



Sunset High School School Profile



SAN DIEGUITO UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Sunset High School

Sunset High School is located in Encinitas, California, in northern San Diego County and currently has a population of approximately **one hundred and forty-five** students.

Sunset High School's motto is "**Respect and Responsibility**". Students are constantly reminded of how much we value respect. Staff members set an example by respecting one another and students, and respectful behavior is encouraged campus wide. The school is very student-centered with an emphasis on these two qualities and on helping students to recognize their own potentials and possibilities.

An advisor system is at the core of the school whereby all teachers serve as advisors to a group of ten to twenty-five students with whom they have daily contact. This establishes an immediate connection to the school and helps students to be more aware and accountable for their progress, attendance, and behavior.

Sunset High School's curriculum and graduation requirements are aligned with the other high schools in the district. Textbooks are approved by the California Department of Education and adopted by the San Dieguito Union High School District. The textbooks, supplemental materials, and course requirements are standards-based.

Why Sunset?

Sunset High School is a school of choice. Some students choose to come here because they like the small size and family atmosphere; others want to accelerate their progress and graduate early; some students are behind in credits and want to make them up. We have a wonderful blend of students who work together in a very diverse and interesting environment.

We at Sunset are dedicated to making the campus, curriculum, and teachers accessible, supportive, and encouraging for the students. We strive to provide each of them with a sound education and a caring and challenging learning community. Our goal is that students connects with their deepest potential and leaves with the life skills and academic preparation to be successful as they transition out of high school.



Academics

Sunset students are required to attend school four hours a day, five days a week. Students generally enroll in two to four classes at a time and work at their own pace. When a class is completed, students work with the counselor to select and enroll in a new one. The goal is to complete at least 6 classes in a semester, 12 in a year.

Credits can be earned in a variety of ways within the school and also through independent study in the areas of physical education, work experience, music, and the arts. Students can earn additional credits by attending community college, taking classes at one of the comprehensive high schools, attending private school classes, or by taking Adult Education classes.

Small class sizes, one-on-one student teacher interaction, student-paced, individualized instruction, and wide availability of technology resources provide opportunities for all students to meet standards and excel academically.

Weekly staff meetings provide the opportunity to address school issues and concerns regarding students. Conferences with students and parents are regularly set up as a result of these meetings.

Progress reports and a school newsletter with relevant information are sent home every six weeks.



COLLEGES SUNSET STUDENTS HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED TO FROM THE LAST TWO YEARS

- Bellus Academy
- California College of the Arts
- California State University, Channel Islands
- California State University, Chico
- California State University, San Marcos
- Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising
- Hawaii Pacific University
- Humboldt State University
- Mesa College
- MiraCosta College
- Monroe Community College
- Palomar College
- Palomar Institute of Cosmetology
- San Francisco State University
- Santa Barbara City College
- University of California, Santa Barbara
- University of California, San Diego
- University of Nevada, Reno
- University of Oregon
- University of Wyoming

Grading & GPA Calculation

Letter Grades	Grade Points	+Advanced Placement
A = 90-100%	4 points	5 points
B = 80-89%	3 points	4 points
C = 70-79%	2 points	3 points
D = 60- 69%	1 point	1 points
F = 0-59%	0 points	0 points

Marks of *W* = Withdraw, *NC* = No Credit or *P*= Pass are not factored into GPA calculation.

Weighted grades are designated on the transcript with a (+) symbol.

- **Total GPA 9-12:** Includes every course taken in grades 9-12.
- **Academic GPA 9-12:** Includes all courses taken 9-12, except PE & courses graded Pass/Fail.
- **Academic GPA 10-12:** Includes all courses taken 10-12, except PE & courses graded Pass/Fail.

SDUHSD GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English	40 credits
Mathematics (including Algebra 1 per EC 51224.5)	30 credits
Science (Life & Physical)	20 credits
Social Science (World & US History, Government/Economics)	30 credits
Physical Education	20 credits
Practical Arts	10 credits
Visual/Performing Arts	10 credits
Electives	70 credits