



SANTA MARGARITA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Catholic coed high school in Southern California – *Jay Matthews Challenge Index*

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Catholic coed high school in Southern California for STEM education *Newsweek*

A+

high school *Overall grade, Niche*

1 OF 5

Catholic IB World Schools in California

90%

student participation in extracurricular activities

74%

of faculty hold advanced degrees

15:1

student-teacher ratio; average class of 22

63

performing and visual arts classes

71

CIF team championships and 220 league championships

TEN-TIME RECIPIENT of the CIF-SS Commissioners Cup

MICROSOFT SHOWCASE SCHOOL

seven consecutive years

2020-2021 SCHOOL PROFILE

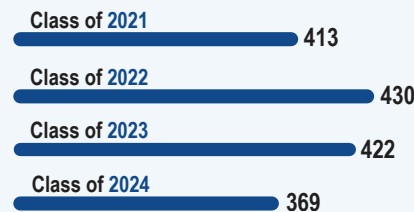
OVERVIEW

Founded in 1987 under the leadership of the Diocese of Orange, Santa Margarita Catholic High School offers a coeducational, college-preparatory education developing students who are people of faith, skilled lifelong learners, healthy individuals and involved citizens of the world. Known for the breadth and quality of its academic programs; innovative technology; student-centered classrooms; emphasis on social service and social justice; nationally-recognized athletic program; award winning arts programs and active student body – Santa Margarita provides a well-rounded educational experience. Centered in the school's charism of Caritas Christi, the love of Christ, students are called to live out the school's core principles of compassion, humility, justice and goodness.

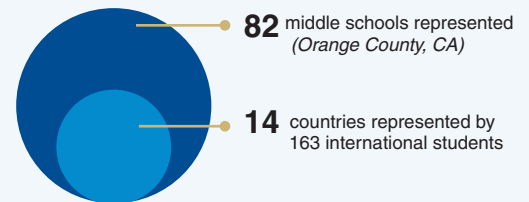
2020-2021 STUDENT BODY

- **58%** Caucasian, **20%** Asian/Pacific Islander, **10%** Hispanic/Latino, **11%** Multiracial, **2%** African American, **1%** Native American/Alaskan
- **51%** male, **49%** female
- **34%** of Santa Margarita students receive tuition assistance/scholarships
- **90%** U.S. citizen, **10%** non-U.S. citizen

ENROLLMENT: 1,634



GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION



CURRICULUM & GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

SCHEDULE

School year includes:

- Two semesters comprised of approximately 18 weeks
- Block schedule - classes meet three times per week
- All students must take seven courses per semester (9th-12th grade)

ACADEMIC GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

* Each semester class is 5 credits

Religion	4 years	40 credits
English	4 years	40 credits
Social Studies	3 years	30 credits
Science	3 years	30 credits
Mathematics	3 years	30 credits
World Languages	2 years	20 credits
Fine Arts	1 year	10 credits
Health	½ year	5 credits
Physical Education	2 years	20 credits
Electives	4 years	45 credits
TOTAL		270 credits

- Minimum GPA to graduate is 2.0
- First Honors: 4.0 and above (weighted)
- Second Honors: 3.5-3.99 (weighted)

GRADING SYSTEM

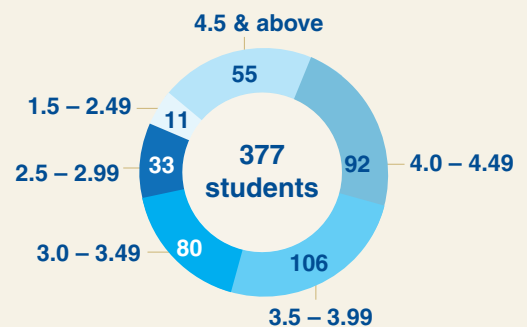
SMCHS is a non-ranking school

A 90-100 **C** 70-79 **F** 59 & below
B 80-89 **D** 60-69

- Pluses and minuses do not affect GPA
- Honors/AP/IB receive an extra point for Cs and above
- Maximum number of credits for GPA calculation is 280
- All academic courses are counted on the transcripts with no exceptions
- Remediation is recommended for all Ds and required for all Fs
- **Maximum GPA possible is 4.92 (Only achieved as a full IB candidate (2 years honors philosophy and honors electives for 4 years) is 4.92)**

