

TERRA NOVA HIGH SCHOOL

HOME OF SCHOLARS & CHAMPIONS

CEEB code: 050721



OUR MISSION: The Terra Nova High School community will develop socially responsible lifelong learners who are collaborative, creative, and adaptive thinkers via a rigorous academic curriculum and a variety of extracurricular activities that celebrate diversity and promote leadership skills.

697 2023-2024
STUDENT
ENROLLMENT

169
FRESHMEN

172
SOPHOMORES

184
JUNIORS

172
SENIORS

OUR SCHOOL: Terra Nova High School (TNHS) is located in the City of Pacifica, approximately 14 miles outside of San Francisco, CA. Pacifica is a small, safe, suburban beach town with a vibrant and diverse community of about 37,000 residents. Terra Nova High School is part of the Jefferson Union High School District (JUHSD), whose boundaries include the cities of Pacifica, Daly City, Colma and Brisbane. TNHS is one of JUHSD's three comprehensive high schools and the only comprehensive high school in the City of Pacifica.

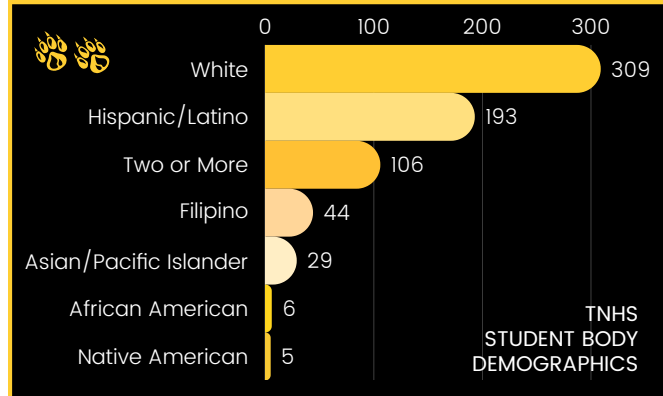


OUR STUDENTS: Terra Nova High School students represent the diverse and multicultural Bay Area. We welcome students of all ethnicities and socio-economic backgrounds.

OUR STAFF: We take pride in the diverse backgrounds of our team at Terra Nova. Our dedicated faculty and staff, many of whom are alumni, are committed to ensuring the safety and success of our students.

62 Certificated Faculty,
Counselors & Administration

37 School
Support Staff



TNHS School Administration

Megan Carey
Principal

Steve Pofahl
Vice-Principal

Ame Seibel
Vice-Principal

Carla Hensley
Vice-Principal

STUDENT SUPPORTS: Terra Nova aims to nurture the entire student, offering support in academics, behavior, social and emotional needs, as well as absenteeism.

We believe that regular attendance is key in academic success. The "Attention to Attendance" program, provided by an outside contractor, assists in keeping everyone accountable and stresses the importance of attendance in all classes.

WELLNESS SUPPORTS: TN offers confidential counseling services to support the social, emotional, and mental health of its students. Our counseling team provides prevention, mediation and intervention for various challenges, including stress management, mental health, and peer relationships, helping to ensure a fulfilling high school experience for all.

Trained Peer Helpers and Link Leaders can also provide education, support and guidance to their fellow students by offering a more experienced student perspective.

Our Mentor Program helps to foster caring and helpful relationships between students and adult mentors in order to improve students' overall engagement at school. Students identified with specific support needs are matched with a mentor to meet weekly to set and reach academic, attendance, and personal goals.





