

MBUSD Accomplishments



We are a [National Green Ribbon School District](#).



Our music program won a [GRAMMY Award](#) in 2014.

We are an Apple Distinguished School District and a national tech leader. In 2010, there was no wireless Internet, the wired Internet was spotty at best, and technology equipment was poor. Now there is robust wireless Internet, standards for classroom tech for teachers, and a 1:1 device program in grades 3-8.



Our standardized test scores in MBUSD are in the top 1% of the state and the nation. Both the US News and Newsweek rank Mira Costa in the **top 1%** of schools nationally!



61% of Mira Costa seniors passed at least one AP class and test last year. That's up from 48% in 2010.

The Mira Costa sports program was named as the [#1 program in the state](#) by Cal-Hi Sports for our division in 2016.

All of our schools are [Energy Star Certified](#).



Our Social Emotional Wellness Committee has been working for over a year now on addressing the stress that students in high performing high schools experience.

Homework in elementary school has been dramatically reduced. The focus at home is primarily on reading.

In spite of being the 4th lowest funded unified school district in California, [MBEF](#) helps MBUSD to maintain amazing programs for our students. MBEF is one of the finest education foundations in the nation, and continues support over 10% of the MBUSD budget.





All of our booster clubs work together through [MBX Foundation](#), providing coordinated and extraordinary support to our extracurricular programs in the arts and athletics.

Trash reduction. One of our favorite stories is that [Grand View Elementary School](#) reduced its lunchtime trash from 40 bags a day to 1!



[Grades of Green](#) and [Growing Great](#) are two national school programs that had their start here in Manhattan Beach.



Through training funded by [Beach Cities Health District](#), our elementary students regularly experience mindfulness activities.

MCHS La Vista was announced as a Crown recipient for the [2017 Columbia Scholastic Press Association \(CSPA\) Awards](#).



We promote creativity through parent-led and science specialist-led [MakerSpace](#) activities at all elementary schools.

Our elementary curriculum has moved from a one-size-fits-all reading and writing curriculum, to an incredibly personalized curriculum where students receive individual coaching in both reading and writing.

MBUSD has had seven consecutive years where one of our teachers was a LA County Teachers of the Year.

John Jackson was the [California Middle School Principal of the Year](#) in 2015.



In 2012 and 2013, MBUSD teachers Michael Hayden and Maggie Mabery were named as [California Teachers of the Year](#).

Instructional leaders from all over the South Bay meet regularly in Manhattan Beach. We are the coordinating district for South Bay Teacher Leader Consortium, which has 100 teachers participating from 9 districts.



MBUSD is leading Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) implementation in the area, with our teachers/leaders presenting at national science and technology conferences.

Our community supports our young adult special needs students through programs like the [CHOICE program](#), where our students find meaningful work opportunities in participating local businesses.

[MCHS Marching Band and Colorguard](#) placed first in the Gold Division at the Golden State Tournament.

[Mira Costa orchestras](#) earned top ratings at SCSBOA Adjudicated Festival.



[H.E.A.R.T.](#) – advisor Janet Allen started this program this year to address the bullying among students from both the offender and victim’s perspective. Their **positive** approach to being kind is transforming Mira Costa High School.

[Cheer](#): UCA—West Coast Championship. They won the Varsity Game Day Division. **1st Place** Division Champions.



[Dance](#): After a year of hard work and dedication the team came up big winners! The team placed first in senior large jazz, senior large lyrical and senior large hip hop. The team won the Team **Overall Highest Point Champions** for the first time at Nationals and the big trophy.

Mira Costa Men’s Choir were awarded **Best Overall** choir at the Music in the Park Festival.

For the fourth year in a row, Mira Costa High School’s [Drama Department](#) **won** Best Musical Theater performance at the Fullerton College High School Theatre Festival.



