



2023-24 SCHOOL PROFILE

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Escondido Charter High School (ECHS) operates two educational options, a classroom-based program and a flexible learning program. Both programs are committed to preparing students to attend college upon graduation. Our focus is on maintaining a rigorous curriculum, celebrating academic excellence, and providing opportunities for developing leadership capacity.

The **Traditional Classroom Program (TCP)** has been offering a college-prep curriculum since 1996. The **Flex Learning Program** has been offering students a college-prep curriculum with an emphasis on humanities and career-exploration and development since 2016. ECHS is regarded as one of the top performing high schools in the state of California.

The students of ECHS typically enroll as freshmen in one program. However, throughout their high school career, students may elect to move to another one of our college-prep programs due to family circumstances, a desire for more flexibility in their schedule, or a change in interests and college and career plans.

This means that often students begin in one program taking the most rigorous course of study offered in one program and then change to the other with different course offerings, but still taking the most rigorous course of study. No matter which program they are enrolled in, students are able to graduate meeting all UC A-G criteria and prepared for college.

Each program is unique in course offerings. These are shown on the following pages. It is strongly encouraged that admissions counselors contact our Student Services team with questions.

GRADUATION/DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

The ECHS curriculum exceeds California state requirements for college admissions and includes rigorous honors courses and select Advanced Placement Courses. Each program has unique focus and therefore slightly modified graduation requirements. Those requirements unique to the Flex Program are indicated with a ^ and for TCP a * symbol.

English – 4 years	Science – 3 years	Additional Academic Coursework – 2 yrs
Great Books – 1 year *	Foreign Language - 2 yrs same language	Athletics/Physical Education – 2 yrs
History/Social Science – 3 yrs* 4 yrs ^	Fine Art – 1 year	Community Service – 24 hours
Mathematics – 3 years	Technology /CTE– 2 years	

TRADITIONAL CLASSROOM PROGRAM

TCP offers students a more traditional classroom opportunity with Honors and Advanced Placement (AP) courses starting their sophomore year. Students attend six 55-minute class periods daily. Honors and AP coursework is available to students who have completed the pre-requisites and have the recommendation of the faculty. Enrollment in advanced courses is selective and not available to all students. AP Courses offered include: English Literature, English Language, European History, US History, and Calculus AB.

FLEX PROGRAMS

The Flex Learning Program has two pathways, the **Classical Learning Pathway (CLP)** and the **Personalized Learning Pathway (PLP)**. CLP places an emphasis on humanities and the arts by integrating English and History throughout the four years. Students are encouraged to select a canvas art, music or Career Technical Education emphasis. In CLP and PLP the most rigorous course of study involves honors and community college courses.

PLP places an emphasis on Career Readiness. Students in PLP are expected to select a career pathway and complete a minimum of two courses in a specified field. Additional classes are offered in the PLP to support these pathways. CTE pathways offered:

Building Construction Trades	Hospitality Tourism & Recreation	Marketing, Sales & Services	Engineering & Architecture
Health Science & Medical Tech	Arts, Media and Entertainment	Public Services	

GRADING

ECHS operates on a semester schedule with official grades recorded two times per year, in December and June. Grade point averages are unweighted and based on all courses except Physical Education.

A	90 - 100	4.0
B	80 - 89	3.0
C	70 - 79	2.0
D	60 - 69	1.0
F	0 - 59	0.0

RANK

ECHS does not rank students because of our course rigor and small class size. Cumulative, unweighted grade point averages are reported on transcripts.

CLASS OF 2023

Size:228

GPA DISTRIBUTION

Top 4.00
Median 3.05
Bottom 1.19

SAT TEST AVERAGES

EBRW 595
Mathematics 608

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE

Approximately 82% of graduates attend college.

37% to 4-year colleges
45% to 2-year colleges
2% to military

TCP Class of 2023
95% College Bound
1% Military
4% Work Force

CLP Class of 2023
90% College Bound
3% Military
7% Work Force

PLP Class of 2023
59% College/Trade School
1% Military
36% Work Force

COURSES OFFERED

Those courses uniquely offered in the Flex Programs (CLP/PLP) are indicated with a ^ next to the course title and when unique to the Traditional Classroom program(TCP), a * symbol.