ATHLETIC PROGRAMS:

- Cheer
- Cross Country
- Football
- Flag Football
- Tennis
- Volleyball
- Water Polo
- Basketball
- Soccer
- Wrestling
- Badminton
- Baseball
- Golf
- Softball
- Swimming
- Track & Field

FINE ARTS PROGRAMS:

- Art/Studio Art
- Ceramics
- Color Guard
- Concert Band
- Dance
- Marching Band
- Theater

CAREER TECH PROGRAMS:

- Auto Shop
- Theater Arts
- Theater Arts Production
- Journalism
- Wood Technology

EXAMPLES OF TN CLUBS:

- Anime Club
- Asian Club
- Band Club
- Black Student Union
- BLOCK TN Club
- Book Club
- Breakfast Club
- CA Scholarship Federation
- Career Club
- Chess Club
- Culinary Club
- TN Dance Club
- Drama/Glee Club
- Entrepreneur's Club
- Environmental Restoration
- Friends Club
- Gamer's Club
- Guitar Club
- GSA Club
- Latinos Unidos
- Marine Biology Club
- Mock Trial Club
- Tiger News Network - TNN
- Women in Stem Club
- Women's Advocacy Club

ACADEMIC SUPPORTS: At Terra Nova, we understand that students learn in different ways. We're dedicated to providing open access to all curriculum for all types of learners. We offer a range of programmatic supports that cater to students with varying levels of need.

Level I support is available to all students and includes Flextime, a 30-minute session twice a week (Tues. and Thurs.) that allows students to attend a class of their choice. The benefits of providing a flex period during the school day are numerous.

- The ability to make up or retake tests, quizzes, and assignments.
- Extra time for completing homework or projects.
- Additional opportunities for receiving tutoring or assistance with assignments.
- Access to wellness services provided by the school.
- Access to college and career center and counselor.

Additionally, we offer extended access to our school library, providing students with technology, academic assistance, and creative resources. The library is open before and after school and during brunch and lunch period, giving all students support.

TRADITIONAL GRADING SCALE

Weighted, four-point system to calculate GPA:
A= 4 B= 3 C= 2 D=1 F=0

GRADING SCALE FROM FALL 2020-SPRING 2021:
A= 4 B= 3 C= 2 P=1 NM=0

* One extra point given for each Honors/AP course passed with a C- or higher earned.
*As part of the CA Legislation response to COVID-19, AB 104 enabled students to request letter grades to be changed to Pass/No Pass without impacting their GPA.

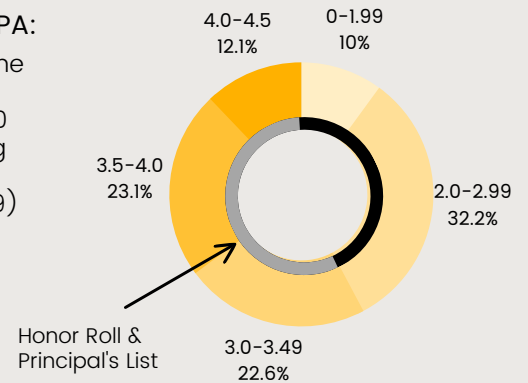
Terra Nova High School DOES RANK students based on total weighted GPA.

TNHS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Subject Area	Credits
English	40 credits
Mathematics	20 credits
State Mathematics	10 credits
Physical Education	20 credits
Life Science	10 credits
Physical Science	10 credits
Economics	5 credits
Government	5 credits
US History	10 credits
Fine Arts/LOTE	10 credits
Career Technical Ed	10 credits
Health Education	5 credits
World History	10 credits
Electives	60 credits

STUDENT BODY GPA:

More than 60% of the TNHS student body carries a GPA of 3.0 or higher, qualifying them for either the honor roll (3.0-3.49) or principal's list (3.5-4.5).



