



MISSION EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

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School Profile 2020-2021



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MECHS VISION

MECHS enables students to rediscover their love for learning, foster an appreciation for diversity, take responsibility for their education and lives, and develop the habit of mind of self-reflection. Our staff seeks to educate the whole learner and recognizes the uniqueness of each student. We do this by being intellectually curious, passionate, highly qualified, and enthusiastic. We believe that learning transfers to life beyond the classroom experience, and should equip each student to thrive as a responsible citizen in a global community.

MECHS MISSION

To offer a 21st century learning experience for students that provides a rigorous academic environment with personalized support, and prepares students for college and career readiness.

MECHS MOTTO

MECHS PROUD - Persistent Resilient
Optimistic Undaunted Determined

ACCREDITATION/AFFILIATIONS

MECHS is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). MECHS also holds membership with the College Board.

SCHOOL GOVERNANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND FACULTY

MECHS is a high school in the Santa Clara Unified School District (SCUSD). The SCUSD School Board consists of seven (7) Trustees. For the 2020-2021 school year, we have a total of twelve (12) full and part-time faculty, administrative, and office staff members.

OUR SCHOOL

Mission Early College High School is located on the Mission College campus in Santa Clara, and is an innovative partnership between Santa Clara Unified School District (SCUSD) and West Valley-Mission Community College District (WVM). This college immersion model blends high school and college into a coherent educational program, and provides an exceptional opportunity for students of SCUSD, grades 9-12, to earn a high school diploma, and up to two years of college credit in four years or less. MECHS is strategically designed to fulfill UC/CSU admission requirements, and possesses a strong college bound culture with high expectations for all students. Students in grades 8-10 may apply for admission. MECHS encourages the participation of students who are considered at-risk, low-income, historically underserved, or first generation college students, and seeks to decrease the high school dropout rate while increasing students' access to postsecondary education.

CREDIT REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

Subject	Credits	Subject	Credits
English	40	World Language	10
Mathematics	20	Fine and Practical Arts	15
Science	20	Physical Education/Health	25
Social Science	30	Electives	70
Total Subject Credits			230
Other Requirements		Community Service - 20 hours Algebra 1 - passing grade fall & spring semester	

COURSE CREDITS

Students take three high school classes taught by SCUSD instructors on the Mission College campus, and earn 25 credits each semester. Students also take up to 15 units of college courses each semester. (1 college unit = 3.5 high school credits)

COLLEGE DEGREE AND TRANSFERABLE CREDIT

Students earn a high school diploma and college credit towards an Associate Degree from Mission College tuition free. College credit is transferable to any UC/CSU in California, as well as many private and out-of-state colleges and universities.

ENROLLMENT

Total enrollment at MECHS for the 2020-2021 school year is 113 students with a staff of 12 professionals. Enrollment for the Class of 2021 is 39 students.

COLLEGE SUBJECT AREAS FOR DIPLOMA

- Science (Life and Physical)
- World Language
- Art
- Kinesiology (PE)
- Health

STUDENT SERVICES

- Summer Bridge
- Academic support groups
- Mentor/mentee program
- Phoenix advisory
- PTSA

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Associated student government
- Class councils
- Cultural clubs
- Service clubs
- Social clubs

CLASSES OF 2019, 2020 AND 2021

GPA averages of 101 graduates in classes of 2019, 2020 and 2021

51 earned greater than 4.0

27 earned 3.5-3.99

14 earned 3.0-3.49

6 earned 2.5-2.99

2 earned 2.0-2.49

1 earned less than 1.9

GOLDEN STATE SEAL MERIT DIPLOMA

MECHS Class of 2021 percentage of graduates that received the Golden State Seal Merit Diploma is 85%

HIGH SCHOOL COURSES INCLUDE

Subject	9th grade	10th grade	11th grade	12th grade
English	Honors English 9	Honors English 10	Honors English 11	Honors British Literature
Social Studies	N/A	Honors World History	Honors U.S. History	Honors Civics Honors Economics
Math (as needed)	Algebra 1 Algebra 2 Geometry Trigonometry	Algebra 1 Algebra 2 Geometry Trigonometry	Algebra 1 Algebra 2 Geometry Trigonometry	Algebra 1 Algebra 2 Geometry Trigonometry
Required Elective	Phoenix 1 (college/career)	Phoenix 2 (college/career)	Phoenix 3 (college/career)	Phoenix 4 (college/career)
Electives	-Creative Writing -Critical Analysis of Mass Media -Ethnic Studies	-Financial Literacy -Honors Geography -Mythology -Philosophy	-Historical Research -World Religions -Yearbook	

GRADES, WEIGHTING AND RANKING POLICY

All courses are included in computing GPA. Grades are weighted in honors and dual enrollment courses. In accordance with SCUSD policy, students are not ranked.

<u>Grades</u>	<u>Basic</u>	<u>Honors</u>
A-, A, A+ = 90-100	4.0	5.0
B-, B, B+ = 80-89	3.0	4.0
C-, C, C+ = 70-79	2.0	3.0
D-, D, D+ = 60-69	1.0	1.0
F = 0-59	0	0

UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCE

MECHS Classes of 2019, 2020 and 2021 have received admission to the following universities and colleges (and others):

San Francisco State University

San Jose State University

Sacramento State University

San Diego State University

Sonoma State University

California State University Northridge

California State University Monterey Bay

California State University East Bay

California State University Humboldt

California State University Los Angeles

California State University Long Beach

University of Oregon

University of Utah

University of Hawaii Manoa

University of Portland

Penn State

Arizona State University

Oregon State University

Spelman College

Fisk University

Howard University

Morgan State

Hampton University

Santa Clara University

Menlo College

Emerson College

Johnson and Wales University

Whitman College

Oberlin College

International College of Liberal Arts

Himachal Pradesh University

Pepperdine University

University of Illinois Urbana Champaign

Loyola Marymount University

Dillard University

UC San Diego

UCLA

UC Davis

UC Santa Cruz

UC Berkeley

UC Irvine

UC Merced

UC Santa Barbara

UC Riverside

Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

Cal Poly Pomona

University of San Francisco

University of the Pacific

Brigham Young University

Cal Lutheran University

Zaytuna College

US Air Force Academy