

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

Mission Viejo High School



PROFILE

Fall 2020



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, AVID, and Model United Nations.

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; 28 full diplomas earned in 2020
- Nationally recognized Model United Nations program
- 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

94% of the graduating class of 2020 entered institutions of higher learning.

⇒ The graduating class of 2020 received scholarships totaling over \$5.5 million.

⇒ The MVHS Class of 2020 included: 10 Commended National Merit Students and 1 Finalist

Class of 2020 class size: 483

Highest Individual Academic GPA for class of 2020: 4.95(wtd)

Class of 2021 class size: 496

Highest Individual Academic GPA for class of 2021: 4.97(wtd)

QUALITY INDICATORS	MVHS Class of 2020
AP exams pass rate	75%
Students attending out of state/ private schools	22%
Students attending UC	8%
Students attending CSU	8%
Students attending community colleges	45%



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.



2020 HIGHLIGHTS

62 IB Anticipated, Course and Full Diploma students in 2020 • Of the 30 Full Diploma candidates, 28 students (93%) earned the IB full diploma • In 2020, MVHS had 252 subject registrations; 93% of exams were passed with a score of 4 or higher • The 3-year exam pass rate is 88% • MVHS students earning the IB full diploma passed with an average of 31 points: 24 points are required to earn a full diploma • MVHS average exam score in 2020 was 4.82 points • Highest diploma score awarded to a student: 37 points out of 45 possible • Higher Level Classes at MVHS: English Literature; History of the Americas, Route 2; 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 HL or SL, Psychology SL, ESS SL, another group 4 subject	Electives (one): Theatre Arts HL or SL, Visual Arts HL or SL, Music HL or 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	33	5.09	4.83	6	4
Subject Group 2					
FRENCH B HL	7	3.83	5.27	6	3
FRENCH B SL	3	4.33	5.07	5	3
SPANISH B HL	7	4.43	5.69	6	3
SPANISH B SL	16	4.50	5.12	7	3
Subject Group 3					
HIST.AMERICAS HL ENGLISH	33	4.97	4.35	7	4
PSYCHOLOGY SL ENGLISH	14	5.79	4.76	7	5
Subject Group 4					
ENVIRONMENTAL SYST & SOC SL	22	4.55	4.34	6	2
BIOLOGY HL ENGLISH	16	4.50	4.71	6	4
BIOLOGY SL ENGLISH	3	5.67	4.44	7	5
PHYSICS HL ENGLISH	4	4.50	5.29	5	3
Subject Group 5					
MATH STUDIES SL ENGLISH	6	4.00	4.45	5	3
MATHEMATICS SL ENGLISH	26	4.69	4.79	6	3
Subject Group 6					
MUSIC GR.PERF SL ENGLISH	1	6.00	4.97	6	6
THEATRE SL ENGLISH	1	5.00	4.55	5	5

HONORS COURSES (UC HONORS DESIGNATED BY *)

<u>English</u>	<u>Mathematics</u>
ENGLISH 1 HON/IB*	GEOM HONORS/IB (Geometry)
ENGLISH 2 AP LANG*	ALG 2 HONORS/IB (Algebra)
ENGLISH 3 AP LIT*	CALCULUS AB AP*
ENGLISH 4 HL2*	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*	<u>Fine Arts</u>
BIOLOGY HL2*	MUSIC COMP SL*
BIO OF LIV. EARTH H	THEATRE ART HL2*
CHEM OF THE EARTH H*	STUDIO ART AP (3-D Art, Drawing)*
PHYSICS 1 AP*	VISUAL ART HL1 & HL2*
PHYSICS HL2*	VISUAL ART SL*
COMPUTER SCIENCE AP*	
ENVIRON. SCIENCE AP*	

Social Science

HUMAN GEOGRAPHY AP*
C GE/HS H/IB (Cultural Geography/History)
GLOBALIZATION/INTL RELATIONS/H/IB/MUN
WLD HIS H/IB/MUN (World History)
WORLD HISTORY AP*
US HISTORY AP*
PSYCHOLOGY SL*
CIV/AM GOV H/IB (Civics/American Govt)*
INT REL/STUDY H/MUN (International Relations)
HIST OF THE AMERICAS HL2*

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM

Mission Viejo High School offers 16 Advanced Placement courses. In 2020, 535 students took 920 exams of which 75% were passed with scores of 3 or higher. 11% of exams were scores of 5, 29% were scores of 4, 31% 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
- Earn a minimum of 1.75 total GPA
- Complete 8 hours of community service
- Demonstrate grade level writing proficiency on a district benchmark activity, given first at grade 10.

*The three years of mathematics must include Algebra 1.

FACULTY

MVHS has 90 fully credentialed teachers with an average of 17 years experience. Guidance personnel consists of 2 Psychologists and 5 credentialed Counselors.

