

NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE
 CALIFORNIA DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL
 CALIFORNIA DISTINGUISHED EXCELLENCE IN ARTS EDUCATION

Mission Viejo High School



PROFILE

Fall 2023



SCHOOL DESCRIPTION

Mission Viejo High School is one of four comprehensive high schools in the Saddleback Valley Unified School District. It was the first high school in this district and admitted its first classes in 1966. The school is located in South Orange County, California, and draws its student population from the surrounding middle to upper-class community as well as lower income housing within a 3-mile radius. Mission Viejo High School is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (six year accreditation to 2024). Mission Viejo High School is recognized for an exemplary array and balance of high-caliber programs including IB, AP, Arts, Athletics, Agriculture, and AVID.

Distinguishing features of MVHS include:

- National Exemplary School (1988)
- National Blue Ribbon School (1996, 2002)
- California Distinguished High School (1988, 1994, 2001, 2009, 2013)
- California Excellence in Arts Education Distinguished School 2013
- International Baccalaureate Member School since 1987
- Recognized as one of the top high schools by U.S. News & World Report
- Award winning Visual and Performing Arts program
- Nationally recognized Agriculture Science program
- Recognized as one of the top schools in the Nation by Washington Post

COLLEGE PREPARATION

90% of the graduating class of 2023 entered institutions of higher learning.
 ⇒ The graduating class of 2023 received scholarships totaling over \$6 million.
 ⇒ The MVHS Class of 2023 included 2 Commended National Merit Students.

Class of 2023 class size: 436
 Highest Individual Academic GPA for class of 2023: 5.4 (wtd)

Class of 2024 class size: 416
 Highest Individual Academic GPA for class of 2024: 5.2 (wtd)

QUALITY INDICATORS	MVHS Class of 2023
AP student pass rate	78%
Students attending out of state/private schools	15%
Students attending UC	8%
Students attending CSU	11%
Students attending community colleges/Trade	56%



WHERE TRADITION NEVER GRADUATES...

MISSION VIEJO HIGH SCHOOL INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM

IB OVERVIEW

In the spring of 1985, Mission Viejo High School became the first Orange County School to be accepted into the International Baccalaureate Diploma program. In 1987 an MVHS graduate earned the first IB Full Diploma in the county. Currently, MVHS offers 19 IB courses. Students must complete an intense course of study which culminates in six internationally graded exams in the areas of English, Foreign Language, Individuals & Society, Sciences, Mathematics, and Arts. MVHS counselors and IB Program Coordinator advise students to pursue the full IB diploma; community stakeholders believe that the IB Full Diploma requirements represent the most rigorous curriculum capable of producing the highest level of college-ready, critical thinkers.



2023 HIGHLIGHTS

49 IB Anticipated, Course and Full Diploma students in 2023 • Of the 12 Full Diploma candidates, 10 students earned the IB full diploma • In 2023, MVHS had 100 subject registrations; 87% of exams were passed with a score of 4 or higher • The 3-year exam pass rate is 93% • MVHS students earning the IB full diploma passed with an average of 29 points: 24 points are required to earn a full diploma • MVHS average exam score in 2023 was 4.6 points • Highest diploma score awarded to a student: 35 points out of 45 possible • Higher Level Classes at MVHS: English Literature; History of the Americas; Spanish; French; Biology, Physics, Visual Arts, and Theatre Arts.

IB Diploma Requirements

11 th Grade	12 th Grade
3 Higher Level Courses (Yr 1)	3 Higher Level Courses (Yr 2)
3 Standard Level Courses	3 Standard Level Courses
(Must include: English, Language B, social science, lab science, and math)	(Must include: English, Language B, social science, lab science, and math)
Theory of Knowledge	Theory of Knowledge
Electives (one): Theatre Arts SL or HL, Visual Arts HL or SL, Music SL, Psychology SL, ESS SL, another group 4 subject	Electives (one): Theatre Arts HL or SL, Visual Arts HL or SL, Music SL, Psychology SL, ESS SL, another group 4 subject
Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS)	Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS)
MVHS students take 3 Higher Level and 3 Standard Level exams	

