

TERRA NOVA HIGH SCHOOL

HOME OF SCHOLARS & CHAMPIONS

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OUR MISSION: The Terra Nova High School community will develop socially responsible lifelong learners who are collaborative, creative, and adaptive thinkers via a rigorous academic curriculum and a variety of extracurricular activities that celebrate diversity and promote leadership skills.

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STUDENT
ENROLLMENT

176
FRESHMEN

234
SOPHOMORES

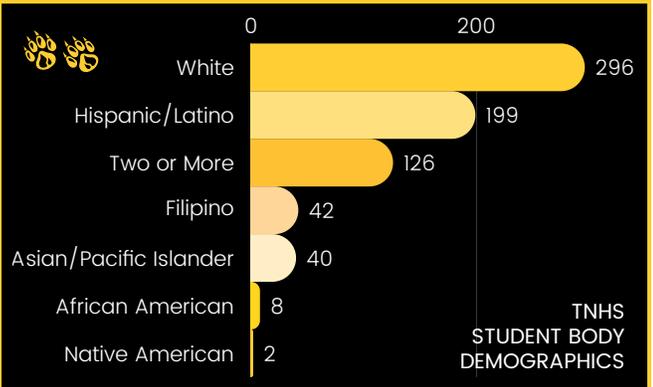
149
JUNIORS

154
SENIORS

OUR SCHOOL: Terra Nova High School (TNHS) is located in the City of Pacifica, approximately 14 miles outside of San Francisco, CA. Pacifica is a small, safe, suburban beach town with a vibrant and diverse community of about 37,000 residents. Terra Nova High School is part of the Jefferson Union High School District (JUHSD), whose boundaries include the cities of Pacifica, Daly City, Colma and Brisbane. TNHS is one of JUHSD's three comprehensive high schools and the only comprehensive high school in the City of Pacifica.



OUR STUDENTS: Terra Nova High School students represent the diverse and multicultural Bay Area. We welcome students of all ethnicities and socio-economic backgrounds.



OUR STAFF: We take pride in the diverse backgrounds of our team at Terra Nova. Our dedicated faculty and staff, many of whom are alumni, are committed to ensuring the safety and success of our students.

64 Certificated Faculty,
Counselors & Administration

45 School
Support Staff

TNHS School Administration

Megan Carey
Principal

Steve Pofahl
Vice-Principal

Ame Seibel
Vice-Principal

STUDENT SUPPORTS: Terra Nova aims to nurture the entire student, offering support in academics, behavior, social and emotional needs, as well as absenteeism.

We believe that regular attendance is key in academic success. The "Attention to Attendance" program, provided by an outside contractor, assists in keeping everyone accountable and stresses the importance of attendance in all classes.

WELLNESS SUPPORTS: TN offers confidential counseling services to support the social, emotional, and mental health of its students. Our counseling team provides prevention, mediation and intervention for various challenges, including stress management, mental health, and peer relationships, helping to ensure a fulfilling high school experience for all.

Trained Peer Helpers and Link Leaders can also provide education, support and guidance to their fellow students by offering a more experienced student perspective.

TN is committed to a distraction-free learning environment. Our Yondr pouch initiative supports academic focus, student engagement, and overall wellness by removing phones from of the classrooms.

Terra Nova's 1:1 Technology program assigns every student a Chromebook so that they can access technology to assist in school work both at home and in school.





ATHLETIC PROGRAMS:

- Cheer
- Cross Country
- Football
- Flag Football
- Tennis
- Volleyball
- Water Polo
- Basketball
- Soccer
- Wrestling
- Badminton
- Baseball
- Golf
- Softball
- Swimming
- Track & Field

FINE ARTS PROGRAMS:

- Art/Studio Art
- Ceramics
- Color Guard
- Concert Band
- Dance
- Marching Band
- Theater

CAREER TECH PROGRAMS:

- Auto Shop
- Construction Basics
- Journalism
- Theater Arts
- Theater Arts Production

EXAMPLES OF TN CLUBS:

