



Academy of the Canyons

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Principal's Message:

Welcome to Academy of the Canyons Middle College High School (AOC), located in the University Center on the Valencia campus of College of the Canyons, Santa Clarita's community college.

Academy of the Canyons Middle College High School (AOC) is a public alternative to the comprehensive high schools in the William S. Hart Union High School District. From its establishment in 2000 to 2009, AOC served grades 11 and 12 with a student population ranging from 175 - 200. In 2009, we merged with the district's Early College High School and expanded to 400 students in grades 9-12. We offer students a unique educational experience that fosters academic and personal success in the high school and college environments.

To ensure successful learning for every student our staff is committed to effective classroom instruction, rigorous curricula, and quality relationships between staff, students, parents, and our college partner. As middle college high school students, our students dual-enroll at AOC and College of the Canyons Community College (COC) to meet educational goals which include high school graduation, college freshmen admission, college transfer, an Associate's Degree, and career certification. On average, students complete one year of transferable college level courses and have the opportunity to earn an Associate's Degree by high school graduation.

AOC and COC have two full-term semesters in the fall and spring. COC holds short-terms during winter and summer. Per COC Board Regulations, grades 9-12 enroll during fall and spring terms; and grades 11th and 12th can enroll during winter and summer. AOC's daily schedule mimics the college's allowing easy access to college classes throughout the day. Classes meet on Mondays/Wednesdays and Tuesdays/Thursdays with Fridays rotating from a MW to TTH schedule. High school classes are either year-long or semester in length. College classes are quarter or semester in length.

Academy of the Canyons received a six year accreditation (2009-2015) from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges WASC). 2014-2015 is a self-study year.

Additionally, Academy of the Canyons is a member of the Santa Clarita Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Middle College National Consortium, and the California Coalition for Early/Middle College High Schools.

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About the SARC

Every school in California is required by state law to publish a School Accountability Report Card (SARC), by February 1 of each year. The SARC contains information about the condition and performance of each California public school. Under the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) all local educational agencies (LEAs) are required to prepare a Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP), which describes how they intend to meet annual school-specific goals for all pupils, with specific activities to address state and local priorities. Additionally, data reported in an LCAP is to be consistent with data reported in the SARC.

- For more information about SARC requirements, see the California Department of Education (CDE) SARC Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa/>.
- View this SARC online at the school and/or LEA Web sites.
- For more information about the LCFF or LCAP, see the CDE LCFF Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/aa/lc/>.
- For additional information about the school, parents and community members should contact the school at (661) 362-3056.

2013-14 Student Enrollment by Grade Level

Grade Level	Number of Students
Gr. 9	77
Gr. 10	96
Gr. 11	102
Gr. 12	98
Total	373

2013-14 Student Enrollment by Group

Group	Percent of Total Enrollment
Black or African American	2.7
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.0
Asian	17.2
Filipino	8.6
Hispanic or Latino	19.6
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.0
White	46.1
Two or More Races	5.9
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	12.9
English Learners	0.5
Students with Disabilities	1.6

A. Conditions of Learning

State Priority: Basic

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the Basic State Priority (Priority 1):

- Degree to which teachers are appropriately assigned and fully credentialed in the subject area and for the pupils they are teaching;
- Pupils have access to standards-aligned instructional materials; and
- School facilities are maintained in good repair.

Teacher Credentials

Academy of the Canyons	12-13	13-14	14-15
Fully Credentialed	13	13	13
Without Full Credential	0	0	0
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	0	0	0
William S. Hart Union High School District	12-13	13-14	14-15
Fully Credentialed	♦	♦	787
Without Full Credential	♦	♦	8
Teaching Outside Subject Area of Competence	♦	♦	

Teacher Misassignments and Vacant Teacher Positions at this School

Academy of the Canyons	12-13	13-14	14-15
Teachers of English Learners	0	0	0
Total Teacher Misassignments	0	0	0
Vacant Teacher Positions	0	0	0

* "Misassignments" refers to the number of positions filled by teachers who lack legal authorization to teach that grade level, subject area, student group, etc. Total Teacher Misassignments includes the number of Misassignments of Teachers of English Learners.

