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School and Community

Agoura High School is located in Los Angeles County, just west of the San Fernando Valley. One of three high schools in the Las Virgenes Unified School District, Agoura's campus also hosts the district's alternative high school, Indian Hills High School. Our students reside in the cities of Agoura Hills, Westlake Village, Calabasas, as well as unincorporated areas of the Santa Monica Mountains. The expansive, open campus mirrors the surrounding hills and trails. The area is suburban, residential, and includes varied socioeconomic levels. There are a wide range of professions represented by AHS parents, from small business owners to those in the entertainment field. In 2007, Agoura was again selected as a California Distinguished School, an honor which identifies approximately 5% of the most exemplary and inspiring public schools in our state. The Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) awarded Agoura High School its highest level accreditation in 2008, six years and clear.

AHS is extremely proud of the fact that 99% of the Class of 2008 met the requirements for graduation. Ninety-eight percent of those students continued on to higher education, with 45% attending two-year and 53% attending four-year colleges and universities.

The total enrollment at Agoura High School is 2,113, with 544 seniors. The distribution of our students by ethnicity has been very consistent over the past seven years: Caucasian-84%, Asian-8.3%, Hispanic-5.1%, African-American-1.3%, Filipino-0.6%, Native American-0.5%, Pacific Islander-0.2%.

Academic Overview and Schedule

Agoura High School is on a traditional semester schedule. There are three 90 minute block periods each day, which meet every other day on a rotating odd/even schedule. Periods 1, 3, and 5 meet on odd days and Periods 2, 4, and 6 meet on even days. There is also an optional 0 (zero) Period class that meets daily for 50 minutes and offers a selection of academic courses. In addition, there is a 40 minute daily Support Period during which time all teachers are available for academic assistance (tutorial, test make-up, test review sessions, projects, etc).

Students in grades 9-11 are expected to carry a minimum of six classes. Seniors may take a minimum of five classes. Physical Education is required for two years; members of a team sport must enroll in Team Sports P.E. for every year of participation. All 11th and 12th grade students have the option of taking one elective course each semester through the Pierce Community College/Las Virgenes Unified School Partnership Program.



Graduation Requirements

English	40
Math	20
Science	20
Social Science	35
Foreign Language/ Fine/Practical Arts (2 of 3)	20
Health Education	5
Physical Education	20
Electives	70
<i>Credits Needed For Graduation</i>	<i>230</i>

Honors Courses

English I
English II
Geometry
Algebra II
Math Analysis
Biology
Physiology
Chemistry
French IV
Spanish IV

Advanced Placement Courses

English III
English IV
Calculus AB
Calculus BC
Computer Science
Statistics
Chemistry
Environmental Science
Physics
European History
U.S. History
American Government
French V
Spanish V
Studio Art 2D
Studio Art 3D

2008 National Merit Scholars

Recipients	3
Finalists	7
Semi-finalists	8
Commendations	13

Grades and Transcripts

Students are not ranked per Las Virgenes Unified School District policy. Letter grades are assigned: A,B,C,D, and P are passing, F-Fail, I-Incomplete. The transcript lists the GPA both weighted (5.0 scale) and unweighted (4.0 scale)

Honors courses taken in the 11th and 12th grade are weighted. Advanced Placement courses are weighted in 9th-12th grades. The academic GPA is listed 9-12 and 10-12 respectively. The total GPA 9-12 includes all courses, academic and non-academic. Pluses and minuses will appear on the transcript, however they have no value when determining the GPA. The "P" following a listed course is designated "College Preparatory" by the University of California system. Accredited and approved courses from other institutions that appear on the transcript may also be college preparatory without the designation "P."

Standardized Test Scores

SAT	'03	'04	'05	'06	'07	'08
Verbal	562	561	579	551	550	559
Math	588	589	599	575	583	577
Writing				572	570	569
Mean	1150	1150	1178	1698	1703	1705
ACT						
Composite	24.4	24.5	25.5	24.5	25.1	25.1

California Academic Performance Index (API) Score: 839
(Top 6% of all California High Schools)

Advanced Placement

368 students took a total of 548 exams in 2008, with 82% receiving a score of 3 or better as noted:

Biology	16	French Lang	1
Calculus AB	17	Govt/Pol US	16
Calculus BC	28	Physics	19
Chemistry	42	Psychology	1
Chinese	1	Spanish Lang	7
Comp Sci A	26	Statistics	40
Comp Sci B	2	Studio Art (2D)	1
Eng Lang/Comp	70	Studio Art (3D)	5
Eng Lit/Comp	40	Studio Drawing	2
European Hist	68	US History	81

Student Life

Publications: The school newspaper "The Charger," a quarterly magazine "The Charger Rag," an annual literary magazine, and the school yearbook are all student published.

The Arts: The Music, Theater, Visual Arts, and Dance departments host programs ranging from beginning to advanced. Each department differs in the development of its various levels and attributes. The Music department is nationally recognized for its continued achievements at the highest levels for its jazz, classical, and choral groups. AHS music groups have received top honors at the Carnegie Hall/Ellington Invitational Competition & the Savannah Invitational Competition. The Theater department offers opportunities in acting, directing, writing and technical theater. A variety of dramatic, comedic, and musical productions are produced throughout the year, including original student work. AHS's Visual Arts department offers a variety of 2D and 3D programs including, drawing, painting, ceramics, and photography. The Dance department supports several instructional and performance programs, and competitive dance teams encompassing many styles.

Activities: AHS hosts more than 50 activities and clubs including the Academic Decathlon, National Honor Society, Associated Student Body (ASB), Link Crew, Mock Trial, International Thespian Society, Math Honors Society, Tutoring Club, Key Club, Comedy Sportz, Competitive Dance and Step Teams. In addition, there are a wide of range of groups focusing on scholastics, the arts, community service, politics, religion, sports, social issues, contemporary topics, and more. Students are encouraged to develop and organize clubs to support individual and group interests.

Athletics: Agoura High School has a long tradition of athletic excellence that includes numerous League, CIF Division IV and State championships. The Chargers are proud of the many athletes selected for All-CIF and All-State teams. Agoura High School is a member of the Marmonte League. Team sports at Agoura include: Baseball (B), Basketball (B,G), Cross Country (B,G), Football (B), Golf (B,G), Soccer (B,G), Softball (G) Spirit Team (G), Swimming/Diving (B,G), Tennis (B,G), Track & Field (B,G), Volleyball, (B, G), Water Polo (B,G), Wrestling (B).