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# **Modesto High School**

2016-2017 School Profile

**CEEB Code 051985** 

Accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, 2012 – 2018

Established in 1883, Modesto High School was the first public secondary school in the city of Modesto and is currently one of seven comprehensive high school campuses in a community of over 200,000 people. A suburban city located in the fertile San Joaquin Valley of north central California, much of Modesto's economy revolves around agriculture. With the San Francisco Bay area some 90 miles to the west, many commuters from various career areas have established residence in Modesto, contributing to increased socioeconomic levels. Our diverse student population includes over 26 languages.

Modesto High School is home to three special programs on campus: Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID), Performing Arts Academy (PAA), and International Baccalaureate (IB). Students may participate in more than one program. With 143 certificated staff members, our core academic class size maximum is 39 students.

Modesto High School offers the only IB program in the county, drawing high achieving students from throughout the county, as well as neighboring counties. Applicants complete an extensive application process during their 8<sup>th</sup> grade year in order to qualify for acceptance in the IB program. Along with academically challenging coursework, IB graduates are required to complete a minimum of 150 Creative Action Service hours, and satisfactorily

complete the extended essay requirement. Since the first graduating class of 1998, Modesto High School has proudly awarded a total of 809 IB Diplomas. Our students consistently surpass both national and world averages in numerous areas.



#### **Student Demographics**

There are approximately 2484 students enrolled during the 2016-2017 school year.

12.5% English language learners

75% received free or reduced lunch

71% will be first generation college students

Enrollment by Program	9th	10th	11th	12th	Total
AVID	138	113	95	65	411
IB Full	148	115	67	85	415
IB Partial	34	61	67	68	230
Performing Arts Academy*	0	74	71	67	212

Students may enroll in multiple programs.

### **Graduation Requirements**

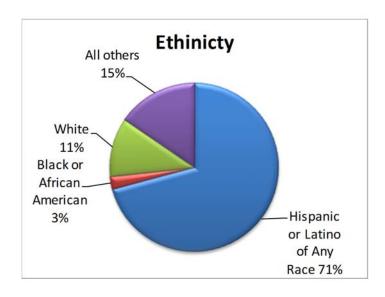
## Graduation scheduled for May 25, 2017 230 credits required for graduation

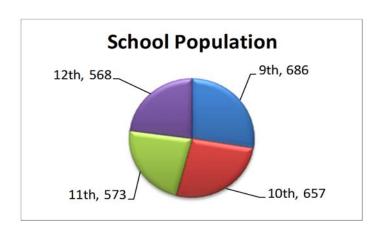
Required Courses	Semesters	Credits
English	8	40
Social Science	7	35
Mathematics	6	30
Science	4	20
VPA or Foreign Language	2	10
Physical Education	4	20
Practical Art	1	5
Health	1	5
Electives	13	65

### **Testing Data**

The Class of 2016 had 3 National Merit Semi-Finalists, 16 Commended, and 5 National Hispanic Recognized students. The class of 2016 had 41% of students take the SAT at least once and 42% took the ACT at least once.

- 83% of all IB exams taken were passed.
- 100% of students passed IB exams in English, Spanish, French, and Physics.
- The average score for the diploma was 30 points, which is recognized by the University of California as sophomore standing.





This reflects entire school population, including special education and students placed at alternative education sites.

AC1	
Composite	21.2
75 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	26.0
CA Composite	22.6
National Composite	20.8

	SAT		
	Reading	Math	Writing
Mean	491	491	486
75 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	560	560	560
CA Mean	491	500	485
National Mean	494	508	482

<sup>\*</sup>Students enroll in PAA in the  $10^{th}$  grade. Only students on district transfer agreements are considered enrolled in  $9^{th}$  grade.

### **Grading System and Scheduling**

The Modesto High School typical schedule allows students to enroll in six traditional, year-long courses. Two optional periods are available to students before and after school, with limited course offerings. The grading system for all classes is based on a five-step scale: A=Outstanding, B=Above Average, C=Average, D=Below Average, F=Failing. The lowest passing grade for graduation credit is D-. Grades are determined by student achievement relative to the objectives of the designated instructional level and teacher evaluation.

#### **GPA and Class Rank**

Students earn two semester grades for each year-long course. Cumulative GPA is calculated on the 4.0 system. Some teachers use (+ or -) in the reporting of grades, however it is not calculated into the GPA. Courses repeated to improve a grade are designated with an "R" and the higher grade is calculated in the GPA. Honors courses receive an additional grade point on the weighted GPA and are indicated with an "H" on the transcript.

CAL Grant GPA is calculated with only college preparatory courses in grades 10-11, and does not include additional points for honors courses; calculated for the California Student Aid Commission solely for the purpose of determining financial aid eligibility.

Senior Rank is determined by the Cumulative GPA from all courses taken in grades 9-11, and does not include additional points for honors courses. Weighted Senior Rank is determined by the weighted GPA from all courses in grades 9-11, including the extra point for honors courses in which the student earned grades of A, B, or C. Both ranks are exact. Students in special education and placement at alternative education sites are not ranked.

