



SANTA MARGARITA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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#1

Catholic high school in Orange County
– Niche.com

TOP RANKED

Ranked among the top 40 most influential private high schools in the U.S.
– Academic Influence

17

school, college and wellness counselors

1 OF 4

Catholic, IB World high schools in California

90%

student participation in extracurricular activities

15:1

student-teacher ratio; average class size of 22

65

performing and visual arts classes

47,664

hours of direct service to the vulnerable with an economic impact of \$1.2 million
*2021-2022 school year

75

CIF team championships and 234 league championships

TEN-TIME RECIPIENT

of the CIF-SS Commissioners Cup

MICROSOFT SHOWCASE SCHOOL

nine consecutive years

2022-2023 SCHOOL PROFILE

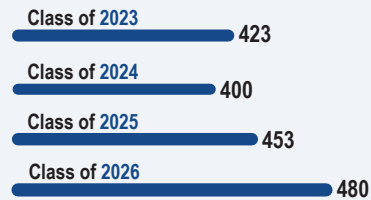
OVERVIEW

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. Santa Margarita provides a well-rounded educational experience known for the breadth and quality of its academic programs, innovative technology, student-centered classrooms, emphasis on service and social justice, nationally recognized athletic program, award-winning arts programs and active student body. 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.

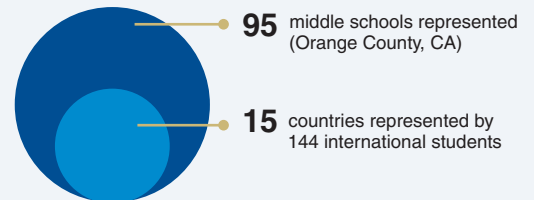
2022-2023 STUDENT BODY

- 58% Caucasian, 16% Asian/Pacific Islander, 10% Multiracial, 4% Hispanic/Latino, 2% Black/African American, 1% American Indian/Alaskan Native, 9% Declined to state
- 50% male, 50% female
- 30% of Santa Margarita students receive tuition assistance/scholarships
- 91% U.S. citizen, 9% non-U.S. citizen

ENROLLMENT: 1,756



GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION



CURRICULUM & GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

SCHEDULE

- School year includes: Two semesters comprised of approximately 18 weeks
- Modified Block Schedule: 75-minute periods four days a week and one all-periods day per week with 45-minute periods/classes
- 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	1 year	10 credits
Electives	4 years	55 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

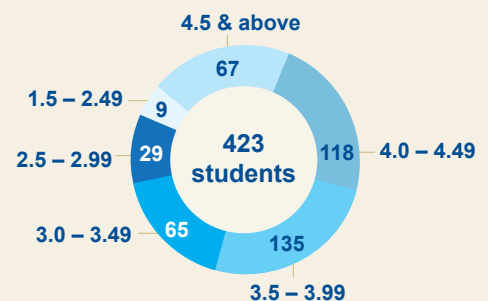
A 90-100 **C** 70-79 **F** 59 & below
B 80-89 **D** 60-69

- 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
- SMCHS does not offer dual enrollment classes through online schools or community colleges. The transcript only includes courses taken at SMCHS.

CUMULATIVE ACADEMIC GPA DISTRIBUTION

Class of 2023 (after three years)

Maximum GPA possible after junior year (six semesters) is a 4.90



TESTING DATA & ADVANCED COURSES

Due to COVID-19 access and a decreased emphasis on collegiate standardized testing, many of our students applied to college without submitting a score.

ACT scores – 49 students tested

CLASS OF 2022	SMCHS	STATE	NATIONAL	31.1
COMPOSITE	31.1	26.1	20.3	average SMCHS Class of 2022 ACT score

SAT scores – 226 students tested

CLASS OF 2022	SMCHS	STATE	NATIONAL	1271
TOTAL	1271	1057	1060	average SMCHS Class of 2022 SAT score

AP TESTING (2022)

All SM students took the AP exams in person – May 2022.

