



VALLEY INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY

SCHOOL PROFILE 2019 - 2020

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MISSION STATEMENT

Valley International Academy (VIA) provides a unique American educational experience to both domestic and international students. Our small, intimate community of students and staff allows us to know each student personally so that we are able to create a highly-individualized program tailored to the needs of each student. We combine a traditional American high school program with an intense English language learning program which prepares students to move on to a university/college or a bigger more comprehensive high school experience. Our experienced, dedicated educators work with individuals and small groups of students to ensure mastery of all academic areas required to thrive at the next stage of their American education.

ACCREDITATION

Valley International Academy is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). Our CEEB/ACT Code Number: 053206.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must complete the following departmental requirements for graduation:

- English , four years***
- Mathematics, three years
- Science, three years
- Social Sciences, three years
- Foreign Language, two years (domestic students)
- Visual and Performing Arts, one year
- Physical Education, two years
- Electives, 50 (domestic students), 70 units (international students)

*** The four years of English requirement is often waived for our international students. Many of them come to our school as sophomores, juniors and even seniors having taken only English as a foreign language (not English literature) in their home country. Making them adhere to the four years of English literature and composition requirement would delay graduation for several years, so this requirement may be waived for these students.

In addition, students must complete ten hours of community service for each year of attendance at our school as part of their graduation requirement.

GRADING AND TRANSCRIPT NOTATIONS

The grading scale used for calculating final grades is: 90-100 = A, 80-89 = B, 70-79 = C, 60-69 = D. D- is a passing grade. Letter grades are assigned a numeral value for GPA calculation. A = 4.0, A₋ = 3.7, B₊ = 3.3, B = 3.0, B₋ = 2.7, C₊ = 2.3, C = 2.0, C₋ = 1.7, D₊ = 1.3, D = 1.0, D₋ = .7. No credit for a grade of F. The cumulative GPA is the average of all courses taken since the beginning of 9th grade. Honors courses (H) and Advanced Placement (AP) courses carry an additional grade point for calculation purposes. Individual class ranking is not given.

Teachers may use a slightly different grading scale in their individual classes to best meet class and student needs.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

Valley International Academy currently offers the following Advanced Placement courses:

AP English Literature and Composition	AP Government and Politics United States
AP English Language and Composition	AP World History
AP Calculus AB	AP European History
AP Calculus BC	AP Government and Politics Comparative
AP Statistics	AP Macroeconomics
AP Biology	AP Microeconomics
AP Chemistry	AP Human Geography
AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism	AP Psychology
AP Physics C: Mechanics	AP US History
AP Physics I	AP Studio Art
AP Physics II	AP Computer Science A

CLASS OF 2019 AP RESULTS

Advanced Placement

Total AP exams given:	5
Total students:	3
Passing Test scores:	80%
Scores of 3	20%
Scores of 4	0%
Scores of 5	60%

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES (SINCE 2011)

- University of California, Davis
- University of California, Irvine
- University of California, San Diego
- University of California, Santa Barbara
- University of California, Santa Cruz
- San Jose State University
- California State University, Long Beach
- San Francisco State University
- Purdue University
- Rutgers University

- University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
- University of San Francisco
- University of Oregon
- New York University
- Texas Christian University
- San Francisco State University
- University of Indiana, Bloomington
- University of Washington
- Johnson & Wales
- George Washington University
- Texas A&M University
- Biola University
- South Seattle Community College
- Valencia College
- Foothill College
- Shoreline Community College
- Mission College
- De Anza College
- College of San Mateo
- Pasadena City College
- West Valley College
- Mt. San Antonio College
- Diablo Valley College

FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATION

The faculty and staff is comprised of a Head of School and five fully qualified teachers Teaching credentials are held by 83% of the staff while 34% hold Master's degrees.. The Head of School can be reached at c.flios@valleyacademy.org,