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WHAT I LOVE ABOUT DA VINCI





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- Overview of Da Vinci High Schools:
 - Da Vinci Connect (Hybrid, Dual Enrollment)
 - Da Vinci RISE (Hybrid)
 - Da Vinci Communications
 - Da Vinci Design
 - Da Vinci Science
- Hear from Current Students & Alumni
- Extracurricular Activities
- Enrollment Process
- Self-Guided Tours of Schools & Gym



Signature Programs & Practices

Supporting Student Growth & Achievement

- A focus on supporting the whole child -- academic, social, emotional learning
- Small, Safe & Nurturing Communities
- Low Student-to-Counselor Ratio (3-4 counselors per high school – 171:1 ratio at Da Vinci compared to 464:1 State Average)
- Mastery-Based Grading
- Habits of Heart & Mind



Signature Programs & Practices

College & Career Preparation Simultaneously

- Project-Based, College-Prep A-G Curriculum
- Real-World Learning & Industry Connections
- Career Pathways
- Exhibition Nights, Presentations of Learning,
 Student-Led Conferences

"Da Vinci Schools are among the very finest I've seen."

- Dr. David Brown, former Executive Director WASC Accrediting Commission for Schools



Why Project-Based Learning?

Content Mastery. Meaningful Work. Personal Connection.

- Learning by Doing. Students work in teams to solve real-world problems and demonstrate mastery of key skills (collaboration, critical thinking, communication, creativity, etc.)
- Engaged Hearts and Minds. Students actively engage in projects with real-world relevance and solve problems that are important to them and their communities.
- **Deeper Learning**. PBL leads to deeper learning and greater retention of content knowledge.
- Adults and Careers. Students interact with adults and businesses in the community and begin to develop career interests.

Russell

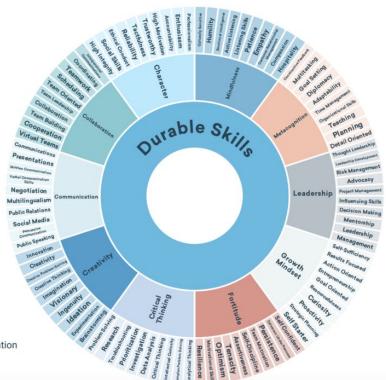
A-G Curriculum & Why It Matters

- In 2023, only 44% of California high school seniors completed the minimum A-G coursework required to be eligible to apply to the state's UC and Cal State universities
- 94% of DV graduates meet the UC/Cal State A-G course requirements
- At Da Vinci, you can't make a wrong choice. By design, all of our classes meet the A-G course requirements and count toward California's UC/Cal State eligibility requirements with a letter grade of C or better.

Local High Schools	Percentage of Graduates who Meet UC/CSU Entrance Requirements
Da Vinci High Schools	94%
Mira Costa High School	85%
El Segundo High School	83%
Redondo Union High School	78%
Culver City High School	73%
Leuzinger High School	46%
Hawthorne High School	45%
LA Unified	44%
State Average	44%

Career Technical Education

- Leadership: Directing efforts and delivering results
- Character: Personal and professional conduct
- Collaboration: Teamwork and connection
- Communication: Information exchange and management
- Creativity: New ideas and novel solutions
- Critical Thinking: Informed ideas and effective solutions
- Metacognition: Self-understanding and personal management
- 8. Mindfulness: Interpersonal and self-awareness
- Growth Mindset: Improvement and aspiration
- 10. Fortitude: Constitution and inspiration



Da Vinci Communications

- + Computer Science
- + Multimedia Journalism
- + Marketing
- + Media Production

Da Vinci Design

- + Architecture
- + Graphic Design
- + Entrepreneurship
- + Fine Arts

Da Vinci Science

- + Mechanical Engineering
- + Civil Engineering
- + Biomedical Science & Engineering

Da Vinci Connect High

- + Entrepreneurship
- + Aviation

Da Vinci RISE

- + Digital Arts
- + Mental Health

College Admissions Guidance from a College Admissions Coach



"When college admissions' officers are reading applications... they first want to see how applicants performed relative to the opportunities at their high school and compared to their peers at the same high school, then they compare applicants against a broader group. Admissions officers are also looking not just for any extracurricular activities, they want to know if students are doing things they're passionate about, and doing extracurricular things that align with the majors they're applying for."

