

SARATOGA HIGH SCHOOL

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School Profile

2009-2010

A Distinguished California School Nationally Recognized for Excellence

THE SCHOOL

Saratoga High School, with a student enrollment of approximately 1350, 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-three 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: Drama 4, Algebra 2, Band 4 & 5, Chemistry, Chinese 4, Chinese 5*, English 11, French 4, Japanese 3, Japanese 4**, Journalism 4, Orchestra 4 & 5, Spanish 4, Trigonometry/PreCalculus

*Not offered in '08-'09 **Not offered in '07-'08 or '08-'09

Advanced Placement Courses:

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

Not offered before '08-'09 *Not offered in 09-10

* Students may enroll in only one AP English course

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Number of graduates	307	341	320	316	337
Finalists	15	25	18	26	29
Commended Students	40	44	57	45	45

There are 27 Semifinalists and 53 Commended Students among the current 339 seniors.

COLLEGE ADMISSION TESTING and ADVANCED PLACEMENT STATISTICS

SAT I/SAT Reasoning Test	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Percentage taking the SAT	98	96	91	91	85
Mean verbal SAT (2006: Critical Reading)	618	614	619	623	622
Mean math SAT	665	659	661	664	664
Mean writing SAT	n/a	n/a	629	632	636
Mean total SAT	1283	1893*	1909*	1919*	1922
SAT II/SAT Subject Test	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Percentage taking Math 1	46	11	15	4	2
Mean score	626	612	582	593	585
Percentage taking Math 2	50	63	55	59	61
Mean score	724	708	708	707	703
AP'S	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Number of AP exams taken	729	908	897	876	920
Percentage of qualifying scores	92	89	91	90	88

*Includes writing

**After the January 2005 administration, the SAT Subject Test in Writing was no longer administered because the SAT Reasoning Test now includes the writing section. 2006 is the last test year for which scores for the SAT Subject Test in Writing are reported.

POST-SECONDARY PLANS OF THE CLASS OF 2009

California Colleges

Out-of-State & Country Colleges (cont'd)

American River College	1	Bentley University	1
Art Institute of CA – San Francisco	1	Boston University	6
Azusa Pacific College	1	Brigham Young University	2
Cabrillo College	1	Bucknell University	1
CA Institute of Technology	1	Carnegie Mellon University	1
Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo	12	Colorado School of Mines	1
CSU, Chico	4	Cornell University	4
CSU Polytechnic, Pomona	1	Dartmouth College	1
CSU, Dominguez Hills	1	Duke University	2
CSU, Fullerton	1	Georgetown University	3
CSU, Northridge	1	Harvard University	3
Cuesta College	5	Hofstra University	1
De Anza College	16	Juilliard	1
Foothill College	1	Marquette University	1
Laguna College of Art & Design	1	MIT	2
Las Positas College	1	New York University	3
Loyola Marymount University	3	Northeastern University	1
Mission College	1	Northern Arizona University	1
Notre Dame de Namur University	1	Northwestern University	2
Orange Coast College	1	Princeton University	2
Otis College of Art and Design	1	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	1
Pomona College	1	Rhode Island School of Design	1
San Diego Mesa College	1	Rice University	1
San Francisco State University	2	Skidmore College	1
San Jose City College	1	Southern Utah University	2
San Jose State University	9	Swarthmore College	1
Santa Barbara City College	2	United States Military Academy	1
Santa Clara University	4	University of Arizona	1
Stanford University	2	University of Chicago	1
UC, Berkeley	35	University of Colorado, Boulder	2
UC, Davis	30	University of Denver	1
UC, Irvine	8	University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign	1
UC, Los Angeles	8	University of Nevada, Las Vegas	1
UC, Merced	4	University of Oregon	7
UC, Riverside	6	University of Pennsylvania	2
UC, San Diego	18	University of Puget Sound	1
UC, Santa Barbara	7	University of Rochester	1
UC, Santa Cruz	12	University of Virginia	1
University of San Diego	1	University of Washington	1
University of San Francisco	1	Utah Valley University	2
University of Southern California	10	Washington University in St. Louis	3
University of the Pacific	5		
West Valley College	24	<u>Americorps</u>	2
Whittier College	1		
<u>Out-of-State & Country Colleges</u>		<u>Working/Travel/Other</u>	7
Albion College	1		
Arizona State University	1		
Art Institute of Boston	1		

COLLEGE ATTENDANCE

% of graduates to 2-year colleges

'05	'06	'07	'08	'09
13	17	15	19	16

% of graduates to 4-year colleges

'05	'06	'07	'08	'09
85	81	82	78	82

% of graduates going to college

'05	'06	'07	'08	'09
98	98	97	97	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.

2009-2010 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

American Cancer Society
Amnesty International
Anime Club
Ceramics Club
Chess Club
Cricket Club
CSF
Culinary Club
Diversity Task Force
Environmental Management System (EMS)
Faith Walk
French Club
Gay-Straight Alliance
Go Club
Habitat for Humanity
History Club
Indian Cultural Awareness Club
Information Technology &
Computing Committee
Interact
Investment Club
Invisible Children Club
Junior Statesmen of America
Key Club
Leo's Club
Living Water Christian Club
Math Club
Mock Trial
Model United Nations
Multi-Cultural Club
Muslim Club
NHS
O Ambassador
Perfect Pals Club
Pets and Animals with Spirit (PAAWS)

Clubs (cont'd)

Poetry Club
Red Cross Club
Robotics Club
Science Club
SHIFT Coalition
Skating Club
Spanish Club
Speech and Debate
Spotlight Club
Thespian Club
Tri-M Music Honor Society

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)
Soundings (Literary Magazine)

Spirit

Cheerleaders
Colorguard
Mascots
Songleaders
Winterguard

Student Government

Appointed Commissioners
Elected Officers
Second Period Student Council Reps.