The Community

Vista is located in North San Diego County. It is within easy commuting distance to the greater metropolitan San Diego area with its many cultural, recreational and educational facilities.

Vista High School is one of thirty schools in the Vista Unified School District. The district encompasses 38 square miles and serves the city of Vista and parts of Oceanside, Carlsbad and San Marcos. These suburban communities are part of one of the fastest growing population areas in the United States. The district serves an enrollment of 22,091.

The Faculty

The certificated staff at Vista High School consists of one principal, four assistant principals, six counselors, one librarian, one school nurse, one athletic director, one student activities director, and one hundred seventeen teachers. More than half of the faculty members hold graduate degrees. The support staff consists of ninety-eight paraprofessional, clerical, and other personnel, including a sheriff's resource officer.

Academic Program

Vista High School provides a challenging academic program in the following content areas: English, Mathematics, Science, Social Science, World Language, Physical Education, Career Technology Education and the Visual/Performing Arts. In addition, the following cross-departmental programs exist to assist students as they pursue their individual course of study:

- **Honors Program:** Vista High School offers both a rigorous International Baccalaureate Diploma Program and Advanced Placement courses.
- **AVID:** The AVID Program helps under-represented students with potential for college develop their skills and interests in furthering their education.
- **ELD:** Courses are provided to allow English Language Learners to improve their English, reading, writing and speaking skills and to facilitate their access to the core curriculum.
- **Special Education:** Students diagnosed as having a learning disability are provided special instruction by participation in either a Diploma Bound or Certificate Bound Program.

Principal

Anthony Barela

Assistant Principals

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Byranna Norton
Chyrl Taugher
Jacqueline Wood

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Marina Olteman
Patti Noeske
Dr. Carmelina Reyes
Félix Santana
Areli Simpson

Registrar

Mary Kizer

IB/AP Coordinator

Michael Pink

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Athletic Director

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The School

Vista High School is a four-year comprehensive public high school with an enrollment of 2,588 students. The ethnic diversity of the student population is 18% White, 74% Hispanic, 3% African American, 4% Asian/Pacific Islander, and < 1% American Indian.

Strong academics, competitive athletics, and a dynamic arts program allow Vista High School students to develop their own special talents and interests. A variety of academic programs, including International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, ELD, AVID and Special Education serve the needs of a diverse student body. An outstanding Visual and Performing Arts department promotes the cultural understanding and fine arts talents of students. Extensive athletic, co-curricular and extra-curricular programs provide another dimension to the educational experience of Vista High students.

Vista High School is situated on 45-acre campus. In addition to having more than 120 classrooms, the facilities include a comprehensive library, career center, art gallery, culinary arts kitchen, science labs, agriculture center, auto shop, and computer labs. Visual and Performing Arts facilities include an art wing, 126-seat theatre, band room, choir room and a dance room. Sports facilities include a gymnasium, weight room, two locker rooms, athletic fields and a newly renovated artificial turf stadium for football, soccer, field hockey and track. Technology facilities support three pc-based computer learning centers, two Mac labs, a state of the art Computer Aided Drafting (CAD) lab, a business and entrepreneurial computer lab, full campus wide wireless connectivity. Eight iPad carts housing over 200 iPads and 40 carts housing over 1300 Chromebooks. All classrooms are equipped with LCD projectors, document cameras, television set, DVD/VCR player, a teacher computing station and color printers. 60 % of our campus is covered by technology.
Graduation Requirements

For a Vista High School Diploma:

- English: 40 credits
- Math: 30 credits
- Science: 20 credits
- Social Studies: 40 credits
- Fine Arts/Foreign Language: 10 credits
- Physical Education/Health: 30 credits
- Electives: 50 credits

1) Complete 220 credits (1 semester class = 5 credits)

The Honors Program

Vista High School offers a comprehensive honors program with both an International Baccalaureate Full Diploma program and International Baccalaureate Certificate program, and the Advanced Placement program. In addition, honors courses which lead to these upper level programs are available. For the current year, we have 45 anticipated full IB Diploma Candidates.