Michelle Mai, CEO and Founder of College Planning Source

AP, Dual Enrollment, & Honors at Da Vinci

An Emphasis on Dual Enrollment

- Earn credits toward a college degree while in high school.
- College admissions officers want to see that **students have taken the most rigorous coursework available to them**.
- DV has multiple dual enrollment partners.
- Da Vinci Connect students take college classes beginning in 9th grade.
- DV students can earn an AA/BA degree for free through Rivet with Da Vinci.

Arizona State University



We also have Honors courses at Da Vinci...

- Raise your GPA! When you get an honors designation on your transcript, you also get a
 one-point GPA boost which shows colleges you're taking the most rigorous courses offered by
 your school.
- Are NOT separate classes; students can earn honors in their "regular" classes.
- Can be earned by any student at Da Vinci.
- Require additional and/or deeper work like an additional project, extra assignments, must demonstrate a high level of content mastery; are typically rolled out by teachers in Sept.

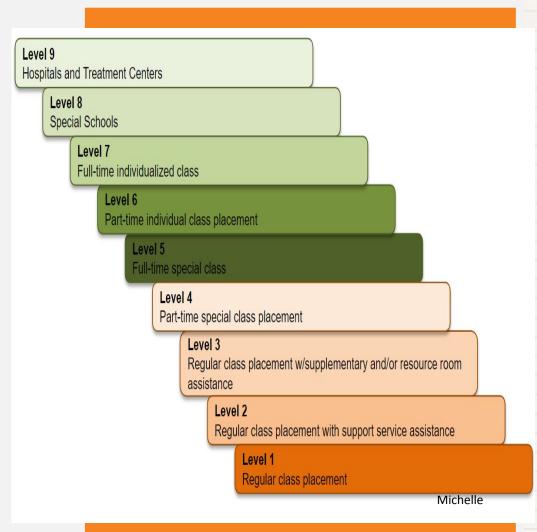


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SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

Supporting Students in the Least Restrictive Environment

- Full Inclusion Model of Support
- Continuum of Care with Staff
- Seminars/Resource Lab/Flex Block
- Partnership with Department of Rehabilitation
- Focus on Student Self-Advocacy



College-Prep Off to the next adventure!

- 94% of all Da Vinci graduates completed the A-G college entrance requirements, a rate 50% higher than the 2023 State Average.
- 82% of all Da Vinci graduates enrolled in college immediately after high school, 20% higher than most recent State and National Averages.
- 91% of Da Vinci graduates persist in second year of college, 15% higher than the National Average.
- Da Vinci students are being accepted to a wide range of elite colleges and universities across the country.



Where Our Students Are Going After High School









Stanford









DARTMOUTH















CAL POLY













Smith College

Real-World Learning Program

Preparing students for success after high school and launching them into financially stable and fulfilling lives.



Job Market Mismatch

There are 8.1 million unfilled jobs across the country because applicants don't have the skills employers need.

How DV is Meeting the Moment

DV students have had 2,931 interactions with industry partners over the past 2 years.

Preparing Young People

For the Workforce of Tomorrow

Project collaborations with **Belkin**, **Gensler**, **Western Museum of Flight**, **AfroLA News**, and more...

Leaving to learn experiences with **Blue Robotics**, **Snap Inc.**, **Warner Brother Studios**, **NAC Architecture**, **LACMA**, **and more**...

Internship and Fellowships at **Kaiser Permanente**, **Boeing, Ghetto Film School, Pod, Sony, and more...**

Mentoring & coaching with Northrop Grumman, Boeing, Pass It Forward, UniteLA, and more...