- 1,226 total exams were administered
206 exams received a score of 5
293 exams received a score of 4
337 exams received a score of 3
- 197 AP Scholars (2022)
- Total AP Courses Offered - 23 courses
- Total AP Enrollment - 639 students

197 AP Scholars (2022)

PASS RATE BY SUBJECT (2022)

SUBJECT	PASS RATE	STUDENTS
Art History	65%	20
Biology	79%	85
Calculus AB	44%	50
Calculus BC	100%	26
Chemistry	33%	3
Chinese Lang/Culture	90%	39
Computer Science A	100%	22
English Language and Composition	76%	162
English Lit & Comp	89%	96
Environmental Science	54%	133
European History	78%	27
French Language	82%	11
Human Geography	100%	1
Macroeconomics	33%	67
Microeconomics	41%	49
Music Theory	81%	16
Physics 1	41%	44
Physics 2	75%	16
Psychology	59%	96
Spanish Language	69%	16
Statistics	66%	29
US Government	58%	57
US History	83%	58
World History	85%	100

ADVANCED PLACEMENT SCHOLARS

	2022	2021	2020	2019	TOTAL
w/Distinction	63	51	73	61	248
w/Honors	40	47	41	37	165
Scholars	94	71	54	84	303

NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNITION

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Finalists	TBA	3	4	7	3
Semifinalists	5	3	4	7	3
Commended	20	17	16	22	15

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NATIONAL
MERIT
SEMIFINALISTS
(CLASS OF 2023)

ADVANCED COURSES

- 117 higher-level courses offered – twice the number of any Catholic school in Orange County
- Enrollment contingent upon department approval, placement exams, grades and teacher recommendations

- All students enrolled must take the AP and IB Exam.
- 9th graders may not take any AP or IB classes
- 10th graders may only take AP World, AP Euro, AP Art History (no IB classes)
- Courses marked with (*) indicate they can be co-enrolled with AP/IB courses and students may sit for both exams.
- 11th/12th graders are permitted to take IB and AP classes. The full IB Programme starts junior year.

ENGLISH (11 classes)

English 1 & 2H
AP English Language and Composition*
AP Literature and Composition*
English IB HL1 & HL2*
Theory of Knowledge (Two-year class - offered only to full IB students)
Advanced Debate/Argumentation H
Journalism 1 H
Advanced Journalism H

MATHEMATICS (14 classes)

Algebra 1 & 2 H
Geometry H
Precalculus H
Precalculus H AI IB
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC*
AP Statistics
AP Computer Science A
Math AI IB HL1 & HL2
Mathematics IB AA SL
Mathematics IB AA HL1* & HL2

SCIENCE (14 classes)

Biology H
Chemistry H
AP Biology*
AP Environmental Science*
AP Physics 1
AP Physics C
Biology IB SL, HL1* & HL2
Chemistry IB SL
Physics IB HL1* & HL2
Environmental Systems & Societies IB SL*
Design Tech IB SL

SOCIAL STUDIES (20 classes)

Cultural Geography MUN H
World History MUN H
United States History MUN H
United States Government MUN H
Economics MUN H
AP European History
AP World History
AP U.S. History
AP Government/U.S. Politics
**AP Macroeconomics
**AP Microeconomics
History IB HL1* & HL2
Economics IB SL
Global Political IB SL MUN (only offered to full IB seniors in MUN)
Business Mgmt IB HL 1 & 2
AP Psychology
AP Art History
Modern & Contemporary Art H
(*Each class is one semester. Students are required to take one AP exam but may choose to take both.)

WORLD LANGUAGES (30 Classes)

Spanish 1, 2, & 3H
AP Spanish Language*
Spanish IB SL, HL1 & HL2*
French 1, 2, 3*, 4* H
AP French*
French IB SL*, HL1* & HL2*
Latin 1, 2, & 3 H
Latin IB SL, HL1 & HL2
Ancient Greek 1, 2, & 3 H
Greek IB SL
Mandarin Chinese 1, 2, & 3 H
Mandarin Chinese IB SL*
AP Chinese* (new 2022-2023)

RELIGION (2 classes)

Philosophy IB HL1 & HL2

VISUAL ARTS (9 classes)

Broadcast Journalism H
Screenwriting H
Advanced Painting H
Advanced Drawing H
AP Drawing* (New 2022-2023)
Film IB HL1 & HL2
Visual Arts IB HL1* & HL2

PERFORMING ARTS (17 classes)

Advanced Women's Chorus H
Chamber Singers H
Steel Drum/Percussion Ensemble H
String Orchestra H
Wind Ensemble H
Music Group Performance IB SL
Music IB HL1 & HL2
AP Music Theory (8th period class)
Dance Production Honors
Advanced Dance Honors H
Dance IB HL1 & HL2
Advanced Theater Honors
Theatre Arts IB, HL1 & HL2

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMME

SMCHS is one of four 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 IB PROGRAMME FEATURES AT SMCHS INCLUDE:

- From 2014 – 2022, 96.76% of SMCHS full diploma candidates have earned the diploma; 93% earned the diploma in 2022 versus the 58% global average
- 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 32.77 full diploma points, qualifying them for advanced standing at many universities/colleges.
- Philosophy HL 1 & 2 replace 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 that balances perspectives, design thinking, global-mindedness, and effective multimodal communication. IB full diploma learners transfer these skills to be mutually responsible for self, others, and the planet growing in compassion, reflection and resilience.