CUMULATIVE ACADEMIC GPA DISTRIBUTION

Class of 2020



TESTING DATA & ADVANCED COURSES

ACT scores – 230 students tested

CLASS OF 2020	SMCHS	STATE	NATIONAL
English	28.3	22.5	20.2
Math	26.5	22.5	20.5
Reading	28.4	23	21.3
Science	26.8	22.1	20.8
COMPOSITE	27.2	22.7	20.2

27.2
average SMCHS
Class of 2020
ACT score

SAT scores – 213 students tested

CLASS OF 2020	SMCHS	STATE	NATIONAL
Math	640	531	528
ERW	634	534	531
TOTAL	1274	1065	1059

1274
average SMCHS
Class of 2020
SAT score

AP TESTING (2020)

Due to COVID-19, SM did not require all 10th-12th students to sit for the May 2020 AP exams. However, the majority of SM students selected to test.

- 494 SM students tested (10-12 grade)
- 976 total exams were administered:
 - 204 exams received a score of 5
 - 300 exams received a score of 4
 - 293 exams received a score of 3

83% of SMCHS students received a score of 3 or higher

174 AP Scholars (2020)

PASS RATE BY SUBJECT (2020)

SUBJECT	PASS RATE	STUDENTS
Art History	88%	8
Biology	81%	108
Calculus AB	86%	65
Calculus BC	96%	23
Chinese Lang	100%	4
Computer Science A	92%	12
English Lang & Comp	90%	139
English Lit & Comp	71%	70
Environmental	70%	61
European History	95%	22
French Lang	100%	3
Macroeconomics	74%	111
Microeconomics	50%	4
Music Theory	61%	18
Physics 1	69%	67
Physics C	100%	22
Psychology	77%	53
Spanish Language	86%	21
Statistics	81%	26
US Gov & Politics	82%	28
US History	88%	51
World History	93%	60

ADVANCED PLACEMENT SCHOLARS

	2020	2019	2018	2017	TOTAL
National	6	1	7	8	22
w/Distinction	73	61	69	68	271
w/Honors	41	37	44	43	165
Scholars	54	84	90	93	321

NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNITION

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Finalists	TBA	7	3	4	8
Semifinalists	4	7	3	4	8
Commended	16	22	15	22	18

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NATIONAL
MERIT
SEMIFINALISTS
(CLASS OF 2021)

ADVANCED COURSES

- 111 high-level courses offered – twice the number of any Catholic school in Orange County
- Enrollment contingent upon department approval, placement exams, grades, teacher recommendations
- All advanced courses are taught at a faster pace and go into greater depth

AP COURSES (21)

- All students enrolled must take the AP exam in May
- 9th graders may not take any AP exams
- 10th graders may only take AP World, AP Euro, AP Art History

AP English Language and Composition
AP Literature and Composition
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Statistics
AP Biology
AP Physics 1
AP Physics C
AP Environmental Science
AP Government/US Politics
AP Microeconomics*
AP US History
AP European History
AP World History
AP Macroeconomics*
AP Spanish Language
AP French
AP Art History
AP Computer Science A
AP Psychology
AP Music Theory

* Each class is one semester. Students are required to take one AP exam but may choose to take both AP exams.