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Advanced Placement (AP), Honors & Enriched Courses

40%

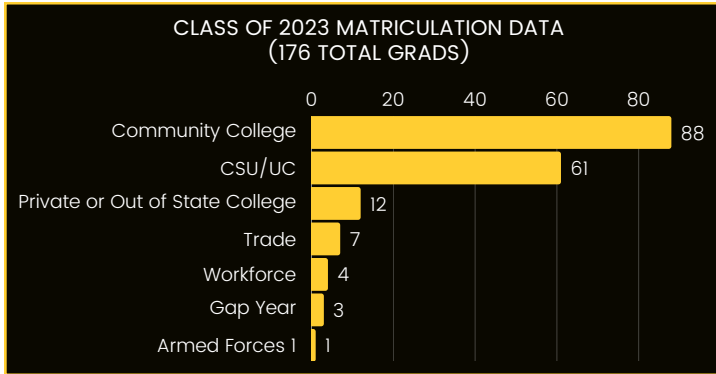
TN students enrolled in at least one AP/Enriched Course

- AP 2-D Art and Design
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Chemistry
- AP English Language & Composition
- AP English Literature & Composition
- AP Environmental Science
- AP European History
- AP Psychology
- AP U.S. Government and Politics
- AP U.S. History
- Honors II English
- Enriched 9 English
- Enriched 10 English

OUR ACTIVITIES: Terra Nova is an inclusive institution offering diverse extracurricular activities that provides academic, athletic, and personal development opportunities for its students. TNHS values diversity and encourages participation by giving the students the lead in fostering a positive school environment.

Over 75 % Of the student body participates in at least one extracurricular activity	37 IN 16 Athletic Teams Different Sports	Over 20 Student Driven Clubs	Over 70 Active Participants In Student Government
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OUR FUTURE: TNHS is dedicated to guiding our students towards post-secondary plans that align with their passions and interests. We encourage our students to explore a variety of pathways during their time with us so that each student finds the best fit for their goals and become productive members of the global community.



CLASS OF 2023 GRADUATION STATISTICS

Terra Nova High School has a **95%** graduation rate.

91% of Terra Nova Graduates are college bound to either a two or four year college.

70% of Terra Nova graduates received some type of civic, academic or athletic scholarship and or award when graduating.

Terra Nova High School Class of 2023 Colleges of Acceptance

Arizona State University	CSU Monterey Bay	Montana State University	UC Riverside
Boise State University	CSU Northridge	Northern Arizona University	UC Santa Barbara
Brigham Young University	CSU Pomona	Oregon State University	UC Santa Cruz
Cañada College	CSU Sacramento	Pepperdine University	UCLA
Chapman University	CSU San Bernadino	San Diego State University	University of Arizona
City College of San Francisco	CSU San Marcos	San Francisco State University	University of Central Florida
Clark College	CSU Stanislaus	San Jose State University	University of Idaho
College of San Mateo	DePaul University	Seattle University	University of Oregon
Colorado State University	Foothill College	Skyline Community College	University of Portland
CSU Chico	Fordham University	Sonoma State University	University of Nevada, Reno
CSU Dominguez Hills	George Fox University	St. Mary's College	University of San Diego
CSU East Bay	Grand Canyon University	Texas Tech University	University of San Francisco
CSU Fullerton	Howard University	UC Berkeley	University of the Pacific
CSU Humboldt	Louisiana State University	UC Davis	University of Utah
CSU Long Beach	Menlo College	UC Irvine	University of Wisconsin
CSU Los Angeles	Michigan State University	UC Merced	Washington State University

PARENT INVOLVEMENT: At Terra Nova there are many ways for parents to get involved with their student's high school experience.

- School Site Council - help develop, review and evaluate our instructional program and all related categorical resources
- Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) - dedicated to enabling families, teachers, staff and the community to join forces to promote a positive learning environment for all students
- Athletic Booster Club- raises funds in support of all athletic programs while promoting good health, good grades and school spirit
- TN Education Foundation - helps to fund, develop, and support access to world-class education to inspire confidence, competence, and educational excellence
- Theater Boosters meet throughout the school year to help support the theater program in many ways and promote involvement in the arts
- Band Boosters - provide logistical and financial support to the TNHS Band program and help to ensure student have an exceptional band experience
- PARENT NIGHTS: The counseling department alongside the College and Career Center offer many evening parent nights to keep families educated about the best ways to support their students.