Our Schools

On Campus (5 days per week on campus)

DV Communications (9-12)

DV Design (9-12)

DV Science (9-12)

Hybrid (2 days per week on campus)

DV Connect (TK-College)
DV RISE (9-12)



DV Connect High (9-12)

Hybrid Students spend 2 days/week on campus

- Dual Enrollment/Early College
 All students take college classes beginning in
 9th grade with our dual enrollment partner ASU. Additional courses through El Camino
 College also available.
- Real-World Learning
- Habits of Heart & Mind
- CTE Pathways: Entrepreneurship & Aviation
- Advisory: Life skills, financial literacy & more
- Asynchronous Learning & Extracurriculars



"We are committed to solving the college completion crisis."

Sample: Grade 9, Semester 1

	Monday (off-campus)	Tuesday (on Campus)	Wednesday(off-campus)	Thursday (off-campus)	Friday (on campus)
8:30-9:15 45 mins	office hours, college work, real world learning		office hours, college work, real world learning	office hours, college work, real world learning	
9:15 - 10:45 90 mins	90 minutes of asynchronous work	English 9 90 mins	90 minutes of asynchronous work	90 minutes of asynchronous work	English 9 90 mins
10:50 - 12:20 90 mins	90 minutes of asynchronous work	Math 90 mins	90 minutes of asynchronous work	90 minutes of asynchronous work	Math 90 mins
Lunch 12:20-12:50					
12:55 - 2:25 90 mins	90 minutes of asynchronous work	Success Habits 90 mins	90 minutes of asynchronous work	90 minutes of asynchronous work	Success Habits 90 mins
2:30 - 3:15 45 mins	office hours, college work, real world learning	Advisory 45 mins	45 minutes of asynchronous work	45 minutes of asynchronous work	Advisory 45 mins
3:15 - 4:00 45 mins	office hours, college work, real world learning		office hours, college work, real world learning	office hours, college work, real world learning	

Please note: This is a sample schedule and exact 2025-26 start and end times may change.

DV CONNECT HIGH

Upcoming Info Sessions

Monday, Mar. 3, 2025 | 6:00-7:00 PM Tuesday, Apr. 22, 2025 | 6:00-7:00 PM

Location: 550 Continental Blvd.

El Segundo, CA 90245

















Our Schools + Programs

Hybrid

DV RISE High (9-12)

Refer a friend!

A progressive high school focused on meeting the unique needs of at-promise youth navigating foster care, housing instability, probation, and/or other circumstances that have caused disruptions in their academic journeys.

Da Vinci RISE has **two learning sites** co-located with social service providers in high-need areas across Los Angeles.

dvrise.davincischools.org



The RISE Model



Colocation Partnerships

Wraparound service agencies:

A Place Called Home

Richstone Family Center

Learning centers across the county



Hybrid Learning

Anytime/ Anywhere learning Flex Scheduling Virtual Courses



Personalized Learning

3 Graduation Pathways Internships Small Group Learning



Revolutionary Education

Competency based learning Mastery Based grading Individualized projects and opportunities

Restorative **Justice**

Healing community and Restorative Responses



Mental Health Team

Case managers, MSW Interns, Psychologist, Behavior interventionist, Coordinator of Services and Partnerships



Transportation

HopSkipDrive Metro Passes Van Service



Wraparound Services

Material Resources Internships/externships Baby supplies Mentorship Scholarships Groceries Crisis Management

Transitional Support

College and Career workshops World of Work

Michelle

Our Schools + Programs

On Campus

DV Communications (9-12) DV Design (9-12) DV Science (9-12)

Best of both worlds!

Small schools - 530 students each

Combined resources and opportunities of a larger school



DVC/DVD/DVS: Program

Block Schedule: Core academic classes, college prep, project-based, real world learning, career pathways

Advisory: Life skills, health and wellness, community building, and fun

Seminars (Electives): Fun & active, two per semester, meet one to two times weekly

Flex Block/Office Hours: Dedicated time to meet with teachers to get extra support, create an action plan for success, etc.