HONORS COURSES (44)

ENGLISH

English 1 & 2 H
Advanced Debate/Argumentation H
Journalism 1 H
Advanced Journalism H

MATHEMATICS

Algebra 1 & 2 H
Geometry H
Precalculus H
Precalculus H AI

SCIENCE

Biology H
Chemistry H

SOCIAL STUDIES

Economics MUN H
Cultural Geography MUN H
United States History MUN H
United States Government MUN H
World History MUN H
Modern & Contemporary Art H

WORLD LANGUAGES

Spanish 1, 2, & 3 H
French 1, 2, 3, & 5 H
Latin 1, 2, & 3 H
Ancient Greek 1, 2, & 3 H
Mandarin Chinese 1, 2, & 3 H

ARTS

Advanced Theater Honors
New 2020-21
Advanced Women's Chorus H
Chamber Singers H
Steel Drum/Percussion Ensemble H
String Orchestra H
Wind Ensemble H
Screenwriting H
Advanced Painting H
Broadcast Journalism H
Advanced Drawing H

IB COURSES (46)

- Only juniors and seniors are permitted to take IB courses
- All students enrolled in an IB course must sit for the IB exam

English IB HL1 & HL2**
Spanish IB SL, HL1 & HL2**
French IB SL, HL1 & HL2
Latin IB SL, HL1 & HL2
Greek IB SL
Mandarin Chinese IB SL
History IB HL1 & HL2**
Economics IB SL
Business Management IB HL1 & HL2
Biology IB SL, HL1 & HL2
Chemistry IB SL
Design Tech IB SL
New 2020-2021
Physics IB HL1 & HL2**
Environmental Systems & Societies IB SL**
Math AI IB HL1 & HL2**
Mathematics IB AA SL, HL1 & HL2**
Dance IB HL1 & HL2
Music Group Performance IB SL
Film IB HL1 & HL2
Music IB HL1 & HL2
Theatre Arts IB SL, HL 1 & HL2
Visual Arts IB HL 1 & HL2
Philosophy IB HL1 & HL2*
Theory of Knowledge

* Only IB full diploma students may take these courses

** Co-enrolled with AP courses, IB students sit for both exams

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMME

SMCHS is one of five Catholic high schools in California to offer the International Baccalaureate Programme. SMCHS students must meet academic prerequisites to enter the full diploma programme or courses. Full IB diploma candidates, in addition to their coursework, take:

- A Theory of Knowledge seminar course to apply thinking and inquiry across all subject areas
- Research and write an extended essay of over 4,000 words on a student-generated inquiry/research question
- Independently engage in creative projects, physical activity and service (CAS)



UNIQUE FEATURES AT SMCHS INCLUDE:

- From 2014 – 2020, 96.7% of SMCHS full diploma candidates have earned the diploma.
- IB Students are often co-enrolled in AP courses and sit for both the IB and AP exams.
- Historically, SMCHS students earn an average of 31.5 full diploma points, qualifying them for advanced standing at many universities/colleges.
- Philosophy HL 1&2 replaces the SMCHS requirement for Religion 3 & 4. Since most SMCHS IB full diploma candidates also enroll in English HL, they develop the critical literacy skills necessary for high level contributions to their future university learning.
- Extracurricular CAS activities intentionally leverage technology for global collaboration and virtual participation in projects (Climate Action Project, Smithsonian and Boston Public Library, etc.)
- IB full diploma students take an advanced academic load of seven classes per semester, where many IB schools require five to six.

The IB Full Diploma Programme attracts a diverse group of learners committed to challenging themselves with a highly rigorous curriculum that expects in-depth critical thinking, design thinking, global-mindedness, balanced perspectives, and effective communication.

30 full diploma students (class of 2021), 7.3% of the class

28 full diploma students (class of 2020), 7.4% of the class with 100% earning the diploma, compared to the global average of 55.35%

90.5% full diploma pass rate with 466 total exams taken (class of 2020) compared to the global average of 78.75%

