

OUR VISION

We provide students with a supportive and caring academic environment, rich in opportunity, choice, accountability, and challenge.

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Faculty:

10 fully credentialed, NCLB Certified teachers
9 with Master's degrees

Total Students: 295

Freshman	67
Sophomores	57
Juniors	79
Seniors	92

Student Statistics:

African American	2.70%
Alskn Native/Am. Indian	0.33%
Asian	4.34%
Caucasian	70.00%
Hispanic	22.00%
Pacific Islander	0.33%
Free-Reduced Lunch	36.0%
English Language Learners	9.5%
Special Education	3.38%

ECHS & Ventura College

Calendars:

Semester System

Graduation Requirements

230 Total Credits	
English	40
Mathematics	30
Social Science	30
PE	20
Science	20
Applied Arts	10
Fine Arts	10
Health	5
& Electives	65

Transcript Information

A = 90-100	4 points
B = 80-89	3 points
C = 70-79	2 points
D = 60-69	1 point
F = 0-59	0 points



EL CAMINO HIGH SCHOOL AT VENTURA COLLEGE

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CEEB Code: 053-648

School Profile 2020-2021

Covid-19 Impact Statement

VUSD resides in Ventura County, which was on the state's watch-list of those that could not open schools for live/in-person classroom instruction in the beginning of the 2020-21 school year. As such, all courses began in a distance learning format, conforming to the state's mandate regarding minimum amounts of daily live/synchronous videoconferencing classes. First semester distance learning coursework is based on various online platforms as well as textbooks, depending on the subject and the student's learning style. This is a continuation of distance learning that began on March 16th of the 2019-20 school year and continued through the end of that school year. All marks for the 2020-21 school year will be traditional A, B, C, D and F letter grades for all grading periods of the 2020-21 school year, regardless of instructional format. VUSD plans to re-open in a hybrid (i.e., blend of online and in-person/classroom instruction) format at the start of the 2nd semester in January of 2021, pending the authorization of the state and the County of Ventura.

Mission

At El Camino High School at Ventura College, we believe each student is entitled to a learning environment and delivery system that best suits his or her academic abilities, learning styles, and personal needs. We have adopted Ventura Unified School District's mission as our own: We will **inspire** all students to excel academically, **honor** the unique qualities and diverse background of all students, **build** supportive relationships, **guide** all students to reach their full potential, **motivate** all students to successfully pursue their chosen life paths, and **engage** all students to become responsible and contributing members of society.

We pursue Eagle Student Outcomes (School-wide Learning Outcomes) that develop self-directed achievers, effective communicators, involved global citizens and perceptive thinkers.

School

El Camino High School at Ventura College (ECHS) is an independent study/early college high school situated on a small, peaceful campus on the grounds of Ventura College. Students are offered an individualized four-year high school curriculum for grades 9 through 12 that is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. Our program is competency-based, meaning all courses and tests must be passed with scores at 70% or better. College preparatory and select honors and Advanced Placement courses meet the A-G requirements for the University of California or California State University and prepare students for high level scholastic achievement, vocational programs and employment. **Each semester, students are required to be dually-enrolled at one of the three Ventura County Community Colleges for enrichment, career exploration, and advanced study.**

Students request enrollment at ECHS through the Ventura Unified School District Alternate Placement Committee. Criteria for acceptance into the program include strong reading and math skills as well as other academic and personal factors. Students may enroll at ECHS throughout the school year and may transfer back to a traditional high school at the beginning of the fall or spring semesters. ECHS students also have the option of participating in competitive sports through the programs at their boundary high schools in Ventura Unified School District. ECHS students benefit from flexible schedules that allow participation in internships, community service, and professional and semi-professional endeavors.

In 2010 ECHS was selected as a Model Independent High School by the California Department of Education, and in 2013 was designated as a California Distinguished School. In 2019 and 2020 respectively, ECHS was recognized as an outstanding Gold and Silver Medal School for our schoolwide implementation of Academic Innovations' Career Choices program.

Community

The city of San Buenaventura (Ventura) is a beach community approximately 65 miles northwest of Los Angeles and 30 miles south of Santa Barbara. It is home to approximately 110,000 and attracts many to its friendly community life with easy access to surfing, hiking and other outdoor activities. The city's largest employers are in the health care, social assistance, retail, and education industries. City-data.com reports the ethnicities represented as: 55.8% White; 36.6% Hispanic; 2.6% Asian Alone; 2.5% Two or more races; 2.4% Black or African American; 0.2% Native American; and 01% Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander.