Honors Program course offerings include:

- World History 1 Honors
- IB Human Geo
- AP European Hist
- IB US Hist
- IB Hist Amer HL2
- AP Microeconomics
- AP Macroeconomics
- IB Psychology
- IB Psychology SL
- IB Business Mgmt SL
- AP Studio Art: 2-D
- IB TOK
- IB Dance SL
- English 9 Honors
- IB Dance HL2
- English 10 Honors
- IB Music Solo SL
- AP English Lang/ Comp 11
- IB Eng Lit 12 HL2
- Algebra 2 Honors
- Math Analysis Honors
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Statistics
- IB Math Studies SL
- IB Math HL2
- Lab Bio 1 Honors
- AP Biology
- IB Lab Bio 3 HL2
- Chemistry 1 Honors
- AP Chemistry
- AP Physics 1
- AP Physics 2
- IB Environmental Systems (SL)
- IB Physics HL2
- IB Physics SL
- IB Design Tech SL

Grading Practice

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<th>Grades</th>
<th>Regular Courses</th>
<th>Honors Courses</th>
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<tr>
<td>A Excellent</td>
<td>4</td>
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<td>B Above Average</td>
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<td>C Average</td>
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<td>D Passing</td>
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- Students are given three grade point averages (GPA):
  1. The Total Grade Point Average represents the grades for all classes taken in grades 9-12.
  2. The Academic Grade Point Average includes grades 9-12, excluding physical education and teacher aide classes.
  3. The California State University Grade Point Average includes grades 10-12 and excludes physical education and teacher aide classes.
- Class rank is computed using the weighted Academic Grade Point Average grades 9-12. More than one student may possess the same class rank.
- The college accepted mark is “C” or above. The passing grade is “D”.
- Honors courses are designated as follows:
  - H (Honors)
  - AP (Advanced Placement)
  - IB (International Baccalaureate)

International Baccalaureate

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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Total No. Tests</th>
<th>Score of 4 or better</th>
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<td>246</td>
<td>136</td>
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<td>2014-15</td>
<td>197</td>
<td>135</td>
<td>68.5%</td>
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<td>2013-14</td>
<td>206</td>
<td>114</td>
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<td>2012-13</td>
<td>196</td>
<td>126</td>
<td>64%</td>
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<td>2011-12</td>
<td>193</td>
<td>110</td>
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Advanced Placement Scores

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<td>248</td>
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<td>742</td>
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<td>488</td>
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<td>521</td>
<td>295</td>
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Examination Scores Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) 2016

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<td>California</td>
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<td>National</td>
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American College Test (ACT) 2016

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<th>Math</th>
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<td>21.9</td>
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Out of the total class of 542, 237 seniors (43.7%) took the SAT Reasoning and 108 (19.9%) took the ACT.

Note: The University of California will award 30 quarter credit hours or 20 semester credit hours for students who obtain the IB Diploma with a score of 30 out of 45 points.

College Admissions

Vista High School graduates apply to and are accepted by many colleges and universities throughout the United States. Graduates of the class of 2016 are attending a variety of institutions including:

- *The asterisk denotes scholarships*
  - 4-year university/collage 37%
  - 2-year college 48%
  - Vocational trade schools 3%
  - Military 4%
  - Work/other 8%

College admissions:
- Albert Christian Univ.*, TX  University of Arizona*
- American University*  University of Houston*, TX
- Arizona State University*  University of Minnesota*
- Azusa Pacific University*  Universal Technical Institute
- Baylor University*  University of California (all campuses)
- Benedict College*, S.C.  University of Chicago
- Biola University*  University of LaVerne*
- Brigham Young University*  University of Redlands*
- BYU, Idaho  University of San Diego*
- Cal Baptist Univ.*  University of the Pacific*
- Cal Lutheran Univ.*  University of WA, Seattle*
- California Polytechnic University, Pomona*
- California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo*
- California State University (all campuses)*
- Concordia University, Irvine*  University of Colorado,
- Cornell University  Bolder
- Culinary Institute of America*  University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- Dartmouth College*, NH  University of Nevada, Reno
- Fresno Pacific University*  University of Texas, El Paso
- Grand Canyon Univ.*, AZ  University of Utah
- Irvine Valley College  Virginia Military Academy*
- Mira Costa College  West Virginia Univ.*
- Montana State University*  Northwest Missouri State University*
- Northwestern University*  Palomar College*
- Pepperdine Univ.*  Palomar School of Cosmetology
- Point Loma Nazarene University*  Paul Mitchell School of Beauty
- Rice University, TX  Pitzer College*
- Saddleback Community College  Point Loma Nazarene University*
- San Diego Mesa Community College  Southern Utah University*
- San Diego Miramar College  Stanford University*
- Stanford University*  Southern Utah University*