39 highest diploma points awarded to a candidate in 2020

SUBJECT	STUDENTS	PASS RATE
English Literature HL	64	100%
Classical Greek SL	3	100%
French B SL	5	100%
Latin HL	2	100%
Latin SL	8	100%
Spanish HL	7	100%
Spanish SL	31	84%
Mandarin SL	19	100%
Business Management HL	51	63%
Economics SL	14	79%
History of the Americas HL	7	100%
Philosophy HL	28	100%
Biology HL	14	85%
Biology SL	15	100%
Chemistry SL	10	70%
Environmental Systems & Society SL	9	88%
Physics HL	11	73%
Math HL	15	93%
Math SL	1	100%
Math Studies	23	100%
Dance HL	6	100%
Music HL	3	100%
Music Group Performance SL	3	100%
Theatre HL	6	100%
Theatre SL	6	100%
Film HL	32	75%
Visual Arts HL	14	36%
466 Total Exams Taken	288	90.59%

PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE



SERVICE LEARNING IN THE SPIRIT OF THE GOSPEL Santa Margarita's campus ministry program offers students a robust service learning program throughout all four years. Freshmen and sophomores participate in class service projects, working with Special Olympics and Second Harvest Food Bank respectively. Juniors and seniors work with an approved nonprofit of their choice, combining their passions and interests with direct service to the vulnerable. Christian Service at SMCHS is integral in forming young women and men guided by the school's charism of Caritas Christi, the love of Christ. Completion of grade-level service projects are a graduation requirement.



LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES Over 90% of SMCHS students participate in school related extracurricular activities giving ample opportunities to develop leadership and management skills.



MODEL UNITED NATIONS SMCHS's award-winning MUN program catapults students into the world of diplomacy and international relations with students participating in mock UN meetings worldwide. Student participation is an extracurricular commitment but also integrated into the honors social studies curriculum. Since 2000, our program has won over 9,256 individual awards and 96 delegation awards.



ROBOTICS/ENGINEERING The school's award-winning robotic team "Smbly Required" functions like a startup with students learning CAD modeling, welding, marketing, and project management. Students design, build, program and test competition-ready robots.



STREAM Santa Margarita's STREAM program weaves together science, technology, religion, engineering, arts, and math reaching beyond traditional disciplinary boundaries.



ARTS Visual and performing arts classes provide diverse opportunities for students to learn and express their artistic talents. Through regional and national competitions, international performances, and award-winning productions, SMCHS students share their talents with the community.



ESPORTS Santa Margarita's world championship esports team provides a platform for students to grow their communication, collaboration and problem-solving skills. Students play in several different areas and learn "shoutcasting," delivering online play-by-play commentary.



EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY As one of 39 Microsoft Showcase Schools in the nation, SMCHS is a leader in utilizing technology to create collaborative student-centered classrooms and improve learning outcomes.



ATHLETICS Since the school opened over 30 years ago, SMCHS has earned more championships than any other school in Southern California with 8 state championships, 71 CIF championships, and 220 league championships. SMCHS offers 25 CIF and five club teams.



AUXILIARY STUDIES PROGRAM The school's ASP department offers a comprehensive program giving students with diagnosed learning challenges the tools to reach their full potential.



EAGLES EDGE SMCHS alumni and industry professionals provide "real-world" growth and networking opportunities through internships, jobs and hands-on workshops.



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY NHS membership at SMCHS is highly selective. Students must demonstrate how their actions meet the four NHS pillars of scholarship, character, service, and leadership along with a GPA requirement of 3.5. Only 15% of each class earns this distinction.



MEDIA Students work together inside the classroom and after school hours to produce a daily news broadcast show (ETV 2.0), digital news (SMCHSEagleEye.com), and the award-winning Eagle Eye student newspaper. Using state-of-the-art production equipment, ETV 2.0 students edit, film, write, and produce content.



WELLNESS *New 2020-2021 SMCHS launched a comprehensive student support program comprised of mental health education, training, resources and referrals to meet the challenges of adolescence. Our new wellness coordinator is an on-campus resource for our school community.

COLLEGE MATRICULATION 2016-2020

The following list represents the most well-attended colleges over the last five years.

