

2024-2025 GARCES MEMORIAL



GARCES

MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

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COVID-19 LEARNING

Virtual Learning took place in our high school beginning March 2020 and continued through October 2020. Virtual platforms were used for direct instruction and classes were held synchronously via Zoom. Garces continued to keep their grading policy in place during this time. All grades and classes were posted to student's transcripts. Course expectation and rigor were not altered.



CEEB CODE: 050215

CURRICULUM

Garces Memorial offers a college preparatory curriculum with Honors and Advanced Placement courses. Beginning with the class of 2019, can enroll in our FFA Program and PLTW classes, Introduction to Engineering Design, Principles of Engineering, Civil Engineering and Architecture Digital Electronics and Principles of Computer Science. Honors courses offered are: Geometry, Algebra II, English 9, English 10, Physics 9, Chemistry, Biology, Anatomy & Physiology, Spanish II, Spanish III, and all PLTW courses. The AP® courses offered are: European History (AP), Chemistry (AP) Precalculus, Biology (AP), Calculus AB (AP), Macroeconomics (AP), Spanish Language and Culture (AP), Studio Art (AP), U.S. Government & Politics (AP), English Language Composition (AP). The following Dual Enrollment courses are offered in partnership with Bakersfield College are: ENGL B1A (Expository Composition), ENGL B1B (Intro to Types of Literature), ANTH B4 (Intro to Linguistics), Comm B1 (Public Speaking), PSCH B1A (General Psychology), HIST B17A (US History to 1877), HIST B17B (US History from 1865), HEIT B60 (Human Form and Function) and PBHS B20 (Introduction to Public Health)

GRADING & RANKING

The cumulative GPA is calculated on a 4.0 scale. The GPA for grades earned in Honors, Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment courses are weighted and are calculated on a 5.0 scale. Grades earned from all coursework taken during the academic year at Garces are included in the calculation of the cumulative GPA, the exception being office aid. Summer school classes taken at Garces or at another accredited institution are not included in the calculation of the GPA. Garces Memorial High School ranks students by decile, not individually, based on GPA.

COMMUNITY

Garces Memorial is located in Bakersfield, California, in the southern portion of the San Joaquin Valley in Kern County. The City of Bakersfield is the 9th largest city in California with a population of 383,579. Bakersfield has a very diverse economy which is heavily linked to agriculture and to petroleum. Bakersfield is home to an accredited university and community college, respectively, California State University Bakersfield and Bakersfield College.

SCHOOL

Garces Memorial, founded in 1947, is a co-educational, college preparatory, Catholic high school fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and by the Western Catholic Education Association. Immediately following graduation in 2019, 95% of Garces graduates reported attendance at post-secondary institutions. Of those attending college, approximately 63% matriculated to four-year colleges and 36% attended community colleges.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Four Years English, Three Years Mathematics (Algebra I, Geometry, & Algebra II), Two Years of the Same Language other than English, Three Years Laboratory Science (Physics, Chemistry, & Biology), Three Years Social Studies (One Year World History, One Year U.S. History, One Semester Economics, & One Semester Government), One Year Visual/Performing Arts, One Semester Computer Literacy, One Semester Health Education, Two Years Physical Education, and

GRADING SCALE

		4.0 Pts.	5.0 Pts.
A+	100 – 98	4.3	5.3
A	97 – 93	4.0	5.0
A-	92 – 90	3.7	4.7
B-	82 – 80	2.7	3.7
C+	79 – 77	2.3	3.3
C	76 - 73	2.0	3.0
C-	72 – 70	1.7	2.7
D+	69 – 67	1.3	2.3
D	66 – 63	1.0	1.0
D-	62 – 60	0.7	0.7
F	59 and below	0.0	0.0

CLASS OF 2025

Class Size: 1124

Boys: 61

Girls: 63

Top Decile GPA Range:

4.97 – 4.58

Second Decile GPA Range:

4.55 - 4.34

SCHOOL INFORMATION

School Total Enrollment: 532

Ethnic Distribution:

8% African-American

1% American Indian

9% Asian

1% Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

36% Hispanic

45% Caucasian

8% Multi Racial

% Students Receiving Financial Aid:

44%

DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES

- ENG B1A - Expository Composition
- ENG B1B - Introduction to the Types of Literature
- AGRS B6 - Agriculture Sales and Communication
- COMM B11- Skills for Online Presentation
- ANTH B4 - Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology
- HEIT B60 - Human Form and Function
- PBHS B20 - Introduction to Public Health
- HIST B17A- United States History to 1877
- HIST B17B-United States History from 1865
- PSYCH B1A-General Psychology

At Garces, the Dual Enrollment courses are taught with the same level of rigor and depth as the Advanced Placement classes.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

2023-2024 school year results

The total number of students who sat for Advanced Placement exams: 109
Number of exams: 190
The Average Passing Rate (3 or higher): 64.22

MEMBERSHIPS AND ACADEMICS

National Catholic Education Association, Calif. Interscholastic Federation, National Association of College Admissions Counselors, ASCD, American Assn. for Advancement of Science, Calif. Mathematics Council, National Council of Teachers, American School Counselor Association, The College Board, National Honor Society, Calif. Scholastic Federation, Calif. Ag Teachers Assn., CATA, National FFA Organization

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

On an annual basis, 85% of the Garces student body participate in some type of extra-curricular activity. Garces Memorial offers a variety of opportunities for involvement including student government, robotics, Future Farmers of America, theater, dance, music, mock trial, academic decathlon, and service clubs.

ATHLETICS

In the history of the CIF Central Section, the athletic program at Garces Memorial currently ranks 4th all-time with 128 section team championships.

Garces is a member of the Southwest Yosemite League (SWYL) and competes at Division I, II, III or IV, depending on the sport.

School Retreats

Students attend spiritual leadership retreats by grade level. Each retreat focuses on character development with an emphasis on our themes of integrity, respect, compassion and faith.

THE CLASS OF 2024 WAS ACCEPTED TO THE FOLLOWING TWO & FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES:

[College Acceptance List](#)