



SANTA MARGARITA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Catholic high school in Orange County and No. 1 co-educational Catholic high school in Southern California – *Niche.com*

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Catholic High School in Southern California – *The Washington Post*

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Catholic High School in the nation – *The Washington Post*

1 OF 6

Catholic IB World Schools in California

90%

student participation in extracurricular activities

69%

of 112 faculty members hold advanced degrees

14:1

student-teacher ratio; average class of 22

63

performing and visual arts classes

66

CIF team championships and 208 league championships

NINE-TIME RECIPIENT

of the CIF-SS Commissioners Cup

MICROSOFT SHOWCASE SCHOOL

five consecutive years

2018-2019 SCHOOL PROFILE

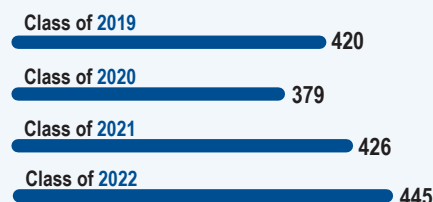
OVERVIEW

Santa Margarita Catholic High School is a co-educational, college-preparatory school founded in 1987 under the leadership of the Diocese of Orange. Santa Margarita's learning community empowers students with the experiential knowledge, multidisciplinary skills and self-confidence to become faith-filled and responsible stewards with a global focus. Known for the breadth and quality of its academic programs including the rigorous International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, innovative technology, student-centered classrooms, emphasis on service and social justice, nationally-recognized athletic program, award-winning performing and visual arts programs and active student body – Santa Margarita provides a well-rounded educational experience. Centered in the school's charism of Caritas Christi, the love of Christ, Santa Margarita strives to develop people of faith, skilled lifelong learners, healthy individuals and involved citizens of the world.

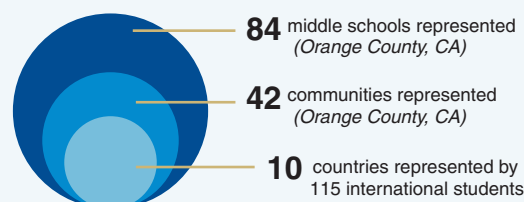
2018-2019 STUDENT BODY

- 63% Caucasian, 15% Asian/Pacific Islander, 10% Hispanic/Latino, 10% Multiracial, 1% African American, 1% Native American/Alaskan
- 49% male, 51% female
- 25% of Santa Margarita students receive tuition assistance/scholarships
- 93% U.S. citizen, 7% non-U.S. citizen

ENROLLMENT: 1,670



GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION



CURRICULUM & GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

SCHEDULE

- School year includes:
- Two semesters comprised of approximately 18 weeks
 - Six 55-minute periods meet daily
 - Each class meets four times per week
 - All students must take seven courses per semester (9th-12th grade)
 - All classes are academic – athletics and extracurricular activities occur after school.

ACADEMIC GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

*Each semester class is 5 credits

Religion	4 years	40 credits
English	4 years	40 credits
Social Studies	3 years	30 credits
Science	3 years	30 credits
Mathematics	3 years	30 credits
World Languages	2 years	20 credits
Fine Arts	1 year	10 credits
Health	½ year	5 credits
Physical Education	2 years	20 credits
Electives	4 years	45 credits
TOTAL		270 credits

- Minimum GPA to graduate is 2.0
- First Honors: 4.0 and above (weighted)
- Second Honors: 3.5-3.99 (weighted)

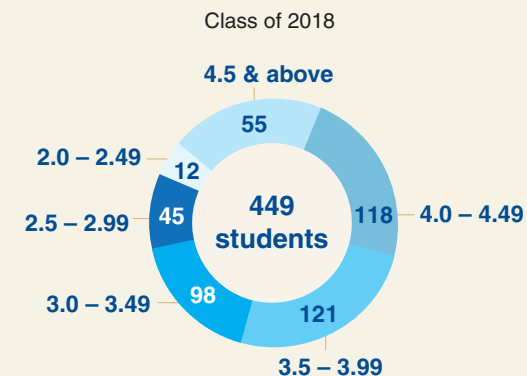
GRADING SYSTEM

SMCHS is a non-ranking school

- A 90-100 C 70-79 F 59 & below
B 80-89 D 60-69

- Pluses and minuses do not affect GPA
- Honors/AP/IB receive an extra point for Cs and above
- Maximum number of credits for GPA calculation is 280
- All academic courses are counted on the transcripts with no exceptions
- Remediation is recommended for all Ds and required for all Fs