***Bold denotes 2020 attendance**

American University
Amherst College
Arizona State University
Auburn University
Babson College
Baylor University
Belmont University
Biola University
Boise State University
Boston College
Boston University
Brown University
Butler University
California Baptist University
California Institute of Technology
California Lutheran University
Cal Poly- Pomona
Cal Poly- San Luis Obispo
California-Maritime Academy
California State University, Chico
California State University, Fullerton
California State University, Long Beach
California State University, San Marcos
Case Western Reserve University
Chapman University
Claremont McKenna College
Clemson University
Colby College
Colgate University
College of the Holy Cross
Colorado Mesa University
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University
Columbia University
Concordia University
Cornell University
Creighton University
Dartmouth College
DePaul University
Drexel University
Duke University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Emerson College
Emory University
Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising

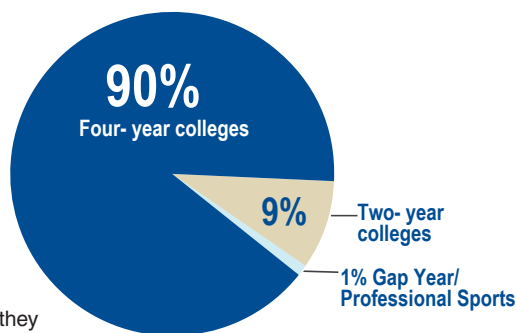
Fordham University
Georgetown University
George Washington University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Gonzaga University
Grand Canyon University
Grinnell College
Harvard College
Harvey Mudd College
Indiana University at Bloomington
Irvine Valley College
Johns Hopkins University
Kansas State University
Lehigh University
Lewis & Clark College
Louisiana State University
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Chicago
Marquette University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Miami University, Oxford
Michigan State University
Montana State University
Mount St. Mary's University
New York University
Northeastern University
Northern Arizona University
Northwestern University
Oregon State University
Pace University
Pennsylvania State University
Pepperdine University
Point Loma Nazarene University
Princeton University
Providence College
Purdue University
Regis University
Rhodes College
Rice University
Rutgers University
Sacred Heart University
Saddleback College
Saint Mary's College of California
San Diego State University
Santa Clara University

Savannah College of Art and Design
Seattle University
Seton Hall University
Southern Methodist University
St. Edward's University
St. John's University
Stanford University
Syracuse University
SUNY Maritime
Texas A&M University
Texas Christian University
Texas Tech University
The New School
The Ohio State University
The University of Alabama
The University of Arizona
The University of Edinburg
The University of Iowa
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
The University of Oklahoma
The University of Texas
Trinity University
Tufts University
Tulane University
United States Air Force Academy
United States Military Academy - Army
United States Naval Academy
University of British Columbia
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
University of California, Santa Cruz
University of Chicago
University of Colorado at Boulder
University of Denver
University of Georgia
University of Hawaii
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
University of Kansas
University of Kentucky
University of Maryland

University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota
University of Missouri
University of Nebraska
University of Notre Dame
University of Oregon
University of Oxford
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Portland
University of Redlands
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of Southern California
University of St Andrews
University of Tennessee
University of Toronto
University of Utah
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of Waterloo
University of Wisconsin, Madison
Vanderbilt University
Vassar College
Villanova University
Virginia Tech
Wagner College
Wake Forest University
Washington State University
Washington University in St. Louis
Wellesley College
Wesleyan University
Whittier College
Willamette University
William & Mary
Xavier University
Yale University

COLLEGE ENROLLMENT STATISTICS: CLASS OF 2020

- 377 students in the class of 2020
- \$33 million in scholarship offers
- 118 colleges and universities attended by the class of 2020
- 99 percent attend college
- 297 colleges and universities applied to
- 2,902 college applications
- 1,838 colleges acceptances
- 63 percent total acceptance rate
- 100 percent acceptance rate at 169 schools
- 138 graduates were accepted at every college they applied



COLLEGE GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN

32 U.S. states, 2 International countries



PUBLIC vs PRIVATE



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