



Profile 2020-2021

SAN DIEGUITO UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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ACCREDITATION

Sunset High School is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges

Sunset High School

Sunset High School is located in Encinitas, California, in northern San Diego County and currently has a population of approximately one hundred and forty-five students. Sunset High School's motto is **"Respect and Responsibility"**. Students are constantly reminded of how much we value respect. Staff members set an example by respecting one another and students, and respectful behavior is encouraged campus wide.

The school is very student-centered with an emphasis on these two qualities and on help-

ing students to recognize their own potentials and possibilities.



An advisor system is at the core of the school whereby all teachers serve as advisors to a group of ten to twenty-five students with whom they have daily contact. This establishes an immediate connection to the school and

helps students to be more aware and accountable for their progress, attendance, and behavior.

Sunset High School's curriculum and graduation requirements are aligned with the other high schools in the district. Textbooks are approved by the California Department of Education and adopted by the San Dieguito Union High School District. The textbooks, supplemental materials, and course requirements are standards-based.

Why Sunset?

Sunset High School is a school of choice. Some students choose to come here because they like the small size and family atmosphere; others want to accelerate their progress and graduate early; some students are behind in credits and want to make them up. We have is a wonderful blend of students who work together in a very diverse and

interesting environment. We at Sunset are dedicated to making the campus, curriculum, and teachers accessible, supportive, and encouraging for the students. Some of our students have never viewed school in a positive way and now they do. We strive to provide each of them with a sound education and a caring and challenging learning

community. Our goal is that every student connects with his or her deepest potential and leaves with the life skills and academic preparation to be successful as they transition out of high school.

Academics

Sunset students are required to attend school four hours a day, five days a week. Students generally enroll in two to four classes at a time and work at their own pace. When a class is completed, students work with the counselor to select and enroll in a new one. The goal is to complete at least 6 classes in a semester, 12 in a year.

Credits can be earned in a variety of ways within the school and also through independent study in the areas of physical education, work experience, music, and the arts.

Students can earn additional credits by attending community college, taking classes at one of the comprehen-

sive high schools, attending private school classes, or by taking Adult Education classes. Small class sizes, one-on-one student-



teacher interaction, student-paced, individualized instruction, and wide availability of technology resources

provide opportunities for all students to meet standards and excel academically. Weekly staff meetings provide the opportunity to address school issues and concerns regarding students. Conferences with students and parents are regularly set up as a result of these meetings. Progress reports and a school newsletter with relevant information are sent home every six weeks.

GRADING CALCULATION (GPA)

A - Excellent	4 pts.
B - Above Average	3 pts.
C - Average	2 pts.
D - Below Average	1 pts.
F - Fail	0 pts.



COLLEGES SUNSET STUDENTS HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED TO FROM THE LAST TWO YEARS

- * Bellus Academy
- * California College of the Arts
- * California State University, Channel Islands
- * California State University, Chico
- * California State University, San Marcos
- * Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising
- * Harvard University
- * Hawaii Pacific University
- * Humboldt State University
- * Mesa College
- * Mira Costa College
- * Monroe Community College
- * Palomar College
- * Palomar Institute of Cosmetology
- * San Francisco State University
- * Santa Barbara City College
- * University of California, Santa Barbara
- * University of California, San Diego
- * University of Nevada, Reno
- * University of Oregon
- * University of Wyoming

SDUHSD GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

We require a minimum of 230 credits (5 credits for each semester class passed with a "D" or better) to graduate. Students must also pass Int. Math I. Course work must include:

- 40 credits in English
- 30 credits in Math
- 20 credits in Science
- 20 credits in PE/Health
- 10 credits in Practical Arts
- 10 credits in Visual/Performing Arts
- 10 credits in World History
- 10 credits in US History
- 5 credits in Economics
- 5 credits in US Government
- 70 credits in Electives

Pursuant to a 7/2020 Governor's order and continuing county monitoring, all SDUHSD schools physically closed at the start of the Fall 2020 term and a distance learning model with a return to letter grades and full curriculum was implemented through the second quarter. More information at SDUHSD.net.