



DANA HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

2025-2026 School Profile

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MISSION STATEMENT

Dana Hills High School guides all learners toward college and career readiness in a safe, inclusive, and diverse environment. Dana Hills High School will be a place that inspires and connects all learners, experiences, and lives.

COMMUNITY PROFILE

Dana Hills High School is committed to a challenging and comprehensive curriculum that prepares students for the world beyond high school. Located near the ocean in picturesque Dana Point, the school opened in 1973 and currently has an enrollment of about 1,632 students in grades 9-12. DHHS serves the communities of Dana Point, Laguna Niguel and San Juan Capistrano. The area is mainly residential, and most families are middle to upper-middle class, college-educated, and professional or semi-professional. Several parents are non-fluent English speakers, reflecting the diversity of our student population.

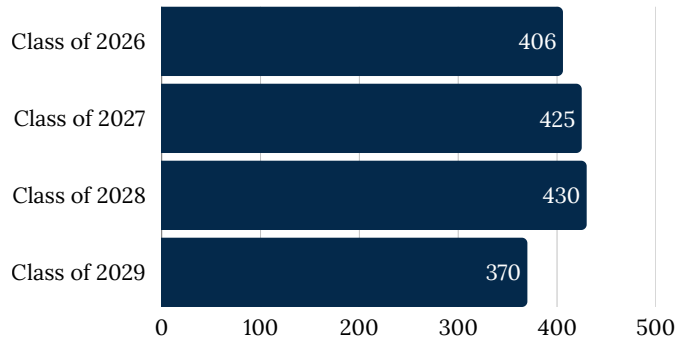
2025-2026 STUDENT BODY

Student Ethnicity	
White	54.27%
Hispanic/Latino	33.13%
Asian	2.64%
Filipino	0.86%
Black	0.58%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.12%
Multi-ethnic	8.36%

55.3% Male
44.7% Female
30% First Generation

6.5% English Learner
42.5% Socioeconomically Disadvantaged
14.8% Students with Disabilities

2025-26 Enrollment: 1,632



ACADEMIC & GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The school year consists of 180 days divided into two semesters. Each class meets 3 times a week with a modified bell/block schedule. Students earn 5 credits per class per semester. Freshmen and sophomores are required to take a minimum of six classes. Juniors and seniors are required to take a minimum of five classes if they meet credit requirements. 220 credits are required for graduation.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English	40 Credits	Physical Education	20 Credits
Social Science	30 Credits	Fine Arts/World	10 Credits
Mathematics	30 Credits	Language/CTE	
Science	20 Credits	Health	5 Credits
		Electives	65 Credits

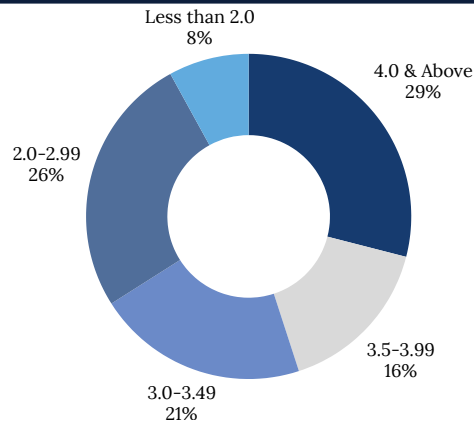
GPA & ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

Semester grade point averages (GPA) are computed using the following numerical value: A = 4; B = 3; C = 2; D = 1; F = 0. For Honors and Advanced Placement courses, grade points are awarded according to the following values: A = 5; B = 4; C = 3; D = 1; F = 0. Students are not ranked.

Scholar of Scholars	Highest Academic GPA
Valedictorian	Academic GPA > 4.0
Academic Distinction	Academic GPA 3.5 - 3.99
Principal's Honor Roll	Semester GPA > 3.5
Superintendent's Honor Roll	Semester GPA > 3.85
Achievement Awards	Nominated annually by teachers
California Seal of Biliteracy	Passed world language level four or higher with 3.0 or higher average and demonstrated proficiency in English Lang Arts

ACADEMICS & EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

ACADEMIC GPA DISTRIBUTION



COLLEGE & CAREER ADVANTAGE (CCA)

DHHS offers a curriculum that covers a range of college preparatory courses and fine, practical, and performing arts and technology. Students have access to the College & Career Advantage (CCA) Program offering career and technical education classes. More than forty different course offerings are available within 13 career pathways. DHHS offers Patient Care, Design, Visual, & Media Arts, Performing Arts, Fashion, and Food Service. Students are also able to take CCA course offerings after school on other CUSD campuses. In addition, we have a performing arts conservatory program.

