the second year to complete the content of Algebra 1.

Do I have to take PE?

Yes, all freshmen must enroll in PE 9 or a PE credit class. Athletics is a PE credit class, as well as Marching Band, Drumline, Pep Squad, and Color Guard.

State law requires every freshman must pass the physical fitness test administered during the 2nd semester. If this test isn't passed, you must remain in PE both semesters of your sophomore year. If you are going out for an athletic team, please complete the athletic sign-up sheet. You will be assigned to PE, Course 509, until coaches submit team acceptance lists in August and September.

Will I need a uniform for Physical Education class?

Yes, THHS PE uniforms can be purchased from the Student Store for approximately \$30.00 at the start of the school year or during Round-Up Registration days (fees vary year to year).

Must I take the courses listed under "Recommended Courses" on my Course Recommendation Card?

Yes. We rely on your teachers, who are familiar with your abilities and the difficulty of the next year's courses, to recommend you to the best class for you to be successful. If you disagree with the recommendation, you must check with your intermediate school teacher in case of an error, then have your parent or guardian contact your future high school Guidance Specialist to discuss the advisability of a change.

You should consider the implications of an override as past school data indicates that students who override to a higher level often have difficulty in the course. **THE LAST DAY TO REQUEST A PARENT OVERRIDE IS JUNE 1, 2009.**

What are the elective options and how do I choose one?

Some electives have prerequisites. Please refer to the Course Description Book, your Elective Course Sheet, and the Elective Course information at the end of this document.

Freshmen elective courses fall into five major categories:

Fine Arts	Fundamentals of Art, Drama, Drama Workshop (stage craft), Concert Choir, Symphonic Band, Orchestra, Music Appreciation, Chamber Choir (teacher approval), Jazz Ensemble (teacher approval)
English	Yearbook (requires teacher approval)
Business & Computer Education	Keyboarding, Microsoft Office
Science & Technical Education	Astronomy, Computer Assisted Drafting, Video Production, Multimedia (on-line newspaper)
Modern Language	French 1 or 2, German 1 or 2, Spanish 1 or 2, Spanish for Spanish Speakers.

More detailed descriptions of some of our elective offerings are at the end of this document and also posted on our school website: www.trabucohills.org

How do I choose an elective course?

- ◆ Future goals
- ◆ Current skills
- ◆ Career and interests

Make sure you list **4 possible elective choices** in case a class is full or does not fit your schedule!

May I enroll in Traffic or Health?

Freshmen may enroll in Traffic class as an elective if space is available. Freshmen are not permitted to enroll in the Health course.

How do I fill out my Course Recommendation Form?

It is not necessary to write down the courses already listed under "Recommended Courses." These courses are already listed in the computer for you.

- ◆ Review the list of elective courses available for freshmen.
- ◆ Select your first choice elective and write the course number and course title on the line under "Elective Requests".
- ◆ **Please choose 3 alternate electives** and list course numbers and titles under "alternate electives". Remember that you may be placed in an alternate elective, so choose wisely.
- ◆ If selecting a Modern Language for your elective, please be certain to choose an alternate language.
- ◆ Most high school elective courses are year-long classes. Review the course booklet descriptions for specific courses.

What is a semester?

The high school year consists of two 18-week semesters. Grades for each semester will appear on your official high school transcript in February and June and will be used for graduation and college admission status.

In addition, you will receive progress report grades and quarter grades throughout the year. Report cards are mailed to your home 8 times per year. These dates will be printed in your THHS Student Handbook that will be included in the "Round-Up Registration" packet available in August. Grades for most teachers are also posted on-line using the parent portal.

What are credits?

At the end of each semester (February and June), five credits are awarded for each course you take and earn a passing grade. A, B, C and D grades are passing grades for high school graduation. Colleges do not accept "D" grades. Credits are not awarded for progress and quarter grades.

How many credits should I earn?

Freshman Year	60 Credits
Sophomore Year	60 Credits
Junior Year	60 Credits
Senior Year	50 Credits

Students should earn 30 credits each semester. You must earn 60 credits to successfully complete your freshman year. All courses failed must be made up in Summer School to stay on track for graduation. **You must earn 220 credits to graduate from Trabuco Hills High School.**

Do Summer School credits count toward graduation?