English

English 9
English 10 & 10 Honors
English 11 & 11 Hon^ or AP Eng Lit*
English 12 & 12 Hon^ or AP Eng Lang*
Great Books*

Foreign Language

Spanish I, II, III, IV
French* I, II, III, IV
Latin^ I, II, III, IV

Mathematics

Algebra I & II
Geometry
Advanced Math
Calculus & AP Calculus AB

Science

Biology I & II Honors
Chem I, I Honors, II Honors
Physics & Physics Honors
Intro to Physical Science
Princ. of Biomedical Science
Marine Science & M.S. Hon
Fundamentals of Nutrition#

Tech & Academic Electives

Civil Engin. & Architecture
Computer Skills 1
Electronic Publishing
Exploratory Course I, II
Fire Tech I
Intro to Engineering Design
Leadership & Media

History/Social Science

Ancient History^
World Hist, or AP Euro. History*
European History^, or Honors^
US History, Honors^, or AP*
Hist. 20th Century^, or Honors^
U.S. Gov. & POSC 101^
U.S. Government Honors*
Econ & Econ 100^, or Econ Honors*

Fine Art

Art I, II
Choir I, II
Digital Media
Digital Photo I, II
Performing Arts I, II
Yearbook

Dual Enrollment Courses through Palomar College

ANTH 100: Bio. Anthropology
CHDV 100: Child Growth & Dev
CINE 100: Art of the Cinema
GEOG 100: Intro to Geography
MATH 120: Elementary Statistics
NUTR 165: Fund. of Nutrition
PSYC 100: Intro to Psychology
RS 101: World Religions

CTE-Career & Technical Ed.

Criminal Justice
Drones
Entrepreneurship
Hospitality

SENIOR EXHIBITION (CAPSTONE PROJECT)

The senior exhibition is a year-long project that provides each student with the opportunity to compile a portfolio, write an extensive research paper, and present findings to a panel consisting of teachers, parents, students and community leaders. The purpose of the Senior Exhibition is to further prepare ECHS graduates for post-secondary education by enhancing research, writing and communications skills. In order to complete the Senior Exhibition, each senior in the TCP and CLP pathways are assigned a faculty mentor to guide them through the process. Student selected research topics must be academically relevant. Students are required to propose an argument, support their position with extensive research, defend their argument and demonstrate creativity and original thought in both the research paper and presentation. The research paper must be at least ten pages in length and the presentation must be a multi-media and oral exhibition of 10 to 15 minutes in duration.

GREAT BOOKS CURRICULUM

The Great Books program introduces our students to the best minds and loftiest ideals in western civilization. Stories, authors and books that have profoundly shaped Western tradition and the American story contain the collected wisdom from thousands of years of conversations. With teacher guidance, our students are trained to read well, think well and communicate well, so they can enter into that conversation themselves. The curriculum is incorporated in all grade levels. Our Great Books reading list includes the following works and authors: The Torah, Plato, Aristotle, Cicero, Virgil, Augustine, Thomas Aquinas, Dante, Descartes, Locke, Hobbes, Montesquieu, Rousseau, The Federalist Papers, de Tocqueville, Milton, Dostoevsky, Melville, Camus and Kierkegaard.

COVID RESPONSE

For the majority of the 2020-2021 school year, students attended school two days a week and completed 3 days of asynchronous learning. For six weeks of the school year, ECHS was fully remote and online. During this time, each class met twice a week for 30 minutes of synchronous instruction and then completed two to four hours of asynchronous school work at home. The 2021-2022 school year brought students back on campus full time. ECHS was able to remain open for the entire school year despite the surge of cases in January 2022. Per AB 104 passed by the California legislature students were allowed to have their 2020-2021 school year grades changed to a Pass or No Pass grade upon request.

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ATTENDED BY RECENT GRADUATES:

California State Universities:

Chico, Fresno, Fullerton, Long Beach, Northridge, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, San Jose, San Luis Obispo, San Marcos

University of California:

Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, Merced, Riverside, San Diego, Santa Barbara

Other Notable Schools:

Arizona State University
Baylor University
Biola University
Brown University
Brigham Young University
California Baptist University
Colorado School of the Mines
Cornell University
Drexel University
Embry Riddle Aeronautical Univ.
Fashion Inst. of Design & Merch.

Gettysburg College
Grand Canyon University
Hawaii Pacific University
Howard University
Johnson & Wales University
Lincoln University
Loyola University Maryland
North Dakota State University
N. Arizona University
Oberlin College
Oregon State University
Point Loma Nazarene

Pratt Institute
Providence Christian
Saint Michael's College
Sam Houston University
University of Hawaii
University of Mary
Utah State University
Vanguard University
Westmont University
W. New England Univ.
The Master's University