CUMULATIVE ACADEMIC GPA DISTRIBUTION



TESTING DATA & ADVANCED COURSES

AP TESTING (2018)

- 519 students took an AP Test (10th-12th grade)
- 18 AP Courses offered in 2018-19
- 980 exams administered

83% of SMCHS students received a score of 3 or higher compared to the 64% California and 62% global pass rate.

210 AP Scholars (2018)

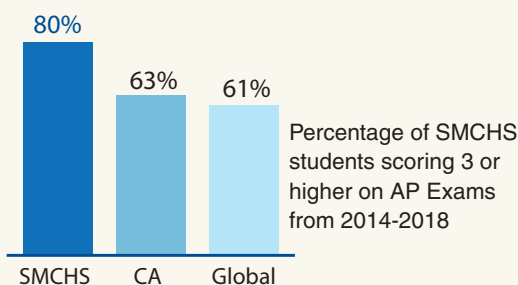
PASS RATE BY SUBJECT (2018)

SUBJECT	PASS RATE	STUDENTS
Art History	70%	23
Biology	73%	114
Calculus AB	80%	76
Calculus BC	100%	35
Chinese Lang	100%	3
Computer Science A	82%	11
English Lang & Comp	96%	138
English Lit & Comp	63%	70
French Lang	67%	3
Macroeconomics	58%	97
Physics 1	44%	82
Physics C: Mech	86%	35
Physics C: E&M	100%	1
Psychology	94%	68
Spanish Language	100%	5
Statistics	72%	32
US Gov & Politics	77%	35
US History	96%	71
World History	81%	81

ADVANCED PLACEMENT SCHOLARS

	2018	2017	2016	2015	TOTAL
National	7	8	4	1	20
w/Distinction	69	68	70	44	251
w/Honors	44	43	46	57	190
Scholars	90	93	85	74	342

AP TESTING: FIVE-YEAR SUMMARY



ACT scores – 330 students tested

2017-2018	SMCHS	STATE	NATIONAL
English	27.4	22.5	20.2
Math	25.6	22.5	20.5
Reading	27.1	23	21.3
Science	25.6	22.1	20.7
COMPOSITE	26.6	22.7	20.8

26.6
average SMCHS 2018
ACT score

SAT scores – 270 students tested

2017-2018	SMCHS	STATE	NATIONAL
Math	613	524	533
ERW	615	531	538
TOTAL	1228	1055	1070

*State and national data as of Oct. 16, 2018

1228
average SMCHS 2018
SAT score

NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNITION

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Finalists	TBA	4	8	7	5
Semifinalists	3	4	8	7	5
Commended	15	22	18	29	19

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NATIONAL MERIT
FINALISTS
(CLASS OF 2018)

ADVANCED COURSES

- 106 high-level courses offered – twice the number of any Catholic school in Orange County
- Enrollment contingent upon department approval, placement exams, grades, teacher recommendations
- All advanced courses are taught at a faster pace and go into greater depth

AP COURSES (18)

- All students enrolled must take the AP exam in May
- 9th graders may not take any AP exams
- 10th graders may only take AP World or AP Art History
- Majority of AP courses offered to 11th and 12th graders

AP English Language and Composition
AP Literature and Composition
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Statistics
AP Biology
AP Physics 1
AP C-Mechanics
AP Physics Electricity and Magnetism
*AP Government
AP US History
AP World History
*AP Macroeconomics
AP Spanish Language
AP French
AP Art History
AP Computer Science A
AP Psychology

*Seniors may only take AP Government or AP Macroeconomics. There are a few exceptions each year due to special circumstances not related to achievement or academic performance.