DVC/DVD/DVS: 4-Year Course Sequence

9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
English 9 Math Physics World Language Career Pathways*	English 10 Math World History Chemistry World Language Career Pathways*	English 11 Math US History Biology World Language Career Pathways	English 12 Math College & Career Readiness Government/Economics Elective Career Pathways
Advisory Seminar 1 Seminar 2	Advisory Seminar 1 Seminar 2	Advisory Seminar 1 Seminar 2	Advisory Seminar 1 Seminar 2

Grace

^{*}Students in the 9th and 10th grade take introductory coursework before selecting a Career Pathway to focus on in the 11th and 12th grades.

DVC/DVD/DVS SEMINARS

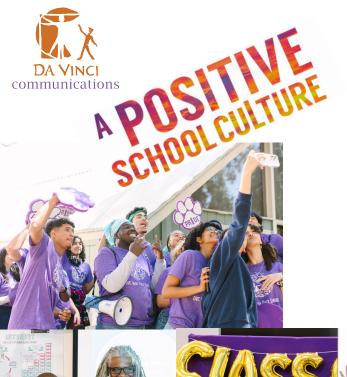
Elective classes at the end of the school day

(partial list)

Acting Intro to Philosophy Astronomy Jewelry Making Baskethall Jiu Jitsu Black Student Union Latin Student Union Card Games & Chill Hop Leadership Ceramics Math Intervention Chess Makerspace College Writing/Personal Mindful Walking Statement Workshop Music Production **Computer Science** Painting Credit Recovery Photography Crocheting Running **Dungeons & Dragons** SAT/ACT Prep **English Language Learners** Sewing Fabrication Lab Society of Women Engineers Film History Star Wars Universe Financial Literacy Studio Orchestra Frishee Swimming **Futsal** Weightlifting Graphic Design Portfolio Prep **Work Experience** Horror Film & Literature Yearbook **Improv** Yoga Independent Reading Youth & Government

GRACE

What Makes Each School Unique



College-Ready

Financial Literacy Program

College & Career Support



Career Pathways

Computer Science Multimedia Journalism Media Production Marketing

Intro to Computer Science

Community-Minded

FUTURES Program

Cultural Celebrations

Peer-to-Peer Support











Da Vinci Design CTE Pathways

Graphic Design

Da Vinci Design CTE Pathways

Architecture

Da Vinci Design CTE Pathways

Entrepreneurship

Da Vinci Design CTE Pathways

Fine Art

Da Vinci Design

Curriculum driven by industry partnerships and grade-level, interdisciplinary projects Project Examples:

- 10th grade Honors Gallery Show (Resin Studios)
- CALKids Scholarship Project (w/ CA State Treasurer's Office)
- Other Highlights:
 - Senior Projects & Senior Showcase
 - International Travel via ATLAS
 - 20+ fun and diverse clubs

Da Vinci Design is a safe, caring and highly engaged learning community that celebrates diversity, creativity, leadership and opportunities for all students to achieve their future goals.





At Da Vinci Science
High School,
we prioritize
relationships in a
STEM-focused,
inclusive community.



Building a strong MATH FOUNDATION

- Two math courses in 9th grade
- Every student has the opportunity to progress to taking Calculus or Advanced Calculus (ECC MATH 190)
- Additional math courses:
 Applied Math, Advanced
 Statistics, Mathematical Problem
 Solving