51 full diploma students (class of 2022), 12% of the class
93% pass rate (world average 58%)

69 full diploma students (class of 2023), 16.3% of the class
IB anticipated exam marks for the class of 2023 (spring 2022)
averaged 5.89 on a 1 – 7 scale

91% pass rate with 537 total exams taken (class of 2023 and 2022)

SUBJECT	STUDENTS	PASS RATE
English A Literature	99	98 %
Classic Greek	2	0 %
French B HL	4	100 %
French B SL	9	100 %
Latin HL	2	0 %
Latin SL	9	44 %
Spanish HL	2	100 %
Spanish SL	31	100 %
Mandarin B SL	6	50 %
Business Management HL	54	94 %
Economics SL	24	79 %
Enviro & Soc SL	16	94 %
Global Politics SL	16	100 %
Hist of the Americas HL	9	100 %
Philosophy HL	47	100 %
Biology HL	24	96 %
Biology SL	28	96 %
Chemistry SL	16	75 %
Design Tech SL	24	75 %
Physics HL	4	25 %
Math AA HL	12	92 %
Math AA SL	46	100 %
Math AI HL	28	79 %
Math AI SL	8	100 %
Dance HL	5	100 %
Film HL	19	79 %
Theater SL	1	100 %
Theater HL	4	100 %
Visual Arts HL	11	73 %
Visual Arts SL	2	50 %

537 Total Exams Taken 91%

PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE



SERVICE LEARNING IN THE SPIRIT OF THE GOSPEL

In the living out the school's charism of Caritas Christi, the love of Christ, SMCHS Campus Ministry offers its students a robust service learning program throughout all four years. Freshmen and sophomores participate in class service projects, uniquely designed within the religion curriculum to serve an underserved or vulnerable population. Sophomores partner with Second Harvest Food Bank and serve in a variety of capacities to the Orange County community. Juniors and seniors are given the freedom to complete their projects by participating in direct service work with a number of approved nonprofits in areas and issues they are interested in. Christian service at Santa Margarita is integral in forming young women and men of Caritas Christi. Completion of grade level service projects is 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. Leadership roles include Peer Ministry, Associated Student Body, Link Crew, Student Ambassadors, Speak UP! peer advisors and team managers.



MODEL UNITED NATIONS

Santa Margarita'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, the program has won over 9,952 individual awards and 103 delegation awards.



ROBOTICS/ENGINEERING

The school's award-winning robotics 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.



ARTS

Visual and performing arts classes provide a diverse array of 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. The Talon Academy of Performing Arts offers an afterschool conservatory program.



ESPORTS

The world champion Eagle esports team plays different games each season and competes in several different arenas. Students learn how to shoutcast while streaming on a production crew, run their own art and game development studio and train to play like professionals.



EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY

As one of 42 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 35 years ago, SMCHS has earned more championships than any other school in Southern California with nine state championships, 75 CIF championships, and 234 league championships. SMCHS offers 26 CIF and seven club programs.



AUXILIARY STUDIES PROGRAM

The school's ASP program offers a comprehensive support program giving students with diagnosed learning differences the tools to succeed alongside their non-learning disabled peers.



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), a news website (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

SMCHS offers a comprehensive student support program comprised of mental health education, training, resources, and referrals to meet the challenges of adolescence. The wellness team offers on-campus resources for the school community.

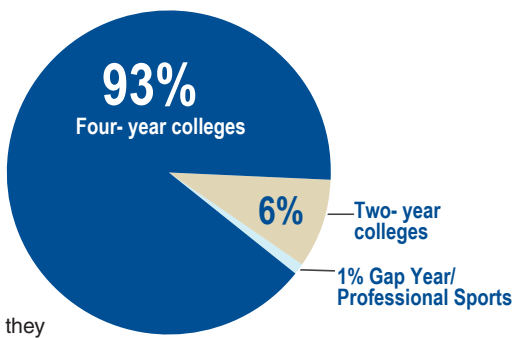
COLLEGE MATRICULATION 2021-2022

Below is the complete list of colleges our graduating seniors have attended the past two years.

