

SARATOGA HIGH SCHOOL

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School Profile

2017-2018

A Distinguished California School Nationally Recognized for Excellence

THE SCHOOL

Saratoga High School, with an enrollment of approximately 1300, is located in an upper middle class professional community in Silicon Valley. Over 98% of our graduates enroll in college. The California Department of Education and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) jointly accredit the school. Their reports consistently commend key aspects of Saratoga High School: the curriculum for its **academic rigor, the students for their active involvement in the school and community, and the staff members for dedication to their work and to their students.** Nearly thirty percent of our current senior class is either semifinalists or commended students in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

THE CURRICULUM

Saratoga High School's curriculum is an academically challenging, college preparatory program. The college preparatory designation (P) no longer appears at the end of the course title. It is now listed to the left of the course ID.

Graduation requirements: Students must complete a minimum of 220 semester units that include the following requirements:

English	40 semester units
Social Studies/History	35 semester units
Mathematics	20 semester units
Science	20 semester units
Physical Education	20 semester units
Visual/Performing Arts	10 semester units
Applied Arts	5 semester units
Health/Driver Ed	5 semester units
Elective Units	65 semester units

HONORS AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES:

Saratoga High School defines a "most rigorous" curriculum to be the completion of 8 AP and/or Honors courses over the course of 4 years.

Honors Courses: Algebra 2, Art 4, Band 4 & 5, Chemistry, Chinese 4, Chinese 5, Drama 4, English 11, French 3, Journalism 4, Orchestra 4 & 5, Spanish 4, PreCalculus.

Advanced Placement Courses: Art Studio, Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Chinese Language & Culture, Computer Science A, English Language & Composition, English Literature & Composition, Environmental Science, European History, French Language, Music Theory, Physics 1, Physics 2, Spanish Language, Spanish Literature, Statistics, United States Government & Politics, United States History

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Number of graduates	337	350	363	331	337
Finalists	36	32	39	38	27
Commended Students	72	72	77	70	75

There are 40 Semifinalists and 54 Commended Students among the current 328 seniors.

COLLEGE ADMISSION TESTING and ADVANCED PLACEMENT STATISTICS

SHS SAT I/SAT Reasoning Test Results	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Percentage taking the SAT	93	92	88	81	72
Mean Critical Reading SAT	641	632	639	647	*685
Mean Math SAT	678	671	674	692	700
Mean Writing SAT	663	646	650	670	N/A
Mean Total SAT	1982	1949	1963	2009	1383
California State Mean Total SAT	1505	1504	1492	1476	1065
National Mean Total SAT	1498	1497	1490	1484	1070

*Includes Writing

SHS ACT Test Results	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Mean Reading ACT	27.7	28.2	29.4	29.5	29.2
Mean Math ACT	29.4	29.6	30.0	30.2	30.3
Mean English ACT	28.3	28.7	29.9	29.9	29.8
Mean Science ACT	27.0	27.8	28.5	28.6	28.5
Mean Composite ACT	28.2	28.7	29.6	29.7	29.6
California State Mean Composite ACT	22.2	22.3	22.5	22.6	22.8
National Mean Composite ACT	20.9	21.0	21.0	20.8	21.0

SHS AP Exam Results	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Number of Students Taking Exams:	516	525	599	565	544
Number of AP exams taken:	1193	1289	1474	1360	1296
Percentage of qualifying scores:	94	93	91.5	92	91

COLLEGE ATTENDANCE

% of graduates to 2-year colleges

'13 '14 '15 '16 '17

14.5 12 15 15 8.5

% of graduates to 4-year colleges

'13 '14 '15 '16 '17

84 86 83 84 90

% of graduates going to college

'13 '14 '15 '16 '17

98.5 98 98 99 99

CALCULATION OF GRADE POINT AVERAGE

Saratoga High School calculates grade point average on a weighted 4.0 scale that includes all subjects taken from the freshman through senior year. The following breakdown is used:

A+	4.33	B-	2.67	D	1.00
A	4.00	C+	2.33	D-	.67
A-	3.67	C	2.00	F	0.00
B+	3.33	C-	1.67		
B	3.00	D+	1.33		

Add an additional point for AP and Honors courses (e.g. A+ = 5.33)

RANK

Saratoga High School does not rank its students.