2019 SAT AND ACT SCORES

Test Section	MVHS Average
SAT ERW	597
SAT Math	601
ACT average	25.4

* 2020 Scores– Due to COVID-19, the 2020 SAT/ACT scores have not been reported.

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 and class rank. Each weighted class is multiplied times .2 and divided by the number of semesters, then added to GPA.

**Spring 2020 Grading Summary

On April 28, 2020, the SVUSD Board of Trustees approved a resolution to alter the grading policy for Spring 2020 grades due to the COVID-19 pandemic. For students in 9th - 12th grades, a hybrid model was adopted whereby students will receive no lower than the grades they had at the time of school dismissals, but also have the opportunity to improve those grades. Additionally, for the final grades of the 4th quarter (semester 2) students will receive Credit or Incomplete but may opt for a letter grade of A, B, or C for any of their classes. Students receiving an Incomplete grade have the opportunity to take credit recovery courses to convert the Incomplete into a Credit grade while a student in SVUSD. The Credit and Incomplete grades **will not be factored into the student's GPA.**

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

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

STUDENTS

1,962

KEY FACTORS	No. of Students	PERCENTAGE
Total Number of Students	1962	—
English Learners	206	10.5%
Redesignated EL	243	12.4%
Low Socio-Economic	433	22%
Special Education	216	11%

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

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Advanced Placement	920 exams were taken in 2020 of which 75% were passed with scores of 3 or higher. 72 students were AP Scholars, 29 with Honor, 67 with Distinction and 3 were National AP Scholars.
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 FFA club. 50 Agriscience graduates and 6 FFA State Degree Recipients. Numerous individual and team awards at FFA competitions at Section, Regional and State levels. Over 250 Supervised Ag Experience projects including over 115 vegetable gardens, 17 market sheep, 16 market pigs, 12 horse care and others.
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 Model United Nations	28 full diplomas in 2020. 252 subject registrations; 93% of exams were passed with a score of 4 or higher. Model United Nations (MUN) is a simulation of the United Nation's work in session, in the form of an academic competition. MVHS MUN also consists of a curriculum-based program that provides students with rigorous courses and opportunities to develop skills deemed important in the field of social sciences. MVHS MUN has participated in hundreds of MUN conferences across the country over the course of its 36 year existence, winning such accolades as Delegation of the Year at the 27th NMUN (New York) and Best Delegation at the UC Santa Barbara and Surf City/HBHS MUN conferences.
Science Olympiad	MVHS Science Olympiad team participated in the Orange County Regional Science Olympiad competition held at UC Irvine. The MVHS team sought achievement in 20 different events and progressed the team's standing 3 places over last year, finishing 20th place overall.
Coastline ROP Courses	15 students named as Distinguished Students for Coastline region.

ELECTIVES AND CLUBS

Drama	OC Artistic Merit, Best Choreography, Director's Award, Best Female Dancer for "The Unloved" and 1st Drama place scene at CETA Festival. National Youth Award for Best Play, 2 acting awards and choreography for "The Unloved". CAPPIE award for Choreography and Female Dancer and 4 acting awards at the RollAbout Festival.
Drum Line	Ranked 2nd in the state
Color Guard	WBA 3A Class Championships - High Auxiliary
Marching Band	WBA Grand Championships 1A/2A/3A - 1st place, RCC Big Orange Classic - 1st place
Orchestra & Wind Ensemble	1st Place in Western Band Association Marching Band Championships—Class 4A and 4th in the state Earned High Music, High General Effect, High Visual and High Color Guard Awards Performed at Carnegie Hall & Segerstrom Hall. Symphony Orchestra—Gold Award recipient
Jazz Ensemble	Friends of Jazz Top 12 at Florentines - Scholarship
Vocal Music	Unanimous Superior Ratings at Invitational High School Choir Festivals at Chapman U, Concordia, Segersrom HS, Riverside CC
Automotive Technology	Annual participation in the OC Auto Dealers Contest
Yearbook	Recognized as Jostens' Outstanding overall book, First Place for Theme Development, and Honorable Mention for "most talented staff" award.
Campus Clubs	MVHS has 44 On-Campus Clubs. 10 of these are Curricular Clubs, 17 are Non-Curricular, and 17 are service clubs.

ATHLETICS

Sports Awards 2019-20
24 Varsity Sports
25 Scholarship student-athletes were acknowledged on the National Letter of Intent Signing Day in February
Football—ranked #26 in the United States according to Max Preps
Boys Water Polo CIF Division 5 Champions and CIF Division 3 Southern California Regional Champions
Boys Wrestling CIF Individual Champion
Male Athlete of the Year—Coast View Athletic Association
Boys Soccer CIF Division 1 Semifinalist and CIF Southern California Regional Quarter-Finalist
76% of programs made CIF team or individual playoffs

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