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| Abilene Christian University | Duke University | Providence College | University of Arizona |
| Allegheny College | Elon University | Purdue University | University of Chicago |
| Arizona Christian University | Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University | Regis University | University of Cincinnati |
| Arizona State University | Emory University | Rice University | University of Colorado Boulder |
| Auburn University | FIDM-Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising | Riverside City College | University of Denver |
| Augustana College | Florida International University | Rochester Institute of Technology | University of Georgia |
| Babson College | Fordham University | Rollins College | University of Hawaii |
| Baylor University | Franklin and Marshall College | Rutgers University | University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign |
| Belmont University | Fullerton College | Sacred Heart University | University of Kansas |
| Benedictine College | Gannon University | Saddleback College | University of Kentucky |
| Bentley University | George Fox University | Saint Mary's College of California | University of Maryland |
| Biola University | George Washington University | Salve Regina University | University of Miami |
| Blinn College | Georgetown University | San Diego State University | University of Minnesota |
| Boise State University | Georgia Institute of Technology | San Francisco State University | University of Mississippi |
| Boston College | Gonzaga University | San Jose State University | University of Missouri |
| Boston University | Grand Canyon University | Santa Barbara City College | University of New Mexico |
| Brandeis University | Harvard University | Santa Clara University | University of Notre Dame |
| Brigham Young University | Hawaii Pacific University | Santa Monica College | University of Oklahoma |
| Brown University | Indiana University | School of Visual Arts | University of Oregon |
| Bucknell University | Iowa State University | Smith College | University of Pennsylvania |
| Butler University | Irvine Valley College | Southern Methodist University | University of Portland |
| Cal Poly Pomona | Johns Hopkins University | Stanford University | University of Rochester |
| Cal Poly San Luis Obispo | Lake Erie College | Syracuse University | University of San Diego |
| California Baptist University | Lehigh University | Texas A & M University-College Station | University of San Francisco |
| California Lutheran University | LIM College | Texas Christian University | University of South Carolina |
| Campbell University | Louisiana State University | The New School | University of Southern California |
| Case Western Reserve University | Loyola Marymount University | The University of Alabama | University of St Andrews |
| Chapman University | Loyola University Chicago | The University of Montana | University of Toronto |
| Christopher Newport University | Marist College | The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill | University of Utah |
| Citrus College | Miami University, Oxford | The University of Tennessee | University of Victoria |
| Clemson University | Michigan State University | The University of Texas at Austin | University of Virginia |
| College of San Mateo | Montana State University | Towson University | University of Washington |
| Colorado Mesa University | Mount St. Mary's University | Tufts University | University of Wisconsin-Madison |
| Colorado School of Mines | New York University | UC Berkeley | Vanderbilt University |
| Colorado State University-Fort Collins | Northeastern University | UC Davis | Vanguard University |
| Concordia University | Northern Arizona University | UC Irvine | Wake Forest University |
| Cornell University | Northwestern University | UC Los Angeles | Washington State University |
| Creighton University | Ohio State University | UC Riverside | Washington University in St Louis |
| CSU-Fullerton | Oklahoma State University | UC San Diego | Western Washington University |
| CSU-Northridge | Orange Coast College | UC Santa Barbara | Westmont College |
| CSU-San Marcos | Oregon State University | UC Santa Cruz | Wheaton College |
| Culinary Institute of America | Otterbein University | United States Air Force Academy | Wofford College |
| Culver-Stockton College | Pennsylvania State University | United States Military Academy | Xavier University |
| Dartmouth College | Pepperdine University | United States Naval Academy | |
| Denison University | Point Loma Nazarene University | University College London | |
| Drexel University | Princeton University | University of Alaska | |

COLLEGE ENROLLMENT STATISTICS: CLASS OF 2022

- 422 students in the class of 2022
- \$53 million in scholarship offers
- 131 colleges and universities attended
- 99 percent attend college
- 378 colleges and universities applied to
- 3,979 college applications
- 2,148 college acceptances
- 54 percent total acceptance rate
- 100 percent acceptance rate at 199 schools
- 113 graduates were accepted at every college they applied (27% of class)



COLLEGE GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN

40 U.S. states, 3 International countries



PUBLIC vs PRIVATE



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Academics | Monique Harrison '00
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Instruction and School
Climate |

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COLLEGE COUNSELING

Each student is assigned a college counselor during their junior year to guide and support each student through their college preparatory and application process.

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SCHOOL COUNSELING & WELLNESS:

Seven school counselors advise, support and encourage students academically and personally throughout their four years. The school's three wellness counselors provide additional support upon request and offer a robust educational program for families.