Yes, you may earn a maximum of 10 credits in summer school each summer. Summer school is not offered for incoming 9th graders.

What are the graduation requirements?

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Credits</u>
English	40
Mathematics	30
Science	30
Social Science:	
World History	10
U.S. History	10
Civics	5
Economics	5
Health	5
Physical Education	20
Fine Arts OR Foreign Language OR Applied/Technical Arts	10
Electives	55
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Credits to Graduate	220

Also, all students must maintain a minimum 1.75 G.P.A., pass Algebra 1A/1B or Algebra 1, pass the District Proficiency Writing Sample, and pass the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE). In addition, 8 hours of community service are required.

Who are the Guidance Specialists?

Mrs. Huffman (A-EI) Mrs. Schulz (Li-Ri)
Mrs. Carpenter (Em-Le) Mrs. Felix (Ro-Z)

They will assist you with decision-making as you progress through high school. Career and college information will be disseminated through your classroom career units and grade level parent nights, which are coordinated by the Guidance Specialists. In addition, the Guidance Specialists provide crisis intervention and will help you cope with counseling issues.

Who are the Student Services Technicians?

The first letter of your last name determines your Student Services Technician:

A - El.....Mrs. Ansevin Li - Ri.....Mrs. Wozniak Records..Mrs. Fronke
Em - Le.....Mrs. Cathcart Ro - Z.....Mrs. Terry

Your Student Services Technician will assist you when you have a problem with your class schedule, wish to check your school records, or want to find out about your test scores.

The Records Student Services Technician, Mrs. Fronke, will assist you with transcripts, checking out of THHS for another school, GPA verifications and Cal Grant forms.

May I change my classes or drop a class?

You should choose your classes very carefully! Once school starts, class changes are not allowed, except in special circumstances. Teacher preference changes are never allowed.

You may not add a new subject class to your schedule, under any circumstances, after the 15th school day of each semester. Any class dropped after 30 days of a semester will result in a "WF" (withdraw "F") grade being recorded on your permanent transcript.

What is a G.P.A.?

G.P.A. stands for GRADE POINT AVERAGE. You may calculate your G.P.A. by using the following point value:

A = 4 points C = 2 points F = 0 points
B = 3 points D = 1 point

Add up all the points earned by your grades and divide the result by the number of grades you used.

Example:

Course	Grade	Points
Art	A	4
Math	C+	2
English	B	3
Elective	D	1
PE	F	0

Divide total # of points (10)
By total grades (5)
 $10 \div 5 = 2$ points (C)

Total # of grades - 5 Total points =10

Your GRADE POINT AVERAGE would be 2.0. For an explanation of how weighted grades effect your G.P.A. computation, please refer to the Course Description Book.

Why is G.P.A. important?

Your total G.P.A. must be 1.75 or higher for you to earn a high school diploma. If you wish to be eligible for athletic teams or extra-curricular activities, you must have earned a G.P.A. of 2.0 or higher during the previous quarter. You must also have no more than one "F" grade and/or one "U" (unsatisfactory) grade in citizenship. In order to be eligible for student ASB offices, you must have a 2.5 G.P.A. the previous quarter and no honor code violations.

Colleges and universities use your G.P.A. in determining whether to accept you. The higher your G.P.A., the better chance you have to attend the college of your choice.

What are "extra-curricular activities"?

Extra-curricular activities refer to those activities you may want to become involved in which take place outside of the ordinary school day. Such activities include all athletic teams, student council and class offices, clubs, dances, rallies, assemblies and performances such as those put on by the pep squad, band, drama and choral programs.

How can I get involved in extra-curricular activities?

ATHLETICS

Complete the sports interest form provided to you during the Guidance Specialist visit and give it to our Athletic Director or Student Service Technician when they visit your school. A coach will later contact you. Some teams will require that you try out. You will need to have a physical exam form completed by a doctor, proof of health insurance and an ASB card to compete on a school team. Information regarding summer athletic camps can be obtained when students register in late April. The Athletic Director will visit the Intermediate Schools with information.

