Community: Bella Vista High School was established in 1960 and is located in the middle of a suburban community of Fair Oaks, 14 miles northeast of the state capitol, Sacramento. Approximately 50% of the students attending Bella Vista reside outside the attendance area. They open-enroll to Bella Vista by choice.

School: Bella Vista is a comprehensive 9 through 12 grade public high school that has a strong emphasis on college preparatory courses. The academic year is based on two semesters, each eighteen weeks in length. The school offers a six period day with each period lasting an average of 58 minutes.

Bella Vista’s exemplary academic, athletic, and extracurricular programs are validated by its California Distinguished School designation and six year accreditation from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

The current student population is 2088 with a senior class of 500. The racial/ethnic composition consists of: 75% Caucasian, 13% Hispanic, 4% African American, 1% American Indian, 1% Pacific Islander, 1% Filipino and total all other Asian 5%.

Accelerated course offerings are:
Honors—English 9, 10 and 11, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and World History.

Student Activities: Bella Vista students contribute to literary productions such as the school newspaper and yearbook, are active in student government groups, participate in band and drama productions. Volunteering within the community is strongly encouraged. Opportunities are available to participate in a wide range of clubs and interscholastic sports.

Special Curriculum Features: The high school program consists of a full schedule of college preparatory classes and AVID.

Grading Standards: Classes are graded on a four-point scale of A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1 and F=0. Honors and Advanced Placement courses add one grade point for each class with a “C” grade or better. Both weighted and un-weighted grades are reflected on the transcript. Courses taken at the community college level usually do not appear on the transcript. In cases where a course is repeated, only the higher grade is calculated into the GPA.

Graduation Requirements: 220 credits are required for graduation. Students transferring from a school with a block schedule require a credit adjustment. Classes completed with a grade of “D-” or better earn 5.0 credits per semester.

Areas of study are:
English 40 credits
Math (Algebra I) 10 credits
High Math 10 credits
Visual/Performing Arts 10 credits
Physical Education 20 credits
Life Science 10 credits
Physical Science 10 credits
American Government 5 credits
U.S. History 10 credits
World History 10 credits
Social Studies Elective 5 credits
Health 2.5 credits
Economics 5 credits
Additional Electives 65 credits

Graduates must pass Algebra I, the California High School Exit Exam.
Statistical Information Specific to Class of 2013 Graduating Seniors

Class Rank: Rank is calculated from a student’s cumulative grades in years 9 through 12 in relation to all students in that grade level and may be based on weighted or un-weighted GPA. Both GPA’s appear on the transcript.

Class of 2013 post high school profile: The following percentages are based on information taken from the 386 senior surveys completed from the class of 2013 regarding future their fall 2013 plans:

- University of California: 7%
- California State University: 17%
- Community Colleges: 49%
- California Private Colleges: 4%
- Out of State Colleges: 13%
- Vocational/Trade Schools: 2%
- Military: 4%
- Other/Undecided: 3%

Approximately 41% of these students attend a 4-year college and approximately 49% attend community college.

Class of 2013 Average College Prep Tests Scores:

ACT Composite: 24.3

*The following information is for seniors who took the SAT during their high school years through March 2013. Most recent scores are used if student took test more than once.

Total number of test-takers: 244
- SAT Critical reading: 546
- SAT Math: 559
- SAT Writing: 533

GPA Distribution: The following is a percentage breakdown of the Class of 2013 by grade point average

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Academic Achievements: 129 graduating seniors took AP tests spring 2013; 30% scored 3 or higher.