

SARATOGA HIGH SCHOOL

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School Profile

2010-2011

A Distinguished California School Nationally Recognized for Excellence

THE SCHOOL

Saratoga High School, with an enrollment of approximately 1380, 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: Drama 4, Algebra 2, Band 4 & 5, Chemistry, Chinese 4, Chinese 5, English 11, French 4, Japanese 3, Journalism 4, Orchestra 4 & 5, Spanish 4, Trigonometry/PreCalculus

Advanced Placement Courses:

Biology, Calculus AB, 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

* Students may enroll in only one AP English course

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Number of graduates	341	320	316	337	333
Finalists	25	18	26	29	23
Commended Students	44	57	45	45	52

There are 29 Semifinalists and 85 Commended Students among the current 337 seniors.

COLLEGE ADMISSION TESTING and ADVANCED PLACEMENT STATISTICS

SHS SAT I/SAT Reasoning Test Results	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Percentage taking the SAT	96	91	91	85	95
Mean verbal SAT (2006: Critical Reading)	614	619	623	622	619
Mean math SAT	659	661	664	664	665
*Mean writing SAT	n/a	629	632	636	639
Mean Total SAT	1893	1909	1919	1922	1923
California State Mean Total SAT	1520	1513	1512	1511	1517
National Mean Total SAT	1518	1511	1511	1509	TBA
SHS AP Exam Results	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Number of Students Taking Exams				440	449
Number of AP exams taken	908	897	876	920	981
Percentage of qualifying scores	89	91	90	88	91

POST-SECONDARY PLANS OF THE CLASS OF 2010

California Colleges

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

Academy of Art	1	Case Western Reserve University	3
Art Center College of Design	1	Colorado State University	2
Cabrillo College	1	Columbia University	1
California College of the Arts	1	Concordia University	1
Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo	10	Cornell University	2
CSU, Channel Islands	1	Dartmouth College	2
CSU, Chico	1	Duke University	2
CSU, Fullerton	2	Emerson College	3
CSU, Long Beach	1	Emory University	1
De Anza College	19	Fordham University	1
FIDM, San Francisco	1	George Washington University	2
Loyola Marymount University	5	Georgetown University	2
Mission College	1	Lindenwood University	1
St. Mary's College of CA	1	Maryland Institute College of Art	1
San Diego State University	2	MIT	1
San Francisco State University	3	Michigan State University	1
San Jose State University	7	New England Conservatory of Music	2
Santa Barbara City College	3	New York University	3
Santa Clara University	3	North Carolina State University	1
Santa Monica College	2	Northwestern University	5
Sonoma State University	7	Parsons School of Design	1
Stanford University	5	Pennsylvania State University, Altoona	1
The Art Institute of CA-San Fran	1	Purdue University	1
The Culinary Institute of America	1	Rochester Institute of Technology	1
Universal Technical Institute	1	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	1
UC, Berkeley	19	Seattle University	2
UC, Davis	23	University of Arizona	3
UC, Irvine	15	University of British Columbia Okanagan	1
UC, Los Angeles	10	University of Colorado at Boulder	4
UC, Riverside	6	University of Connecticut	1
UC, San Diego	25	University of Idaho	1
UC, Santa Barbara	6	University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign	1
UC, Santa Cruz	8	University of Kansas	1
University of San Diego	3	University of Michigan	5
University of San Francisco	2	University of Oregon	4
University of Southern California	14	University of Pennsylvania	2
University of the Pacific	2	University of Rochester	1
West Valley College	28	University of Utah	1
Whittier College	1	University of Washington	1
		University of Wisconsin, Madison	2
		Utah Valley University	1
		Vassar College	2
		Washington University in St. Louis	3
<u>Out-of-State & Country Colleges</u>			
Arizona State University	1		
Baylor University	1		
Belmont University	1		
Boston College	1	<u>Working/Travel/Other</u>	5
Boston University	4		
Bowdoin College	1		
Brown University	3		
Carnegie Mellon University	3		

*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.

COLLEGE ATTENDANCE

% of graduates to 2-year colleges

'06	'07	'07	'09	'10
17	18	19	16	16

% of graduates to 4-year colleges

'06	'07	'08	'09	'10
81	82	78	82	83

% of graduates going to college

'06	'07	'08	'09	'10
98	97	97	98	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.

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

Amnesty International
Anime Club
Bioethics Club
Book Club
California Scholarship Federation (CSF)
Chess Club
Code Red
Diversity Task Force
Drama Club
Environmental Management System (EMS)
Faith Walk
Film Club
Fine Arts Association
French Club
Gay-Straight Alliance
Glee Club
Go Club
GREEN Club
Habitat for Humanity
Heart Skate
History Club
Indian A Capella
Indian Cultural Awareness Club
Information Technology &
Computing Committee
Interact
Investment Club
Invisible Children Club
Italian Club
Junior Statesmen of America
Key Club
Leo's Club
Live Right
Math Club
Mechanical Science Engineering Team

Clubs (cont'd)

Mock Trial
Model United Nations
Multi-Cultural Club
Muslim Club
National Honor Society
Perfect Pals Club
Pets and Animals with Spirit (PAAWS)
Poetry Club
Quiz Bowl
Red Cross Club
SHS DECA
SHS Gardening Association
Spanish Club
Speech and Debate
Tri-M Music Honor Society
Writers Circle
Youth Engaged in Advancing Health
Youth Physicians of America

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.