IB Exams - Subject results - Grade Distribution

Subject	Number of Candidates	Avg. Grade (School)	Avg Grade (Worldwide)	Highest grade	Lowest grade
Subject Group 1					
ENGLISH A: LITERATURE HL	15	4.60	4.57	6	4
Subject Group 2					
FRENCH B HL	3	3.67	5.16	4	3
FRENCH B SL	1	5.00	5.02	5	5
SPANISH B HL	10	4.50	5.31	6	3
SPANISH B SL	3	4.67	4.93	5	4
Subject Group 3					
ENVIRONMENTAL SYST & SOC SL	6	4.83	4.23	6	4
HIST.AMERICAS HL ENGLISH	14	4.21	4.18	5	2
PSYCHOLOGY SL ENGLISH	15	4.50	4.46	6	3
Subject Group 4					
BIOLOGY HL ENGLISH	2	4.50	4.40	5	4
BIOLOGY SL ENGLISH	3	3.67	4.15	4	3
PHYSICS HL ENGLISH	7	3.86	4.81	5	3
PHYSICS SL ENGLISH	6	4.17	4.21	6	3
Subject Group 5					
MATH APPLICATIONS & INTERP. SL	13	4.92	3.87	7	3
Subject Group 6					
MUSIC SL ENGLISH	2	4.50	4.16	5	4

HONORS COURSES (UC HONORS DESIGNATED BY *)

English

ENGLISH 1 HON/IB*
ENGLISH 2 AP LANG*
ENGLISH 3 AP LIT*
ENGLISH 4 HL2*

Mathematics

GEOM HONORS/IB (Geometry)
ALG 2 HONORS/IB (Algebra)
CALCULUS AB AP*
CALCULUS BC AP*
PRECALCULUS HON/IB*
MATH APP/INTERPRET SL*

Language other than English

SPANISH 4 HL1* FRENCH 4 HL1*
SPANISH 4 AP* FRENCH 4 AP*
SPANISH 5 HL2* FRENCH 5 HL2*

Science

BIOLOGY AP*
BIOLOGY HL2*
BIO OF LIV. EARTH H
CHEM OF THE EARTH H*
PHYSICS 1 AP*
PHYSICS HL2*
COMPUTER SCI. A AP*
COMPUTER SCI. PRINCIPLES AP*
ENVIRON. SCIENCE AP*

Fine Arts

MUSIC COMP SL*
THEATRE ART HL2*
STUDIO ART AP (3-D Art, Drawing)*
VISUAL ART HL1 & HL2*
VISUAL ART SL*

Social Science

HUMAN GEOGRAPHY AP*
WORLD HISTORY AP*
US HISTORY AP*
PSYCHOLOGY SL*
CIV/AM GOV H/IB (Civics/American Govt)*
HIST OF THE AMERICAS HL2*

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM

Mission Viejo High School offers 16 Advanced Placement courses. In 2023, 449 students took 789 exams. 78% of students passed with scores of 3 or higher. 15% of exams were scores of 5, 26% were scores of 4, and 30% were scores of 3.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- 220 credits to include:

English	4 years
Social Science	3 years
Mathematics*	3 years
Science	3 years
Physical Education	2 years
Health	1 semester
Foreign Language, Fine Art, or Applied Art/Technical	1 year

- Complete 8 hours of community service

*The three years of mathematics must include Algebra 1.

FACULTY

MVHS has 77 fully credentialed teachers with an average of 18 years experience. Guidance personnel consists of 1 Psychologist and 5 credentialed Counselors.

GRADING

Grade point average (GPA) is computed using a 4.00 scale. A = 4 B = 3 C = 2 D = 1 F = 0
Honors (H), Advanced Placement (AP), and International Baccalaureate (IB) courses are weighted in the GPA. Each weighted class is multiplied times .2 and divided by the number of semesters, then added to GPA.

Academic GPA: Includes all classes taken in grades 9-12 except those denoted with an asterisk. Honors and AP/IB courses are weighted.

Class Rank: Saddleback Valley Unified School District implemented a decile student ranking system in the Fall of 2019-20 for the incoming Freshman Class of 2023. A decile ranking system classifies the top 10% of students in the graduating class as a group. It does not identify students by a specific numeric rank. **Students in the top 10% will be recognized as “Graduating with High Honors” and wear a medallion at graduation.**

Decile rank is based on the student's academic G.P.A. Decile rank is computed at the end of each semester and summer school. Final decile ranks are computed after seniors have completed their second semester courses.