Core Academic Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers

2013-14 Percent of Classes In Core Academic Subjects Core Academic Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers		
Location of Classes	Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers	Not Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers
This School	100.00	0.00
Districtwide		
All Schools	91.26	8.74
High-Poverty Schools	82.70	17.30
Low-Poverty Schools	98.37	1.63

* High-poverty schools are defined as those schools with student eligibility of approximately 40 percent or more in the free and reduced price meals program. Low-poverty schools are those with student eligibility of approximately 39 percent or less in the free and reduced price meals program.

Quality, Currency, Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials (School Year 2014-15)

Textbooks and Instructional Materials

Year and month in which data were collected: January 2015

Core Curriculum Area	Textbooks and Instructional Materials/Year of Adoption
<p>Reading/Language Arts</p> <p>The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes</p> <p>Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0%</p>	<p>Grade 9 - Timeless Voices, Timeless Themes (Gold) – Prentice Hall Adopted 2002</p> <p>Grade 10 - Timeless Voices, Timeless Themes (Platinum) – Prentice Hall Adopted 2002</p> <p>Grade 11 - Timeless Voices, Timeless Themes (The American Experience) – Prentice Hall Adopted 2002</p>
<p>Mathematics</p> <p>The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes</p> <p>Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0%</p>	<p>Algebra - McDougal Littell Adopted 2008</p> <p>Geometry - SpringBoard Adopted 2014</p> <p>Algebra 2 - SpringBoard Adopted 2014</p>
<p>Science</p> <p>The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes</p> <p>Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0%</p>	<p>Biology - Prentice Hall Adopted 2007</p> <p>Chemistry - Prentice Hall Adopted 2008</p> <p>Physics - Holt Adopted 2002</p>
<p>History-Social Science</p> <p>The textbooks listed are from most recent adoption: Yes</p> <p>Percent of students lacking their own assigned textbook: 0%</p>	<p>Grade 10 - World History: The Modern World - Prentice Hall Adopted 2006</p> <p>Grade 11 - America: Pathways to the Present - Prentice Hall Adopted 2006</p> <p>Grade 12 - Economics: New Ways of Thinking - EMC Paradigm Adopted 2007</p> <p>Grade 12 - Magruder’s American Government - Prentice Hall Adopted 2006</p>

School Facility Conditions and Planned Improvements (Most Recent Year)

Academy of the Canyons is located in the new University Center on the Valencia campus of College of the Canyons. AOC is a self-contained campus with nine classrooms and one computer lab and teacher and administrative offices inside the building. Student restrooms are also located inside the building. AOC has one full time custodian on campus. A student "plaza" area is located immediately in front of our campus and is a designated space in which high school students can gather, eat, study, and have activities. AOC students continue to enjoy the privilege of having access to all of the facilities on the Valencia campus of College of the Canyons.

Each and every campus within the Wm. S Hart High School District is inspected by an on-site facility person on a daily basis. All deficiencies are reported electronically directly to District Maintenance and are corrected in an expeditious manner.

School Facility Good Repair Status (Most Recent Year)
 Year and month in which data were collected: 06/10/14

System Inspected	Repair Status			Repair Needed and Action Taken or Planned
	Good	Fair	Poor	
Systems: Gas Leaks, Mechanical/HVAC, Sewer	[X]	[]	[]	
Interior: Interior Surfaces	[X]	[]	[]	
Cleanliness: Overall Cleanliness, Pest/ Vermin Infestation	[X]	[]	[]	
Electrical: Electrical	[X]	[]	[]	
Restrooms/Fountains: Restrooms, Sinks/ Fountains	[X]	[]	[]	
Safety: Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials	[X]	[]	[]	
Structural: Structural Damage, Roofs	[X]	[]	[]	
External: Playground/School Grounds, Windows/ Doors/Gates/Fences	[X]	[]	[]	
Overall Rating	Exemplary	Good	Fair	Poor
	[X]	[]	[]	[]

B. Pupil Outcomes

State Priority: Pupil Achievement

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the Pupil Achievement State Priority (Priority 4):

- Statewide assessments (i.e., California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress and its successor the Standardized Testing and Reporting Program);
- The Academic Performance Index; and
- The percentage of pupils who have successfully completed courses that satisfy the requirements for entrance to the University of California and the California State University, or career technical education sequences or programs of study.