Offering STEM-based **CAREER PATHWAYS**

Biomedical Science & Engineering Pathway

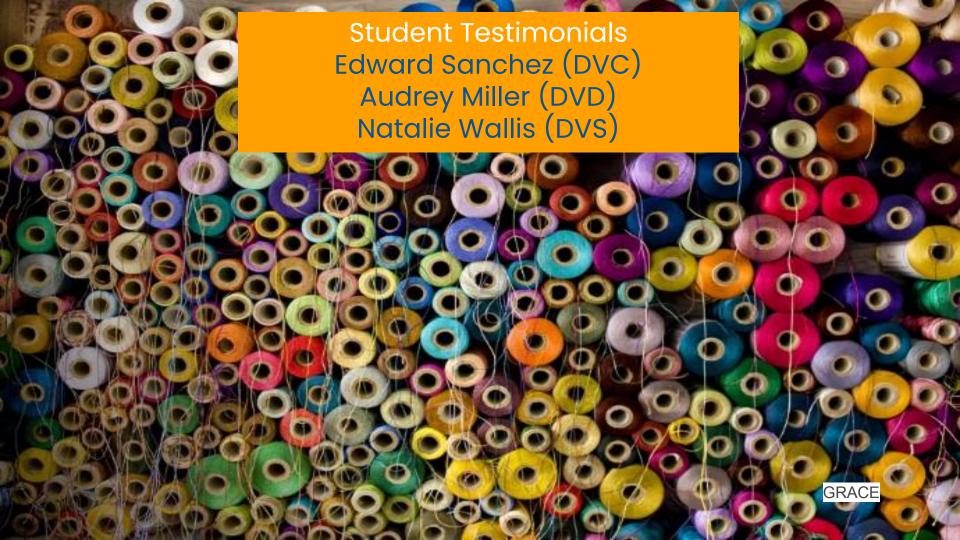
Civil Engineering & Architecture Pathway

Mechanical Engineering Pathway

Building community through **PROGRAMS**

- Youth & Government
- Robotics program
 (course, seminar)
- Society of
 Women Engineers
 (SWE)







Extracurricular Activities

EXTRACURRICULARS*

- CIF Athletics (more info to come)
- Performing Arts (more info to come)
- World Championship Robotics
 Team
- Clubs
- Prom, Grad Night, Dances
- ... and more!







*ALL Da Vinci high school students come together for extracurricular activities

RUSSELL

Performing Arts

HS Ensembles:

Choir
Musical Theatre Production
Studio Orchestra





Spring '25 Seminars (electives):

Acting
Music Production
Drum Ensemble

Stagecraft

Other performance opportunities:

Open Mics Band Bash



WDV Performing Arts Partners

An articulated TK-12 pathway



Wiseburn USD
Da Vinci Schools
Wiseburn Education Foundation
Da Vinci Schools Fund

Upcoming Events



- GREASE (Feb 28-Mar 2 and Mar 7-9)
- DV Open Mic (Apr 8)
- Rock Around the Block (Apr 26)
- Band Bash (May 8th)
- Voices of DV Choir (May 23rd)
- Seminar Night (May 28th)
- Connect TK8 Talent Showcase (May 30)
- Spring Showcase (June 7th)





Performing Arts



Performing Arts



CIF ATHLETICS*

Fall Sports

Boys and Girls X Country

Girls Volleyball

Boys Beach Volleyball



Winter Sports Spring Sports

Boys Basketball Boys and Girls Track

Girls Basketball Boys Volleyball

Boys Soccer Girls Beach Volleyball

Girls Soccer Softball

Baseball

Swimming (co-ed)

Giris Soccer

Summer Training & Development

<u>Year-Round**</u>: Archery, Cheer, E-Sports

*WDV Athletics: Available to ALL DV high school students

WISEBURN DA VINCI ATHLETICS



599 student-athletes, 29 teams, 16 sports in 2023-24. Most teams play in the Pioneer League.





Brand New WDV Soccer Field!



The Enrollment Process

- → Check out the enrollment web pages on the DV Schools website for the latest information starting with Enrollment Overview
- All school brochures are downloadable from our school webpages

Need to knows...