CLUBS AND CO-CURRICULAR CLASS ACTIVITIES

Be sure to listen to the daily announcements giving information about club meetings. Some of our campus clubs and co-curricular activities include: (see list)

Trabuco Hills High School Curriculum Related Clubs

American Mathematics – Mr. Hoffman
Animation – Mr. Magallenes
AP European History – Mr. Stordahl
Art - Mrs. Gard
Astronomy - Mr. Grzecka
Auto - Mr. Rico
Ceramics - Mrs. Fait
Chamber/Concert Choir – Mrs. Sonsini
Chemistry – Mr. Camling
Creative Writing – Mrs. Cunningham
CSF (CA Scholarship Fed) - Ms.Rezner
Dance Production - Mrs. Noroozi
Drama – Mr. Beidler
English Literary - Ms. Marietta
ESL (English as a Second Language) - Mrs. Keith
French - Mrs. Keith
French Honor Society - Mrs. Keith
Future Business Leaders of Am. – Cox
German - Mrs. Noroozi
Journalism - Mr. Clemons

Marine Biology – Mr. Folmar
Med Sci Club – Mr. Osborne
Mock Trial – Mr. Spangler
MUN (Model United Nations)– Mr. Rajadhyaksha
NHS (National Honor Society) - Mr. Hoffman
OCAD – Mr. Cox
PAL – Mrs. Stewart
Photography - Mrs. Seefeldt
Project Tomorrow – Mrs. Fliegler
Science and Engineering – Fliegler/Rico
Science and Technology – Mr. Campos
Science National Honor Society – Mrs. Connelly
Science Olympiad –Mr. Hamilton
Spanish - Mrs. Miller
Spanish Career Club – Mrs. Garcia
Spanish Honor Society – Connelly
21st Century Technology - Mr. Musgrove
Video Production – Mr. Walsh

NON-Curriculum Clubs

Action Sports- Mr. Heppenstall
Acts of Random Kindness - Mr. Hamilton
Aerospace - Mrs. Gorski
Anime - Mr. Campos
Awaken the Movement - Mr. Camiling
Bananas for Bananas - Mrs. Fliegler
Beard - Mr. Hamilton
Boba - Mrs. Paredes
Ca Association of Kids Ed - Mr. Osborne
Cancer Awareness Mr. Mitthof
Change - Mr. Stordahl
Chinese Cultural - Mr. Moreno
Christian Bible - Mr. Cox
Club Dancing Starz - Mrs. Schwenke
Discover Curiosity - Mr. Clemons
Epic Competition - Mr. Clemons
Fellowship of Christian Athletes - Mr. Peters
Gay Straight Alliance - Mr. Wormmeester

Interact - Mrs. Howlind
Interfaith - Mr. Stern
Helping Invisible Children - Mr. Moothart
James Brown Patrol - Untener/Armstrong
Just Kick It - Mr. Folmar
Key - Mr. Camiling
Make a Wish - Mrs. Smedberg
Party for the Planet - Mr. Hamilton
Paws and Claws - Mrs. Elson
Politics - Mr. Stordah
Safe Rides - Mr. Cox
Save the Beach - Mr. Robitaille
S.W.A.T. - Mr. Wormmeester
Truth Be Told - Mr. Brouwer
Vietnamese Cultural - Mr. Camiling
World Vision - Mr. Cox

ORGANIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Some Organizations such as California Scholarship Federation, or National Honor Society, have specific membership requirements. Some organizations require enrollment in a class such as ASB. If you are interested in ASB, you should consider running for a class office in September.

What is ASB?

ASB stands for Associated Student Body. The ASB is the student government program, which represents your interests at Trabuco Hills High School. Freshman class elections will take place shortly after school starts in September.

What is an ASB Card and why should I buy one?

An ASB Card is a special identification card, which allows you free or substantial discounts to such activities as all sporting events, all dances, all theater arts productions, etc. The money collected from ASB Card sales goes to pay for many extracurricular programs. ASB uses the money from the cards to pay for assemblies, special programs and the many fees incurred from athletic officials, tournament fees, varsity letters, trophies, pins, plaques and operation supplies.

