

2024-2025 PROFILE



SADDLEBACK HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL DESCRIPTION

2802 South Flower St, Santa Ana, CA 92704
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Saddleback High School opened its doors in 1967 with a commitment to creating a college-bound culture where academic excellence meets student accountability. Saddleback High School strives for excellence in meeting the needs of all students by designing unique learning experiences to generate excitement and growth for inquiry, as well as a celebration of individual differences and perspectives by providing a safe and inclusive environment that encourages open-mindedness.

Santa Ana Unified School District currently serves over 36,929 students in grades K-12 and residing in the City of Santa Ana. The district operates **27 elementary schools, 6 intermediates**, 7 high schools, 2 charter schools, and 6 other educational programs. The student population is comprised of 16.6% receiving special education services, 38.3% qualifying for English language learner support, and 92% of the SAUSD student population are designated as coming from low-income households.

ENROLLMENT:

1308 High School
(Senior Class: 328)

112 7th & 8th grade IB
MYP students

1420 TOTAL

73 Full Time - Teaching Faculty
of whom 59 hold master's degree

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SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES (WASC)**

2024 SADDLEBACK HIGH SCHOOL

28.0% English Learners

16.56% Special Education

71.0% Economically Disadvantaged

99.0% Graduation Rate

100% Free and Reduced Lunch

ADMINISTRATION & COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

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SPECIAL PROGRAMS

IB Middle Years Program (7th-10th Grade)



Saddleback's IB Middle Years Program (MYP) is a rigorous academic program of study designed to prepare students for the IB Diploma Program. Students take IB MYP courses from 7th to 10th grade. Saddleback High School became an official IB MYP Candidate School in June 2023. Saddleback High School is the only school in Orange County to offer MYP for 7th-10th grade students.

IB Diploma Program (11th-12th Grade)



Saddleback High School became an authorized IB World School in 2017, and is the only school in Santa Ana with an IB Program. **All students in Saddleback's IB Diploma Program are required to attempt the full IB Diploma.** IB Diploma Candidates are also required to complete service hours over the two years of the program, as well as write a 4,000 word research paper on a topic of interest.

Project Lead The Way (PLTW)

PLTW Biomedical Science is a 3 year program that empowers students to build knowledge and skills in biomedical science, as well as in-demand, transportable skills such as problem solving, critical and creative thinking, communication, and collaboration.

AP/HONORS/IB MYP/IB/PLTW COURSES

16 Advanced Placement courses

Art | Biology | Calculus AB | Calculus BC | English Language | English Literature | Environmental Science | Government | Human Geography | Macroeconomics | Pre-Calculus | Psychology | Spanish Language | Spanish Literature | U.S. History | World History

10 Honors courses

Algebra I | Geometry | Algebra II | Math Analysis | Biology | Chemistry | Physics | English 9 | English 10

10 IB MYP Honors courses

7th-8th Grade: English | Math (Algebra 1 H in 8th grade) | Science | Social Science
 9th-10th Grade: Geometry | Algebra II | Biology | Chemistry | English 9 | English 10

16 IB Diploma Program courses

IB Biology SL 1 | IB Biology SL 2 | IB History HL 1 | IB History of the Americas HL 2 | IB Language & Literature HL 1 | IB Language & Literature HL 2 | IB Math Analysis and Approaches SL 1 | IB Math Analysis and Approaches SL 2 | IB Psychology SL 1 | IB Psychology SL 2 | IB Spanish HL 1 | IB Spanish HL 2 | IB Theory Of Knowledge 1 | IB Theory Of Knowledge 2 | IB Visual Arts SL 1 | IB Visual Arts SL 2

3 Project Lead the Way (PLTW) courses

9th Principles | 10th HBS Human Bodies | 11th Medical Intervention

SPECIAL COURSE OFFERINGS

CTE - Articulated courses

Arts/Graphics | Design Soc Media Web | DMA Enterprise (Spyder Lab)

Dual Enrollment: Our CTE Counselor, SAC Outreach representative and school counselor assist students interested in taking college courses offsite.

COURSE AND EXAM LIMITATIONS

Saddleback High School has an open enrollment policy for students wishing to enroll in AP and Dual Enrollment courses. The number of AP courses a student can take each year is limited due to schedule availability.

Students in the IB Middle Years Program in 7th - 10th grade take a required sequence of courses, which can include limited AP courses. Students in the IB Diploma Program in 11th & 12th grade take a specific sequence of 7 courses each year and are not able to take any AP courses or exams. **Students not in the IB Diploma Program are not able to take IB courses.**

Saddleback has subsidized the cost of AP & IB exams so that all students are able to take exams for any courses they are enrolled in at no cost.

