

# Santa Susana High School

A California Distinguished School

## *Schools of the Arts, Technical Arts, and Academics*

Santa Susana is a high-performance magnet school of choice dedicated to making sure that all our students achieve explicit, high standards. As a California Distinguished School, we are recognized for our exceptional programs which specifically prepare students in the areas of their talents and interests. Our flexible bell schedule gives students the opportunity for additional practice, rehearsal, lab work, and classroom time in order to pursue their studies in depth.

Santa Susana is the only high school in Simi Valley formally organized into a unique structure of “Schools & Academies” in which students focus on a specially designed four-year course of study. Under the umbrella of three “Schools” of study (Academics, The Arts, and Technical Arts), each student identifies with one or more of ten “Academies” which include capstone courses to incorporate a school-to-career component into each student’s course of study. The academy-specific curricular paths combine interest-based courses with core academic foundations to guide students through their high school careers.

Santa Susana has received recognition and support for our programs in the form of over \$1,000,000 in state and federal grants. Santa Susana is a Specialized Secondary Program School for the state of California with a state Academic Performance Index of 866. Additional accolades for SSHS include Silver Medalist in *US News and World Report’s* America’s BEST High Schools, the California School Board Association Golden Bell Award and the California Business for Education/Just for Kids-California Honor Roll School.

### • SCHOOL OF THE ARTS •

*The Santa Susana School of the Arts is a distinguished feature of the Simi Valley Unified School District. The School’s academic and artistic strengths are drawn from our energetic creativity and drive, as well as the professional depth of an acclaimed faculty and artists-in-residence. Curricular Academies Offered:*

**PERFORMING ARTS** *Emphasis areas: Dance, Theatre, Musical Theatre, Instrumental Music, Vocal Music*

**FINE ARTS** *Emphasis areas: Visual Arts, Animation*

**TECHNICAL ARTS** *Emphasis areas: Digital Graphics & Publication (ROP), Stagecraft Technology (ROP),  
Television and the Art of Film (ROP)*

### • SCHOOL OF TECHNICAL ARTS •

*Make no mistake – Information Technology jobs are at the top of the class in terms of opportunity and salary. Santa Susana High School will give you a head start. Curricular Academies Offered:*

**COMPUTER SCIENCE/PROGRAMMING**

**E-BUSINESS ED.COM**

**INTERNET DEVELOPMENT AND WEBSITE DESIGN (ROP)**

### • SCHOOL OF ACADEMICS •

*The School of Academics offers a comprehensive and rigorous college preparatory course of study. Santa Susana High School’s commitment to academic excellence reflects the best available research and practice in teaching, learning and leadership.*

*Curricular Academies Offered:*

**ACCELERATED ACADEMICS** *(Advanced Placement & Honors Program with Emphasis areas in:  
Humanities, Science, Math)*

**LAW AND SOCIETY**

## ***Become Part of Santa Susana Magnet High School Today!***

- ☆ A “Choice” application that must be completed in order for a student to be considered for enrollment. Students must be interested in and select a general area of concentration (the arts, technology, academics) and an academy in which to focus. Students **choose** to attend Santa Susana High School – there are no attendance boundaries.
- ☆ Applications for SSHS are available in the main office at Santa Susana High School and on our school website: [www.santasusana.org](http://www.santasusana.org).
- ☆ **Choice applications may be turned in any time during the entire month of February.**
- ☆ **Visit the main office** to pick up program brochures for additional more information or
- ☆ **Browse our student-run web-site!** Explore [www.santasusana.org](http://www.santasusana.org) for information regarding our Schools and Academies, activities and events, special programs, staff and more!



### ***Wednesday, February 1, 2012***

Choice month opens. Applications may be found in the SSHS main office or online at [www.santasusana.org](http://www.santasusana.org) (click on “Choice Month”)

### ***Wednesday, February 29, 2012***

Choice window closes. Applications are due at the Santa Susana main office no later than 4:00 p.m.

### ***Wednesday, February 1, 2012***

SSHS Open House and Presentations begin at 6:00 p.m.

### ***Wednesday, February 8 & Thursday, February 9, 2012***

SSHS Choice tours and presentations - 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. This formal presentation about Santa Susana High School and its programs by the principal is for **students and their parents**. Classroom visitations follow the presentation. It is highly recommended that students attend with their parents. Please e-mail Teri Hypes by February 3, 2012 at [thypes@simi.k12.ca.us](mailto:thypes@simi.k12.ca.us) to schedule your choice date.