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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 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 2008, 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 2009 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 2,177 with 545 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. Physical Education is required for two years. Seniors may take a minimum of five classes. All 11th and 12th grade students have the option of taking one elective course each semester through California Community Colleges.

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	'04	'05	'06	'07	'08	'09
Verbal	561	579	551	550	559	564
Math	589	599	575	583	577	581
Writing			572	570	569	579
Mean	1150	1178	1698	1703	1705	1724
ACT						
Composite	24.5	25.5	24.5	25.1	25.1	25.3

California Academic Performance Index (API) Score: 843
(Top 6% of all California High Schools)

Graduation Requirements

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

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

Honors Courses	International Baccalaureate
English I	English
English II	French
Geometry	History of the Americas
Algebra II	Math
Math Analysis	Psychology
Biology	Spanish
Physiology	Theory of Knowledge
Chemistry	Visual Arts
French IV	
Spanish IV	

2009 National Merit Scholars

Recipients	1
Finalists	4
Semi-Finalists	4
Commendations	19

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

398 students took a total of 643 exams in 2009, with 79% receiving a score of 3 or better as noted:

Biology	17	French Language	8
Calculus AB	26	Government/Politics US	14
Calculus BC	34	Physics	27
Chemistry	58	Psychology	1
Chinese	4	Spanish Language	14
Computer Science A	28	Statistics	33
Computer Science B	2	Studio Art (2D)	5
English Language/Composition	72	Studio Art (3D)	12
English Literature/Composition	26	Studio Drawing	4
Environmental Science	16	US History	51
European History	56		

STUDENT LIFE

Publications: The monthly school newspaper, "The Charger", the semi-annual magazine, "The Charger Rag," and the school yearbook are all student published. The Charger Newspaper has won awards each of the last 10 years at the Ventura County Star High School Journalism contest, and collects approximately \$4,000 per year in ad revenue from supportive local businesses.

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. AHS has been the showcase choir for the Walt Disney Hall High School Choral Festival for the past two years. 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 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 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).