



Saratoga High School

School Profile 2019-2020

CEEB Code: 053343

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89% of Graduating Students Meet or Exceed UC or CSU Requirements	150+ Students in Leadership or Peer to Peer Organizations	51 National Merit Semifinalists: Class of 2020	46.5% of Students Participate in at Least One Athletic Team
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Our School:

Saratoga High School, with an enrollment of approximately 1360, is located in an upper middle class professional community in the Silicon Valley. The California Department of Education and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) jointly accredit the school. Saratoga High School is a Distinguished California School nationally recognized for excellence.

Demographics:

Enrollment	Average Class Size	Graduation Rate
1360	25.8	99%

Grading Policy:

SHS reports a student's total, weighted grade point average. While AP and Honors courses with a C- or better from SHS are assigned an extra grade point, + and - are not weighted in the student's GPA. Honors/AP courses not from SHS are not weighted. All other SHS courses are on a 4.0 scale.

Ethnic Diversity:

Saratoga High School is home to 1359 students, 363 of whom are in our Class of 2020. 15 ethnic groups are represented by our student body. In addition, 36 languages are spoken among the families in our school community.

AP Testing & National Merit Results:

May 2019 AP Testing		Class of 2020 National Merit	
# of SHS Students	595	# of SHS Graduates	363
# of Exams Taken	1601	# of Finalists	51
% of Qualifying Scores	93.3	Commended Students	65

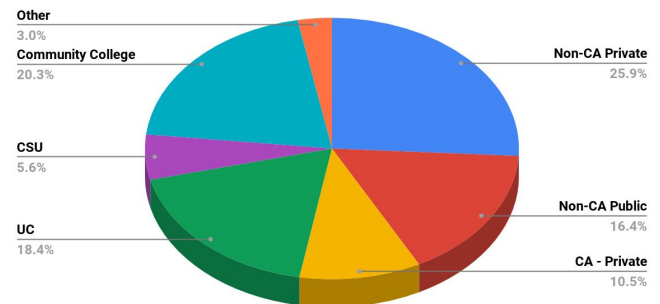
Ranking:

Saratoga High School does not rank our students.

SAT & ACT Testing Results:

	2018 SAT	2019 SAT	2018 ACT	2019 ACT
# of SHS Students	228	222	150	121
Mean Total	1376	1406	30.6	30.9
CA State Mean Total	1076	1065	22.7	22.6
National Mean Total	1068	1059	20.8	20.7

Class of 2019 Post Secondary Plans:



2019 AP Results by Exam

AP Exams 2019	Biology	Calculus AB	Calculus BC	Chemistry	Chinese Lang	Comp Sci A	English Lang	English Lit	Env Science	Euro History	French Lang	Physics 1	Physics 2	Spanish Lang	Statistics	Studio Art	US Gov & Pol	US History
# tested	80	89	100	112	56	112	108	28	108	29	11	66	66	38	121	5	150	138
% passed	98%	97%	97%	100%	100%	99%	95%	96%	77%	86%	82%	94%	92%	97%	93%	100%	80%	94%

Our Mission Statement:

The mission of Saratoga High School is to optimize the learning of each student. As a community of learners committed to excellence, we promote lifelong learning, personal integrity, social responsibility, and good physical and mental health.

Our Curriculum:

Saratoga High School's curriculum is an academically challenging, college preparatory program. Classes meet for 90-minute periods on alternating block days. Students may take up to six classes per semester and elect to participate in a seventh period with limited course options or athletic events. Eight AP or Honors courses throughout a student's four years of high school is considered to be the most rigorous course load. Saratoga High School is an open access school, allowing students to take any grade-level appropriate courses as they choose. Starting their junior year, students are permitted to take two science courses. Students are required to complete a minimum of 220 semester units.

Honors & Advanced Placement Courses:

ENGLISH

Honors: English 11

AP: English Language & Composition,
English Literature & Composition

MATHEMATICS

Honors: Algebra 2, Pre-Calculus

AP: Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics, Computer Science A

SCIENCE

Honors: Chemistry

AP: Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Physics 1/
Physics 2

SOCIAL SCIENCES

Honors: None

AP: European History, US Government & Politics, US History

VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

Honors: Art 4, Band 4, Band 5, Choir 4, Choir 5, Drama 4,
Orchestra 4, Orchestra 5

AP: Art History, Music Theory, Studio Art

WORLD LANGUAGES

Honors: Chinese 4, Chinese 5, French 3, French 4, Spanish 4

AP: Chinese Language, French Language, Spanish Language,
Spanish Literature

ELECTIVES

Honors: Journalism 4, Multi Media Journalism 4

AP: None

Extra Curricular Activities:

SHS sponsors a broad range of co-curricular and extracurricular activities including numerous service and special interest clubs for students to become active in the school and community. A partial list includes: student government, Link Crew, speech and debate, journalism, yearbook, SHS-TV, award winning spirit groups, commission groups, an award winning marching band and auxiliary units, an award winning robotics program, and 26 competitive athletic teams that regularly compete for CCS championships.

Special School Programs:

College Advantage:

College Advantage is a unique program that invites high performing seniors, who have at least a 3.5 unweighted GPA. Students enroll in college courses only, but receive an SHS diploma upon completion of graduation requirements.

Media Arts Program (MAP):

MAP invites students to celebrate their learning in an academy setting with a focus on rigorous academic standards in English and Social Studies. While developing skills in media-related performance and production technologies, students gain experience with cutting edge programs for video, animation, graphic design, and other media. Instruction emphasizes collaboration, communication, and creativity as students work with their peers, teachers, and industry professionals. Successful completion of MAP coursework satisfies graduation requirements in English 9-12, Social Studies requirements for 10-11th grades, and 12th grade Government. Students will also satisfy Applied Arts and Visual and Performing Arts credits.

Middle College at West Valley College:

Middle College at West Valley College is a rigorous program for students who have the social and academic skills to successfully function independently in college level classes. Students take history and English classes with other high school students, but take additional college classes of their choosing. The program is housed entirely on the West Valley College campus, so students are not actively enrolled at SHS. Students receive a diploma from Saratoga High School and are allowed to participate in school activities.

Project Lead the Way (PLTW)/STEM:

Each year-long course covers a unique set of topics in a variety of engineering fields. The curriculum of each course has been designed to be independent of other engineering courses. This allows students to take any or all of the three introductory courses without having taken the prior course(s). The capstone course, Engineering Design and Development, is an open-ended design course and requires students to have taken two prior engineering courses or have permission of the teacher. All of the four courses use project-based learning and focus on the 4 C's: critical-thinking, creativity, collaboration, and communication.

Silicon Valley Career Technical Education (SVCTE):

SVCTE educates eligible high school students for success in careers and college in a professional, hands-on environment. Courses are offered within 11 industry sectors where junior and senior high school students can explore and develop technical skills that will lead them to higher education or into the workplace.