

# SARATOGA HIGH SCHOOL

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## School Profile

## 2011-2012

A Distinguished California School Nationally Recognized for Excellence

### THE SCHOOL

Saratoga High School, with an enrollment of approximately 1390, 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. Twenty-five percent of our current senior class are 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:

Qualified students may elect to take honors and advanced placement classes in all academic areas.

**Honors Courses:** Algebra 2, Band 4 & 5, Chemistry, Chinese 4, Chinese 5, Drama 4, English 11, English 11 MAP, French 4, Journalism 4, Orchestra 4 & 5, Spanish 4, Trigonometry/PreCalculus,

### Advanced Placement Courses:

Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Chinese Language & Culture, Computer Science A, English Language & Composition\*, English Literature & Composition\*, Environmental Science, French Language, Japanese Language & Culture, Music Theory, Physics B, Spanish Language, Spanish Literature, Statistics, United States History, United States History MAP

\* Students may enroll in only one AP English course

### NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
<b>Number of graduates</b>	320	316	337	333	327
Finalists	18	26	29	23	27
Commended Students	57	45	45	52	56

There are 38 Semifinalists and 50 Commended Students among the current 325 seniors.

## COLLEGE ADMISSION TESTING and ADVANCED PLACEMENT STATISTICS

SHS SAT I/SAT Reasoning Test Results	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Percentage taking the SAT	91	91	85	95	96
Mean Critical Reading SAT	619	623	622	619	631
Mean math SAT	661	664	664	665	666
*Mean writing SAT	629	632	636	639	643
Mean Total SAT	1909	1919	1922	1923	1940
<b>California State Mean Total SAT</b>	<b>1513</b>	<b>1512</b>	<b>1511</b>	<b>1517</b>	<b>1513</b>
<b>National Mean Total SAT</b>	<b>1511</b>	<b>1511</b>	<b>1509</b>	<b>1509</b>	<b>1500</b>
<b>SHS AP Exam Results</b>					
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>
Number of Students Taking Exams			440	449	471
Number of AP exams taken	897	876	920	981	1057
Percentage of qualifying scores	91	90	88	91	90

### POST-SECONDARY PLANS OF THE CLASS OF 2011

<u>California Colleges</u>		<u>Out-of-State &amp; Country Colleges</u>	
Art Center College of Design	1	Brown University	1
Azusa Pacific University	1	Carnegie Mellon	6
Butte College	1	Colorado College	1
Cabrillo College	1	Columbia University	2
Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo	10	Concordia University-Montreal	1
Cal Poly, Pomona	4	Cornell University	1
CSU, Chico	4	DePaul University	2
CSU, Northridge	1	Drexel University	2
Chapman	3	Duke University	1
De Anza College	21	Fairfield University	1
Foothill College	3	Georgetown University	1
Laguna College of Art and Design	1	George Washington University	2
Loyola Marymount University	3	Georgia Institute of Technology	1
Menlo College	1	Harvard University	1
Occidental College	1	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	1
Ohlone College	1	Hunter College of the CUNY	1
Orange Coast College	1	Indiana University	1
Otis College of Art and Design	1	Instituto Tecnologico - Mexico	1
Pacific Union College	1	Kyoto University - Japan	1
San Diego State University	2	Lafayette College	1
San Francisco State University	7	Maryland Institute College of Art	1
San Jose City College	1	MIT	2
San Jose State University	14	Mesa Community College	1
Santa Barbara City College	1	New York University	2
Santa Clara University	6	Northeastern University	3
Santa Monica College	1	Northwestern University	3
Scripps College	1	Oxford College of Emory University	1
Sonoma State University	3	Purdue University	2
Stanford University	5	Reed College	1
UC, Berkeley	29	Rutgers	1
UC, Davis	12	Sophia University - Japan	1
UC, Irvine	1	Southern Methodist University	2
UC, Los Angeles	13	St. Bonaventure University	1
UC, Merced	1	Stanford University	5
UC, Riverside	1	Swarthmore College	1
UC, San Diego	11	Syracuse University	1
UC, Santa Barbara	8	Texas Christian University	1
UC, Santa Cruz	7	University of Arizona	8
University of Redlands	1	University of Chicago	1
University of San Francisco	1	University of Colorado at Boulder	4
University of Southern California	9	University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign	3
University of the Pacific	4	University of Michigan	1
West Valley College	16	University of Oregon	3
<u>Out-of-State &amp; Country Colleges</u>		University of Pennsylvania	5
Bard College	1	University of Puget Sound	1
Binghamton University	1	University of Washington	6
Boston College	1	University of Wisconsin	1
Boston University	6	Utah State University	1
Bowdoin College	1	Washington University in St. Louis	3
Brandeis University	1	Wesleyan University	1
Brigham Young University-Hawaii	1	Yale University	2

### COLLEGE ATTENDANCE

#### % of graduates to 2-year colleges

'07	'08	'09	'10	'11
18	19	16	16	14

#### % of graduates to 4-year colleges

'07	'08	'09	'10	'11
82	78	82	83	84

#### % of graduates going to college

'07	'08	'09	'10	'11
97	97	98	99	98

### 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.**

## 2011-2012 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 )

### Clubs and Organizations

Amnesty International  
Anime Club  
Book Club  
California Scholarship Federation (CSF)  
Chess Club  
Code Red  
DECA  
Drama Club  
Faith Walk  
French Club  
Gay-Straight Alliance  
Go Club  
Heart Skate  
History Club  
Indian Cultural Awareness Club  
Interact  
Investment Club  
Invisible Children Club  
Junior Statesmen of America  
Key Club  
Live Right  
Math Club  
Mechanical Science Engineering Team  
Mock Trial  
Model United Nations  
Multi-Cultural Club  
National Honor Society  
Perfect Pals Club  
Pets and Animals with Spirit (PAAWS)  
Poetry Club  
Quiz Bowl  
Red Cross Club  
SHS Gardening Association  
Spanish Club  
Speech and Debate

### Clubs (con't)

Tri-M Music Honor Society  
Writers Circle  
Youth Engaged in Advancing Health

### Commissions

Athletic Commission  
Benefit Commission  
Community Commission  
Dance Commission  
Elections Commission  
Events Commission  
Homecoming Commission  
New Student Commission  
Rally Commission  
Safety/Improvement Commission  
Spirit & Publicity Commission  
Spring Fling Commission  
Link Crew

### Publications

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

### Spirit

Cheerleaders  
Colorguard  
Mascots  
Songleaders  
Winterguard

### Student Government

Appointed Commissioners  
Elected Officers  
Second Period Student Council Reps.