

## AGOURA HIGH SCHOOL

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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 West. Our students reside in the cities of Agoura Hills, Westlake Village, and Calabasas, as well as unincorporated areas of the Santa Monica Mountains. The expansive, open campus mimics the surrounding hills and trails. The area is suburban, residential, and includes varied socioeconomic levels. There is 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 2014 of six years and clear. Agoura High School was named an International Baccalaureate World School in February 2009, joining 84 other schools in California with this distinction.

AHS is extremely proud of the fact that **99%** of the Class of 2014 met the requirements for graduation. Of those students **93%** continued on to higher education, with **36%** attending two-year and **57%** attending four-year colleges and universities. Additionally, **2%** went into the military, **5%** will be working and traveling.

The total enrollment at Agoura High School is 2,210, with 557 seniors. The distribution of our students by ethnicity has been consistent over the past nine years: Caucasian-78.75%, Asian-4.47%, Hispanic-7.89%, African-American-1.41%, Filipino-0.87%, Native American-6.48%, Pacific Islander-0.14%.

### 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 all teachers are available for academic assistance (tutorial, test make-up, test review sessions, projects, etc).

Students in grades 9-11 are required to carry a minimum of six classes. Physical Education is required for two years. Seniors may take a minimum of five classes. All 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students have the option of taking one elective course each semester through California Community Colleges. A total of 230 credits are required for graduation as well as 60 hours of service learning.

### 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 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade are weighted. Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate courses are weighted in 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> 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	'09	'10	'11	'12	'13	'14
Reading	564	572	560	560	560	568
Math	581	598	587	578	578	584
Writing	579	586	583	574	572	578
Mean	1724	1756	1730	1712	1710	1730
<b>ACT</b>						
Composite	25.3	25.9	25.8	25.9	26.1	26.0

**California Academic Performance Index (API) Score: 881**  
(Top 2% of all California High Schools)

### 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>	230

### Advanced Placement Courses

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

Honors Courses	International Baccalaureate
Algebra II	English
Biology	Environmental Systems
Chemistry	Film
English I & II	French
Geometry	Global Studies
Math Analysis	Hist. of Amer.
Physiology	Math
Spanish IV	Physics
Wind Ensemble	Psychology
	Spanish
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### 2013 National Merit Scholars

Recipients	2
Finalists	3
Semi-Finalists	4
Commendations	16

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT

413 students took a total of 671 exams in 2014, with 68% receiving a score of 3 or better as noted:

Biology	36	Physics C:	
Calculus AB	49	Electricity & Magnetism	31
Calculus BC	29	Psychology	3
Chemistry	108	Spanish Language	7
Chinese	6	Statistics	50
Computer Science A	33	Studio Art (2D) Design	8
English Language/Composition	63	Studio Art (2D) Drawing	5
English Literature/Composition	32	Studio Art (3D) Design	3
Environmental Science	13	US History	57
European History	61		
French Language/Culture	0		
Government/Politics US	33		
Human Geography	43		

### INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

- 140 IB students took a total of 240 exams in 2014
- 6 of 7 IB Diploma Candidates received the IB Diploma

Subject Test	# of students tested	# of students receiving a score of 3 or better
English A: Literature HL	23	21
French B HL	4	4
Spanish B HL	5	5
Spanish B SL	8	8
Environmental Systems And Societies SL	66	58
History of the Americas HL	35	27
Psychology SL	13	10
Social Cultural Anthropology SL	23	22
Math SL	27	26
Film HL	10	9

### STUDENT LIFE

**Publications:** The monthly school newspapers, *The Charger* and *The Charger Online*, the semi-annual magazine, *The Charger Rag*, and the school yearbook *Quixotian* are all student published. *The Charger* has won awards each of the last 12 years at the Ventura County Star High School Journalism contest.

**The Arts:** The state of the art LVUSD Agoura High School Performing Arts Education Center opened Spring 2012. The Music, Theater, Visual Arts, and Dance Departments host programs ranging from beginner to advanced. The Music Department is nationally recognized for its continued achievements at the highest levels for its jazz, classical, and choral groups. AHS has been the showcase choir for the Walt Disney Hall High School Choral Festival for the past four years. The Theater Department offers opportunities in acting, directing, writing, and technical theater. 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 its competitive dance teams encompass many styles.

**Activities:** AHS hosts more than 70 activities and clubs including the Associated Student Body (ASB), Link Crew, Mock Trial, International Thespian Society, English Honor Society, Math Honor Society, Tutoring Club, Key Club, Comedy Sportz, Competitive Dance. In addition, there is a wide range of groups focusing on academics, 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, 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), Lacrosse (B, G), Soccer (B, G), Softball (G), Spirit Team (B, G), Swimming (B, G), Tennis (B, G), Track & Field (B, G), Volleyball, (B, G), Water Polo (B, G), and Wrestling (B, G).