- Da Vinci Schools serve as the residence high schools for Wiseburn Unified; Wiseburn Residents are always guaranteed a spot
- Free public school option, open to all residents of CA
- No permits or releases are needed
- TK-12 New Student Application for 2025-26 opened on Nov. 1st, 2024 and is found on our Da Vinci Schools website
 - RISE has a separate application found at the bottom of the SchoolMint login page
- Priority Application Deadline for 2025-26 isFeb. 28, 2025



DVC/DVD/DVS Enrollment Priorities

Students are admitted in the following order:

- 1. Wiseburn Residents
- 2. Children of Da Vinci and Wiseburn staff, board members and school founders
- Students on permit who entered the Wiseburn Unified School District or DV Connect charter in K-5th grades
- Students on permit who entered the Wiseburn Unified School District or DV Connect charter in 6th grade
- 5. Students who entered the DV Connect charter in 7th or 8th grades
- Siblings of students currently enrolled in a
 Da Vinci School from grades 9-11 of the previous school year
- 7. All Others



DV Connect Enrollment Priorities

Students are admitted in the following order:

- Wiseburn Residents
- 2. Siblings of currently enrolled Da Vinci Connect students in grades TK-11
- 3. Children of Da Vinci and Wiseburn teachers, staff and Board members
- 4. Students who are currently attending Wiseburn K-8 schools on permit (entered District in K-5)
- Students who are currently attending Wiseburn K-8 schools on permit (entered District in 6th grade)
- 6. All Others



How to Apply

The New Student 2025-26 Application is now open.

Apply online at davincischools.org

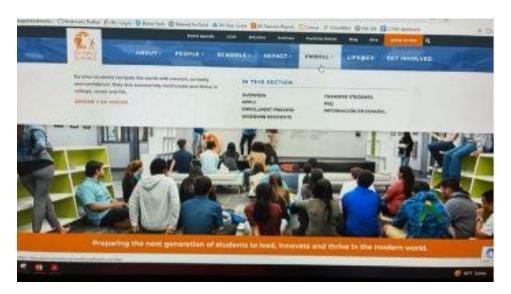
We recommend applying & ranking all DV high schools to increase your chances of receiving an offer of enrollment.

Priority Application Deadline is February 28, 2025.

Lottery on March 6, 2025 is optional.



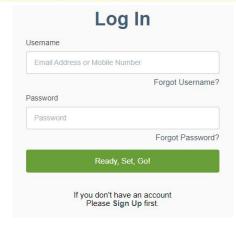
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Intra-School Transfer Requests

- We have a **very limited** number of openings for current students seeking to transfer from one Da Vinci school to another for the 10th, 11th and 12th grades.
- Before accepting an offer of enrollment, families should understand that the school they are enrolling in is for the **long-term**.
- We do have a process to request an Intra-School Transfer. The priority window to request an intra-school transfer is **January 2 February 28, 2025**. The form will be available on our website under Transfer Requests. Completion of the form is not a guarantee of transfer.
- Intra-School Transfers are made based on reason for the request, the student's good standing, administrator approval, and space availability.
- Transfer request final decisions take place in April.

New Transfer Students

We have a limited number of openings for new students seeking to transfer in the 10th, 11th and 12th grades.

- ✓ Transfer applicants who turn in a timely application are entered into the lottery in order to determine waitlist ranking. Late applications are put at the bottom of the waiting list.
- ✓ Transfer students usually receive notifications during the summer.
- ✓ After an offer of conditional enrollment, applicants must submit transcripts from all prior high schools the student has attended before a final offer is made.
- ✓ Transcripts are used for grade level determination, not for admissions purposes.

Upcoming Events for Prospective Families

- DV Connect High Info Nights/Tours
- Community Tours
- **■** Exhibition Nights

DV Science: April 8 | 6:00-7:30pm (all grades)

DV Communications: April 9 | 5:30-7:00pm (10th/12th)

DV Design: April 10 | 5:30-7:30pm (9-11th grades)

DV Connect High: May 6 | 4:45pm-7:00pm (10th/12th)

Enrollment Overview Webpage



High School Enrollment - Contact Info

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Visit School Floors & Gym

Da Vinci Design - 4th floor
Da Vinci Communications - 3rd floor
Da Vinci Science - 2nd floor

Gymnasium



THANK YOU!