

# TRABUCO HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

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## 2023-2024 SCHOOL PROFILE



### MISSION STATEMENT

**By creating a safe, dynamic, and diverse educational environment, the Trabuco Hills High School Community will provide all students with learning experiences that foster the academic foundation, self-discipline, and social skills necessary to become life-long learners and productive citizens in our everchanging world.**

Established in 1985, **Trabuco Hills High School (THHS)** is a comprehensive high school located in south Orange County servicing the residential communities of Mission Viejo, Lake Forest, and Rancho Santa Margarita. THHS proudly educates a diverse ethnic and socioeconomic student population of approximately 2,500 students in grades nine through twelve. In 2023, THHS received a six-year accreditation by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. In addition, THHS recently was placed on the Best High School list by Newsweek and awarded Reader's Choice Best South Orange County High School by Parenting OC Magazine.

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must complete **eight hours** of community service and **220 credits**. A semester class is equivalent to five credits and a passing grade is a "D."

English: <b>40</b> credits	Mathematics: <b>30</b> credits
Science: <b>30</b> credits	World History: <b>10</b> credits
US History: <b>10</b> credits	Civics <b>5</b> credits
Economics: <b>5</b> credits	Health: <b>5</b> credits
Physical Education: <b>20</b> credits	Elective: <b>55</b> credits
World Language/Fine Arts/Technical Arts: <b>10</b> credits	

### GRADING

Grade point average is computed using a 4.0 scale: A = 4, B = 3, C = 2, D = 1, F = 0. Honors and Advanced Placement courses are weighted and figured into the grade point average. Each weighted class is multiplied times .2 and divided by the number of semesters. The resulting figures are then added to the grade point average. The school transcript provides four GPA calculations:

- **Academic GPA:** based on all course work excluding physical education/athletics
- **CSU GPA:** based on all course work completed in grades 10-12, except PE/Athletics and uses a maximum of eight weighted semester courses completed in grades 10-11 only
- **UC GPA:** based on all A-G approved course work completed in grades 9-11 and uses a maximum of eight-weighted semester courses completed in 9-11.
- **Total GPA:** based on all coursework completed in grades 9-12

### RANKING

In according with Saddleback Valley Unified School Board policies, THHS does not rank students. THHS acknowledges the top 10% as Graduates with Honors and graduates earning a 4.0 or higher GPA.

### ENROLLMENT

- 2,520 students
  - 644 seniors
  - 614 juniors
  - 655 sophomores
  - 607 freshmen

### DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

- American-Indian -Alaskan Native **.16%**
- Asian **11.23%**
- Black **1.11%**
- Filipino **3.61%**
- Hispanic or Latino **29.05%**
- Pacific Islander **.20%**
- White **44.76%**
- Multi-Ethnic **9.88%**

The Federal lunch program currently supports **35.68%** of THHS students.

### SCHEDULING

THHS follows a six-period daily schedule with a 30 minute block of time offered twice a week as an in-bell intervention making class periods 56 minutes in length three days per week and 50 minutes in length two days a week. Each semester is 18 weeks and made up of two nine-week quarters, and the school year is 180 days in length.

### ADMINISTRATION

**Alicia Foulk**, Principal  
**Jenn Moore**, Assistant Principal  
**Michael Magnera**, Assistant Principal  
**Stefanie Fargo**, Assistant Principal  
**Jeff Louie**, Activity Director

### COUNSELORS

**Angie Young**, A-CL  
**Heather Berkness**, Co-El  
**Karina Siwecki**, Gr-Le  
**Shanti Lunsford**, Li-Oz  
**Jami Orlowski**, Pa-Sh  
**Christa Schulz**, Si-Z

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## POST-GRADUATES

The graduating class of **2023** included 610 students who self-reported the following postsecondary plans:

- **4-year college:** 41.96% (46.88% admittance rate)
  - **CSU:** 9.80%
  - **UC:** 8.85%
  - **Out of state:** 18.50%
  - **CA private school:** 4.70%
- **Community College:** 45.9%
- **Trade/Technical School:** 2.9%
- **Armed Forces:** 1.30%
- **Working or seeking employment:** 6.39%

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Students in the class of 2023 were awarded a total of **\$5,267,067** in scholarship money:

- **Community:** \$11,000
- **Athletic:** \$398,276
- **Academic:** \$4,857,791

## ADVANCED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

- **Honors** courses in English, science, and math
- **26 Advanced Placement (AP) courses:** Art History, Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Computer Science A, Computer Science Principles, Drawing, English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, Environmental Science, European History, French Language and Culture, German Language and Culture, Human Geography, Macroeconomics, Music Theory, Physics C, Precalculus, Psychology, Spanish Language and Culture, Spanish Literature and Culture, Statistics, US Government and Politics, US History, and World History: Modern
  - In 2023, 1,272 AP exams administered; **79%** of exam scores were a **3 or higher**
- **16 International Baccalaureate (IB) courses:** Art Drawing, Calculus AB, English HL1, English HL2, Environmental Science, Film HL1, Film HL2, French Language, German Language, History of the Americas HL2, Math Analysis and Approach SL, Physics SL, Psychology HL 2, Spanish Language, Spanish Literature, US History

## CLASS OF 2023 ADVANCED LEARNING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **34** IB Diploma Candidates
- **46** AP Scholars
- **22** AP Scholars with Honor
- **33** AP Scholars with Distinction
- **4** National Merit Recognition Students
- **14.5%** of graduates earned the Seal of Biliteracy
- **2** National Merit Finalists
- **13** National Merit Commended Students

## DISTINGUISHING FEATURES

- National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence
- California Distinguished School
- California Excellence in Art School (1 of 3 high schools named in the state of CA)
- California Exemplary Career Technical Education School
- California Pivotal Practice Award, 2022
- Identified in U.S. News and World Report as a Best Public High School, 2022 & 2023
- Golden Bell Award, 2020
- Orange County Academic Decathlon Champion
- Recipient of the California Career Technical Education Incentive Grant
- First Unified Champion School and District in Orange County
- Best Buddies Champion of the Year, 2021 & 2022 (Teacher recipient), & 2023 (student recipient)
- Parenting OC Reader's Choice award recipient for Best South OC Public High School

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS

- **AVID** is an academic college preparatory program to support students in four-year college eligibility.
- **CTE PATHWAYS** include electives providing students the opportunity to progress in technical skills and earn technical certification. THHS CTE pathways include: Architectural Design, Business, Computer Science, Cybersecurity, Digital Media Arts, Emergency Responder, Engineering Design, Health Science, and TV/Video Production.
- **MED-SCI** provides students the opportunity to participate in interdisciplinary projects in the core subject areas of math, science, and English, where they explore health science and career options through both core curriculum and ROP offerings.
- **INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE** provides an internationally accepted qualification for entry into higher education and is recognized by many universities worldwide.

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

THHS offers a wide variety of outstanding extracurricular programs including instrumental music, choir, drama, National Honor Society (NHS), California Scholarship Federation (CSF), Mock Trial, Orange County Academic Decathlon, Best Buddies, service clubs, and special interest groups. THHS drama has received county and state recognition for consecutive years for superior drama and video productions. The THHS competitive cheer squad has placed in the national finals since 2001. The THHS marching band has performed in the Macy's Day Parade and earned top awards at several competitions. Additionally, THHS sponsors a broad program of interscholastic sports including varsity teams in 21 sports with equal opportunities for male and female athletes. Lastly, THHS is a Unified Champion School offering Unified Performing Arts, Unified Visual Arts, Unified PE, Unified Track and Field, and Unified Swimming and a thriving Best Buddies program.