HONORS COURSES (41)

ENGLISH
English 1 & 2 H
Advanced Debate/Argumentation H
Journalism H *New 2018-19
Advanced Journalism H

MATHEMATICS
Algebra 1 & 2 H
Geometry H
Precalculus H

SCIENCE
Biology H
Chemistry H

SOCIAL STUDIES
Economics MUN H
Cultural Geography MUN H
United States History MUN H
United States Government MUN H
World History MUN H
Modern & Contemporary Art H

WORLD LANGUAGES
Spanish 1, 2, & 3 H
French 1, 2, 3, & 5 H
Latin 1, 2, & 3 H
Ancient Greek 1, 2, & 3 H
Mandarin Chinese 1, 2, & 3 H

ARTS
Advanced Women's Chorus H
Chamber Singers H
Steel Drum/Percussion Ensemble H
String Orchestra H
Wind Ensemble H
Screenwriting H
Advanced Painting H
Advanced Drawing H

IB COURSES (47)

- Only juniors and seniors are permitted to take IB courses
 - All students enrolled in an IB course must sit for the IB exam
- English A Literature HL1 & HL2
Spanish SL, HL1 & HL2
French SL, HL1 & HL2
Latin SL, HL1 & HL2
Greek SL
Mandarin Chinese SL, HL1 & HL2
Philosophy HL1 & HL2
History of the Americas HL
Economics SL
Business Management HL1 & HL2
Biology SL, HL1 & HL2
Chemistry SL
Physics SL, HL1 & HL2
*Only full diploma students currently enrolled in AP Physics 1 may take Physics SL as an 8th period.
Environmental Systems SL
Mathematics SL, HL1 & HL2
Mathematical Studies SL
Further Mathematics HL
Dance HL1 & HL2
Music Group Performance SL
Film HL1 & HL2
Music HL1 & HL2
Theatre SL, HL1 & HL2
Visual Arts HL1 & HL2
Theory of Knowledge
*Full diploma students only

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM

In January 1997, SMCHS became the first Catholic high school in the Western United States to join the prestigious International Baccalaureate Organization, offering academically talented and motivated students an opportunity to take IB courses and earn an internationally-recognized diploma. Students must meet prerequisites to take individual IB courses, similar to honors or AP classes. Outside of course requirements, IB full diploma candidates must complete an extended research essay and an independent project encompassing creativity, action and service. Those select students accepted in the full diploma program following their sophomore year are committed to taking the most rigorous academic curriculum offered at SMCHS.

UNIQUE FEATURES AT SMCHS INCLUDE:

- One of the only schools in Orange County to offer Further Mathematics
- Although it is not required, nearly all full diploma students will take HL courses in Philosophy and English
- Since the program began in 1997, Santa Margarita's exam pass rate has always exceeded the world average
- From 2016 – 2018, 94% of SMCHS full diploma candidates have earned the diploma



Our IB Full Diploma Program attracts our most ambitious students committed to taking the most demanding curriculum and academic experience our school offers.

39 full diploma students (*class of 2019*), 9% of the class

38 full diploma students (*class of 2018*), 8% of the class with 36 earning the diploma.

88 percent full diploma pass rate with 572 total exams taken (*class of 2018*)

83 percent overall IB exam pass rate compared to a world average of 79% (*class of 2018*)

IB Exam	Students	Pass Rate
English Literature HL	104	100%
Chinese SL	27	78%
French HL	1	100%
French SL	4	100%
Latin HL	6	16%
Latin SL	13	77%
Spanish HL	5	100%
Spanish SL	40	88%
Business Management HL	25	24%
Economics SL	11	91%
Environmental Systems & Society SL	32	60%
History HL	8	75%
Philosophy HL	38	95%
Biology HL	15	87%
Biology SL	18	94%
Chemistry SL	20	65%
Physics HL	5	80%
Physics SL	1	0%
Further Mathematics HL	1	0%
Math Studies SL	75	96%
Math HL	12	83%
Math SL	24	71%
Dance HL	10	100%
Film HL	43	67%
Music HL	4	75%
Music Group Perf. SL	3	100%
Theatre HL	7	100%
Theatre SL	3	100%
Visual Arts HL	13	77%

