

Mira Mesa High School
Profile School Year 2011-2012
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Introducing Mira Mesa High School...

Mira Mesa High School (MMHS) is located in the heart of San Diego County and is the northernmost school in the San Diego Unified School District. Classes are taught on the traditional September to June calendar with two semesters per year and six periods in the school day. MMHS boasts an API Score of 846, a state rank of 9, and a similar schools rank of 9. Our students are our finest asset.

ENVIRONMENT

MMHS opened in 1976. Today, the campus includes three main classroom buildings, a theatre, library, gymnasium with wrestling and dance rooms, weight training building, and 40 bungalows. The campus, almost one square mile, includes grass playing fields and a stadium with a new turf field ringed by an advanced rubberized track and field area. The center quad and front of campus are landscaped nestling the campus within an urban park. The campus is located near Miramar College, two middle schools, several elementary and pre-schools, and a military base. Students have the opportunity to participate in internships, take college courses on and off campus, and volunteer in a unique, tight-knit community.

MMHS hosts a culturally diverse population with more than 70% of the students speaking a foreign language. The students are highly involved in academics and extra-curricular activities with over 1,900 students involved in athletics, clubs, music, drama, cheer, or band.

MMHS is committed to helping students prepare for a successful future. Academic and elective courses prepare students for postsecondary education and for work. Diploma courses in all departments are assessment-driven, standards-based, engage students in academically rigorous assignments, and fulfill University of California admission (a-g) criteria. MMHS offers advanced courses, 5 honors prep and 19 Advanced Placement (AP) level courses in all core subjects and some electives. Most students take at least one AP course while others complete enough AP courses to have college sophomore standing when entering college. Students have exclusive access to select ROP and college classes offered on campus, enjoy a wide variety of award-winning visual and performing arts classes, and a full complement of competitive athletic teams.

ADMINISTRATION

- Scott Giusti, *Principal*
- Matt Fallon, *Vice Principal*
- Virginia Sturgeon, *Vice Principal*
- Rosi Susalla, *Operations Specialist*
- Mary Jensen, *Dean of Students*
- Sara Leonard, *Parent Academic Liaison*
- Dan Regas, *Athletic Director*
- Mary McDonald, *Head Counselor*
- Barbara Kylstad, *Administrative Assistant*

STAFF

The faculty at MMHS consists of 125 certificated members, including 89 teachers with post-graduate education. The classified and paraprofessional staff is made up of 32 full and part-time support personnel. Another 26 food service, custodial, and landscaping personnel make up the remainder of MMHS staff.

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS/AWARDS

Of the c/o 2011 graduates surveyed: 94% indicated plans of entering institutions of higher learning with 31% going straight to a four-year university. In response to a "Three Million Dollar" challenge, the class of 2011 earned **\$6,335,210 in scholarships and grants.**

AP ENROLLMENT & TESTING

Year	# Enrolled	# Tests	# Passed
2006	594	1,113	438
2007	648	1,266	516
2008	590	1,016	479
2009	665	1,105	622
2010	786	1,379	698

SPECIAL COMMENDATIONS

MMHS has the largest enrollment in AP courses in the district (1,530) and has been named in the "Top 1,500 U.S. High Schools" by *Newsweek* annually.

MMHS was again recognized as a California Distinguished School in 2011 (prior years 2005 and 1999), and received the 2011 Exemplary Career Technical Education Program award.

ENROLLMENT

Total Enrollment for 2011-2012: 2,619

Seniors:	579
Juniors:	588
Sophomores:	701
Freshmen:	751
Filipino:	29%
Hispanic/Latino:	21%
White:	19%
Vietnamese:	13%
African Amer.:	8%
Other Asian:	8%
Other:	2%
Female:	46%
Male:	54%

Enrollment by Program:

Title I:	45%
GATE:	29%
AVID:	4%
Special Education:	10%
English Learner:	7%
EL Re-designated:	23%
PISC:	4%
VEEP:	1%

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

GPA must be 2.0 or above in the following semester credits:

English - 8	Social Studies - 6	Electives - 11
Math - 6	Physical Education - 4	Science - 6
World Language, Fine or Practical Arts - 3		

PASS/FAIL REQUIREMENTS

Computer Lit.	CAHSEE: ELA & Math	Senior Portfolio
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Additional requirements vary for college entrance.

GRADE POINT AVERAGE

Weighted: Based on Grades 10-12					
4.00-4.63	11%	3.21-3.40	10%	2.41-2.60	8%
3.81-3.99	6%	3.01-3.20	9%	2.21-2.40	8%
3.61-3.80	10%	2.81-3.00	11%	2.01-2.20	5%
3.41-3.60	8%	2.61-2.80	9%	Below 2.00	5%

MMHS Weighted GPA determines class rank.

GRADING SYSTEM

Unweighted:

- A = 4
- B = 3
- C = 2
- D = 1
- F = 0

Weighted:

- A = 5
- B = 4
- C = 3
- D = N/A
- F = N/A