CAASPP Results for All Students - Three-Year Comparison									
Subject	Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced (meeting or exceeding the state standards)								
	School			District			State		
	11-12	12-13	13-14	11-12	12-13	13-14	11-12	12-13	13-14
Science	91	93	95	70	71	76	60	59	60

* Science (grades 5, 8, and 10) assessments include California Standards Tests (CSTs), California Modified Assessment (CMA), and California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA). Scores are not shown when the number of students tested is ten or less, either because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or to protect student privacy.

STAR Results for All Students - Three-Year Comparison									
Subject	Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced (meeting or exceeding the state standards)								
	School			District			State		
	10-11	11-12	12-13	10-11	11-12	12-13	10-11	11-12	12-13
ELA	94	95	93	63	65	65	54	56	55
Math	71	62	70	49	48	47	49	50	50
HSS	92	85	91	59	58	59	48	49	49

* STAR Program was last administered in 2012-13. Percentages are not calculated when the number of students tested is ten or less, either because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or to protect student privacy.

Academic Performance Index Ranks - Three-Year Comparison			
API Rank	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Statewide	10	10	10
Similar Schools	10	10	10

* For 2014 and subsequent years, the statewide and similar schools ranks will no longer be produced.

Grade Level	2013-14 Percent of Students Meeting Fitness Standards		
	4 of 6	5 of 6	6 of 6
9	16.7	19.4	51.4

* Percentages are not calculated when the number of students tested is ten or less, either because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or to protect student privacy.

2013-14 CAASPP Results by Student Group	
Group	Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced
	Science (grades 5, 8, and 10)
All Students in the LEA	76
All Student at the School	95
Male	96
Female	93
Black or African American	
American Indian or Alaska Native	
Asian	94
Filipino	
Hispanic or Latino	89
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	
White	95
Two or More Races	
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	
English Learners	
Students with Disabilities	
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services	

* CAASPP includes science assessments (CSTs, CMA, and CAPA) in grades 5, 8, and 10. Scores are not shown when the number of students tested is ten or less, either because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or to protect student privacy.

API Growth by Student Group – Three-Year Comparison			
Group	Actual API Change		
	10-11	11-12	12-13
All Students at the School	12	-4	6
Black or African American			
American Indian or Alaska Native			
Asian			
Filipino			
Hispanic or Latino	24	-13	
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander			
White	4	1	3
Two or More Races			
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged			
English Learners			
Students with Disabilities			

* "N/D" means that no data were available to the CDE or LEA to report. "B" means the school did not have a valid API Base and there is no Growth or target information. "C" means the school had significant demographic changes and there is no Growth or target information

C. Engagement

State Priority: Parental Involvement

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the Parental Involvement State Priority (Priority 3):

- Efforts the school district makes to seek parent input in making decisions for the school district and each schoolsite.

Opportunities for Parental Involvement

The AOC Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) is very active on our campus. Parent volunteers are active during registration, student processing, textbook distribution, campus beautification, teacher appreciation, senior activities, graduation, and at other events throughout the year. We welcome parents on our campus any time. We value and appreciate our numerous volunteers.

For more information about volunteering at AOC, please contact our principal, Dr. Pete M. Getz, at (661) 362-3056.

State Priority: School Climate

The SARC provides the following information relevant to the School Climate State Priority (Priority 6):

- Pupil suspension rates;
- Pupil expulsion rates; and
- Other local measures on the sense of safety.

School Safety Plan

AOC maintains a safe, healthy, nurturing, and orderly school campus. Two campus supervisors are on staff and are responsible for students on the AOC campus as well as on the college campus. The school safety plan is revised annually each spring and a binder containing the plan is located and easily accessible in every classroom. AOC staff reviews the plan at the first staff meeting of the year. Emergency evacuation and safe mode drills are held once each semester. Along with protocol for evacuation and safe mode, the plan includes procedures for crisis and grief-related situations. In the event of a community emergency, AOC works closely with COC, using the state's Standardized Emergency Management System. AOC staff members are participants in the COC disaster recovery teams and AOC participates in all Hart District and COC sponsored disaster drills. The COC Security Division monitors the AOC campus throughout the day. AOC students have access to all safety procedures on the college campus including student escorts to and from the parking lots for evening classes. COC health services are also available to AOC students.

