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South High



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SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

South High is one of four comprehensive four-year high schools in the Torrance Unified School District with an enrollment of approximately 1800 students. Our certificated faculty includes 90 teachers, 4 administrators, a site supervisor, 4 counselors, a dean, a college and career counseling coordinator, and a librarian. The pupil-to-teacher ratio is based on 28 to 1. The graduation rate for the class 2023 was 99.6%.

Approximately 92.5% of our graduates enter institutions of higher learning. The student activities program sponsors 48 active clubs, including annual drama & dance productions and an Academic Decathlon team, and a full student leadership program under the direction of the Student Activities Advisor. There are 20 varsity sports in boys and girls athletics with a total of 52 athletic teams supported by a full marching band and auxiliary, drill team, & pep squad.

ADMINISTRATION

Jim Evans, Principal

Tera Black,
Assistant Principal

Jonathan Kaneshiro,
Assistant Principal

January King,
Assistant Principal

COUNSELORS

Yoojin Han

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DEAN

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TORRANCE COMMUNITY

Torrance is a suburban community of 140,000 in the South Bay area situated below the beautiful Palos Verdes Peninsula on the beach front of southwestern Los Angeles County. It is located 17 miles southwest of Los Angeles Civic Center and 7 miles northwest of Los Angeles Harbor. Torrance boasts a particularly healthy economy, a near perfect weather pattern, two miles of white sand beach, an extensive financial center and a safe secure community. The school community consists of single-family residences, small businesses and apartments.



MISSION

South High School is a place in which everyone is teaching and everyone is learning. Students and staff are valued and mutually supportive in their efforts to pursue learning. Students are ensured the opportunity to become life-long learners, participants in a democracy, and to lead productive work lives. Adults and students are constantly learning because everyone is involved with the development of everyone else.



CURRICULUM

Honors classes are offered in English 1, 2, Spanish, Korean, French, Geometry, Algebra 2, Pre-Calculus, Multi-Variable Calculus & Advanced Math, Biology, and Chemistry. Advanced Placement courses are offered in English, Calculus AB & BC, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Environmental Science, World History, US History, Economics and Government, Psychology, Statistics, French, Japanese, Spanish, Music Theory, Human Geography, and Computer Science. Approximately 55% of students participate in the Honors/Advanced Placement Program. Accelerated course work is offered to middle school students in Math, Science and Foreign Language. We also offer several Dual Enrollment courses where students get both high school and college credit. Offered courses include English 1A & 1C, Chinese (4 levels), , and PLTW Engineering (2 courses). The Southern California Regional Occupational Center (So Cal ROC) is a cooperative venture of six school districts. Students can attend up to three hours a day to receive job skill training. Special Day classes, Resource Specialist and Basic/Life Skills Programs are also offered. A full English Language Development (ELD) program is available for Limited-English speaking students. We also offer a college level Multi-Variable Calculus class designed for students who have completed the Calculus AP course work.

SCHOOLWIDE LEARNING OUTCOMES (SLO's)

South High will produce students who are:

- Scholarly
- Open-Minded
- United
- Thoughtful
- Honorable

GRADING/CREDIT SYSTEM

Student progress is reported with the following grading system:

- A** Excellent—4 grade points
- B** Above Average—3 grade points
- C** Average—2 grade points
- D** Below Average—1 grade point
- F** Fail— 0 grad point

Citizenship is reported as follows:

- E** Excellent
- S** Satisfactory
- U** Unsatisfactory

Credit is given at the rate of 5 credit points for each one-period course completed successfully each semester. A one-period course for two semesters receives 10 credits; a two-period course successfully completed receives 10 credits for one semester and 20 credits to two semesters. The customary course load for a year is 60 credits.

A composite citizenship grade is entered on the transcript each semester and reflects the citizenship grade given by a majority of the student's teachers.

GPA/CLASS RANK

Grade Levels Included:

Transcripts reflect the grades earned by the student from grade 8 through 12 for classes taken at the high school. Senior class rank is calculated at the end of the first semester during the senior year.

Courses Included:

Courses included in the GPA are all those in which grades are given except Physical Education and Athletics.

