

2025-2026 PROFILE



SADDLEBACK HIGH SCHOOL

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SCHOOL DESCRIPTION

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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 37,663 students in grades K-12 and residing in the City of Santa Ana. The district operates 36 elementary schools, 9 intermediates, 7 high schools, 3 alternative HS, 5 charter schools, and 1 special school. The student population is comprised of 13.5% receiving special education services, 41% qualifying for English language learner support, and 83.9% of the SAUSD student population are designated as coming from low-income households.

FALL 2025 ENROLLMENT:

1279

High School
(Senior Class: 333)

124

7th & 8th grade IB
MYP students

1403 TOTAL

72 Full Time - Teaching Faculty

ACCREDITED BY THE WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF
SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES (WASC)

2025 SADDLEBACK HIGH SCHOOL DEMOGRAPHICS

27.58% English Learners

16.82% Special Education

83.3% Economically Disadvantaged

100.0% Graduation Rate

100% Free and Reduced Lunch

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. MYP students complete the Community Project and Personal Project.

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 offering the IB Diploma 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 | Macroeconomics | Pre-Calculus | Psychology | Spanish Language | Spanish Literature | U.S. History | World History

10 Honors courses

Algebra I | Geometry | Algebra II | Biology | Chemistry | Physics | English 9 | English 10 | PLTW Int. Biotech

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 (11th-12th Grade)

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/HL 1 | IB Math Analysis and Approaches SL/HL 2 | IB Psychology SL/HL 1 | IB Psychology SL/HL 2 | IB Spanish SL/HL 1 | IB Spanish SL/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

665HF - Int. Biotech | 669 - Adv. Biotech | 670AF - Adv. Bio Med Intv.

SPECIAL COURSE OFFERINGS

CTE - Articulated courses

Arts/Graphics | Int. Digital Social Media | Adv Design Graph. (Spyder Lab) | Int. Film & TV Production | Advanced Film & TV Production

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 specific to the IB Middle Years Program curriculum. Students in the IB Diploma Program in 11th and 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

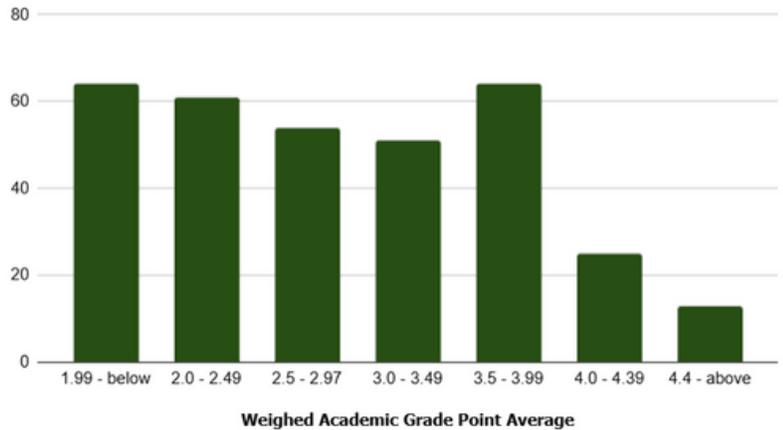
Honors, AP, IB & Dual Enrollment Courses

- A 5.0
- B 4.0
- C 3.0
- D 1.0
- F 0.0

CLASS OF 2026

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

2026 Weighted GPA Distribution



2025 SCHOOLWIDE AP EXAM SCORES

687

TOTAL
NUMBER
OF AP TESTS

50.69%

OF TOTAL AP
STUDENTS WITH
SCORING 3+

*Saddleback High School is a Bronze Award Recipient for the 2024-25 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%**

2025 - 14 out of 18 = **78%**

CLASS OF 2025 STATS

326 number of senior class

100% earned a high school diploma

24% indicated 4 year colleges

33% indicated 2 year colleges

42% indicated work military service, technical school other

CLASS OF 2025 ADMISSION HIGHLIGHTS

CAL STATE DOMINIGUEZ HILLS	UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS
CAL STATE FULLERTON	UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE
CAL STATE LONG BEACH	UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES
CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE	UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, MERCED
CA: STATE SAN MARCOS	UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, RIVERSIDE
CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO
GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA BARBARA
SAN DIEGO STATE	UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO STATE	VANGUARD UNIVERSITY

2025 -2026 STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

95.29% HISPANIC/LATINO

0.021% AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKA NATIVE

1.78% ASIAN

0.86% FILIPINO

0.28% OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER

0.43% BLACK

0.86% WHITE