



OUR SCHOOL

Da Vinci High School opened in 2004 with a small-school grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to become one of the earliest members of the New Tech Network of Schools. Da Vinci was founded on the core principles of Project Based Learning (PBL) and creating a collaborative and inclusive school community. Today, Da Vinci Charter Academy serves approximately 600 students in grades 7-12 at its two sites and offers an A-G, WASC accredited, college-preparatory program.

OUR STUDENTS

Enrollment 2023-2024

Class of 2024: 75
Class of 2025: 79
Class of 2026: 93
Class of 2027: 106
Grades 7 & 8: 229

Demographics

61% White/non-Hispanic
22% Hispanic/Latino
13% Asian/Pacific Islander
3% African American
1% Native American

20% federal free/reduced meals program
19% receive special education
16% have 504 accommodation plans

FACULTY

DVCA employs 35 certificated teachers, 3 counselors, 2 full-time administrators and 1 part-time administrator. Approximately 20 classified staff members are employed in administrative support, student services, internship coordination, special education, campus safety and technology support.

DVCA ADMINISTRATION

Peter Newman - Principal
Scott Stephen Bell - High School Vice Principal
Kait Sangster - TOSA
Marla Bowen - Junior High Principal
Erika Strand - Head Counselor (HS)
Nicole Roper - Counselor, 504 Coordinator (HS)
Alani Stuart- Head Counselor (JH)
Amy Hannon-Korynta - TOSA

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OUR PROGRAM

Da Vinci students demonstrate learning in essential skills that prepare them for the 21st Century. These skills, known as our school-wide learning outcomes (SLOs), include: **Oral Communication, Written Communication, Critical Thinking, Collaboration, Curricular Literacy, Professionalism, and Learning Mindset.**

The academic year is made up of two semesters: the fall has 15 weeks and the spring has 21 weeks. Students may take up to seven courses each semester; the majority of courses are year-long. A limited summer school program for remediation is available.

Due to COVID, grades for the 2019-20 spring semester were given as P/NP. In 2020-21, students were able to select P/NP letter grades.

CURRICULUM

DVCA curriculum is rooted in the elements of Project-Based Learning (PBL) instruction and promoting growth in our school wide learning outcomes.

DVCA curriculum emphasizes collaboration, community, and teamwork and, as such, most classes are heterogeneously grouped and provide differentiation to support all students in reaching their potential.

In addition to a rich and challenging PBL curriculum, there are options to take Advanced Placement and Honors courses. The "core" courses – English/Social Studies/Math/Science - are the cornerstone of our Project Based Learning curriculum, thus AP and Honors courses in those areas are generally not available.

Honors and Advanced Placement Courses

AP Calculus AB	Spanish 4 Honors P
AP Statistics	Physics Honors P
AP 2-D Art and Design	American Lit Honors P
AP Spanish 5	World Civ Honors P
AP Computer Science Principles	

Career Tech Education (CTE) Pathways

Da Vinci Charter Academy offers courses in two different Industry Sectors: **Arts, Media, and Entertainment** and **Software and Systems Development**. 18% of the class of 2023 completed one or more pathway.

STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Concurrent Enrollment

Some Da Vinci Charter Academy students are concurrently enrolled in courses at our district's comprehensive high school, Davis Senior High School (DSHS). Concurrent students may take language, music, or science courses not offered at Da Vinci Charter Academy. In the fall of 2023, 22% of Da Vinci students were co-enrolled at DSHS.

HSI Early College Dual-Enrollment

HSI Early College Dual-Enrollment at Sacramento City College has partnered with Davis Joint Unified School District to provide 3-5 asynchronous online courses per semester. In the fall of 2023, 18% of Da Vinci students elected to take a dual-enrollment course.

Internship

DVHS students are encouraged to gain career experience through an internship under the guidance of the Internship Specialist. Students can advance their own interests with established local partners to gain valuable, industry-based work experience. Fulfilling the internship requirements earns 2.5 Practical Art/CTE credits and students can take multiple internships

Athletics

All Da Vinci students have full access to the DSHS athletic program, which is a member of the CIF Sac-Joaquin Section, Delta League. Approximately 25% of Da Vinci students participate in DSHS sports.

Student Clubs

There are more than 17 student organized clubs on campus. Each fall students can apply to charter a club in the areas of academics, politics, culture, arts and special interests. Currently, chartered student clubs include Mock Trial, Red Cross, Latinos Unidos, Gay Student Union, and Black Students Union.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS (230)

- (A) Social Science: 35 credits
- (B) English: 40 credits
- (C) Math: 20 credits
- (D) Life Science: 10 credits
- (E) Physical Science: 10 credits
- (F) Visual/Performing Arts: 10 credits
- (G) Elective Courses: 75 credits
- PE: 20 credits
- Health: 5 credits
- Practical Arts: 5 credits

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Grading System

Unweighted classes are graded on a four-point scale: A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, F=0. D is the lowest passing grade. College preparatory courses show a "P" on the transcript. Community college, honors, AP courses are given one extra point when calculating a weighted GPA. Students are evaluated in all classes using the school-wide learning outcomes (SLOs). Da Vinci Charter Academy does not rank students. The following grade distribution chart is provided to assist you in evaluating student performance.

Class of 2024 (6 semesters, 75 students)

3.76 - 4.00	22 students
3.51 - 3.75	9 students
3.01 - 3.50	18 students
2.51 - 3.00	14 students
2.50 and below	12 students

SAT Tests -- Spring 2023

- DVHS Mean ERW -- 640
- Nat'l Mean ERW -- 529
- DVHS Mean Math -- 650
- Nat'l Mean Math -- 650

AP Tests -- Spring 2023

- 109 Students took 155 exams
- 63% students scored 3 or higher
- 13% students scored 5

POST-SECONDARY PLANS

Class of 2023--86 graduates

- A-G eligibility -- 76%
- 4-Year Colleges -- 47%
- 2-Year Colleges -- 36%
- Gap Year -- 5%
- Workforce -- 6%
- Specialty Programs -- 2%
- Military -- 3%

What Sets DVCA Apart?

We focus on education that is student-centered and relevant to post high school life. We also create an environment that is inclusive, collaborative, and positive. Together these qualities make DVCA a school where each student can develop valuable skills and knowledge for college and career success while feeling connected and valued by the community.