UC and CSU GPA: Includes only courses on approved UC a-g list in grades 10-11 with an extra point added for up to 8 semester courses of UC-approved Honors coursework. UC Honors courses must appear on the UC-certified list **and a grade of “C” or higher must be achieved.**

Cal Grant GPA: Includes all classes taken in grades 10-11 including summer school except those with *. Unweighted.

Total GPA: Includes every class taken in grades 9-12. Honors and AP/IB courses are weighted; used to determine the 1.75 GPA graduation requirement.

Transcript Key:

Honors = HON or H
Advanced Placement = AP
Standard Level (IB) = SL
Model United Nations = MUN
* = Non Academic Course
p = College Prep Course
International Baccalaureate = IB
Higher Level (IB) = HL2
+ = Honors Course
r or (Rpt) = Repeated Course

STUDENTS

1,631

KEY FACTORS	No. of Students	PERCENTAGE
Total Number of Students	1,631	—
English Learners	154	9.4%
Redesignated EL	186	11.4%
Low Socio-Economic	635	38.9%
Special Education	170	10.4%

MVHS students are aided by a School Community Outreach Liaison, an EL Coordinator, and 1 Bilingual Aide.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Advanced Placement	789 exams were taken in 2023. 78% of students passed with scores of 3 or higher. 84 students were AP Scholars, 29 with Honor, and 53 with Distinction.
Agriscience Program	MVHS Agriscience Program includes demonstrations, lab experiments, public speaking, competitions, after school and weekend activities, and field trips. All students in the Ag program take part in the Future Farmers of America chapter. There were 82 Agriscience graduates with 223 supervised Ag Experience projects including over 82 vegetable gardens, 13 market sheep, 3 steers, 13 market pigs, 2 goats, and 16 small animal & horse care work experience.
AVID	Advancement Via Individual Determination is a four-year, academic, elective program for students in grades 9-12. It is designed to prepare underrepresented, first-generation college-bound students to succeed in college upon high school graduation. AVID provides academic preparation and study skills along with college and career preparation. Students receive academic assistance from college tutors. Each year, the AVID students tour four different colleges and universities. More than half of our AVID students earn a 3.0 or higher GPA, and every AVID senior applies to college. Many of our AVID seniors have earned multiple scholarships to assist in their pursuit of higher education.
International Baccalaureate Science Olympiad	10 full diplomas in 2023. 100 subject registrations; 87% of exams were passed with a score of 4 or higher. The MVHS Science Olympiad team persevered through an in-person, rainy competition at UC Irvine in the Orange County Regional Science Olympiad competition. The team placed 22 nd out of 32 teams. The team competed in building and testing events against other Orange County high schools in life, physical, earth, computer, and environmental sciences.

ELECTIVES AND CLUBS

Drama	The MVHS Drama Program produces award winning productions and participates in numerous festivals each year. Our students consistently are recipients of state and national awards including Cappies, JRays, and CETA.
Marching Band & Color Guard	MVHS Marching Band, Color Guard and Drumline compete in Class 2A of the Western Band Association. They are consistent winners of both state and national titles.
Concert Ensembles	The MVHS Concert Ensembles are part of the Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association. Students perform in four concerts a year as well as various festivals in the Spring and are frequent award winners.
Choral Music	The MVHS Choral Program has performed in Carnegie Hall multiple times, and participated in the CMEA State Choral Festival several years running. Our Chamber Singers, Treble Choir, and Concert Choir consistently earn Unanimous Superior ratings. Chamber Singers, Treble Choir, and Diablo Singers are Gold Award recipients many times over.
Automotive Technology	Partners with local dealerships and automotive businesses to promote career opportunities. Participates in annual OC Automotive Dealership Association competition.
Yearbook	Recognized as Jostens' Outstanding overall book, First Place for Theme Development, and Honorable Mention for "most talented staff" award.
Campus Clubs	MVHS has 43 On-Campus Clubs. 10 of these are Curricular Clubs, 17 are Non-Curricular, and 16 are

ATHLETICS

Sports Awards 2022-2023
 Top 5 Athletic Programs in State of California
 24 Varsity Sports
 21 Scholarship student-athletes acknowledged on the National Letter of Intent Signing Days
 Football 1st Place in league, D1 CIF Semi-Finalists, #3 in California
 Cross Country 3rd Place, CIF Playoffs
 11 OCADA Women Leadership Recognitions
 Under Armour Women of Will School
 Under Armour Top 5 School
 National Unified Champion School

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