



2025-2026 SCHOOL PROFILE

Mater Dei High School is a co-educational college preparatory Diocesan Catholic high school located in Santa Ana, CA. Consistent with Catholic teachings and values, Mater Dei works with parents and guardians, who are the primary educators of their children, in the development of the whole person: religious, spiritual, intellectual, creative, emotional, physical, social, and moral. Our programs in academics, technology, athletics, faith and service, and the arts provide unlimited opportunities for student success. Comprehensive counseling and wellness resources educate and bolster families throughout the high school journey. We are proud to be accredited by the Western Catholic Education Association (WCEA), the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), and recognized since 2012 as an Apple Distinguished School.

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CEEB Code: 053-240

ACT Code: 052340

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

For the Classes of 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029:

- Religious Studies - 40 Credits
- English - 40 Credits
- Mathematics - 30 Credits
- Science - 20 Credits
- Social Studies - 30 Credits
- World Languages (same language)- 20 Credits
- Visual or Performing Art - 10 Credits
- Additional Credits/Electives - 70 Credits
- 80 Hours of Christian Service

TOTAL CREDITS: 260

- *Students must successfully complete with a "D" or better*
- *All graduation requirements must be taken at Mater Dei from the time a student enrolls in the school.*
- *Minimum GPA to graduate is 2.0*

LEADERSHIP

Mr. Michael Brennan, President
Ms. Frances Clare, Principal

STUDENT BODY DEMOGRAPHICS

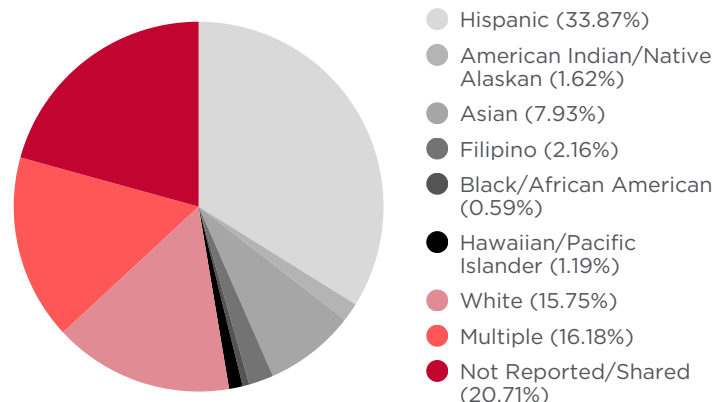
UNIQUELY MATER DEI

- 216 zip codes from 5 Southern CA counties
- 53% female, 47% male
- 67% Catholic, 33% Non Catholic

TOTAL ENROLLMENT

- 1,851 students
 - Class of 2029: 493
 - Class of 2028: 416
 - Class of 2027: 487
 - Class of 2026: 455

RACE/ETHNICITY



COUNSELORS

Mrs. Olivia Huie, Director of Counseling
Mrs. Kellie Bauer, Executive Director of Wellness Counseling Services
Ms. Gloria Guzman, Director of International Student Relations
Ms. Monica Celaya, School Counselor
Mrs. Mayra Martinez, School Counselor
Mrs. Marybeth Nguyen, School Counselor
Mrs. Vanessa Peña-Gautier, School Counselor
Mr. Cristian Waldo, School Counselor
Mr. Jeremy Riche, Academic Admissions Counselor

GRADING SYSTEM & HONOR ROLL

School grades/grading are on a 4.0 scale. Plus or minus grades are not issued:

A = 90-100%, B = 80-89%, C = 70-79%, D = 60-69%, F = below 60%

GPA is weighted for Advanced Placement (AP) and honors courses. Mater Dei High School does NOT rank students:

A = 5.0; B = 4.0; C = 3.0; D = 1.0; F = 0.0

HONOR ROLL

- Principal's Honors : 4.0/+ GPA
- First Honors: 3.5 - 3.99 GPA
- 3.0 - 3.49 GPA: Second Honors

CLASS OF 2025: 511 GRADUATES

- 228 seniors with 4.0/+ GPA
 - Mean GPA: **3.81**
 - Median GPA: **3.90**

HONOR CLUB MEMBERSHIPS

CALIFORNIA SCHOLARSHIP FEDERATION

- 660 Students
- 2025 Golden Seal Bearers

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

- 747 Students
- 252 Lifetime Members

2025 AP TESTING SUMMARY

- 726 students tested
- 137 AP Scholars
- 58 AP Scholars with Honors
- 67 AP Scholars with Distinction
- 1 AP Capstone Diploma

SAT AND ACT SCORES: CLASS OF 2025

SAT - 209 Students Tested	MDHS	USA
MATH	588	508
ERW	598	521
TOTAL	1184	1029
ACT - 117 Students Tested	MDHS	USA
ENGLISH	26.2	19
MATH	25.1	19.3
READING	26.6	20.4
SCIENCE	25.6	19.9
COMPOSITE	26.0	19.8

Mater Dei has had **140 National Merit Finalists** and **1 Gates Millennial Scholar** since our inception.

COLLEGE PREP, HONORS AND AP COURSES

College Prep, Honors and AP courses require strict prerequisites and department chair approval. Annual course catalog provides comprehensive listing and descriptions of all courses including 109+ electives.