# of Students	Weighted GPA
65	≥ 4.00
76	3.50-3.99
104	3.00-3.49
112	2.50-2.99
197	< 2.49

Class of 2016	527 Students
Highest Weighted GPA	4.825
Top 5%	4.43
Top 10%	4.10

Our belief in educating the entire student extends beyond academics, which is why we encourage students to broaden their experience with electives. Students who choose to participate in non-honors elective courses such as Band, Drama, Leadership, Oral Interpretation/Speech, Athletics, and Journalism may show a slightly lower weighted GPA and class rank than students who opt to not to take elective courses. We are extremely proud of the talent and rigor of our elective programs and hope that universities will look beyond the ranking number to recognize the extraordinary effort some of our top students make to participate in elective courses.

### International Baccalaureate and AP Courses Earning Honors Credit

IB is a four year course of study in two phases: IB prep for grades 9-10, and IB curriculum for grades 11-12. Students are not limited to the number of honors classes they may take.

IB Course Offerings (24)	IB Prep Course Offerings (18)	AP Course Offerings (3)
English IBHL 1 Theory of Knowledge IB English IBHL 2 Anthropology IBSL*	IB Prep English 1-2 IB Prep English 3-4	AP Human Geography** AP Spanish for Spanish Speakers 5
Theater IBHL 1 Theater IBHL 2 Visual Arts IBSL (IBHL 1) Visual Arts IBHL 2  Math Studies IBSL Math IBSL Math IBHL French IBSL Spanish IBHL 1 (IBSL) Spanish IBHL 2  Biology IBHL 1 (IBSL) Biology IBHL 2 Chemistry IBSL* Physics IBSL*  History of the Americas IBHL History IBHL Psychology IBHL 1 (IBSL) Psychology IBHL 2 Information Technologies in Global Societies (ITGS) IBSL Information Technologies in Global Societies (ITGS) IBHL Societies (ITGS) IBHL French IBSL Spanish IBHL 1 (IBSL) Spanish IBHL 2 Chemistry IBSL* Physics IBSL*	IB Prep French 2 IB Prep French 3 IB Prep Spanish 1 IB Prep Spanish 2 IB Prep Spanish 3	*Not offered every year  **New course offering

### **College Acceptance and Matriculation**

#### Class of 2016

44% met the minimum admissions requirements of the University of California and California State University systems.

Graduates of the class of 2016 were offered admission at the following colleges and universities:

Academy of Art University American University Arizona State University **Augusta University** Azusa Pacific University **Baylor University Boston University Brigham Young University** 

**Brown University** California Baptist University

Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo Cal Poly, Pomona

California State University, Bakersfield California State University, Channel Islands

California State University, Chico California State University, East Bay California State University, Fresno California State University, Fullerton California State University, Long Beach California State University, Los Angeles California State University, Monterey Bay California State University, Northridge

California State University, Sacramento California State University, Stanislaus

Calvin College

Carnegie Mellon University Central Washington University

Chapman University

College of William and Mary Colorado Mesa University Columbia College Chicago Columbia College Hollywood

Columbia University

Concordia University - Portland

Corban University Cornell University **Dartmouth College DePaul University Duke University** 

Eastern Illinois University Eastern Washington University

**Emory University** Fordham University

Franciscan University of Steubenville

Gavilan College Georgetown University **Grand Canyon University** Hampshire College **Hofstra University Humboldt State University** Indiana University at Bloomington

Iowa State University Johns Hopkins University Kansas State University

**Knox College** Lee University Liberty University Lipscomb University

Loyola Marymount University

Macalester College Middlebury College Mills College **Neumont University New York University** Northeastern University Northern Arizona University Northwestern University Occidental College

Oklahoma State University **Oregon State University** Pace University, New York City

**Pacific University** 

Pennsylvania State University

Pepperdine University Philadelphia University **Princeton University** 

Reed College

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Rice University

Robert Morris University (PA) **Rochester Institute of Technology** 

Roosevelt University Saint Leo University

Saint Mary's College of California San Diego State University San Francisco State University

San Jose State University Santa Clara University

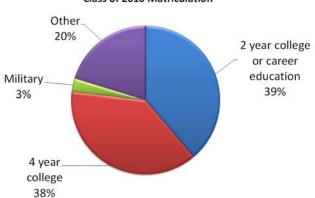
Scripps College

Seattle Pacific University Seattle University Simpson University

Sonoma State University

Southern Oregon University St. John's University

Stanford University Stony Brook University Susquehanna University Syracuse University **Temple University Texas Tech University** The College of Wooster



The University of Alabama at Birmingham

The University of Arizona The University of Memphis The University of Oklahoma University of Alberta

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 Central Missouri

University of Colorado at Boulder University of Connecticut University of Hawaii at Manoa

University of Idaho

University of Illinois at Chicago

University of Kansas University of La Verne

University of Massachusetts, Amherst

University of Miami University of Michigan

University of Nebraska at Lincoln University of Nebraska at Omaha

University of Nevada, Reno University of Notre Dame University of Oregon University of Pennsylvania University of Portland

University of Puget Sound University of Redlands University of Rochester University of San Francisco University of Southern California

University of Tennessee, Knoxville University of the Pacific University of Tulsa University of Utah University of Virginia

University of Washington

Vassar College

Washington and Lee University Washington State University Washington University in St. Louis

Wellesley College Wesleyan University Whitworth University Willamette University