

Escondido High School WASC Self-Study & Visit

3/5/2023 - 3/8/2023

Information for Students and Parents



What is WASC?

The Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) supports schools through a process of self-reflection and self-improvement and a visit to campus to confirm that students are engaging in high-quality learning opportunities. The accreditation from WASC assures parents, the community, and colleges that the educational quality of courses and services offered by EHS are effective and validates the integrity of the school's programs and student transcripts.

What has EHS done to get ready for the WASC Visit?

EHS staff began the Self-Study process in Fall 2021 by examining the programs and curriculum, studying student achievement data, giving WASC surveys to students, parents, and staff, and preparing an Action Plan to shape the direction EHS will move in over the next few years. The full EHS WASC Self-Study 2023 is available online at www.ehscougars.com.

What is the Action Plan?

We have five goals for the next four years. We hope that achieving these goals will help our Cougar students to become college-and-career ready when they graduate from EHS.

- **GOAL #1:** Hold high expectations for and improve achievement so that all students graduate from EHS college and career ready.
- **GOAL #2:** Provide a highly skilled, knowledgeable, caring, and committed staff that collaborates productively to support and impact instruction and learning, build the leadership capacity necessary to advance, and ensure the successful implementation of district goals and initiatives.
- **GOAL #3:** To prepare students to graduate from EHS college and career ready, provide systemic support services focusing on academic, career, and personal/social development.
- **GOAL #4:** Promote, foster, and develop parent connections through strong effective communication and partnerships as well as opportunities for shared input.
- **GOAL #5:** Foster respectful, collaborative, safe, and secure environments that support teaching and learning.

EHS Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs)

Our goal is that after graduation from EHS, students will leave with:

- effective COMMUNICATION skills
- efficient PROBLEM-SOLVING abilities
- a strong sense of CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY
- a commitment to PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL WELLNESS
- a high level of PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

What can I expect during the WASC visit from 3/5/2023 - 3/7/2023?

- There will be 6 members of the WASC Visiting Committee on campus to observe classrooms, meet with parents, teachers, and students, study our achievement data, and talk with small groups.
- You may be invited to have a pizza lunch and talk about EHS with the Visiting Committee.
- In your classrooms, you may be asked what you are working on, why you are doing this work, what you typically do in class, how often you use technology in class, etc.