



WESTERN CENTER ACADEMY
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HIGH SCHOOL WESTERN CENTER ACADEMY



School Profile 2025-26

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Introduction

Western Center Academy, located in Hemet, California, is a dependent, public charter school sponsored by the Hemet Unified School District focused on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Our school, which rests on the grounds of the Western Science Center museum, offers a rigorous 6-12 program with academic concentrations in STEM fields such as robotics, coding, archaeology, and physics labs. In addition to facilitating a comprehensive STEM curriculum, WCA prepares its students for a more rigorous and college-ready learning experience by offering accelerated courses that include honors classes, Advanced Placement (AP), college courses (offered through Jacinto Community College and Coastline Community College), in addition to our self-developed engineering courses.

Though WCA boasts a robust STEM curriculum, we also offer strong English, Art, and Theater programs, which encourage our students to become creative, well-rounded individuals.

Additionally, we maintain an on-campus environment that facilitates innovation, teamwork, and critical thinking by engaging our students in engineering challenges throughout the year. Students employ cross-curricular concepts to approach technical trials as a group, which not only builds the character of the individual student but also the cohesiveness of the school as a whole.

Quick Facts

- WCA Middle School was opened in the fall of 2010, High School was added in the fall of 2014
- The current WCA student population is 761 (399 middle school and 362 high school)
- The diversity of WCA is comprised of the following groups: African American: 6%, American Indian: 1%, Asian: 5%, Hispanic: 47%, Multi: 6%, White: 32%
- Free/Reduced Price Lunch Percentage: 62%
- 65% of WCA teachers hold a Master's Degree
- California Distinguished School (2013, 2018, 2021, 2024)
- Riverside County Model of Academic Excellence (2014)
- California Gold Ribbon School (2017)
- National Blue Ribbon School (2017 & 2024)
- Accredited by Western Association of Schools and Colleges

Western Center Academy does not rank students and class rank is not included on their transcripts.

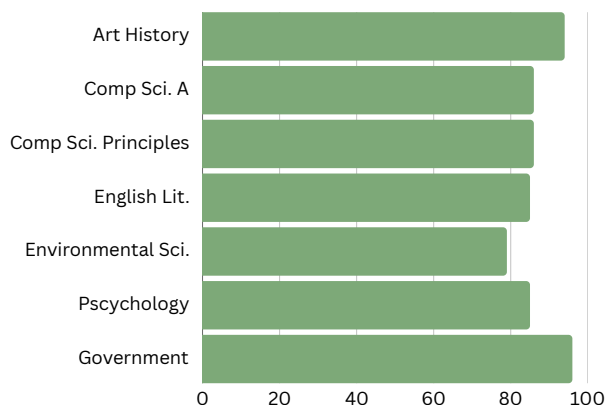
College Eligibility & System

- Class of 2025 graduates who met or exceeded University of California/CSU Requirements: **97.4%**
- Approximate percentage of 2025 graduates attending college or enlisting in military: **96%**

Selection of Honors, AP, & College Courses Offered

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AP Art History AP Biology AP Calc AB AP Calc BC AP Computer Science AP English Literature AP Environmental Science AP European History AP Government AP Psychology AP Physics C : Mechanics AP Physics C: Electricity & Mag | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AP Pre-Calculus AP Statistics Honors Biology Honors Chemistry Honors English 9 Honors English 10 Honors English 11 Honors Geometry Honors World History English 101 English 103 Spanish 1 C180 Spanish 2 C185 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Japanese 1 C180 Japanese 2 C185 Psychology C100 Sociology C100 Conceptual Physics C110 Statistics C160 American Cinema Hum C135 Business C100 Art History 2 C101 Abnormal Psychology C255 2D Art C110 JAVA CSIS 113B US History 111 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Astronomy C100 History C170 History C175 Calculus II C185 Calculus III C280 Appreciation of Music C100 World Music C103 History of Rock n Roll C139 Logic and Critical Thinking C115 Child Growth/Development C116 Psychology of Aging C170 Biology 131 Biotechnology |
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● Sample 2025 AP Pass Rates



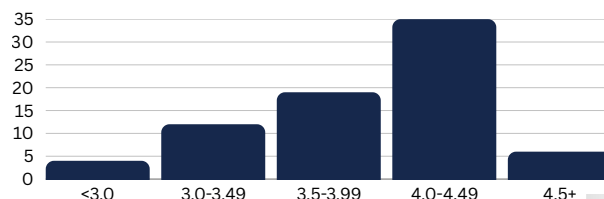
AP Equity and Excellence: 91%*

*Percentage of the class of 2025 who passed an AP exam in high school: 91%

Graduation Requirements

- Students must accumulate 220 credits
- 70 credits of Elective
- 40 credits of English
- 30 credits of Math
- 30 credits of Social Science
- 20 credits of Science
- 20 credits of Physical Education
- 10 credits of a Fine Art, World Language, or Career & Technical Education Course

● Total Weighted GPA Distribution c/o 2025



Graduating Calculation (GPA)

	General/College Prep/ Honors Courses	AP/College Courses
A = Excellent		
B = Above Average	4 pts.	5 pts.
C = Average	3 pts.	4 pts.
D = Passing	2 pts.	3 pts.
F = Fail	1 pts.	1 pts.
I = Incomplete	0 pts.	0 pts.
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Grades for Advanced Placement (AP) and College Courses are computed on a five-point scale and are designated on the transcript with a plus symbol (+). Honors classes are not weighted.

WCA Extra-Curricular Activities

- Academic Decathlon
- Science Olympiad
- FIRST FTC Robotics
- Science Fair
- National Honor Society
- LINK Crew
- ASB
- Yearbook
- California Scholarship Federation
- Thespians Society
- Athletics (at their home high school)
- JROTC (at their home high school)
- A variety of clubs such as Nature Photography, Future Doctors, Finance, eSports, etc.

Graduate Destinations

University of California

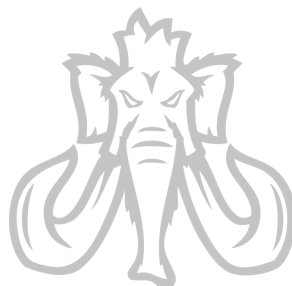
Berkeley Merced
Davis San Diego
Irvine Santa Barbara
Los Angeles Santa Cruz
Riverside

California State University

Chico Monterey Bay
East Bay Stanislaus
Maritime Academy Channel Islands
Sacramento Dominguez Hills
San Francisco San Marcos
San José San Diego
Sonoma Cal Poly Humboldt
Bakersfield Cal Poly Pomona
Fresno Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

Ivy League Schools

Brown University
Columbia University
Cornell University
Dartmouth College
Harvard University
Princeton University
University of Pennsylvania
Yale University



MIT
CalTech
Stanford University
University of Chicago
Northwestern University
University of Chicago
Duke University
Arizona State University
Brigham Young University
Embry Riddle Aeronautical University
Howard University
New York University
Oregon State University
Southern Utah University
Texas A&M University
The George Washington University
United States Air Force
United States Army
United States Marine Corps
University of Alabama
University of Alaska
University of Colorado
University of Michigan