- Anime Club
- Asian Club
- Band Club
- Black Student Union
- BLOCK TN Club
- Book Club
- Breakfast Club
- CA Scholarship Federation
- Career Club
- Chess Club
- Culinary Club
- TN Dance Club
- Drama/Glee Club
- Entrepreneur's Club
- Environmental Restoration
- Friends Club
- Gamer's Club
- Guitar Club
- GSA Club
- Latinos Unidos
- Marine Biology Club
- Mock Trial Club
- Robotics Club
- Women in Stem Club
- Women's Advocacy Club

ACADEMIC SUPPORTS: At Terra Nova, we understand that students learn in different ways. We're dedicated to providing open access to all curriculum for all types of learners. We offer a range of programmatic supports that cater to students with varying levels of need.

Level I support is available to all students and includes Flextime, a 30-minute session twice a week (Tues. and Thurs.) that allows students to attend a class of their choice. The benefits of providing a flex period during the school day are numerous.

- The ability to make up or retake tests, quizzes, and assignments.
- Extra time for completing homework or projects.
- Additional opportunities for receiving tutoring or assistance with assignments.
- Access to wellness services provided by the school.
- Access to college and career center and counselor.

Additionally, we offer extended access to our school library, providing students with technology, academic assistance, and creative resources. The library is open before and after school and during brunch and lunch period, giving all students support.

TRADITIONAL GRADING SCALE

Weighted, four-point system to calculate GPA:
A=4 B=3 C=2 D=1 F=0

CURRENT GRADING SCALE:
A=4 B=3 C=2 P=1 NM=0

One extra point given for each Honors/AP course passed with a C- or higher earned.

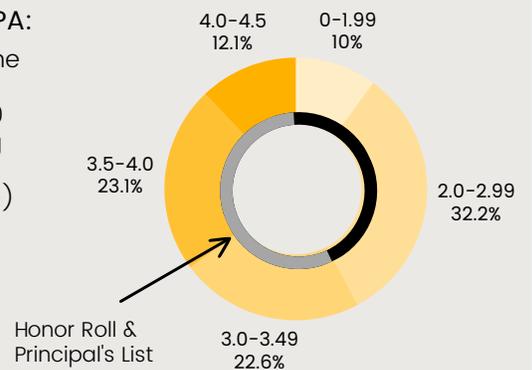
Terra Nova High School DOES RANK students based on total weighted GPA.

TNHS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Subject Area	Credits
English	40 credits
Mathematics	20 credits
State Mathematics	10 credits
Physical Education	20 credits
Life Science	10 credits
Physical Science	10 credits
Economics	5 credits
Government	5 credits
US History	10 credits
Fine Arts/LOTE	10 credits
Career Technical Ed	10 credits
Health Education	5 credits
World History	10 credits
Electives	60 credits

STUDENT BODY GPA:

More than 60% of the TNHS student body carries a GPA of 3.0 or higher, qualifying them for either the honor roll (3.0-3.49) or principal's list (3.5-4.5).



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Advanced Placement (AP), Honors & Enriched Courses

40%

TN students enrolled in at least one AP/Enriched Course

- AP Calculus AB
- AP Chemistry
- AP English Language & Composition
- AP English Literature & Composition
- AP Environmental Science
- AP European History
- AP Psychology
- AP U.S. Government and Politics
- AP U.S. History
- Honors 11 English
- Enriched 9 English
- Enriched 10 English

OUR ACTIVITIES: Terra Nova is an inclusive institution offering diverse extracurricular activities that provides academic, athletic, and personal development opportunities for its students. TNHS values diversity and encourages participation by giving the students the lead in fostering a positive school environment.

