

## ABOUT THE COMMUNITY

La Crescenta is located in a valley in the foothills north of Los Angeles. It is a suburb that is reflective of the socio-economic diversity of Los Angeles County. Although the number of condominium and apartment complexes continues to increase, the majority of residents live in single family houses. The community has skilled service industry, but most residents commute to their places of employment. Crescenta Valley High School draws its students from portions of Glendale, La Canada-Flintridge, Montrose and the unincorporated section of La Crescenta. The school has seen a dramatic rise in enrollment over the last few years. Although the school underwent a major renovation a few years ago and added three new classroom buildings and a new gym, we have already grown well beyond planned capacity. We are pleased that our tradition of excellence continues to draw families to our community and that we serve their students well.

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTING

In **May 2008**, 845 students took 1657 Advanced Placement Exams with a 70% success rate.

In **May 2009**, 837 students took 1668 Advanced Placement Exams with a 76% success rate.

In **May 2010**, 883 students took 1753 Advanced Placement Exams with a 72% success rate.

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT STUDENT RECOGNITION

	2008	2009	2010
AP Scholar Award	111	132	110
AP Scholar with Honors	67	51	63
AP Scholar w/Distinction	89	95	91
National Scholar	13	18	14

## NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

	2008	2009	2010
Commended Students	24	43	18
Semi-Finalists	6	13	3

## SAT COMPOSITE SCORES

SAT Reasoning Test - Revised Format			
	Critical Reading	Math	Writing
<b>2008</b> (484 students tested)			
CVHS	549	603	555
Nat'l Mean	502	515	494
<b>2009</b> (419 students tested)			
CVHS	553	609	560
Nat'l Mean	501	515	493
<b>2010</b> (452 students tested)			
CVHS	552	600	561
Nat'l Mean	501	516	492

## ACT COMPOSITE SCORES

	2007 (105 students tested)		2008 (227 students tested)		2009 (227 students tested)	
	CVHS	Nat'l	CVHS	Nat'l	CVHS	Nat'l
English	23.8	20.7	24.3	20.6	24.0	21.8
Math	26.5	21.0	26.6	21.0	26.4	22.8
Reading	24.5	21.5	24.1	21.4	24.3	22.4
Science	23.2	21.0	23.2	20.8	23.1	21.4
Composite	24.6	22.2	24.7	21.1	24.6	22.2

**Principal**  
Dr. Michele Doll

**Associate Principal**  
Michael Bertram

**Assistant Principals**  
Sungsook Kim  
Lisa Reed  
Charlotte Sassounian

## Counselors

Janelle Evans  
Anet Hairapetian  
Narineh Makijan  
Maria Mendez  
Jennifer Widaman

**G, H, J & L**  
**I, K & S**  
**C - F & T, U & Z**  
**A, N - R**  
**B, M & V - Y**

# CRESCENTA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

2010 - 11 Profile

*California Distinguished School*

*U.S. Department of Education  
Blue Ribbon School*



## A TRADITION OF PRIDE AND EXCELLENCE

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## ABOUT THE SCHOOL

Crescenta Valley High School opened in 1960 as the third comprehensive high school in the Glendale Unified School District. Previously a junior high school, the school has undergone two renovations to meet the needs of the population growth in the valley. The last few years there has been a concerted effort by all staff members to have all graduates be college ready by meeting the CSU and UC a-g requirements. CVHS has been recognized as a Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education, as a State Distinguished School by the California State Department of Education, has received the Los Angeles County Music Center Bravo Award for our outstanding arts program and was ranked in the top 4% of all U.S. high schools by Newsweek magazine. The school is an integral part of the community. CVHS is fortunate that parent and community support is everywhere from our strong sports programs, theatre arts, music programs, the Science and Medicine Academy, its strategic planning teams and booster clubs. That support is no small part of what makes CV the wonderful school it is. Despite its growth, CVHS is fortunate to be located in a fairly stable community whose children will be second or third generation CVHS graduates.

**Accreditation** Western Association of Schools & Colleges (WASC)

**Enrollment** 2910 (grades 9 - 12)  
702 (grade 12)

### Ethnicity of Student Population

54% Caucasian  
31% Asian  
11% Hispanic

(Remaining 4% includes American Indian/Alaskan Native, African-American, Filipino and Pacific Islander)

**Faculty** Certificated Staff 120  
Classified Staff 41

**CEEB Code** 051313

**School Year** 2 Semesters

**District Website** www.gusd.net

**School Website** www.cvhsfalcons.com

## MISSION STATEMENT

Within a safe and caring environment, Crescenta Valley High School provides a meaningful standards-based curriculum that guarantees all students the opportunities and resources to attain the skills, knowledge, and values necessary to function as responsible and productive members of society.

### College Admissions

Four-year University . . . . . 56%  
Two-year College/Vocational . . . . . 43%  
Other (includes technical programs, military and work force) . . . . . 1%

### Graduation Requirements

English	4 years	40 credits
Mathematics	2 years	20 credits
Science	2 years	20 credits
Physical Education	2 years	20 credits
Social Science	3 years	30 credits
Fine Art	1 year	10 credits
Health	1 semester	5 credits
Career Prep	1 semester	5 credits
Electives	. . .	70 credits

**Total Credits Required 220 credits**

### Other Requirements:

- Computer Literacy Competency (by test or class)
- Successful completion of the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) in English and Math

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Offerings include 20 varsity sports teams, a full dance program, pep squad/drill team, marching band, and jazz band, orchestra, choral groups, theatre arts and over 25 student clubs. Our students produce an award-winning yearbook, an award-winning bi-weekly newspaper, a literary magazine and a prose journal. Student government and the school/community service organizations are important aspects of life at Crescenta Valley High School where community service is strongly encouraged. Students are encouraged to explore career options by taking R.O.P. (Regional Occupational Program) classes, participating in the Air Force JROTC Program or the Science and Medicine Academy.

## HONORS AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES OFFERED

English 9, 1-2 Adv.*	Physiology 1-2 (H)
English 10, 1-2 (H)	AP Environmental Sci 1-2
AP English Lang/Comp 1-2	AP Biology 3-4
AP English Lit/Comp 1-2	AP Chemistry 3-4
	AP Physics B 1-2
AP French Language	AP Physics C 1-2 (Electricity, & Magnetism/Mechanics)
AP German Language	
AP Spanish Language	
AP Spanish Literature	
	AP European History 1-2
Algebra 2A/2B (H)	AP U.S. History 1-2
Math Analysis A/B (H)	AP Psychology 1-2
AP Statistics 1-2	AP Economics Macro 1-2
AP Calculus AB	AP Govt & Politics US 1-2
AP Calculus BC	
AP Applied Comptr Sci A 1-2	
AP Art History 1-2	
AP Studio Art Drawing 1-2	

**Weighted courses have two titles - Honors (H) and Advanced Placement (AP)**

(\* ) Advanced class not included in weighted scale - no bonus point given

## CALCULATION OF GRADE POINT AVERAGE

### Regular Grading Scale:

A = 4 points	C = 2 points	NM = No Mark
B = 3 points	D = 1 point	I = Incomplete
	F = 0 points	

### Weighted Grade Scale:

A = 5 points	B = 4 points	C = 3 points
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(Honors and Advanced Placement courses will not receive weighted point if grade is lower than a "C")

## CLASS RANK

Class Rank is a weighted rank calculating all courses taken in grades 9 through 12, including Physical Education.