



Thomas Downey High School

*Accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, six years granted 2013-2019
Downey initiated an AVID program in 2003-04 to foster a wider college-going presence on campus.*

School Profile 2018-2019 **CEEB Code 052000**

Richard Baum: Principal
Nicole Burrows: Associate Principal, Curriculum and Instruction
Sam DeLaRosa: Assistant Principal, Pupil Services
Ryan Sherwood: Assistant Principal, Student Supervision

Counselors

Michelle Luz, Jana Osgood, Tish Nuno-Traverso, Leah Verderame, Juan Zamora 20% and College Counselor, Christine Hammell
Student/Counselor Ratio: 600/1

Campus Visits

Private or Public Colleges and Universities are welcome to visit our campus. Visits and presentations may be arranged by calling or emailing the college counselor.

Community and School

Thomas Downey High School opened its doors to students of Modesto on September 1951 and celebrated its 60th anniversary September of 2011. Modesto is in the center of one of the greatest agricultural areas in the nation; the fertile Stanislaus County Valley. Dairy products, nuts, fruits, wine, grapes and poultry are some of the top commodities. The population of Modesto has already doubled in recent years to over 200,000.

A comprehensive, public high school, Downey is located in the heart of Modesto and has had an important place in the local landscape of Modesto over the last 60+ years. Downey is one of seven high schools in the Modesto City Schools system, serving over 14,000 students in grades 9-12. Downey has a current enrollment of over 2000 students and its student body comes from a wide range of backgrounds and neighborhoods. Light industry, farms, businesses, construction and professional offices anchor the residential areas that comprise our attendance area. Downey also has a number of students whose parents commute to the Bay Area while appreciating the quality of life in Modesto. We continue to possess a heterogeneous school population that mirrors the ethnic make-up of our town.

The Downey campus encompasses 94 classrooms, two gymnasiums, an auditorium and a library. It also includes a complete complex of athletic fields, stadium and a swimming pool. In 2007, state of the art synthetic turf was installed in Chuck Hughes Stadium. Full renovation of the Downey swimming pool and modernization of its classrooms and other facilities has been completed.

Technology is a major focus at Downey. Teachers are encouraged to infuse technology into the curriculum and use it to strengthen the integrated instruction that occurs across disciplines. Every faculty member has access to computerized resources and has a detachable hybrid notebook called a surface pro connected to internet in each classroom. Staff on campus can correspond with each other directly by email. For the last two years, "one to one" computer devices have been provided to every student at Downey so integration of technology can be introduced into the curriculum. Two hardware computer labs are equipped with computers for use by the business department & ROP class.

Downey is considered a Renaissance school by which student achievement and good attendance is acknowledged through Renaissance recognition programs and activities. Downey has a career and college counseling center on site that is available to students and also offers an after school tutoring program with additional transportation services.

Curriculum

In 2001 Thomas Downey High School was named California Distinguished School and it is the first high school in the district to achieve this coveted recognition. In 2013, Downey was granted a six-year accreditation from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. Downey operates on a seven period (49 minutes) day, with two overlapping lunch periods. Students may opt to enroll in a zero or an eighth period class from limited offerings including choir, jazz band, orchestra, photography, work experience, P.E., school service, drivers' education or leadership. Downey provides a comprehensive curriculum providing classes for students of all abilities and interests including Advanced Placement (AP), Pre-AP and college preparatory (CP) courses. Some of our student population is also served by Math & English support classes and a diverse set of special education programs. Rich vocational education programs articulated with ROP courses and Modesto Junior College prepare students to enter the world of work. Downey initiated an AVID program in 2003-04 to foster a wider college-going presence on campus. AVID is currently offered in multiple sections to include ninth through twelfth graders.

Student Activities

A variety of visual art, performing art, foreign language, industrial technology, agricultural and ROP courses enhance our core academic programs at Downey. Downey also provides an extensive extra-curricular program which involve academic competitions, athletics, community activities, clubs, student government, vocational and performing arts experiences. Such programs offer both students and staff the opportunity to understand and appreciate the full high school experience.

Graduation Requirements

Required Courses	Semester/Credits
English	8/40
Social Science	7/35
Mathematics (Must pass Algebra)	6/30
Science	4/20
Visual Performing Arts or Foreign Language	2/10
Physical Education	4/20
Practical Art	1/5
Health	1/5
230 credits required for graduation.	

Grading System and Scheduling

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. Grades are determined by student achievement relative to the objectives of the designated instructional level and the teacher.

Senior Rank in Decile

Senior Rank is determined by the **cumulative GPA** from **ALL** classes 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** classes in grades 9-11, including the extra point for honors courses in which the student earned grades of A, B, or C. Beginning 2018-2019 school year, our students are ranked by decile. Additionally, the top 5% of students are identified on the transcript. Students in special education and placement at alternative education sites are not ranked. CAL Grant GPA on the transcript refers to the college GPA for grades 10 and 11 with no weighting.

SAT/ACT Data

Class of 2018				
	SAT		ACT	
	Crit.Read	Math		
Downey Mean	477	490	Downey Composite	21
Downey 75th Percentile	540	540	Downey 75th Percentile	24
CA Mean	491	500	CA Composite	23
National Mean	494	511	National Composite	21

Advanced Placement

13 Advanced Placement Offerings

AP English Language/Composition	AP Calculus AB
AP English Literature/Composition	AP Statistics
AP Spanish Language	AP European History
AP Spanish Literature	AP U.S. History
AP Biology	AP Government
AP Physics	AP Human Geography
AP Computer Science Principles	

Ethnicity

American Indian/Alaska Native	.5%
Asian	1.7%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	.5%
Filipino	.7%
Hispanic or Latino	53.1%
Black or African American	3.0%
White	31.6%
Other	8.9%

College Acceptance Matriculation: Class of 2018

The following information is based on students who have confirmed their intent to enroll as of May 1st. Seventy-nine percent of the class of 2018 intends to pursue post-secondary education at four-year colleges/universities or two-year community colleges and vocational/trade schools. Thirty-three percent plan to attend four-year universities; forty-six percent plan to attend two-year colleges and trade schools. Downey graduates from the class of 2018 were accepted to the following campuses:

Abilene Christian University	Ohlone College
Academy of Art University, San Francisco	Oregon State University
Biola University	Saint Mary's College of California
Brightwood College, Riverside	San Jose City College
California Beauty College	Santa Clara University
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo	San Diego State University
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona	San Francisco State University
California State University, Chico	San Joaquin Valley College
California State University, East Bay	San Jose State University
California State University, Fresno	Santa Barbara City College
California State University, Long Beach	Santa Clara University
California State University, Los Angeles	Savannah College of Art and Design
California State University, Monterey Bay	Simpson University
California State University, Northridge	Sonoma State University
California State University, Sacramento	Texas A&M University
California State University, Stanislaus	University of Arizona
Chapman University	University of California, Davis
Evergreen Valley College	University of California, Irvine
Fresno Pacific University	University of California, Merced
Georgetown University	University of California, Santa Barbara
Grand Canyon University	University of Nevada, Reno
Humboldt State University	University of North Dakota
Institute of Technology	University of South Florida, Tampa
Modesto Junior College	University of the Pacific
Montana State University, Bozeman	Universal Technical Institute

