

SAN MARCOS MIDDLE SCHOOL



2017-2018 SCHOOL STATISTICS

Designated in 2018

Community Size - Suburban

School Enrollment - 1240

Grade Levels -6, 7, 8

School Calendar - Traditional

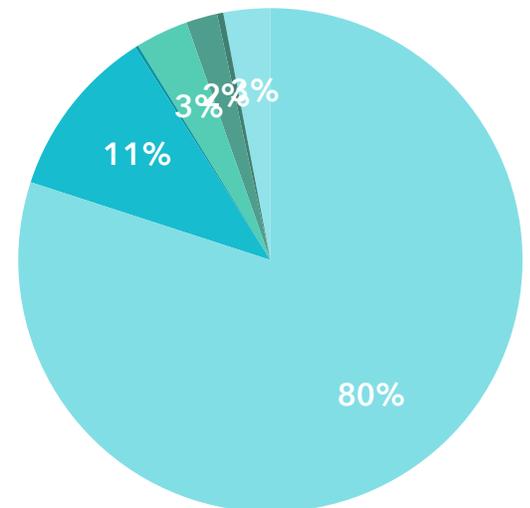
Free and Reduced Lunch 78.7%

English Learners 27.7%

Students With Disabilities 15%

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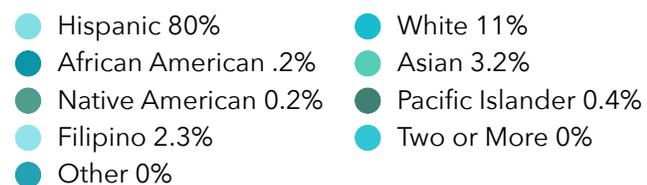
2017-2018 School Demographics



School Characteristics and Replicable Practices

Academic Excellence

- All teachers and administrators participate in a two-year program called Essential Elements of Instructions (EEI), which serves as principles of instruction for our school. The elements include what to teach, how the students will learn and demonstrate what they have learned, and what teacher actions will be needed to accomplish steps one and two.
- Each department's curriculum provides students with formative assessments to promote mastery of the skills as well as summative assessments that are aligned throughout the district.



- Learning and mastery of content is accomplished through a focus on a collaborative group learning environment.
- All content disciplines at our school offer individual strategies to enhance student comprehension. For example, in English Language Arts, our site offers a curriculum pacing guide, core texts, and supplemental reading that challenges all students. In mathematics, teachers use a plethora of technology to introduce dynamic real life problems through Desmos, three act math, and other means of presenting visually engaging problems.
- In Science courses, students partake in activities developed by NGSS; from these standards, students become scientists and used technology to investigate, collect data, provide graphical representations, and learn how Science is relative outside a classroom environment.

Developmental Responsiveness

- All sixth graders are provided a modified schedule with four teachers throughout the day, to ease their transition into middle school.
- San Marcos Middle School implements “Villages” in seventh and eighth grade to support students by ensuring that the four core area teachers share the same students. This assists teachers in aligning their instructional practices, and providing more focused student interventions.
- In order to support student interest, a variety of clubs are offered by teachers to increase intellectual development. Such clubs include: Underwater Robotics, Makerspace which creates projects using Science and Engineering skills, Model United Nations, Chess club, Crusader Times Newspaper, and Photography club.
- Our school offers emotional and physical development through our fitness facility with state of the art equipment. This facility is located onsite, and its use helps ensure that all students are meeting national and state based wellness goals. Additionally, students are encouraged to participate in all our after-school sports teams including: Football, Volleyball, coed-Soccer, Cross Country, Track and Field, and Basketball.
- The second Wednesday of each month our counselors hold Career Café at lunch. At these meetings students hear from parents and community members about their careers, such as firefighters, police officers, mechanics, professors (of sociology), psychologists.
- We hold a variety of parenting Workshops, such as how to support your child academically, and how to monitor student progress online. Additionally, parents are informed and included in their child’s education through events such as Family Literacy Night and Family Science Night.
- Service opportunities are offered to students at SMMS. These include volunteering at local elementary schools and churches.
- SMMS extends the school day by hosting Boys and Girls Club on campus Monday through Friday until 6:00pm. Students receive academic support during “Power Hour” and participate in extracurricular activities such as dance, art, and sports.

Social Equity

- San Marcos Middle School provides co-teaching classes for our special education and English Language Learners (ELL) where they are able to access high academic and behavioral expectations while having the support from a specialist in the core subject.

- In order to better support students, SMMS has opened up the library after school where students are able to participate in an afterschool tutoring (peer and teacher) “Achievement Hub.”
- Four to six week academies are available as well, before school and after school, for students needing extra assistance in the areas of math and English Language Development.
- Supplemental enrichment classes are available for all students before and after school; AVID, Music, STEM related courses, along with the ASES (After School Education and Safety) grant through Boys and Girls club.
- Students with disabilities are in co-taught classes in Math, ELA, History, science where special education specialist go in to support the students.
- Our school provides multiple experiences of cultural awareness through our 7th grade History/ Social Science classes, Art, Drama, ASB, and our mentor program.
- The VIP program encourages students to strive for academic excellence, helps create good citizenship skills by making the students responsible for their personal school attendance, behaviors used in each class and school performance overall.
- Students are encouraged to participate in service learning projects in their immediate school community and community at large.
- Students are also peer motivators as they encourage each other to participate in the reward system.

Organizational Support

- San Marcos Middle School shares a core belief that all students can be successful in school. This belief is reflected in our Crusader Commitment, which is a structure that delineates our core values into four quadrants. These quadrants identify our staff’s commitment to: 1) student success through high quality instruction, 2) literacy through meaningful reading, writing, listening and speaking activities in all content areas, 3) a system of academic, social and emotional supports for students, and 4) student engagement, through electives, clubs and athletics.
- Our school promotes a shared leadership model, in which the principal works regularly with department chairs, Assistant Principals, and Counselors in monthly meetings to develop school goals and priorities.
- San Marcos Middle School’s also has early release Wednesdays to allow for professional development, department meetings, and collaboration time.