A copy of the school site safety plan is kept on file in the administrative office. Anyone interested in reviewing the safety document may do so at any time.

Suspensions and Expulsions			
School	11-12	12-13	13-14
Suspensions Rate	0.7	0.8	0.0
Expulsions Rate	0.0	0.0	0.0
District	11-12	12-13	13-14
Suspensions Rate	5.9	5.7	2.2
Expulsions Rate	0.3	0.1	0.1
State	11-12	12-13	13-14
Suspensions Rate	5.7	5.1	4.4
Expulsions Rate	0.1	0.1	0.1

* The rate of suspensions and expulsions is calculated by dividing the total number of incidents by the total enrollment x 100.

D. Other SARC Information

The information in this section is required to be in the SARC but is not included in the state priorities for LCFF.

2013-14 Adequate Yearly Progress Overall and by Criteria		
AYP Criteria	School	District
Made AYP Overall	No	
Met Participation Rate: English-Language Arts	Yes	
Met Participation Rate: Mathematics	Yes	
Met Percent Proficient: English-Language Arts	No	
Met Percent Proficient: Mathematics	Yes	
Met API Criteria	Yes	

2014-15 Federal Intervention Program		
Indicator	School	District
Program Improvement Status		
First Year of Program Improvement		
Year in Program Improvement		
Number of Schools Currently in Program Improvement		0
Percent of Schools Currently in Program Improvement		0.0

* DW (determination waiver) indicates that the PI status of the school was carried over from the prior year in accordance with the flexibility granted through the federal waiver process.

Academic Counselors and Other Support Staff at this School	
Number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)	
Academic Counselor	2.0
Counselor (Social/Behavioral or Career Development)	0.0
Library Media Teacher (Librarian)	0.0
Library Media Services Staff (Paraprofessional)	
Psychologist	
Social Worker	
Nurse	
Speech/Language/Hearing Specialist	
Resource Specialist	
Other	
Average Number of Students per Staff Member	
Academic Counselor	425

* One Full Time Equivalent (FTE) equals one staff member working full time; one FTE could also represent two staff members who each work 50 percent of full time.

Average Class Size and Class Size Distribution												
Average Class Size				Number of Classrooms*								
				1-20			21-32			33+		
Grade	12	13	14	12	13	14	12	13	14	12	13	14
English	28.4	29	29	3	1	2	8	11	8	5	3	4
Math	23.6	23	24	4	4	1	3	2	5	0	1	
Science	24.6	25	23	1	2	2	6	5	6	0		
SS	27.6	28	30	4	2	1	4	7	6	5	4	5

* Number of classes indicates how many classrooms fall into each size category (a range of total students per classroom). At the secondary school level, this information is reported by subject area rather than grade level.

FY 2012-13 Teacher and Administrative Salaries		
Category	District Amount	State Average for Districts in Same Category
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$42,641	\$42,957
Mid-Range Teacher Salary	\$66,275	\$69,613
Highest Teacher Salary	\$84,102	\$89,407
Average Principal Salary (ES)	\$0	
Average Principal Salary (MS)	\$122,936	\$120,526
Average Principal Salary (HS)	\$136,362	\$129,506
Superintendent Salary	\$229,806	\$207,044
Percent of District Budget		
Teacher Salaries	37	37
Administrative Salaries	5	5

* For detailed information on salaries, see the CDE Certificated Salaries & Benefits webpage at www.cde.ca.gov/ds/fd/cs/.

FY 2012-13 Expenditures Per Pupil and School Site Teacher Salaries				
Level	Expenditures Per Pupil			Average Teacher Salary
	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	
School Site	\$6,908	\$1,165	\$5,743	\$64,742
District	♦	♦	5,900	\$69,425
State	♦	♦	\$4,690	\$72,276
Percent Difference: School Site/District			-2.7	-6.7
Percent Difference: School Site/ State			22.5	-10.4

Types of Services Funded at Academy of the Canyons

Staffing Costs, Textbooks, Materials, Supplies, and Facility/Operating Expenses.