What does an ASB Card Cost?

An ASB Card costs approximately \$40.00 and may be purchased in the Student Store.

Can I buy an A.S.B./Yearbook combo?

You can save money if you purchase an ASB Card and Yearbook/DVD combo during our special combo offer **before** September 30th for just \$135. After that, the Yearbook/DVD can only be purchased separately and the price will go up to \$125.00 (not including the ASB card). These prices are based on the 2008-09 school year and may increase in the fall. (Fees vary from year to year)

How can I find out what I need to take for college?

Your Course Description Book and Program Planning Guide has information on college and university entrance requirements (located on SVUSD and Trabuco Hills website www.trabucohills.org). Week long college and career units are presented each year in your social science classes.

As you move through your high school years, the Guidance Department will offer many special presentations for you and your parents on colleges and universities. Every 10th grade student will receive a plan regarding high school graduation and college entrance.

How can I be successful in high school?

Many factors determine success in high school. One important factor is regularly doing your homework and studying. You should plan to spend approximately two hours doing homework and studying each night.

Regular attendance is also important to success. Students with high rates of absence usually earn low grades. Studies have shown that students who are involved in extra-curricular activities tend to do better in school than those who are not. Try to find an activity you enjoy and get involved. Get involved in school by participating in athletics, performing arts or in a club.

What is Mustang MediaWorks?

MediaWorks is a two-year program using animation and other media technology to capture the interest and imagination of students as they enter the ninth grade. The program targets students who qualify for college prep courses and are interested in pursuing a career path in the field of animation. First year students will commit to a full year of animation. Second year students will have the option to continue with level two animation or select from a variety of computer based animation systems. The program involves a unique integration of Animation, English and Social Science, with an infusion of practical life skills and career connections. Admission to the program will be based upon how well the program matches the specific needs of the applicant. Additional student and parent involvement will be required beyond a regular class load. Students may apply to the program during registration for ninth grade.

What is Med-Sci?

Med-Sci is a three year program designed for entrance into colleges and universities or immediate job placement in the medical field. Med-Sci provides students with exposure to a variety of career opportunities in the medical and health fields through the development of cross-curricular lessons that include projects involving technology, communication skills and problems solving activities.

What is “Round-Up”?

The annual “Mustang Round-Up” occurs the last week of August when all THHS students come on campus at a designated day and time to get everything needed to start school: locator card (schedule of classes), ASB card, locker, PE clothes, books and to make schedule changes, if necessary. “Round-Up” for freshmen will be during the week prior to the start of school. Look for details in the August packet.

What is a “locator card”?

A locator card has your schedule of classes and other important information on it. You will receive a locator card at “Round-Up” in August.

How do I get a locker?

Lockers are assigned to you. You will have to buy a padlock for your locker at “Round-Up” or from the Student Store after school begins. Only a THHS lock will be allowed. If you have a locker problem please report the problem to the office of the Assistant Principal, Facilities.

May I leave campus at lunch?

No, only Juniors and Seniors (11th and 12th grades) are allowed to leave campus at lunch. Underclassmen (9th and 10th grades) who leave campus at lunch will be subject to disciplinary action.

What does the Attendance Office do?

The Attendance Office manages all records on attendance. If you are absent, **you must bring a hand written, signed note from your parent/guardian and it should include: student’s name, date of absence(s) and reason for absences (FAXes are NOT accepted)** and report to the attendance office/windows to get a readmit **before you report to class**. Starting the day the student returns to school, he/she has only three school days to bring a dated note signed by the parent/guardian explaining any absence. After three days, each absence will be counted as truancy, regardless of the actual reason for the absence. Saturday School assignments will be made.

What does the Assistant Principal, Supervision do?

The AP of Discipline/Supervision deals with problems involving student misbehavior and attendance. The Assistant Principal is responsible for the enforcement of our school policies regarding attendance, discipline, and tardiness. Please refer to the online handbook as a reference guide.

When is the Guidance staff available to answer questions and/or help?