POST-SECONDARY PLANS OF THE CLASS OF 2017

CALIFORNIA COLLEGES

American Musical & Dramatic Academy	1
California College of the Arts	1
California Institute of Technology	4
California Polytechnic San Luis Obispo	16
California State University, Chico	3
California State University, Long Beach	1
California State University, Monterey Bay	2
Chapman University	2
De Anza College	14
Irvine Valley College	1
Loyola Marymount University	2
Menlo College	1
Notre Dame de Namur University	1
Pepperdine University	1
Saint Mary's College of California	2
San Diego State University	6
San Francisco State University	3
San Jose State University	10
Santa Clara University	3
Stanford University	3
University of California at Berkeley	15
University of California at Davis	4
University of California at Irvine	4
University of California at Los Angeles	5
University of California at Riverside	2
University of California at San Diego	4
University of California at Santa Barbara	3
University of California at Santa Cruz	4
University of Southern California	9
University of the Pacific	1
West Valley College	10

OUT OF STATE COLLEGES

Arizona State University	2
Baylor University	2
Berklee College of Music	1
Boston College	1
Boston University	3
Brigham Young University	1
Carnegie Mellon University	12
Case Western Reserve University	2
Colorado State University	1
Columbia University	1
Cornell University	8
Duke University	1
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univ.	2
Emerson College	1
Fordham University	1
Fort Lewis College	1
George Fox University	1
George Washington University	3
Georgia Institute of Technology	2
Gonzaga University	1

Indiana University	2
King's College London	1
Lewis & Clark College	1
Louisiana State University	1
Miami University, Oxford	1
Middlebury College	1
New York University	11
North Dakota State University	1
Northeastern University	2
Northwestern University	2
Olin College of Engineering	1
Princeton University	2
Purdue University	8
Rice University	3
Rutgers University	1
Seattle University	2
Stella Adler Studio of Action	1
Syracuse University	2
The Cooper Union for Advancement Of Science & Art	1
University of Arizona	9
University of British Columbia	1
University of Chicago	1
University of Colorado at Boulder	1
University of Colorado at Denver	1
University of Colorado-Colorado Springs	1
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign	19
University of Kentucky	1
University of Michigan	6
University of Minnesota	1
University of Missouri Columbia	1
University of Nevada Reno	1
University of North Carolina Chapel Hill	1
University of Oregon	3
University of Pennsylvania	2
University of Rochester	1
University of Tampa	1
University of Texas, Austin	3
University of Washington	9
University of Wisconsin	1
Utah State University	1
Virginia Tech	1
Washington State University	1
Washington University in St. Louis	3
Wellesley College	1
Worcester Polytechnic Institute	2
Xavier University	1
Yale University	3
Gap Year	2

2017-2018 EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Athletics

Badminton (C)
Baseball (B)
Basketball (B,G)
Cross Country (B,G)
Field Hockey (G)
Football (B)
Golf (B,G)
Lacrosse (B, G)
Soccer (B,G)
Softball (G)
Swimming (B,G)
Tennis (B,G)
Track and Field (B,G)
Volleyball (B,G)
Water Polo (B,G)
Wrestling (C)
(C=Co-ed B=Boys G=Girls)

Commissions

Outreach Commission
Dance Commission
Elections Commission
Homecoming & Spring Fling Commission
Rally Commission
Spirit & Athletics Commission

Link Crew

Publications

The Falcon (Newspaper)
The Talisman (Yearbook)
SHS TV
Soundings (Literary Magazine)

Spirit

Cheerleaders
Colorguard
Mascots
Dance
Winterguard

Student Government

Appointed Commissioners
Associated Student Body Officers (ASB)
Elected Officers

Student Leadership