Professional Development provided for Teachers at Academy of the Canyons

Professional Development for the 13-14 and 14-15 school years focuses on the implementation of the Common Core State Standards. To support teachers in the transition to the core, the concentration is on building foundational understanding of the standards, developing resources, and expanding collaborations between all stakeholders. ELA and math content teams are developing pacing guides and designing rigorous curricular units for the 2014-2015 school year and beyond. Professional Development Coaches are engaged in a deep examination of the Common Core Anchor Standards for Literacy in preparation for supporting all teachers as they teach literacy across the curriculum. These Common Core Anchor standards delineate reading, writing, listening and speaking skills students utilize across curriculum at all grade levels. All teachers participate in site and district level professional development around these key literacy standards as well as strengthen and support core instruction of literacy practices. Teachers are also provided with the mobile technology and support they need to enhance instruction and increase the use of technology in the classroom.

2013-14 California High School Exit Examination Grade Ten Results by Student Group

Group	English-Language Arts			Mathematics		
	Not Proficient	Proficient	Advanced	Not Proficient	Proficient	Advanced
All Students in the LEA	32	26	42	30	42	29
All Students at the School	4	14	81	3	25	71
Male	6	13	81	4	8	88
Female	2	16	81	2	44	53
Black or African American						
American Indian or Alaska Native						
Asian	7	7	86		43	57
Filipino						
Hispanic or Latino		22	78		22	78
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander						
White	3	16	81	5	24	70
Two or More Races						
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged						
English Learners						
Students with Disabilities						
Students Receiving Migrant Education Services						

* Percentages are not calculated when the number of students tested is ten or less, either because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or to protect student privacy.

CAHSEE Results for All Students - Three-Year Comparison Percent of Students Scoring at Proficient or Advanced			
Academy of the Canyons	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
English-Language Arts	94	96	96
Mathematics	100	96	97
William S. Hart Union High School	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
English-Language Arts	68	68	59
Mathematics	69	69	61
California	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
English-Language Arts	56	57	56
Mathematics	58	60	62

* Percentages are not calculated when the number of students tested is ten or less, either because the number of students in this category is too small for statistical accuracy or to protect student privacy.

Completion of High School Graduation Requirements			
Group	Graduating Class of 2013		
	School	District	State
All Students	100.91	91.17	84.56
Black or African American	100.00	81.90	75.90
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.00	83.33	77.82
Asian	100.00	97.95	92.94
Filipino	100.00	94.84	92.20
Hispanic or Latino	100.00	85.55	80.83
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	100.00	100.00	84.06
White	101.69	95.21	90.15
Two or More Races	100.00	94.64	89.03
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	116.67	91.86	82.58
English Learners	100.00	70.79	53.68
Students with Disabilities	100.00	80.16	60.31

Dropout Rate and Graduation Rate			
Academy of the Canyons	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Dropout Rate (1-year)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Graduation Rate	100.00	100.00	99.11
William S. Hart Union High School	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Dropout Rate (1-year)	2.6	2.0	1.7
Graduation Rate	93.85	92.97	93.03
California	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Dropout Rate (1-year)	14.7	13.1	11.4
Graduation Rate	77.14	78.87	80.44

2013-14 Advanced Placement Courses		
Subject	Number of AP Courses Offered*	Percent of Students In AP Courses
Computer Science		♦
English		♦
Fine and Performing Arts		♦
Foreign Language		♦
Mathematics		♦
Science		♦
Social Science		♦
All courses		

* Where there are student course enrollments.

Courses for University of California (UC) and/or California State University (CSU) Admission	
UC/CSU Course Measure	Percent
2013-14 Enrollment in Courses Required for UC/CSU Admission	64.73
2012-13 Graduates Who Completed All Courses Required for UC/CSU Admission	96.40

Career Technical Education Participation	
Measure	CTE Program Participation
Number of pupils participating in CTE	
% of pupils completing a CTE program and earning a high school diploma	
% of CTE courses sequenced or articulated between the school and institutions of postsecondary education	

Career Technical Education Programs

One counselor on campus is designated as the Career Technical Education counselor and participates in all high school district and community college district sponsored activities for Career Technical Education. To date, AOC students have participated in the district-sponsored Job Shadow activity. The 10th grade Advisory class has careers as a main focus of the curriculum. It is through this class that students are exposed to the many and varied career pathways available to them. Many of our students also explore career pathways by enrolling in college courses such as Graphic and Multi-Media Design, Welding, Early Childhood Education, Theater and Stagecraft, and Radio, TV and Film.