The Guidance Office is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday until June 30. The Guidance staff is on vacation during the month of July but will return on August 1st (also available briefly at Open House).

Who are the Administrators?

Mr. Robert Metz, Principal, Ext. 7708

Mr. David Williams, Assistant Principal, Curriculum and Guidance, Ext. 7705

Mr. Paul LaBlanc, Assistant Principal, Facilities, Budget and Athletics, Ext. 7788

Mr. Jon Van Tassell, Assistant Principal, Supervision, Ext. 7733

Ms. Linda Kimble, Activities Director, Ext. 7777

They are supported by other staff members who can assist you:

Mrs. Jenelle Huffman, Guidance Specialist, Ext. 7703

Mrs. Christa Schulz, Guidance Specialist, Ext. 7794

Mrs. Rya Carpenter, Guidance Specialist, Ext. 7771

Mrs. Elisa Felix, Guidance Specialist, Ext. 7715

Mr. Jack Recla, Athletic Director, Ext. 7778

Mrs. Teri Cipolla-Dirks, Secretary of Guidance Department, Ext. 7705

Mrs. Teri Ansevin, Student Services Technician (A-EI), Ext. 7704

Mrs. Cindy Cathcart, Student Services Technician (Em-Le), Ext. 7706

Mrs. Jay Wozniak, Student Services Technician (Li-Ri), Ext. 7722

Mrs. Mary Terry, Student Services Technician (Ro-Z), Ext. 7710

Mrs. Vicki Fronke, Student Services - Records, Ext. 7732

Mr. Nikolai Alvarado Parent/Student Advocate, Ext. 7737

**We hope you have a happy and successful time at THHS!
Be sure to contact one of us if we can be of assistance to you!**

Elective Courses for 9th Graders

SCIENCE

OBSERVATIONAL ASTRONOMY

Characteristics of our universe, galaxy, solar system, as well as our moon, will be studied. Objects within and about our galaxy, such as stars, nebula, planetary systems, and other galaxies, their location and apparent motion will also be observed and studied. Technologies such as telescopes, CCD Digital and optical cameras, computer simulations, spectrosopes and other astronomy equipment, as well as local observatories, will be used for lab exercises. Students will be exposed to the daily and seasonal changes of our celestial sphere.

BUSINESS AND TECH ED ELECTIVE CHOICES

KEYBOARDING

Do you need to learn to type by touch so you can turn in a perfect term paper or send out an impressive business letter? Sign up for keyboarding. In addition you may receive 1.5 units of Saddleback College credit if you earn an "A" or "B".

MICROSOFT WORD AND ACCESS

This course will help you to do a better job on all those reports that you have to do in high school. Even if you already know how to word process, Microsoft Word teaches you the deeper details of this popular software to make your work easier and more professional. You get the added bonus of learning MS Access which adds skills for mailing labels, mail merge letters and using your own personal database.

COMPUTER-ASSISTED DRAFTING AND DRAWING

Do you like to draw cars, motorcycles and planes? Would you like to earn credit for those drawings? Sign up for CAD Drafting and Drawing. Learn how to draw professionally using state-of-the-art software. You will be learning in our brand new Computer Assisted Drafting Lab with all new computers and specialized printing equipment! This course serves as a prerequisite for our more advanced CAD/Design classes and for Architectural Design

INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTER SCIENCE

The goal of this course is to introduce computer science to students who may be interested in pursuing a computer science major. This course is intended to treat a broad range of technical matters connected with the workings of computer hardware, software, and communications on a basic level.

EXPLORING VIDEO PRODUCTION (VIDEO/T.V. PRODUCTION 1)

This semester course will be conducted in the new THHS Video Production studio. Students will be introduced to state-of-the art digital video equipment and the basics of video production including camera techniques and editing. This course serves as a pre-requisite to our more advanced classes which produce the daily announcements, a weekly news "magazine" show, and the production of broadcast quality renditions of school and community events.