Some CCA courses offered are designated as honors and given a weighted GPA. CCA articulated courses offer high school students the opportunity to earn community college credit and high school graduation credit. More about these courses can be found at <https://cca.capousd.org/>

SPECIAL SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Health and Medical Occupations

The Health and Medical Occupations Academy (HMO) is a state funded academy designed for students who want to pursue a career in the health field. The four-year program incorporates both academics as well as practical training and health career exposure. Students will be required to take specific classes and participate in specific field studies in order to graduate from the academy. The program operates on the Dana Hills High School campus with one internship class during the junior year.

South Orange County School of the Arts

The South Orange County School of the Arts (SOCSA) housed at DHHS, is a visual and performing arts academy for students who have special interests and potential for creativity. Founded in 1996, SOCSA provides students with intensive training in the arts through a diverse art curriculum, offering comprehensive study in the visual arts, dance, musical theatre, acting, directing, television production and script writing, theatre history, art history, graphic and commercial art, vocal and instrumental music, and communications.

ATHLETICS

Dana Hills High School fields 28 CIF sports from freshman to varsity levels. Athletic teams participate in South Coast and Sea View Leagues.

Fall Sports

Football, Cross Country, Boys Water Polo, Girls Tennis, Girls Volleyball, Girls Flag Football, Girls Golf, Surf

Winter Sports

Soccer, Basketball, Wrestling, Girls Water Polo

Spring Sports

Baseball, Softball, Boys Golf, Boys Tennis, Swim, Track and Field, Lacrosse, Boys Volleyball, Beach Volleyball

CO-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

Co-curricular programs offered at Dana Hills High School include: Associated Student Union (ASU), instrumental music, drama, vocal music, dance, marching band, pep squad, academic decathlon, journalism and yearbook programs. Students are also involved in National Honor Society, California Scholarship Federation, AVID and the Spanish Language Immersion program. DHHS also has over 30 clubs including:

Architecture Club	GSA Club
Baking For Better	Historee Club
Best Buddies Club	Ocean Awareness Club
Chess Club	Peachy Green Club
Civil Engineering Club	Pickle Ball Club
Cultural Bridges Club	Save Our Sands Club
Diving Club	SOS Club
Drama Club	Soul Sisters
Dresserment Club	Think Pink Club
Eco Explores Club	Tutoring Club
Elderly Empowerment	True Crime Club
Environmental Alliance Club	True North Club
Fashion Forward	

TESTING DATA & ADVANCED COURSES

AP TESTING (Class of 2025)

20	AP courses offered in 2024-25
490	Students took an AP Exam
792	Exams administered
184	Total AP Scholars

AP PASS RATE BY SUBJECT

SUBJECT	PASS RATE	STUDENTS
Art History	91%	11
Biology	100%	20
Calculus AB	80%	55
Calculus BC	92%	24
Chemistry	97%	34
Computer Science Principals	100%	11
English Lang & Comp	88%	73
English Lit & Comp	93%	45
Environmental Science	86%	64
European History	81%	60
French Lang & Culture	100%	1
Physics C: Mechanics	76%	22
Psychology	97%	40
Spanish Lang & Culture	85%	34
Spanish Lit & Culture	50%	4
Statistics	76%	41
US Gov & Politics	98%	1.3
US History	93%	87
World History	77%	61

ADVANCED PLACEMENT SCHOLARS

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
w/Distinction	80	89	129	135	138
w/Honors	30	42	66	66	91
Scholars	74	80	120	123	138

AP PARTICIPATION DATA

90% AP Pass Rate

31% of students took at least one AP course during the 2024-25 school year

47% of the Class of 2026 is currently enrolled in at least one AP course during the 2025-26 school year

SAT AND ACT SCORES (2024-2025 mean score)

SAT	ACT
172 Students tested Avg. Reading: 594 Avg. Mathematics: 578	30 Students tested Avg. Composite: 24.6 Eng: 22.9 Math: 24.6 Sci: 24.9 Rd: 25.1

NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNITION

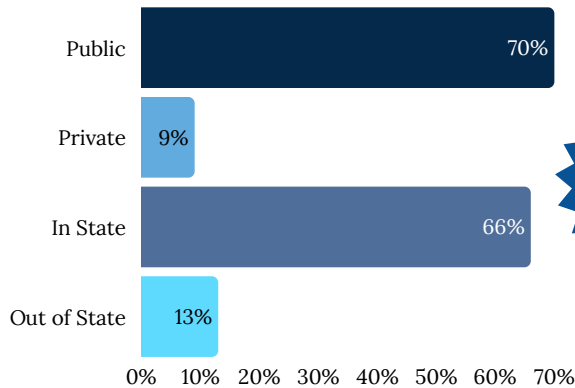
	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Finalist	2	2	2	1	0
Semifinalist	0	0	0	0	1
Commended	12	11	9	10	9

HONORS COURSE OFFERINGS

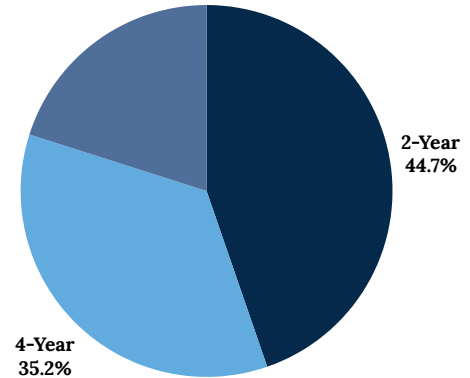
Honors English I	Honors Biology
Honors English II	Honors Chemistry
Honors Algebra II/Trig	Honors Pre-calculus
Honors World History	Various CCA Courses
Honors Anatomy/Phys.	
Honors Marine Ecology	

COLLEGE ENROLLMENT

COLLEGE ENROLLMENT DATA



Trade/Tech, Workforce, Military
20.1%



COLLEGE ENROLLMENT (CLASS OF 2024)

Arizona State University
Baylor University
Belmont University
Berklee College of Music
Boise State University
Brigham Young University
California Baptist University
California Polytechnic State University- San Luis Obispo
California State Polytechnic State-Pomona
California State University- Chico
California State University- Fullerton
California State University- Long Beach
California State University- Monterey Bay
California State University- San Marcos
California State University- Maritime Academy
Cedarville University
Cornell University
Cypress College
Drew University
Florida Atlantic University
Fullerton College
Gonzaga University
Grand Canyon University
Harvey Mudd College
High Point University
Indiana University- Bloomington
University of Rochester
Lake Washington Institute of Technology
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Chicago
Nashua Community College

Northeastern University
Northern Arizona University
Orange Coast College
Otis College of Art and Design
Pennsylvania State University
Point Loma Nazarene University
Reed College
Regis University
Saddleback College
Salem State University
San Diego State University
San Francisco State University
San Jose State University
Santa Ana College
Santa Barbara City College
Santiago Canyon College
Sonoma State University
St Mary's College of California
Sussex County Community College
Syracuse University
Texas Christian University
Texas State University- San Marcos
Tri-County Technical College
University of Arizona
University of California-Berkeley
University of California- Davis
University of California- Irvine
University of California- Los Angeles
University of California- Riverside
University of California- San Diego
University of California- Santa Barbara

2024 Top Attended Schools

Saddleback College
Cal Poly SLO
University of California-Los Angeles
University of California-Santa Barbara
California State University - Fullerton
San Diego State University
University of California - Berkeley
University of California - Irvine
University of Utah

University of California- San Diego
University of California- Santa Barbara
University of California- Santa Cruz
University of Colorado- Boulder
University of Iowa
University of Louisville
University of Michigan
University of Mississippi
University of New Mexico
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of San Diego
University of Southern California
University of Utah
University of Washington- Seattle
Vanguard University of Southern California

SCHOOL CONTACT INFORMATION

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ADMINISTRATION

Brittany Casey, Principal
Erika Berg, Assistant Principal
Becky Reid, Assistant Principal
Sandy Mesa, Activities Director
Tom Faris, Athletic Director

GUIDANCE

Ashley Ortiz, Assistant Principal of Guidance
Michelle Zides (A-Duf, AVID), Counselor
Ann Marie Casazza (Dug-Ji, HMO), Counselor
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