TOTAL EXAMS TAKEN 572 83%

PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE



SERVICE LEARNING SMCHS strives to be a force for good, living the incarnate love of Christ, in the local and global community. Santa Margarita's Campus Ministry Department coordinates service projects, class sessions and reflective processes that tie into the religion curriculum and draw out the necessary relationship between active service and authentic faith. Christian service projects focus on helping students engage their minds and hearts in recognizing Jesus' call to form relationships with and advocate for "the least of these" (Mt. 25: 40). Students engage in class service projects during their freshman and sophomore years working with Special Olympics and Second Harvest Food Bank as an introduction to Christian service. During junior and senior years, students work with a nonprofit of their choice combining their passions and interests with direct service to the vulnerable. As a graduation requirement, students must complete 20 hours of direct service each year for a total of 80 hours.



LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES Through a wide array of extracurricular activities, campus clubs, honor societies, campus ministry programs, mentoring organizations, arts and athletic teams, SMCHS students develop leadership and management skills. Over 90% of students participate in school-related extracurricular activities.



MODEL UNITED NATIONS Santa Margarita's award-winning MUN program catapults students into the world of diplomacy and international relations with students participating in mock UN meetings worldwide. Since the 2000-2001 school year, the program has won over 8,491 individual awards and 91 delegation awards. The program is integrated into the honors social studies curriculum.



ROBOTICS/ENGINEERING With both a class and a competitive team, the school's award-winning robotics program functions like a startup with students learning CAD modeling, welding, marketing and project management. Students design, build, program and test competition-ready robots. The program has rapidly expanded from a single class five years ago to an award-winning VEX and FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) Team. Most recently, students have started to use their skills to improve the lives of children with limited mobility through the GoBabyGo! program.



STREAM Santa Margarita's STREAM program weaves together science, technology, religion, engineering, arts and math reaching beyond traditional disciplinary boundaries.



ARTS SMCHS offers 63 courses in visual and performing arts including film, video production, screenwriting, sculpture, painting, drawing, photography, orchestra, choir, dance, theater, band, steel drums, classical guitar and handbells.



ATHLETICS Since the school opened 31 years ago, SMCHS has earned more championships than any other school in Southern California with seven state championships, 66 CIF championships and 208 league championships. SMCHS offers 25 CIF and four club sports teams.



EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY As one of 30 Microsoft Showcase Schools in the nation, SMCHS is a leader in utilizing technology to transform and improve student learning outcomes. The school's one-to-one tablet PC program provides an immersive, student-centered learning experience that inspires lifelong learning. Students and teachers utilize digital notebooks, including digital ink, to collaborate, stay organized and increase efficiency.



AUXILIARY STUDIES PROGRAM Santa Margarita's Auxiliary Studies Program is a comprehensive program that provides students with diagnosed learning needs the tools to reach their full potential.



EAGLES EDGE SMCHS alumni and industry professionals provide "real-world" growth and networking opportunities through internships, jobs and hands-on workshops for current students and alumni.



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY Membership in NHS is highly selective. Beyond the GPA requirement of a 3.5, students must demonstrate leadership, service, moral values and ethical behavior. Approximately 15-20 percent of each class is accepted into the National Honor Society.



MEDIA Over 100 students work together with state-of-the-art production equipment to produce ETV 2.0. Students spend time after class editing, filming and producing content. Editors, reporters, designers and photographers also produce the award-winning Eagle Eye student newspaper and manage SMCHSEagleEye.com

COLLEGE MATRICULATION 2014-2018

The following list represents the most well-attended colleges over the last five years.