MULTIMEDIA

This course is a beginning computer applications course in multimedia. This course introduces the students to the varied way that information can be presented using software that uses graphics, sound and video. This is an excellent course for those students who want a different way to present research or for those who want to continue on taking courses in the computer software field. It also participates in the creating of our on-line newspaper, The Stampede.

VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

VOCAL MUSIC

CONCERT CHOIR

This mixed choir is offered to all students, grades 9-12, who enjoy singing, or think they might like to sing. No previous experience or sight-reading capabilities are needed. Develop your vocal technique and music-reading skills. This class will help you fulfill your Fine Arts requirement for college. All male voice ranges as well as female voices are needed to round out the choral sound of this group. Make new friends, build up your self-esteem and confidence, and have fun while you're doing it. Participate and perform in fun exciting events such as Sea World and Disneyland. Join Concert Choir this coming semester.

CHAMBER CHOIR

Chamber Choir is an advanced mixed choir for the study and performance of the best choral literature from each of the great historical periods, including present day music with some choreography. The development of vocal technique, music reading, and ear training will be emphasized. Numerous performances are given throughout the year. Attendance at all rehearsals and performances is required. An activity fee may be required for this course.

DRAMA

DRAMA 1

Trabuco's Award-winning Drama program starts with Drama 1, where students learn the basics of acting in a wide variety of styles. Students study the techniques of acting for both the stage and television. The course includes group and individual activities in body control, voice, diction, and pantomime. The creation of characters, projection of ideas and emotions are practiced in preparing and acting in scenes from plays.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

The Trabuco Hills High School Instrumental Music Department is one of the fastest growing programs in the area. The number of music students is growing every year. The various band and orchestra groups have been very successful in competitive events over the past five years, winning many awards and top Sweepstakes honors. As a result of these successes, Trabuco Hills has gained recognition as one of the finest instrumental music programs in Southern California. The goal of the program is to consistently achieve and maintain a high standard of excellence. This program teaches not only music appreciation and performance discipline, but also leadership and team-building skills that are so necessary to function in today's world. Visit the THHS Music Website for detailed information.

MARCHING BAND

The "Thundering Mustang Marching Unit" has enjoyed much success in recent years, with more than 33 first place finishes in their class since 1992 and were the State Champions in 2000. Membership is open to all qualified students enrolled in the school and requires total dedication and maximum effort in all aspects of marching, music and performance. The Marching Band and Color Guard compete together as one unit during the fall. Members receive credit toward their physical education requirement. The group performs annually before thousands of spectators at home football games, various band festivals and field show competitions.

CONCERT BAND & WIND ENSEMBLE

In the second semester, the Marching Band divides into two groups: the Concert Band and Wind Ensemble. Both are concert organizations composed of wind and percussion instrumentalists. Students perform some of the finest wind ensemble music in regular concerts on campus and at festivals.

JAZZ ENSEMBLE

One of Trabuco's most popular musical groups, the Jazz Ensemble, performs at school sporting events, assemblies and pep rallies as well as at community events and Jazz Festivals. This ensemble performs many types of jazz and related styles of music.

SYMPHONIC BAND

All students enrolling in Marching Band for P.E. credit, must also enroll in Symphonic Band class for the Fall semester. This class focuses on musical development for the field show, and prepares students for concert and jazz performance.

ORCHESTRA

The Orchestra involves the stringed instrumental musicians of Trabuco Hills High School. They participate as a group and individually in many festivals, receiving many "Superior" ratings at the local and regional level. The Orchestra performs regularly at concerts and at festivals, performing significant works for String Orchestra and from the chamber repertoire.

COLOR GUARD (FLAG & BANNER)

The Color Guard unit is composed of a flag-line that is chosen by audition this Spring prior to next year. The Color Guard ensemble uses special visual effects to enhance the overall pageantry of the band performance during marching season. During 2nd semester, a smaller, more select group called the Winter Guard competes separately at tournaments. In 2000, Trabuco's Winter Guard won the California championship at the Pyramid on the campus of Cal State Long Beach. Visit the THHS Music Website for tryout information. Members receive credit toward their physical education requirement

MUSIC APPRECIATION

Music Appreciation is a full year course designed to present a basic introduction to the history and structures of music. The course will begin with a section introducing basic music language and will include sections such as: notation, terminology, listening skills, and basic harmony and forms. The remainder of the course will present the musical periods and styles from early music through the 21st century. Sections presented will include the following: Medieval, Renaissance, Baroque, Classical, Romantic, Contemporary (which includes both "classical" and a variety of popular styles including jazz and "pop").

