

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

# Mission Viejo High School



## PROFILE

Fall 2015



### 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 2017). It 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)
- Top 42 in the nation for Overall Excellence (1992)
- California Distinguished High School (1988, 1994, 2001, 2009, 2013)
- California Excellence in Arts Education Distinguished School 2013
- International Baccalaureate Member School since 1987; 40 full diplomas earned in 2015
- Nationally recognized Model United Nations program
- Award winning visual and performing arts program
- Nationally recognized Agriculture Science program
- Recognized in 2015 as one of the top schools in the Nation by:
  - U.S. News and World Report • Washington Post

### COLLEGE PREPARATION

92% of the graduating class of 2015 entered institutions of higher learning. (45% 4-year colleges; 47% 2-year colleges)

⇒ The graduating class of 2015 received scholarships totaling **\$6,654,673**.

⇒ The MVHS Class of 2015 included: **3 National Merit Semifinalists and 12 Commended Students**

#### Grade Point Average Distribution—618 Students

3.50-4.0+ — 37%      2.50-2.99 — 22%  
3.00-3.49 — 22%      Below 2.5 — 19%

Average Academic GPA for the class of 2015 is 3.36  
Highest Individual Academic GPA was 5.00 (weighted)

QUALITY INDICATORS	MVHS Class of 2015	COUNTY AVG.	STATE AVG.
Students meeting UC/ CSU a-g courses	56%	49%	42%
AP exams pass rate	74%	66%	58%
Students attending UC	9%	8%	7%
Students attending CSU	13%	12%	12%
Students attending community colleges	47%	35%	29%



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# 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 17 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.



## 2015 HIGHLIGHTS

53 IB course and Full Diploma students in 2015 • Of the 41 Full Diploma candidates, **40 students (98%) earned the IB full diploma** while 79.3% of the candidates worldwide (2014) earned the diploma • In 2015 IB students took 287 exams and **94% of exams were passed** with a score of 4 or higher • The **3-year exam pass rate is 92.5%** • 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 2015 was **4.73 points** • Highest diploma score awarded to a student: **41 points** out of 45 possible • **Higher Level Classes at MVHS:** English Literature; History of the Americas, Route 2—Arab/Israeli Conflict; Spanish; French; Biology, Physics, Visual Arts, Music, and Theatre Arts.

### IB Diploma Requirements

11 <sup>th</sup> Grade	12 <sup>th</sup> 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 HL, Visual Arts HL or SL, Music HL or SL, Psychology SL, another group 4 subject	Electives (one): Theatre Arts HL, Visual Arts HL or SL, Music HL or SL, Psychology SL, another group 4 subject
Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS)	Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS)
<b>MVHS students take 3 Higher Level and 3 Standard Level exams</b>	

### IB Exams - Subject results - Grade Distribution

Subject	Number of Candidates	Avg. Grade (School)	Avg Grade (WorldWide)	Highest grade	Lowest grade
<b>Subject Group 1</b>					
ENGLISH A: Literature HL	50	5.18	4.74	6	4
<b>Subject Group 2</b>					
FRENCH B HL	3	3.67	5.23	4	3
FRENCH B SL	9	4.56	4.89	6	4
SPANISH B HL	8	4.50	5.36	7	3
SPANISH B SL	30	5.09	5.03	7	4
<b>Subject Group 3</b>					
HIST.AMERICAS HL ENGLISH	49	4.67	4.21	6	3
PSYCHOLOGY SL ENGLISH	55	4.45	4.36	6	2
<b>Subject Group 4</b>					
BIOLOGY HL ENGLISH	23	4.39	4.35	6	3
BIOLOGY SL ENGLISH	10	4.40	4.25	5	3
PHYSICS HL ENGLISH	10	4.80	4.69	7	3
PHYSICS SL ENGLISH	1	5.00	4.19	5	5
<b>Subject Group 5</b>					
MATHEMATICS SL ENGLISH	48	4.69	4.44	7	3
<b>Subject Group 6</b>					
MUSIC GR.PERF SL ENGLISH	1	5.00	4.31	5	5
THEATRE HL ENGLISH	9	5.44	4.97	6	5

## HONORS COURSES

Students enter the Honors Program through teacher recommendation.