***Bold denotes 2018 attendance**

American University
 Amherst College
 Arizona State University
 Auburn University
 Babson College
 Barnard College
 Baylor University
 Belmont University
 Berklee College of Music
 Boise State University
 Boston College
 Boston University
 Brown University
 California Lutheran University
 California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
 California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
 Cal Baptist University
 California State University, Chico
 California State University, Fullerton
 California State University, Long Beach
 California State University, San Marcos
 Carnegie Mellon University
 Case Western Reserve University
 Chapman University
 Claremont McKenna College
 Clemson University
 College of the Holy Cross
 College of William and Mary
 Colorado School of Mines
 Colorado State University
 Columbia University
 Cornell University
 Dartmouth College
 DePaul University
 Duke University
 Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
 Emerson College
 Emory University
 Fordham University
 Georgetown University

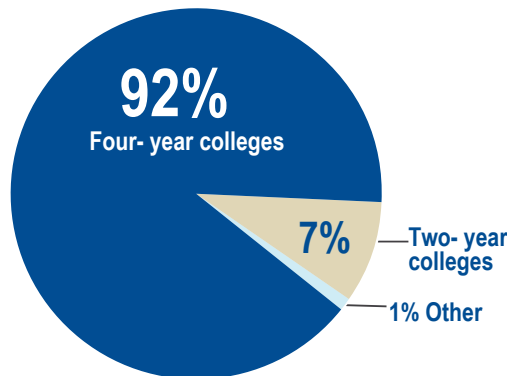
Georgia Institute of Technology
 Gonzaga University
 Grand Canyon University
 Harvard University
 Indiana University at Bloomington
 Irvine Valley College
 Johns Hopkins University
 Kansas State University
 Lehigh University
 Lewis and Clark College
 Louisiana State University
 Loyola Marymount University
 Loyola University Chicago
 Marquette University
 Massachusetts Institute of Technology
 Miami University, Oxford
 Michigan State University
 Montana State University, Bozeman
 New York University
 North Carolina State
 Northeastern University
 Northern Arizona University
 Northwestern University
 Oklahoma State University
 Oregon State University
 Otis College of Art and Design
 Pace University
 Pennsylvania State University
 Pepperdine University
 Point Loma Nazarene University
 Princeton University
 Providence College
 Purdue University
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
 Rhodes College
 Rice University
 Saddleback College
 St. John's University
 Saint Louis University
 Saint Mary's College
 San Diego State University

San Francisco State University
 Santa Barbara City College
 Santa Clara University
 Seattle University
 Seton Hall University
 Sonoma State University
 Southern Methodist University
 St. Edward's University
 Stanford University
 Syracuse University
 Texas A&M University
 Texas Christian University
 Texas Tech University
 The American University of Paris
 The George Washington University
 The New School
 The Ohio State University
 Tufts University
 Tulane University
 United State Naval Academy
 The University of Alabama
 The University of Arizona
 University of California, Berkeley
 University of California, Davis
 University of California, Irvine
 University of California, Los Angeles
 University of California, Riverside
 University of California, San Diego
 University of California, Santa Barbara
 University of California, Santa Cruz
 University of Chicago
 University of Colorado at Boulder
 University of Delaware
 University of Denver
 University of Georgia
 University of Hawaii at Manoa
 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 University of Kansas
 University of Kentucky
 University of Maryland, College Park
 University of Miami

University of Michigan
 University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
 University of Mississippi
 University of Missouri Columbia
 University of Nebraska at Lincoln
 University of Nevada, Las Vegas
 University of Northern Carolina, Chapel Hill
 University of Notre Dame
 University of Oklahoma
 University of Oregon
 University of Oxford
 University of Pennsylvania
 University of Pittsburgh
 University of Portland
 University of Redlands
 University of San Diego
 University of San Francisco
 University of South Carolina
 University of Southern California
 University of St. Andrews
 University of Tennessee, Knoxville
 University of Texas, Austin
 University of Toronto
 University of Utah
 University of Virginia
 University of Washington
 University of Wisconsin, Madison
 Vanderbilt University
 Vassar College
 Villanova University
 Wagner College
 Wake Forest University
 Washington State University
 Washington University in St. Louis
 Xavier University
 Yale University

COLLEGE ENROLLMENT STATISTICS: CLASS OF 2018

- 449 students in senior class of 2018
- \$57.8 million in scholarship offers
- 147 colleges and universities attended by the class of 2018
- 99 percent attend college
- 375 colleges and universities applied to
- 3,946 college applications
- 2,375 colleges acceptances
- 60 percent total acceptance rate
- 100 percent acceptance rate at 208 schools



COLLEGE GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN

40 U.S. states, 4 International countries



PUBLIC vs PRIVATE



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