



WEST RANCH HIGH SCHOOL

PROFILE 2009/2010

INFORMATION

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ACCREDITATION

West Ranch High School received a 6 Year Clear, this is the highest accreditation awarded by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

**West Ranch
 High School**
 Home of the Wildcats

West Ranch High School, takes great pride in announcing the commencement of our second senior class, the class of 2009. From the first day we opened the doors to our community West Ranch has held firm to our mission, which states, "West Ranch High School is committed to challenging and motivating each student to achieve excellence and become a responsible and valuable member of society. Through relationships, rigor, and relevance, West Ranch High School promotes integrity, distinction, and vision."

We believe that students learn best when they are connected to school, are intellectually challenged, and see the connection between what they are learning and their life beyond school. As the culture of our school continues to develop, we look to "relationships, rigor, and relevance" to keep our vision in focus. As a comprehensive public high school with 2,749 students and 102 faculty members, we are entering into our sixth year of operation. We are located in the rapidly growing area of Santa Clarita Valley. Santa Clarita is the fourth largest city in Los Angeles County and is the fastest growing city in the country. This rapid growth has necessitated the equally rapid growth of the school system. The racial breakdown of the Valley as a whole is 53% white, 26% Hispanic, 6% Asian, 3% African American, 12% other or mixed.

Every student at West Ranch has a number of opportunities through its partnership with the Santa Clarita Valley School and Business Alliance. This non-profit organization has developed a system for all students, which integrates school and work-based learning, prepares students for careers and productive membership in society by linking businesses and the community with the schools. West Ranch, along with other district schools are closely aligned with business, sending students to career fairs and job shadowing assignments for all Juniors. In addition, the William S. Hart district has an extensive Regional Occupation Program to connect students with business.

West Ranch Statistics

- 94% of students continued their education
- 41% of students plan to attend a 4-year university
- 53% of students plan to attend a 2-year college
- 1% of students plan to enlist in the military
- 1% of students plan to attend a trade school

Grading Calculation (GPA)

	General/College Prep Courses	AP/Honors Courses
A = Excellent	4 pts.	5 pts.
B = Above Average	3 pts.	4 pts.
C = Average	2 pts.	3 pts.
D = Passing	1 pt.	1 pt.
F = Fail	0 pts.	0 pts.
I = Incomplete	0 pts.	0 pts.
W = Withdraw	0 pts.	0 pts.

Grades for Advanced Placement (AP) and Honors courses are computed on a five-point scale and are designated on the transcript with the letter "H".

Graduation Requirements

WRHS graduates are required to complete a minimum of 220 credits, five for each semester class passed with a "D" or better.

In addition, they are required to pass Algebra as well as achieve a passing score on the California High School Exit Exam

* Fine Art: 10 credits of Fine Art or 5 of Fine Art and credit 5 of Foreign Language credit

- English.....40 credits
- Math.....20 credits
- Physical Science.....10 credits
- Biological Science.....10 credits
- Fine Arts.....10 credits*
- Modern Civ.....10 credits
- US History.....10 credits
- Amer. Gov.....5 credits
- Economics.....5 credits
- P.E.....20 credits
- Practical Arts.....5 credits
- Health.....2.5 credits
- Electives.....72.5 credits

Honors & Advanced Placement

- AP American Government
- AP Art History
- AP Biology
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Chemistry
- AP Computer Science A,B
- AP Economics
- AP Language and Composition
- AP Literature and Composition
- AP Environmental Science
- AP European History
- AP French Language
- AP Human Geography
- AP Physics B,C
- AP Statistics
- AP Psychology
- AP Spanish Language
- AP Studio Art
- AP U.S. History
- Honors Algebra 2/ Trigonometry
- Honors English 9
- Honors English 10
- Honors Geometry
- Honors Human Anatomy/ Physiology
- Honors Microbiology/ Molecular Genetics
- Honors Pre-Calculus

Colleges and Universities Applied and Accepted to by the Class of 2009

- American University
- American Jewish University
- Arizona State University
- Art Institute of California, Los Angeles
- Azusa Pacific University
- Black Hawk College
- Brigham Young University
- Boston University
- Brown University
- California College of the Arts
- California Institute of the Arts
- California Lutheran University
- California Polytechnic, Pomona
- California Polytechnic, San Luis Obispo
- Cal State Bakersfield
- Cal State Channel Islands
- Cal State, Chico
- Cal State Monterey Bay
- Cal State Northridge
- Cal State San Marcos
- Cal State Fullerton
- Cal State Long Beach
- Cal State Sacramento
- Cal State San Bernardino
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Cleveland Institute of Music
- Colorado Christian University
- Colorado State University, Boulder
- Colorado State University, Pueblo
- Cornell University
- Concordia University
- Dowling College
- Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising
- George Washington University
- Harvard University
- Humbolt State University
- Howard University
- Kansas City Art Institute
- Kennesaw State University
- Iowa Wesleyan College
- Mount Saint Mary's College
- New York University
- Northern Arizona University
- Parsons The New School of Design
- Pepperdine University
- Point Loma Nazarene University
- Principia University
- Purdue University
- San Diego Christian College
- San Diego State University
- Sanoma State University
- San Francisco State University
- San Jose State University
- Stanford University
- Syracuse University
- Texas Christian University
- Tulane University
- University of Arizona
- University of California, Berkeley
- University of California, Davis
- University of California, Irvine
- University of California, Los Angeles
- University of California, Merced
- University of California, Riverside
- University of California, San Diego
- University of California, Santa Barbara
- University of California, Santa Cruz
- University of Colorado at Boulder
- University of Missouri Columbia
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- University of Oregon
- University of South Carolina
- University of Texas, Austin
- University of Washington
- University of Southern California
- U.S. Military Academy at Westpoint
- Western Connecticut State University
- Westmont College
- William Jessup University
- Woodbury University
- Yale University

College Admission Testing and Advanced Placement Statistics

SAT I	2008/09
Percent of Seniors Taking SAT	51%
Mean Critical Reading SAT	529
Mean Math SAT	549
Mean Writing SAT	528
ACT	2008/09
Percent of Seniors Taking ACT	16%
Composite Scores	23.9
AP	2008/09
Number of AP Students Tested	580
Number of AP Exams Taken	972
Percentage of Qualifying Scores	65%
API	2008/09
Score	836

Data from: College Board 2009 Summary of Current Year's Grades, SAT Basic High School Report, ACT High School Profile Report

National Merit Scholarship Program

Last year, West Ranch students were honored through the College Board's National Merit Scholarship Program, a prestigious recognition based on high PSAT scores.

Finalist (Spring 2009).....	5
Semi-Finalist (Fall 2008).....	5
Commended (Fall 2008).....	1
Scholarship Winners.....	3

Source: National Merit Scholarship Program 2008