Rank in Class:

Class rank is based on the student's performance in all courses taken at the high school, including courses taken at the high school in 8th grade, (with the exception of Physical Education and Athletics). All Honors and AP courses are weighted.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A student who fulfills the following requirements shall be eligible for graduation from South High School:

1. Satisfactory citizenship as evidenced by six or more semesters of composite satisfactory or composite excellent citizenship.
2. Completion of a minimum of 220 credits detailed below:

- 20 credits in Mathematics
- 20 credits in Science (10 credits in Biological Science and 10 credits in Physical Science) or 20 credits in Integrated Science
- 40 credits in English
- 30 credits in Social Studies (10 credits in World History, 10 credits in US History, 5 credits in US government and 5 credits in Economics)
- 10 credits in Fine Arts or Foreign Language
- 20 credits in Physical Education
- 5 credits in Health
- 75 credits in additional electives

**2022-2023
Graduation
Rate
(Class of 2023)
99.6%**

In 2023, **243** South High seniors (53%) were awarded the **California Golden State Seal Merit Diploma** for high scores on state tests in English Language Arts, Mathematics, History, Social Science & Science.

COLLEGE ATTENDANCE

In the past several years, South High School graduates have been admitted to a variety of colleges and universities. Some of those are: Arizona State University, Art Institute of California, Azusa Pacific University, Biola University, Boston University, Brown University, BYU, All 23 CSU's, Cal Tech, Champlain College, Chapman University, Colorado School of Mines, Colorado State University, Cornell University, DePaul University, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Evergreen State College, Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising, Georgia Tech, Grand Canyon University Hampshire College, Harvard, Harvey Mudd College, Hofstra University, Illinois Institute of Technology, Indiana University, Ithaca College, Johns Hopkins University, LaSalle University, Lewis & Clark College, Loyola Marymount University, MIT, Marymount California University, Michigan State University, Mt. St. Mary's College, NYU, Northeastern Univ, Northwestern University,

Northern Arizona University, Occidental College, Oregon State University, Otis College of Art & Design, Penn State University, Pepperdine University, Point Loma Nazarene University, Princeton University, Purdue University, Rennsealer Polytechnic Institute, St. Mary's College, Santa Clara University, Scripps College, Seattle University, Smith College, Stanford University, Syracuse University, Texas Christian University, Tulane University, University of Arizona, University of Colorado Boulder, all 9 UC campuses, University of Hawaii, University of Kansas, University of Massachusetts, University of Miami, University of Michigan, University of Nevada, University of Notre Dame, University of Oregon, University of Pennsylvania, University of Redlands, University of Rochester, USC, University of the Pacific, University of Washington, Vanderbilt University, Washington State University, & Yale University.

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

In the Class of 2023 there was 1 National Merit Finalists and 14 students who received Letters of Commendation.

TESTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Post-secondary Test Results



South High School is accredited by the Western Association of Schools & Colleges.

**For more
information about
South High School
visit our website:**

<https://shs.tusd.org>

SAT Reasoning Tests

South High seniors in the Class of 2023, scored above the California state mean on the SAT Reasoning Tests as follows (scored 200-800):

1254 Overall Score
636 Mathematics
618 ERW

In 2023 173 seniors (approximately 38%) participated in SAT testing.

SAT preparation classes, sponsored by the South High PTA, are offered during the year.

ACT

25 South High students took the ACT in 2023, scoring well above the state average with the following results (scored 1-36):

26.6 Composite
26.1 English
27.9 Mathematics
25.8 Reading
26.1 Science
27.2 STEM

Advanced Placement Exams

In 2023, 622 South High School students took 1,252 Advanced Placement Exams. Approximately 80% of the scores were passing with a score of 3 or better (scored 1-5). Exams were taken in Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Chinese, Computer Science, Computer Science Principles, Drawing, Macro-Economics, Micro-Economics, English Literature & Composition, English Language and Composition, Environmental Science, US History, US Government/Politics, Japanese, French, German, Music Theory, Physics 1, Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism, Physics C: Mechanics, Psychology, Spanish Language, Statistics, Human Geography, and World History.