ART

FUNDAMENTALS OF ART

LENGTH OF COURSE: YEAR

PRE-REQUISITE: NONE

This is the beginning course in which the student will learn through step by step instruction, the basic principles, techniques and creative approaches to art. The students will work with colored pencils, watercolors, chalk, ink, scratchboard, markers and charcoal as they create realistic drawings, fantasy creations and geometric designs. This course is a prerequisite for Drawing and Painting or any other advanced art classes. A lab fee is required for this course.

DANCE

THHS has 3 Performing Dance Groups: Girl's Varsity, Girl's Junior Varsity, and Boy's Break Dancing. All 3 groups rehearse for their performances during the same class period. Students are responsible for learning and perfecting 5 dances for the show, creating costumes, advertising, and attending all rehearsals. More advanced students are responsible for choreography. The class performs at the end of each semester in the Theater. They are often invited to perform at other events such as assemblies, senior citizen homes, and basketball games. Students can earn a Varsity Letter after completing 3 semesters with an A or B grade.

This course is open to grades 9-12, but enrollment is by audition only. Dance Production replaces the P.E. requirement for 9th graders who are accepted and enrolled in the program. Audition Clinics (for Fall, 2009) will be held in the Spring. Dates and times to be announced. For more information, please e-mail the instructor at: noroozil@svusd.org

MODERN LANGUAGE

The world is becoming closer, not just smaller. Today's technology makes events that occur in one part of the world known immediately in other areas. International trade, world organizations, widespread travel... all these require today's students to know more about other people and cultures. The study of another language increases one's understanding and tolerance. As a bonus, studies show that students who study a foreign language also strengthen their skills in English as well. Trabuco Hills High School offers five years of study in three languages: Spanish, German and French. Consider choosing a new language in your class schedule for next year!

FRENCH: For more than 500 years, the French language has been considered as one of the world's languages of diplomacy. Thirty percent of English words are derived from French. French is spoken in Europe (France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Switzerland), North America (Quebec, Louisiana), Africa, South America and Asia. Over 90 million people speak French as their native language, and another 25 million use French as their second language. As a tourist, the language of French is useful on all continents. France is the 4th most popular destination for American tourists. Students interested in fine arts, business and fashion should consider French since many colleges have study programs in Paris and elsewhere in France.

GERMAN: Apart from the personal enrichment of learning another language and its benefits in travel and cultural understanding, knowledge of German can be a vital ingredient in career planning. More than 750 American corporations and companies do business with the Federal Republic of Germany and many more new job opportunities are open today to those with solid knowledge of the German language and culture than there were even 30 years ago. Studying German could, for example, be instrumental in leading to careers in such fields as international transportation, communications and journalism, foreign trade and banking, governments and diplomatic service, science and technology or teaching and library services. Over 80 million people in Europe speak German. Graduate students of math and science should consider that these professions require a working knowledge of French, German or Russian. Students of music often set as a goal intensive study in Vienna. Over 25% of the United States population is of German heritage, more than any other European country. With the reunification of Germany, many job opportunities will be given to students who can speak German.

SPANISH: There is a need to communicate in Spanish with neighbors, customers, clients, co-workers and employees throughout Southern California. Business opportunities are plentiful throughout Latin America. Spanish is valuable for the study of the ancient civilizations of Central, South and North America. Mexico is the travel destination of millions of American tourists annually. Knowledge of Spanish will aide in the appreciation and pronunciation of many California names, Spanish culture and traditions.

SPANISH FOR SPANISH SPEAKERS: This course is designed to incorporate elements of Spanish 2 and 3 while focusing on the needs and abilities of native speakers. The course will develop language competence in speaking, reading writing and oral comprehension. Emphasis will be placed on linguistic accuracy through the study of literature.