HONORS (HN) COURSES (59)

Academic Decathlon	Digital Photo III
A capella	English (2)
Advanced Women's Ensemble	French (3)
Advanced Men's Ensemble	Geometry
Algebra 1	Latin (4)
Algebra 2/Trigonometry	Marine Biology
Anatomy & Physiology	Musical Theatre (2)
Animation 2	Newspaper (3)
Art III	Pre-Calculus
Bilingual Spanish	Robotics/Engineering II
Biology	Spanish (4)
Ceramics III	Theatre (3)
Chamber Singers	Theatre Capstone
Chemistry	US History MUN
Chinese (4)	Wind Ensemble
Cultural Geography/MUN	World History MUN
Dance Company	Yearbook (3)

AP COURSES (21)

Biology	Physics C
Calculus AB	Spanish Language
Calculus BC	Spanish Literature
Chemistry	Statistics
Computer Science A	Studio Art: 2-D
Computer Science Principles	Design
English Language	Studio Art: 3-D
English Literature	Studio Art: Drawing
European History	U.S. Government & Politics
Macroeconomics	U.S. History
Physics I	

CAMPUS LIFE

ACADEMIC TEAMS (6)

- Competitive teams led by head coach:
 - Academic Decathlon
 - Junior State of America
 - Mock Trial
 - MUN
 - Robotics
 - Speech & Debate
- Regular practice sessions and exposure to content experts

CLUBS

- 70%+ students involved
- 85+ active clubs in a variety of categories

ASB LEADERSHIP

- 400+ students involved
- Coordinate 150+ activities including dances, rallies, and more

MONARCH TELEVISION

- Courses in film and television
- Daily student produced broadcast

STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

- Yearbook and newspaper courses
- Student-led experiences produce annual yearbook and student newspaper

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

ARTS

- 82 courses in visual and performing arts
- 44% student participation

ATHLETICS

- 28 teams over 3 seasons
- 63% student participation

RADY'S PSYCHOLOGY PARTNERSHIP

- Community workshops and resources
- Confidential student treatment options
- Mental health crisis support
- Social emotional curriculum

COUNSELING

- 10 full time school counselors
- Academic guidance
- College and career planning
- Social and emotional curriculum and resources

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- Apple Distinguished School
- STEM pathways with concentrations in Computer Science, CSI, Environmental Science, and more
- Biotechnology certificate and STEM distinction options

FAITH & SERVICE

- Holistic development with focus on service
- 70K+ service hours from Class of 2025

LEARNING SUPPORT

- Licensed clinical & pediatric neuropsychologist; 3 learning specialists
- Student support lab
- Targeted programs and courses for students with documented learning and attention differences and/or social/emotional needs

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

American University
Arizona Christian University
Arizona State University
Auburn University
Baylor University
Belmont University
Benedictine College
Boise State University
Boston College
Brown University
Butler University
California Aeronautical University
California Baptist University
California Institute of Technology (Cal Tech)
California Lutheran University
California Polytechnic State University, Pomona
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt
California State University, Bakersfield
California State University, Channel Islands
California State University, Chico
California State University, Dominguez Hills
California State University, Fresno
California State University, Fullerton
California State University, Long Beach
California State University, Los Angeles
California State University, Maritime Academy
California State University, Northridge
California State University, San Diego
California State University, San Francisco
California State University, San Jose
California State University, San Marcos
California State University, Sonoma
Case Western Reserve University
Chapman University
Claremont McKenna College
Clemson University
Colby College
Colgate University
College of Charleston
Columbia University
Concordia University
Cornell University
Creighton University
DePaul University
Dominican University
Duke University
Emory University
Fashion Institute of Technology
Florida State University
Fordham University
Franciscan University of Steubenville
George Washington University
Georgetown University

Golden West College
Gonzaga University
Grand Canyon University
Harvard University
High Point University
Holy Cross College
Indiana University, Bloomington
Iowa State University
Irvine Valley College
Jacksonville University
John Carroll University
John Paul the Great Catholic University
Johns Hopkins University
Long Island University
Longwood University
Louisiana State University
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University, Chicago
Manhattan University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
Miami University, Ohio
Michigan State University
Mount Saint Mary's University
Mount San Antonio College
New York University
Northeastern University
Northern Arizona University
Northern Kentucky University
Northwestern University
Ohio State University
Oklahoma Panhandle State University
Oklahoma State University
Orange Coast College
Oregon State University
Otis College of Art and Design
Parsons School Design (The New School)
Pennsylvania State University, Altoona
Pennsylvania State University, Behrend
Pepperdine University
Point Loma Nazarene University
Portland State University
Pratt Institute
Princeton University
Purdue University
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rutgers University
Saint Louis University
Saint Louis University
Saint Mary's College of California
Santa Ana College
Santa Clara University
Santa Monica College
Savannah College of Art and Design
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Seton Hall University
Southern Methodist University
Southern Utah University
Southwestern University
St. Joseph's University
Stanford University

Syracuse University
Texas A & M University
Texas Christian University
Texas Southern University
Texas Tech University
Tulane University
United States Air Force Academy
United States Military Academy (West Point)
United States Naval Academy
University of Alabama
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, San Francisco
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of California, Santa Cruz
University of Chicago
University of Colorado, Boulder
University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
University of Connecticut
University of Dayton
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of Hawaii at Mānoa
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
University of Indiana, Bloomington
University of Kentucky
University of Maine
University of Miami
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
University of Mississippi
University of Missouri
University of Nebraska
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of Notre Dame
University of Oklahoma
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Portland
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of Sioux Falls
University of South Carolina
University of Southern California
University of Tennessee
University of Texas at Austin
University of the Pacific
University of Utah
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
University of Washington, Seattle
University of Wisconsin, Madison
University of Wyoming
Utah State University

Utah Tech University
Vanderbilt University
Vanguard University
Vassar College
Villanova University
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech)
Wake Forest University
Washington University, St. Louis
West Virginia University
Westmont College
Whittier College
Willamette University
William Jessup University

CLASS OF 2025

100%
College Placement

70%
4-year college

30%
2-year college

4.5%
Gap Year, Undecided,
Employment, Trade
School or Military

\$33.7M
Scholarship Offers