

TERRA NOVA HIGH SCHOOL

HOME OF SCHOLARS & CHAMPIONS

CEEB code: 050721



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

167

SOPHOMORES

224

JUNIORS

142

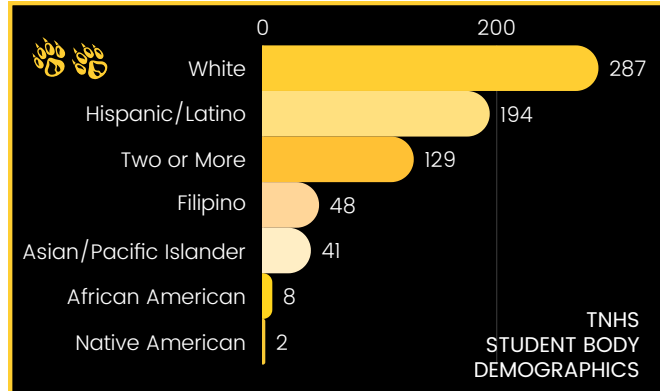
SENIORS

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.

67Certificated Faculty,
Counselors & Administration**47**School
Support StaffTNHS School
AdministrationMegan Carey
PrincipalSteve Pofahl
Vice-PrincipalAme Seibel
Vice-Principal

STUDENT SUPPORTS: Terra Nova supports the whole student—academic, behavioral, social and emotional needs—and addresses absenteeism.

Regular attendance supports academic success. The “Attention to Attendance” program, provided by an outside contractor, promotes accountability and the importance of attending all classes.

TN supports a distraction-free learning environment. Its Yondr pouch initiative keeps phones out of classrooms to promote academic focus, engagement and wellness.

Terra Nova's 1:1 Technology program gives every student a Chromebook for schoolwork at home and school.

WELLNESS SUPPORTS: TN offers confidential counseling for students' social, emotional and mental health, including prevention, mediation and intervention for stress management, mental health and peer relationships.

Trained Peer Helpers and Link Leaders educate, support and guide fellow students, sharing experienced-student perspectives.





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
Bible Club
Black Student Union
BLOCK TN
Breakfast Club
CA Scholarship Federation
Career Club
Chess Club
Climate Action Club
Civic Leaders of America
Culinary Club
TN Dance Club
Drama/Glee Club
Fiber Arts Club
Film Club
Friends Club
Gamer's Club
Guitar Club
GSA Club
Jewish Student Union
Latinos Unidos
Marine Biology Club
Mock Trial
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 1 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

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

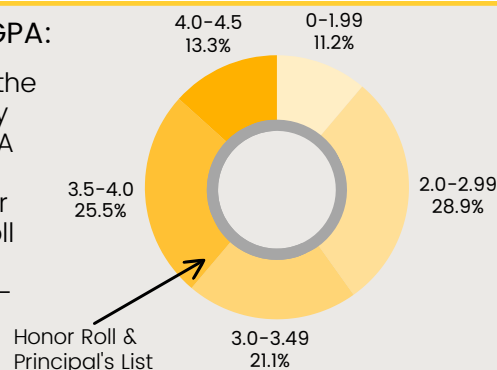
College course work through either Dual or Concurrent enrollment are also given an extra grade point pursuant to applicable district policies.

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 50% of the TNHS student body ('26) 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) & Enriched Courses

40%

TN students enrolled in at least one AP/Enriched Course

AP Studio Art: Design 2-D
AP Calculus AB
AP Chemistry

AP English Language & Composition
AP English Literature & Composition
AP Environmental Science
AP European History
AP Music Theory
AP Psychology
AP U.S. Government and Politics
AP U.S. History
Enriched English 9
Enriched English 10

OUR ACTIVITIES: Terra Nova offers diverse extracurricular activities that foster inclusion, leadership, academic growth, athletic development, and personal empowerment. TNHS values diversity and encourages student leadership in creating a positive school environment.

Over **80 %**

Of the student body participates in at least one extracurricular activity

38 IN **16**

Athletic Teams Different Sports

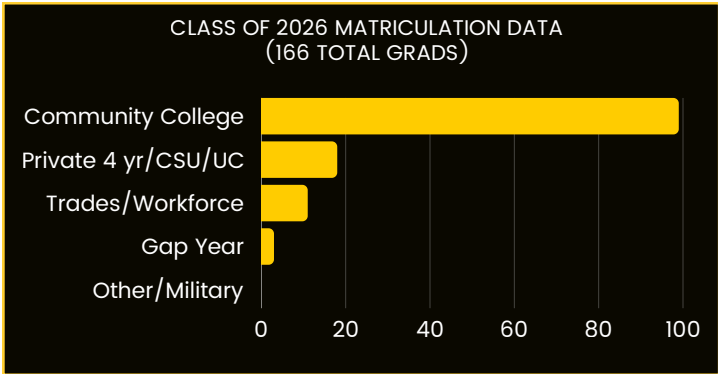
Over **40**

Student Driven Clubs

Over **125**

Students in at least one of many leadership programs

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 **99%** graduation rate.

88% 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 2026 Colleges of Acceptance

American River College	Columbia College	CSU San Bernardino	Plymouth State University
Arizona State	CSU Bakersfield	CSU San Marcos	Portland University
Ball State University	CSU Channel Islands	CSU Stanislaus	Reed College
Baylor University	CSU Chico	Cypress College	San Diego State University
Boise State University	CSU Dominguez Hills	Dominican University	San Francisco State University
Boston College	CSU East Bay	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	San Jose State University
Boston University	CSU Fresno	Hawaii Pacific University	Santa Barbara City College
Brandeis Clark	CSU Fullerton	Iowa University	Sonoma State University
Cal Poly Humboldt	CSU Long Beach	Ithaca College	St. Mary’s College
Cal Poly Pomona	CSU Los Angeles	Loyola University, Chicago	St. Olaf College St.
Cal Poly SLO	CSU Monterey Bay	Menlo College	Stonehill College
Clark University	CSU Northridge	Oregon State University	UC Berkeley
Colorado School of Mines	CSU Pomona	Penn State University	UC Davis
Colorado State University	CSU Sacramento	Pepperdine College	

- 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.