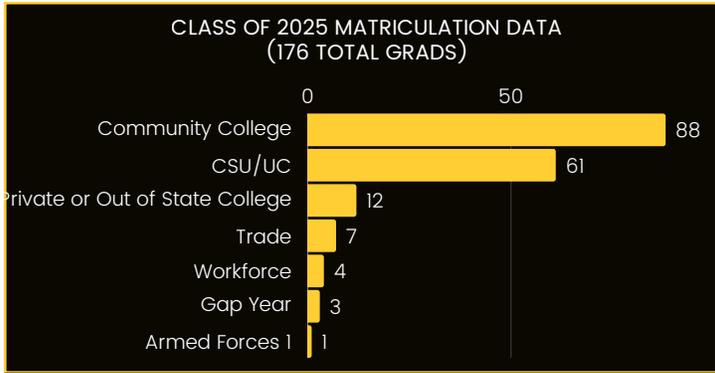
Over **75 %** Of the student body participates in at least one extracurricular activity

38 IN **16** Athletic Teams Different Sports

Over **29** Student Driven Clubs

Over **70** Active Participants In Student Government

OUR FUTURE: TNHS is dedicated to guiding our students towards post-secondary plans that align with their passions and interests. We encourage our students to explore a variety of pathways during their time with us so that each student finds the best fit for their goals and become productive members of the global community.



CLASS OF 2025 GRADUATION STATISTICS

Terra Nova High School has a graduation rate. **99%**

91% of Terra Nova Graduates are college bound to either a two or four year college.

60% of Terra Nova graduates received some type of civic, academic or athletic scholarship and or award when graduating.

Terra Nova High School Class of 2025 Colleges of Acceptance

Bennett College	CSU Northridge	San Francisco State University	University of British Columbia
Berklee College of Music	CSU Pomona	San Joaquin Delta College	University of Colorado, Boulder
Bethel University	CSU Sacramento	San Jose State University	University of Connecticut
Binghamton University	CSU San Bernardino	Santa Barbara City College	University of Hawaii at Manoa
Boise State University	CSU San Marcos	Santa Clara University	University of Nevada Reno
California Polytechnic State University	CSU Stanislaus	Sierra Community College, Truckee	University of North Carolina Asheville
Central Washington University	Cuesta College	Sonoma State University	University of Oregon
Chapman University	East Tennessee State University	Spelman College	University of Pittsburgh
City College of San Francisco	Grinnell College	St Mary's College	University of Portland
College of Charleston	Hawaii Pacific University	Texas Christian University	University of Puget Sound
Colorado State University	John Jay Criminal College	The Evergreen State College	University of San Francisco
Cornell University	Lewis and Clark College	The George Washington University	University of Utah
CSU Bakersfield	Long Beach Community College	UC Berkeley	University of Utah
CSU CAL Maritime	Marymount Manhattan College	UC Davis	University of Washington
CSU Channel Islands	Michigan State University	UC Irvine	Utah State University
CSU Chico	Montana State University	UC Merced	Villanova University
CSU Dominguez Hills	Morehead State University	UC Riverside	Warren Wilson
CSU East Bay	Northeastern University	UC San Diego	Western Washington University
CSU Fresno	Oregon State University	UC Santa Barbara	Whitman College
CSU Fullerton	Pennsylvania State University	UC Santa Cruz	Willamette University
CSU Humboldt	Reed College	UCLA	Woodbury University
CSU Long Beach	Rider University	UCSF	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
CSU Los Angeles	Rutgers University	Unitek College	
CSU Monterey Bay	San Diego State University	University of Arizona	

PARENT INVOLVEMENT: At Terra Nova there are many ways for parents to get involved with their student's high school experience.

- School Site Council - help develop, review and evaluate our instructional program and all related categorical resources
- Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) - dedicated to enabling families, teachers, staff and the community to join forces to promote a positive learning environment for all students
- Athletic Booster Club- raises funds in support of all athletic programs while promoting good health, good grades and school spirit
- TN Education Foundation - helps to fund, develop, and support access to world-class education to inspire confidence, competence, and educational excellence
- Theater Boosters meet throughout the school year to help support the theater program in many ways and promote involvement in the arts
- Band Boosters - provide logistical and financial support to the TNHS Band program and help to ensure student have an exceptional band experience
- PARENT NIGHTS: The counseling department alongside the College and Career Center offer many evening parent nights to keep families educated about the best ways to support their students.