

Arnold O. Beckman High School

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Arnold O. Beckman High School opened in 2004 and is one of three comprehensive high schools in Irvine, California. Located in the heart of Orange County, Beckman services the residential communities of Tustin, Irvine, and Santa Ana. Beckman is a WASC accredited school and proudly educates a diverse ethnic and socioeconomic community of 2,784 students in grades 9-12. BHS provides a challenging curriculum offering, close and personal involvement between teachers, students, and parents. Courses are offered to develop academic abilities, artistic talents, and athletic skills.



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SCHEDULING

BHS operates on a six-period day. Semester classes are 18 weeks long and yearlong classes are 36 weeks. Students are limited to six classes per semester except for those in Instrumental music, Athletics, Yearbook, Associated Student Body, AVID, and Early College. Students in these programs may add an additional class.

ENROLLMENT

- 2784 students in grades 9 through 12
 - 677 seniors
 - 713 juniors
 - 689 sophomores
 - 705 freshmen

DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

- African American: 2.78%
- Asian American: 41.5%
- Hispanic or Latino: 27.7%
- White (non-Hispanic): 18.2%
- Multi-Ethnicity: 9.3%

32.6% of students were on the Federal lunch program during the 22-23 school year.

CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT

BHS is centrally located near multiple community colleges. Some students augment their course loads with transferable college courses. Under an agreement with Irvine Valley College, students can complete Dance 77, KNES 85/212/213, Bus. Communications 1 and 3, Management 1, and Entrepreneurship 200, 211 and 212, and HD 7 - Dev. Psych., HD 15 - Socialization of the Child, HD 110 - Princ. & Practices, and HD 115 - Intro to Curriculum, and AJ 116 - Street Law, LGL 201 - Intro to Paralegal, LGL 21 - Social Media Law on the BHS campus while earning both high school and college credit.

RANKING

In Accordance with TUSD practice, Beckman High School does not rank students.

Beckman will provide percentile range rankings when requested by universities and scholarship organizations.

GRADING

Beckman High School utilizes a weighted four-point system to calculate students' grade point averages.
Grade Scale: 4.0=A+/A/A- 3.0=B+/B/B- 2.0=C+/C/C- 1.0=D+/D/D-

Advanced Placement/Honors courses are weighted
Grade Scale: 5.0=A+/A/A- 4.0=B+/B/B- 3.0=C+/C/C- 1.0=D+/D/D-

Students with international records will receive a "P" Pass or "F" Fail grade on their Beckman transcript for courses taken outside the United States. Students are encouraged to provide a copy of their original international records directly to colleges and universities for grade interpretation as warranted.

19-20 AND 20-21 SCHOOL YEAR GRADING

Due to coronavirus pandemic, Tustin Unified School District adopted a Credit/Incomplete Grading Policy in addition to the regular grading policy for the Spring semester of 19-20, and for the entirety of the 20-21 school year. A "CR" for Credit indicates that the student fulfilled course requirements satisfactorily. An "I" for incomplete indicates the student was not able to complete the course.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT DATA

PARENT EDUCATION LEVEL

College Grad	38.1%
Grad School/Post Grad	35.1%
Some College	10.9%
High School Graduate	7.8%
Not High School Grad	2.4%
Decline to State	5.6%

ACT 2023-2024

English	29.8
Math	30.1
Reading	29.2
Science	28.1
Composite	29.4

HONORS AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT CLASSES

Although grades are used for primary placement, students have the option to request enrollment in Honors/ AP courses.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT STATISTICS 2023-2024

Total # Students	1112
Total # Tests	2357
% Passed 3,4,5	90.8%
# Subjects Tested	23

ADVANCED PLACEMENT CLASSES (22)

English Literature	Calculus AB
Chinese Language	Calculus BC
French Language	Statistics
Spanish Language	Computer Science A
Microeconomics	Principles of Computer Science
Psychology	Environmental Science
U.S. Government & Politics	Biology
U.S. History	Chemistry
World History	Physics 1
Human Geography	Studio Art, Drawing, 2D, 3D
Studio Art, Photo	Studio Art, Graphic Design

HONORS CLASSES (10)

English 1, 2, 3	Geometry
Chemistry	Pre-Calculus
Algebra 1	Spanish 4
Algebra 2/Trig	Chinese 4

NATIONAL MERIT

Class of 2024

Finalists	12
Semi-Finalists	14

SAT 2023-2024

Reading/Writing	652
Math	685
Total	1337

Healthy Limits for Weighted Courses (AP and H)

Beckman High School limits the number of weighted (AP and H) classes that students can take per year. The implementation of our "Healthy Limit" cap and waiver process has helped to reduce the elevated levels of stress that students report. Below is a link to the chart outlining the "Healthy Limits" by grade level, as well as additional information: <https://bit.ly/3ln3sVI>

SEAL OF BILITERACY FOR CLASS OF 2024

24% of graduates for class of 2024 at Beckman demonstrated proficiency in English and in one or more languages, preparing them to become global citizens in a multicultural and multilingual world.

3rd YEAR OF MATH

TUSD re-aligned their math course sequence and revised their curriculum for Alg. 2 and Alg. 2/Trig. Beginning with 23-24 school year, Alg. 2/Trig. will be offered to students in lieu of Alg. 2

CREDIT RECOVERY AND REMEDIATION

Student who earns a D or F in most courses are eligible to participate in our credit recovery/D-validation program (CP level options only). Once a student recovers a class, the original class is r-tagged out of their transcript, meaning that while the original class remains on the transcript, it is removed from their credit count and GPA calculation.

EXTRACURRICULARS

Beckman Patriots are encouraged to participate in the 4 A's: Academics, Athletics, Activities, and the Arts.

ACADEMICS

[TUSD High School Course Catalog 2024-25](#)

ATHLETICS

BHS offers a comprehensive sports program with 23 sports offered as well as Cheer and Dance teams.

[BHS Athletics Webpage](#)

ACTIVITIES

[BHS ASB Webpage](#)

[BHS Clubs](#)

ARTS

Vocal Music - Fine Arts - Theater Arts - Instrumental Music - Photography - Graphic Design - Filmmaking

[BHS Arts Webpage](#)

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

EARLY COLLEGE

Early College is a program on the BHS campus giving students the opportunity to earn 51 college credits toward an Associates of Arts degree while in high school. Students take two Irvine Valley College classes each semester in addition to at least four BHS classes. At the end of the program, students earn both a high school diploma and the general education credits (IGETC) for University of California/California State University admissions.

AVID

AVID is an academic college preparatory program preparing students for four-year college eligibility.

CTE PATHWAYS

Career Technical Education pathways are electives where students progress in a technical skill earning a cord at graduation for pathway completion. CTE pathways include applied medical, engineering, visual imagery (photography), graphic design, filmmaking, and computer science.