

Administration

Tyler Millsap - Principal

Scott Bell - Lead Teacher and Vice Principal

Erika Strand - Head Counselor (HS)

Nicole Roper - Counselor (HS)

Annie Nelson - Junior High Vice Principal

Kala Ebbe - Head Counselor (JH)

Key Features of DVCA

- **Inquiry-based instruction with teachers trained in Project Based Learning (PBL)**
- **1:1 student to computer ratio**
- **Community college classes offered on site**
- **Opportunities to earn credits for completing Industry-based internships each semester**
- **Co-enrollment in up to two DSHS classes and participation in DSHS athletics**
- **Small, inclusive community**



The Faculty and Staff

DVCA employs 28 certificated teachers, 3 counselors, 2 full-time administrators and 1 part-time administrator. Approximately 30 classified staff members are employed in administrative support, internship coordination, special education, campus safety and technology support. DVCA works closely with DJUSD for many additional services including student nutrition, custodial, and special education.

In the same way DVCA is a choice school for students, it is also a choice for employees. The faculty and staff embrace the PBL model and the collaborative community. Da Vinci staff members are trained through the New Tech Network (NTN) and the Buck Institute for Education (BIE). Several teachers are NTN Certified Teachers or members of the BIE National Faculty. Da Vinci teachers engage in ongoing professional development during the school year and during the summer to continue honing their PBL practice



Our Story and Our Mission

Da Vinci High school opened in 2004 with a small-school grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and was originally located on the Davis Senior High School campus (DSHS). As one of the earliest members of the New Tech Network, Da Vinci founded itself on the core principals of Project Based Learning (PBL), and creating a collaborative and inclusive school community. In 2009, the school became a Dependent Charter of the Davis Joint Unified School District and was renamed Da Vinci Charter Academy (DVCA). Da Vinci High School moved to the Valley Oak Campus and shortly after that, the Da Vinci Junior High program was added on the Emerson campus. Today, DVCA serves approximately 600 students in grades 7-12 at the two sites and offers an A-G, WASC accredited, college preparatory program.

Da Vinci remains a unique and progressive school that is committed to deeper learning. In addition to showing competency in course content areas, Da Vinci students demonstrate their learning through our school-wide learning outcomes which include: Oral Communication, Written Communication, Critical Thinking, Collaboration, Curricular Literacy, Professionalism, and Learning Mindset. Students and families have continual access to course content and course progress through Echo, our school's Learning Management System. Now in its 15th year, Da Vinci remains committed to its core mission of graduating students that are prepared for college or career in the 21st century.



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The Students

As a school of choice, a wide variety of students select DVCA for their education. While their interests range from Computer Science to the Arts to Engineering, the unifying factor is that each student is valued and accepted as a member of the community. There are no academic requirements for admission with the exception that students must not be credit deficient and must adhere to the attendance expectations of 96% or better. Application for admission must be submitted by the mid-March deadline.

DVCA students value the opportunity to express their voice and make choices about their learning. DVCA teachers work with students within projects to further their interests and aptitudes. Year after year, through climate surveys, students rank relationships with their peers and DVCA staff far above comparable schools. Most DVCA students go on to two or four year colleges. Recent post-secondary destinations include Columbia University, Cal Poly Pomona, Sacramento State University, Oberlin College, Occidental College, UC Santa Cruz, and Stanford University.

Internships

Students in grades 10, 11, and 12 are encouraged to gain career experience through an internship under the guidance of our Internship Coordinator. Students can advance their own interests with our established partnerships to gain

valuable, industry-based work experience. Da Vinci partners with a variety of local organizations. Students who fulfill the internship requirements earn 2.5 Practical Art/CTE credits. Internship experiences strongly align with the Da Vinci mission of preparing graduates with the skills and experience to be successful in college and career in the 21st century.

What Sets DVCA Apart?

We focus on education that is student-centered and relevant to post high school life. We also create an environment that is inclusive, collaborative, and positive. Together these qualities make DVCA a school where each student can develop valuable skills and knowledge for college and career success while feeling connected and valued by the community.

Graduation Requirements

English: 40 credits
Social Science: 35 credits
Math: 20 credits
Life Science: 10 credits
Physical Science: 10 credits
PE: 20 credits
Health: 5 credits
Elective Courses: 75 credits
Visual and Performing Arts: 10 credits
Practical Arts/CTE: 5 credits
Total credits required for graduation: 230

Honors & AP Courses

AP Calculus AB
 AP Statistics
 AP Studio Art 2-D
 AP Art History
 AP Drawing/Painting
 AP Spanish 5
 Physics Honors
 Spanish 4 Honors
 American Literature Honors
Community College Courses
 Introduction to Coding
 Sociology
 Mass Media
 International Relations

Class of 2018 Data

SAT

	DVCA	CA
Total	1221	1065
Reading/Writing	621	535
Math	600	530



ACT

	DVCA	CA
Total	24	22
Reading	25	23
Math	23	24
Science	23	22

Post-Secondary Plans

Four-Year College: 61%
Two-Year College: 31%
Work Force: 7%
Gap Year: 1%

Enrollment

DVCA's total enrollment for 2018-2019 is 597 students in grades 7-12. The Junior High enrollment is 296 and the High School is 301 students. Roughly, 55% of our students are male and 45% are female. The student body consists of 68% white/non-Hispanic, 18% Latino, 8% Asian, 2% African American, and 4% are listed as other. Approximately, 15% of our students are socioeconomically disadvantaged. At the Junior High 36% of students are enrolled from outside of DJUSD and the High School enrolls 35% of its students from outside of DJUSD.

