



2024-25 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	Foreign Language - 2 yrs same language
Academic Writing – 1 year *	Fine Art – 1 year
History/Social Science – 3 yrs* 4 yrs ^	Additional Academic Coursework – 2 yrs
Mathematics – 3 years	Athletics/Physical Education – 2 yrs
Science – 3 years	Community Service – 32 hours

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. In CLP and PLP the most rigorous course of study involves honors and community college courses; however, AP Calculus is available to all Flex Program students. Block schedules were introduced for Flex Program seniors in 2024-25.

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	Athletic Training

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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 2025

CLASS SIZE FIGURES

TCP (61), CLP (91), PLP (97)
Total: 249

SAT TEST AVERAGES

EBRW: 641
Mathematics: 645
Total: 1286

CLASS OF 2024

CLASS SIZE

Total: 235

SAT TEST AVERAGES

EBRW: 570
Math: 590
Total: 1160

GPA DISTRIBUTION

Top: 4.00
Median: 3.11
Bottom: 1.22

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE

Approximately 90% of graduates attend college.

49% to 4-year Colleges
42% to 2-year Colleges
1% to Military

	TCP	CLP	PLP
College	98%	95%	59%*
Military	0%	0%	4%
Work Force	2%	5%	37%

*College/trade school

COURSES OFFERED

Those courses uniquely offered in the Flex Programs (CLP/PLP) are indicated with a ^ next to the course title. Those courses uniquely offered in the Traditional Classroom Program (TCP) are indicated with 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*
Academic Writing*

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,
or Anatomy & Physiology H
Chemistry I, I Honors,
or Organic Chem 2 Honors
Chemistry II Honors
Physics & Physics Honors
Intro to Physical Science
Principles of Biomedical Science
Marine Science & M.S. Honors

Tech & Academic Electives

Civil Engin. & Architecture
Core Computers & Exploratory*
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 Hon^
US History, Honors^, or AP*
Hist. 20th Century^, or Hon^
U.S. Government & POSC 101^
U.S. Government Honors*
Econ & ECON 100^,
or Econ Hon*

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
ASL100: American Sign Lang.
ASL101: American Sign Lang II
CHDV 100: Child Growth & Dev
CINE 100: Art of the Cinema
GEOG 100: Intro to Geography
MUS 100: Music Appreciation
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.

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ATTENDED BY RECENT GRADUATES:

California State Universities:

Chico, Fullerton, Long Beach, Northridge, Poly Pomona, Poly San Luis Obispo, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, San Jose, San Marcos

University of California:

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

Other Notable Schools:

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

Grand Canyon University

Hawaii Pacific University
Hofstra University
Howard University
Lincoln University
North Dakota State Univ.
N. Arizona University
Oregon State University
Point Loma Nazarene
Pratt Institute
Rose Hulman Inst. of Tech
Saint Michael's College
Southern Utah University

Tarleton University

University of Arizona
University of Dallas
University of Hawaii
University of Oregon
University of San Diego
University of So. Cal.
Utah State University
Vanguard University
Westmont University
The Master's University