In Ventura Unified School District, there are two comprehensive high schools, one technology magnet high school, one independent study high school, one continuation high school, and an adult education program.

Curriculum

El Camino utilizes an independent study delivery system for core classes taken on campus. Flexible learning arrangements allow students to pursue their goals or outside responsibilities while staying on track for graduation. This includes creating four-year learning plans individualized according to students' post-secondary objectives such as completing requirements for career-technical training, UC-CSU college entrance, university STEM pre-requisites, or Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC-see page 3). ECHS acquired the following levels of achievement on the most recent (2018-19) California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP):

**2018-2019
Ventura College
Grade Summary (9th – 12th)**

	% Classes Passed (W's included)	% Classes Passed (W's excluded)
Fall 2018	87.4%	91.62%
Spring 2019	86.45%	90.6%

Test: Grade 11	% standard not met	% standard nearly met	% standard met or exceeded	District % standard met or exceeded	State % standard met or exceeded
ELA/Literacy	3.5	16.6	86%	62%	57%
Mathematics	20.34	33.33	52%	40%	32.24%

Latin Honors

ECHS does not rank students. Latin honors are used to recognize and distinguish high academic performance.

Summa Cum Laude

with highest honors
4.0 or higher

Magna Cum Laude

with high honors
3.8-3.99

Cum Laude

with honors
3.5-3.79

Class of 2020

Summa Cum Laude	28%
Magna Cum Laude	11%
Cum Laude	12%

AP Scores (May 2020)

25 students took AP tests
35 total number of AP tests
74% earned a score 3 or higher

2020 Mean Test Scores

SAT	1171
ACT	27.7
PSAT	1102

2020 Postsecondary Placement

4-year	45.9%
2-year	41.9%
Technical/Vocational	1.4%
Active Military Duty	0%
Full-time Employment	2.7%
Gap Year	4.1%
Undecided	4.1%

El Camino High School enjoys a special partnership as an **Early College Academy at Ventura College**. This offers students a unique opportunity to earn a high school diploma while building a college transcript. Students take at least one college class each semester which enables them to:

- Earn credits at VC that transfer to ECHS and are applied to high school graduation requirements
- Obtain dynamic classroom instruction in courses such as mathematics and foreign language
- Enhance academic standing utilizing rigorous advanced level coursework
- Explore future careers or pursue special interests
- Participate in performance and visual arts as well as state-of-the-art Career Technical Education
- Work toward completion of the requirements for an Associate's degree or certificate program or completion of undergraduate requirements to enable transfer to a four-year university

Credits

At El Camino, students earn five credits per class each semester. Completion of year-long classes earns ten high school credits.

A semester three- to five-unit community college course is equivalent to ten high school credits. College courses awarding less than three units earn five high school credits.

GPA is calculated on a 4.0 scale. AP courses and Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) are weighted one extra point. See page 3 for IGETC courses available to our students at Ventura College.

Advanced and Honors Course

El Camino's AP courses offered: Biology, English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, Environmental Science, Macroeconomics, United States Government, United States History. Honors classes are offered in Biology, English 9, English 10, and World History. **AP and Honors are open-enrollment programs.**

Career Education Opportunities

ECHS students participate in career exploration and 21st-century skills development via specialty classes and clubs:

- In **CAPS Media Internship** students train in all aspects of digital broadcasting and produce award-winning community television programs via **ECTV**.
- Student experiences with makerspaces in **Introduction to Engineering** develop hands-on design and engineering proficiencies.
- ECHS **Leadership** students collaborate within teams to create an inclusive and engaged school wide community.
- Clubs like **Amnesty International**, **GeoChallenge**, and **Journalism** provide student spaces for exploring interests, building camaraderie, and growing self-confidence.

El Camino students access multiple **Ventura College Career Education** pathways including Automotive, Child Development, Criminal Justice, and Social Media Marketing programs.

Each semester our Juniors and Seniors are mentored via Ventura County Office of Education's **Career Education Center** (formerly Regional Occupational Program) and within community internships, such as Port Hueneme Naval Base's **Pre-Engineering Program**.