### English

ENG 1 HON/IB  
ENG 2 AP/LANG  
ENG 3 LIT AP  
ENGLISH 4 HL2

### Mathematics

GEOM HONORS/IB (Geometry)  
ALG 2 HONORS/IB (Algebra)  
CALCULUS AB AP  
CALCULUS BC AP  
MATH ANALY H/IB (Math Analysis)  
MATH SL

### Modern Language

SPANISH 4 HL1  
SPANISH 4 AP  
SPANISH 5 HL2

FRENCH 4 HL1  
FRENCH 4 AP  
FRENCH 5 HL2

### Science

BIOLOGY AP  
BIOLOGY HL2  
CHEMISTRY HONORS  
PHYSICS 1,B & C AP  
PHYSICS HL2

### Fine Arts

MUSIC COMP SL (Music Composition)  
THEATRE ART HL2  
STUDIO ART AP (Drawing)  
STUDIO ART AP (3-D Design)  
VISUAL ART HL1 & HL2

### 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)  
EUROP HIST AP  
US HISTORY AP  
PSYCHOLOGY SL  
CIV/AM GOV H/IB (Civics/American Govt)  
INT REL H/MUN (International Relations)  
HIST OF THE AMERICAS HL2  
INT STUDY H/MUN

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM

Mission Viejo HS offers 13 Advanced Placement courses. In 2015, 528 students took 912 exams of which 73% were passed with scores of 3 or higher.

13% of exams were scores of 5, 27% were scores of 4, 33% were scores of 3, 20% were scores of 2, 7% scored a 1.

## 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 the content of the SVUSD Algebra 1 course (1 yr of Alg 1 or 2 yrs of Alg 1A and 1B).

## STUDENTS

KEY FACTOR	OUR SCHOOL	COUNTY AVG.	STATE AVG.
Number of students	2,410	1,853	1,082
English Learners	7%	25%	19%
Low-income students	21%	45%	57%
Students whose parents attended/ graduated college	88%	61%	57%

Most of the 160 students classified as English Learners speak Spanish at home. They are aided by a Bilingual Parent Advocate, an EL Coordinator, and 2 Bilingual Aides.

## 2015 SAT 1: REASONING TEST - 338 STUDENTS

Test Section	MVHS Average	SVUSD Average	State Average	National Average
Critical Reading	541	537	495	495
Math	553	554	506	511
Writing	528	523	491	484

## 2015 ACT COMPOSITE SCORES - 232 STUDENTS

	MVHS	SVUSD	STATE	NATION
AVG. Score	25.2	25.3	22.5	21.0

## MEASURES OF ACADEMIC PROGRESS

**Academic Performance Index (API):** California's school rating places schools on a scale from 200 to 1000. Our 2013 API score was 858, compared with 757 for the avg. high school. The state target for API was 800. (suspended)

**Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP):** This federal measure requires schools to meet test score goals school-wide and for significant subgroups of students. MVHS met 13 of 17 criteria for yearly progress when last reported in 2014.

**Graduation Rate:** 2015 Cohort rate is 97%.

## 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.

**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

Advanced Placement = AP

Standard Level (IB) = SL

Model United Nations = MUN

\* = Non Academic Course

p = College Prep Course

International Baccalaureate = IB

Higher Level (IB) = HL2

+ = Honors Course

r or (Rpt) = Repeated Course

## SCHOOL SCHEDULE

The school year includes two semesters of approximately 18 weeks. Each semester is comprised of two quarters. Each day is divided into six, 52-minute periods, including a 31 minute daily Tutorial, with seven periods optional.

## FACULTY

MVHS has 95 fully credentialed teachers with an average of 17 years experience. Guidance personnel consists of 1.4 Psychologists and 5 credentialed Guidance Counselors who serve an average of 481 students each. The average class size of core courses (English, Social Sci, Math and Science) varies from 33 in Math to 36 in Social Science.

## ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

<b>Academic Decathlon</b>	Junior-Senior Team took 6th place overall and 5th place in Super Quiz. Freshman-Sophomore team took 6th place overall and 3rd place in the Super Quiz
<b>Advanced Placement</b>	912 exams taken in 2015 of which 73% were passed with scores of 3 or higher 177 students earned AP Scholar Distinction for their exceptional achievement on AP Exams.
<b>Agriscience Program</b>	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. OC Fair 2014 winners for: FFA Champion Swine Showmanship, 4th Place Master Showmanship, Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb, FFA Champion Market Lamb, FFA Reserve Champion Market Hog, 1st & 2nd Place Advanced Swine Showmanship, 3rd Place Novice Sheep Showmanship, 1st Place in three Information Poster Contest Categories: Vet. Science, Small Animal, and Large Animal.
<b>AVID</b>	Advanced Via Individual Determination is an academic elective program for grades 9-12. It is designed to prepare underrepresented students to succeed in four year colleges. AVID provides academic preparation, study skills, and motivation for seeking a college education, and career awareness. Two seniors received scholarships from the Orange County Dept. of Education for exemplary academic progress.
<b>International Baccalaureate Model United Nations</b>	40 full diplomas in 2015. 287 exams taken of which 9% were passed with a score of 4 or higher. MUN is an international organization, affiliated with the United Nations Association in New York. The speaking, research, and writing skills acquired through MUN are recognized by major universities as excellent college preparation. The MVHS program earned Best Delegation of the Year award at the 27th Annual MUN conference in New York, and Best Delegation of the Year at Huntington Beach and UC Santa Barbara conferences. MVHS has hosted the largest MUN conference on the west coast with over 1300 student delegates.
<b>Science Olympiad</b>	14th Place finish in the Orange County Regional competition, Individual 3rd Place in Scrambler event, 6th Place in Bungee Drop, 5th Place Protein Modeling, and 1st Place Write It.
<b>Virtual Enterprise Coastline ROP Courses</b>	1st Place in the state championship for Business Plan Presentation plus 15 additional awards in Bakersfield 3 students awarded scholarships and 10 named as Distinguished Students for Coastline region.

## ELECTIVES & CLUBS

<b>Visual &amp; Performing Arts</b>	
<b>Photo</b>	8 students received Photo awards in the 21st Annual OC High School Photography Invitational at OCC
<b>Video &amp; Film</b>	Best Screenplay at Directing Change Statewide Campaign, Two 1st Place documentaries at California Student Media Festival.
<b>Drama</b>	California Educational Theater Assn. Orange County Best Production for "The Laramie Project" CAPPIE Awards for "Legally Blonde", Best Musical, Best Orchestra, Best Marketing. CAPPIE Awards for "Awakening of Spring: A Tragedy of Childhood": Best Make-up, Creativity, Supporting Actor, Lead Actor, Sophomore Critic. Total Nominations: 17 for Musical, 7 for Play, 2 for Critic Macy Theater Awards: Outstanding Ensemble Award for "Legally Blonde" 8 Macy Achievement Trophies & 3 Medallions, 3 Special Recognition Medallions, 6 Bright Spot Medallions National Youth Theater Awards for Outstanding Production: "Legally Blonde" and 6 Individual Awards
<b>Drum Line</b>	9th at WGI World Championships
<b>Color Guard</b>	WGI State & Regional Champions, 6th Place at WGI World Championships
<b>Marching Band</b>	3rd Place in State at the 2014 WBA Championships
<b>Orchestra &amp; Wind Ensemble</b>	Superior Ratings at SCSBOA Local and Regional Festivals
<b>Jazz Ensemble</b>	Invited to the Monterey Jazz Festival
<b>Chamber Choir</b>	Superior Performance Award at Concordia University Festival
<b>Automotive Technology</b>	2nd Place at OC Auto Dealers Contest. 2 students received \$15,000 scholarships
<b>Yearbook</b>	Recognized for Feature Story Coverage and Outstanding Cover
<b>Campus Clubs</b>	MVHS has 72 On-Campus Clubs. 22 of these are Curricular Clubs, 50 are Non-Curricular

## ATHLETICS

<b>Sports 2014-15</b>	Seniors received full and partial athletic scholarships to universities totaling over \$1.5 million
<b>Girls Swimming/ Diving</b>	2nd Place in Sea View League, 2 CIF Finalist, 1 State Qualifier
<b>Football</b>	<b>CIF Division II Champions</b> , South Coast League Champions—7th Consecutive Year
<b>Baseball</b>	<b>CIF Division II Champions</b>
<b>Girls Softball</b>	South Coast League Champions—7th Consecutive Year, <b>CIF Runner-Up</b> , #1 in United States
<b>Girls Water Polo</b>	Sea View League Champions, CIF Semi-finalists
<b>Boys Track</b>	3rd Place in South Coast League, 7 CIF Finalists
<b>Girls Track</b>	South Coast League Champions, 14 CIF Finalists, 7 CIF Masters Finalists
<b>Boys Golf</b>	8th Place CIF Team Divisional Playoffs
<b>Girls Golf</b>	Sea View League Champions, CIF Individual Regionals

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