

Calabasas High School

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School Profile 2009-2010

ADMINISTRATION

Principal: CJ Foss
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Registrar: Molly McCurdy

COUNSELING STAFF

Marianne Pall	A-Dan
Lauren Freedman	Dar-He
Tiffany Cozzi (Lead Counselor)	Hi-Ma
Linda Hull	Mc-Sc
Bahareh Shakiba	Se-Z

THE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

Calabasas High School is a public school situated in the western end of the San Fernando Valley in Los Angeles County, California. Parents are mainly employed in the professional, executive, business, art and entertainment fields. The community places a strong emphasis on a college preparatory curriculum.

Enrollment: 1998 students, grades 9-12

School Day: Six 58 minute class periods, 3 days per week; three 90 minute "block" class periods, 2 days per week; two student support periods 2 days per week

Faculty: 91
Student/Counselor Ratio: 340:1

ACCREDITATION AND AWARDS

Calabasas High School is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). It received a six-year clear accreditation in 2007. The school was named a California Distinguished in School 2000 and 2005 and was named Blue Ribbon School in 2006.

GPA/RANKING

The grading system is as follows: A=90-100%, B = 80-89%, C = 70-79%, D = 60-69%, F = 59% below.

A four-point scale is used: A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, F=0, except for all Advanced Placement courses taken in grades 10-12 and certain identified Honors courses (indicated with **) taken in grades 11-12 which receive A=5, B=4, C=3.

Class rank has been discontinued as of the 2007-2008 school year.

National Blue Ribbon School 2006



California Distinguished School 2000, 2005 & 2009



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Credits required	230		
English	40	Health	5
Math	20	Foreign Language/ Fine Art/Practical Art	
Science	20	(2 of 3)	20
Social Science	35	Electives	70
Physical Ed.	20		

Beginning with the class of 2006, all students must pass the California High School Exit Exam to obtain a high school diploma.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

ENGLISH: English IV

SOCIAL SCIENCE: European History, U.S. History, U.S. Government

SCIENCE: Chemistry, Environment Science (as of 2008-2009), Physics

MATHEMATICS: Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics, Computer Science

FOREIGN LANGUAGE: Spanish V, French V

OTHER: Art History *, Studio Art

* Juniors and seniors only

AP courses weighted: A=5, B=4, C=3

TOTAL NUMBER OF AP COURSES: 15

HONORS COURSES

ENGLISH: English I, English II, English III **

SCIENCE: Biology, Physiology (as of 2008-2009),

**Chemistry (as of 2007-2008)

MATHEMATICS: Geometry, Algebra II, Math Analysis **

FOREIGN LANGUAGE: Spanish IV**, FRENCH IV **

** Weighted: A=5, B=4, C=3

TESTING

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMINATIONS

In 2009, 417 AP tests were taken in 18 subjects; 78% of the scores were 3 or better.

SAT MEAN SCORES 2008-2009

	<u>Verbal</u>	<u>Math</u>
Calabasas	565	585
State	500	513
National	501	515

ACT MEAN SCORES 2008-2009

Calabasas	25
State	22
National	21

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP 2008-2009

Winner	1
Finalists	10
Commended	6
Scholars	2

API SCORE

In 2009, the API score was 846. The statewide results of the schools are meeting or exceeding the 800 target score put Calabasas High School in the top 5% of these schools.

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS

Based on graduating class of 2008:

Attending 2 or 4 year schools	98%
Attending 2 year schools	26%
Attending 4 year schools	72%

MODIFIED BLOCK

Calabasas High School uses a "modified block" schedule. Three days per week classes meet six periods per day for 58 minutes each. Two days per week classes meet three periods per day for 90 minutes each. On these days there is also a support period during which students can meet with teachers on a one-to-one basis for assistance. This program allows faculty to present material in greater depth and provides an excellent opportunity for students to receive the instructional support they may require. Students also use this time for counseling, test make-up, and other activities.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

This is not a mandatory requirement for graduation and is performed on a voluntary basis. A yearly community service award is given to students who have completed a minimum of 50 hours of community service in the previous year for grades 10 - 12 (25 hours for freshman).

VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

Level One courses, which do not have a "p" college prep designation, are approved by the University of California and California State University to fulfill the one year visual or performing arts requirement.

Calabasas High School has a nationally recognized, award winning Music Department that includes four bands and four vocal groups, each of which addresses different levels of proficiency and talent. Travel and competitions are integral components of this program.

The Theater Department offers three levels of courses plus Stagecraft. There are additional opportunities to participate in yearly plays, musicals, and other Theater Arts events.

Classes are also offered in dance, film, and visual arts.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Student government and leadership (ASB) yearbook (Oracle), school newspaper (Calabasas Courier), drama and musical presentations, instrumental and choral programs, interscholastic sports teams, peer support team, and over 60 clubs are some of the many activities offer to all students Calabasas High School.

ATHLETICS

Calabasas High School fields a wide range of athletic teams.

Girls: Water polo, cross country, basketball, soccer, wrestling, volleyball, swimming, track & field, golf, tennis, softball, and cheerleading.

Boys: Water polo, cross country, basketball, soccer, wrestling, volleyball, swimming, track & field, golf, tennis, football and baseball.

All teams, except for cheerleading, participate in the Marmonte League.

THE REGIONAL OCCUPATIONAL PROGRAM (ROP)

ROP offers students in grades 11 and 12 an opportunity to explore a career field before making a commitment to a college major. These students learn job skills at a job site or in a simulated work environment. Careers such as medicine, computer technology, sales and marketing, fashion design, teaching, television production, and automotive trades are explored in ROP classes. Some ROP classes have been approved by the University of California to satisfy subject requirements. All ROP classes award high school credits that count toward practical and fine art graduation requirements. Classes are offered throughout the day and early evening.