

# DEL NORTE HIGH SCHOOL

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## School Profile 2017-18

Established in 2009, Del Norte High School is a comprehensive public high school in grades 9-12 and is fully accredited by the Schools Commission of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). Recognized as a 2013 California Distinguished School and a 2016 Gold Ribbon School, DNHS is the fifth and most recent comprehensive high school to be opened in the Poway Unified School District. Our state-of-the-art campus is located in the newly established suburban communities of 4S Ranch and Del Sur. While Del Norte offers many of the same courses as other Poway Unified high schools, it is unique with its combination of the trimester schedule, the veteran faculty and the sophisticated facility. The school's design has taken into account the rapid transformation of technology and is equipped to respond to new mediums of communication as they emerge. In a district with a population of more than 33,000 K-12 students, Del Norte currently serves 2,170 students with a senior class of 497 students.

### THE CURRICULUM

The Del Norte curriculum is an academically challenging college preparatory program. Under Del Norte's trimester schedule, students may take up to five 5-credit classes each 12-week term, enabling them to earn up to 75 credits in one year. **Each 5-credit trimester course is equivalent to a 5-credit semester course.**

Graduation requirements: Students must complete a minimum of 230 credits that include the following requirements:

English	40 credits	Physical Education	20 credits
Social Science	30 credits	Health	5 credits
Mathematics	20 credits	Fine Arts	5 credits
Physical Science	10 credits	Fine Arts/World Language	5 credits
Biological Science	10 credits	Electives	85 credits

Exercise and Nutritional Science (ENS) 1-2 earns 5 credits of Health and 5 credits of PE. ENS 3 earns 5 credits of PE.

Classes identified as college preparatory are coded "P", Honors classes are coded "H", and Advanced Placement are coded "AH." Advanced Placement classes are graded on a 5.0-point scale. AP Seminar classes are electives graded on a 4.0 scale.

### COLLEGE ADMISSION TESTING

SAT Reasoning Test/ SAT 1	2016-2017	ACT Average Test Scores	2016-2017
Percentage taking the SAT	59%	Percentage taking the ACT	48%
Mean Evidence-Based R&W SAT	624	English	26.6
Mean Mathematics SAT	635	Math	26.6
		Reading	26.6
		Science	25.4
		Composite	26.5

### NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

	2015-2016	2016-2017
Number of Graduates	507	493
Finalists	25	20
Semi-Finalists	25	21
Commended Students	42	47

### CLASS OF 2017 COLLEGE ATTENDANCE

Graduates to a 2-year college	24%
Graduates to a 4-year college	71%
Graduates going to college	95%
Enrolling in a UC school	20%
Enrolling in a CSU school	18%
Enrolling in other 4-year school	33%

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## ACADEMIC INFORMATION

### UC/CSU A-G SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS

The minimum requirements for admission to the University of California/California State University (UC/CSU) systems can be found on the UC a-g Guide website:

<http://www.ucop.edu/agguide/>.

### STUDENTS MEETING UC 'a-g'

Class of 2016 81%  
Class of 2017 85%

### RANK

Del Norte High School does not rank their students.

### CALCULATION OF GRADE POINT AVERAGE

Del Norte calculates the academic grade point average on a weighted 4.0 scale that includes all subjects taken from the freshman through senior year, except physical education, school services, and planning and leadership grades. The following scale is used:

A 4.0  
B 3.0  
C 2.0  
D 1.0  
F 0.0

- Add an additional point for AP (e.g. A= 5.00)
- +/- not included in weight
- The college recommending mark is C or above.
- The passing grade is D.

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT & HONORS COURSES

All students are encouraged to take honors and advanced placement classes in all academic areas. As an open-access campus, our goal is that every student will attempt at least one AP class prior to graduation.

	2015-2016	2016-2017
Number of students taking AP exams	912	967
Number of AP exams taken	1993	2102
Percent of passing scores	89%	92%

### Advanced Placement Courses:

**ADVANCED PLACEMENT:** Studio Art 2D, 3D and Drawing, English Language, English Literature, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics, Biology, Physics C: Mechanics, Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Computer Science, European History, U.S. History, U.S. Government & Politics, Psychology, Music Theory, Spanish and Chinese.

**HONORS:** Honors High School English 1-2 and Honors Humanities

## ELECTIVE COURSES

Courses are offered in Applied Arts and Technology (3D Animation, Intro to Engineering Design, Web Design); Performing Arts (Band, Choir, Drama, Orchestra, Wind Ensemble); Visual Art (Design Mixed Media, Digital Media Productions, Drawing & Painting, Ceramics, Photography); and school service (academic tutors and vocational learning assistant).

### REGIONAL OCCUPATIONAL PROGRAM (ROP)

ROP supports the Career Technical Education (CTE) courses: 3D Computer Animation, Web Design, Marketing Economics, Intro to Engineering Design, Principles of Biomedical Science, Human Body Systems, Photography, and Work Experience.

## FACULTY

Del Norte High School's teacher: pupil ratio is 1: 35.5. Our faculty consists of 87 teachers, 4 administrators, 4.5 counselors, 1 school psychologist, 1.4 speech pathologists, 1 librarian and 60 classified staff members.

## SPECIAL EDUCATION

Special instruction is provided for students with active Individualized Education Plans (IEP). Del Norte High School offers a full continuum of services for students with mild to moderate and moderate to severe disabilities. In accordance with I.D.E.A. (Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act), our call is to educate all of our students in the least restrictive environment. In support of this, our site offers collaborative instruction within the general education environment for our students with IEP's as well as in house L/content classes. Additionally, we have two mod/severe classes in a Critical Skills (CS) and an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) class. In our RSP support class, we support academic needs, organizational needs, and provide transition planning.

## EXTRA CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

Del Norte Athletics offers 23 sports in which students can participate. We have won 53 league titles since 2010 and won 12 CIF titles since the school opened in the fall of 2009. Over the last 8 years, approximately 60% of Del Norte's student body participated in athletics. We encourage all students to get involved in our diverse programs; there is a sport for everybody.

Del Norte also provides exposure to a wide range of communities including Anime, Band, Color Guard, Ecofuture, award-winning Debate Club, Key Club, Robotics, Rugby and Science Olympiad, and many more. There are currently 75 clubs for Del Norte students to improve their knowledge/skills and bring community awareness.