GRADING POLICY

2020-2022: On April 28th, 2020, the SAUSD Governing Board approved a recommendation for grading expectations during the Spring 2020 semester. Students can earn an A, B, or C grade, reflecting their learning between January 6th and March 13th. Students may not receive any grade lower than a C, nor can they be given a grade lower than what they were receiving as of physical school closure on March 13th.

As of August 2022:

Compassionate Grading or Grading Expectations due to the COVID-19 Pandemic during the academic year of 2021-2022 (Fall 2021 Semester, Spring 2022 Semester, & Summer 2022) in Administrative Regulation 5121 expired. Teachers were instructed to revert back to grading practices utilized prior to the pandemic.

RANKING POLICY

The Class Rank (Total GPA 9-12 weighted) and 10-12 Rank (Total GPA 10-12 weighted) categories place student(s) with the highest GPA in each category ranked #1, the second highest #2.

Graduation Requirements

Students are required to pass all course areas listed below and complete a minimum of 220 credits for graduation.

Required Courses

Social Science -	(3 Years/30 Credits)
English -	(4 Years/40 Credits)
Math -	(3 Years/30 Credits)
Science -	(2 Years/20 Credits)
World Language -	(2 Years/20 Credits)
VAPA-	(1 Year/10 Credits)
CTE/Electives -	(5 Years/50 Credits)
Physical Education -	(2 Years/20 Credits)

*CA Assembly Bill 1806 - allows the school district to exempt a student who is a homeless child or youth from statewide/districtwide HS requirements.

*SAUSD implemented an **Ethnic Studies** course graduation requirement beginning with the class of 2026.

*CA Assembly Bill 469 requires CA HS seniors to submit their FAFSA or CADAA application.

College Prep Courses

A 4.0
B 3.0
C 2.0
D 1.0
F 0.0

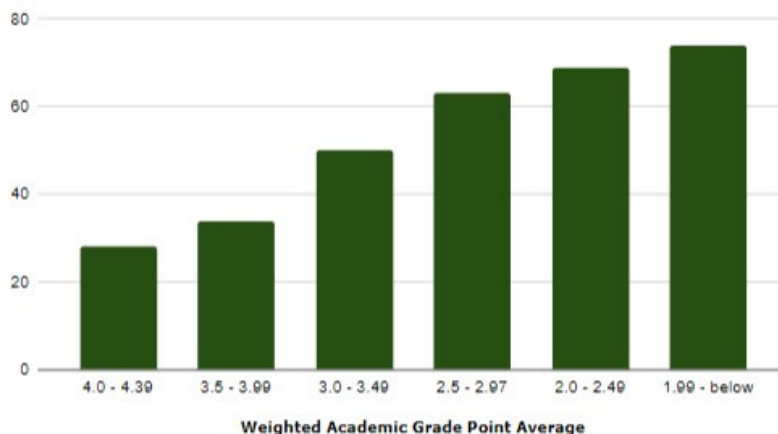
Honors, AP, IB & Dual Enrollment Courses

A 5.0
B 4.0
C 3.0
D 1.0
F 0.0

CLASS OF 2025

Distribution of all grades in Academic Sections from the end of 11th grade

Class of 2025 Weighted GPA distribution



2024 SCHOOLWIDE AP EXAM SCORES

589

TOTAL
NUMBER
OF AP TESTS

33%

OF TESTS
SCORING 3
AND ABOVE

*Saddleback High School is a Bronze Award Recipient for the 2023-24 school year from College Board's AP® School Honor Roll. The AP Access Award, honors schools that develop a college-going culture, encourage more low-income and underrepresented minority students to take AP courses.

IB DIPLOMA PASS RATES

2019 - 9 out of 20 = 45%

2020 - (no IB exams due to COVID): 12 out of 22 = 54%

2021 - (no IB exams due to COVID): 11 out of 20 = 61%

2022 - (IB exams held, with adjusted scoring): 21 out of 28 = 75%

2023 - (IB exams back to pre-Pandemic scoring): 13 out of 30 = 43%

2024 - 8 out of 18 = 44%



CLASS OF 2024 STATS

327 number of senior class

99% earned a high school diploma

23% indicated 4 year colleges

52% indicated 2 year colleges

25% indicated work military service, technical school other

CLASS OF 2024 ADMISSION HIGHLIGHTS

CAL BAPTIST UNIVERSITY
CAL POLY POMONA
CAL STATE FULLERTON
CAL STATE LONG BEACH
CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE
CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY
CSU FRESNO
NORTHERN ARIZONA
UNIVERSITY

SAN JOSE STATE
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
VANGUARD UNIVERSITY

2024 -2025 STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

95.77% HISPANIC/LATINO

0.028% AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKA NATIVE

1.62% ASIAN

0.63% FILIPINO

0.28% OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER

0.42% BLACK

0.88% WHITE