



"Once a Don, Always a Don"

# SANTA BARBARA SENIOR HIGH

School Profile

2021-2022

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## SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY: THE SANTA BARBARA DONS

Santa Barbara High School (SBHS), founded in 1875, is the third oldest high school in California. SBHS is a comprehensive 9th-12th grade Public High School. Occupying a 44 acre urban campus, the current Spanish-style school was built in 1924. With a rich history, SBHS is known throughout the community as the "Home of the Dons." The sense of pride and tradition is palpable here!

The student body of 2,191 reflects the socio-economic status of the community.

47% Free or Reduced Lunch      43% First Generation to College  
Latino 58%    White 36%    Asian 2%    African American 1%    Other 3%

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

Santa Barbara High School's integrated curriculum offers 230 academic and elective courses. SBHS graduates are required to earn a minimum of 220 credits, five for each semester class passed with a "D-" or better. These include:

- 8 semesters English
- 6 semesters Mathematics (including Common Core Math 1 or higher)
- 6 semesters Social Science
- 4 semesters Science
- 4 semesters Physical Education
- 6 semesters World Language or Visual/Performing Arts or Tech
- 1 semester Health
- 9 semesters (45 credits) Electives
- 1 semester Ethnic Studies (Requirement begins with the class of 2024)

Students are required to complete Service Learning (Community Service or unpaid Internship) to meet the Santa Barbara Unified School District graduation requirement.

Hours have been revised hours due to COVID-19:

Class of 2022, 2023, & 2024 = 45 hours

Class of 2025 = 60 hours

## GRADING SYSTEM AND CLASS RANK

- GPA is computed both weighted and non-weighted. Grade point averages are computed on a four (4) point scale: A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, F=0.
- All Honors, AP and Dual Enrollment courses are weighted on a five (5) point scale.
- Santa Barbara Unified School District does not utilize class rank.
- Five units of credit are allotted for each semester passing grade

## COVID 19 Response

In April 2020, due to the school system transitioning to online learning, our Santa Barbara Unified School District School Board voted to give all students an option for their Spring 2020 Semester grades. For each class, our students had the option of requesting to receive a traditional letter grade or CR/NC.

For 2020-21 & 2021-22, we have transitioned to a Block Schedule format (up to 4 courses in the Fall and up to 4 courses in the Spring).

Beginning Fall 2021, Santa Barbara High School began in-person class again after the 2020-2021 online/hybrid learning year.

## Transcript

- "+" or "a" designates an Honors, SBCC Dual Enrollment, or Advanced Placement class and is used in computing the weighted GPA
- "R" indicates a repeated class for no credit
- "P" indicates a college preparatory class