



# SCHOOL PROFILE 2021-2022

## Our School

Since 1964, Henry M. Gunn High School has been a model of rigorous and innovative learning. Gunn's mission is to foster a community of creative thinkers who will acquire knowledge, skills, values, and integrity to: be resilient, responsible, respectful, contributing citizens; lead rewarding lives which pursue personal excellence and lifelong learning. Gunn is located 35 miles south of San Francisco and 14 miles north of San Jose in Santa Clara County. Palo Alto is a community of approximately 68,572 residents.

## Our Community: Impact of COVID-19

The high school closed March 16, 2020 due to health concerns stemming from the pandemic. Students were graded using Credit/No Credit (C/NC) scale for Semester 2 in the 2019-2020 school year.

In Fall 2020, school opened in distance learning with live daily interaction as well as rigorous coursework. 2020-21 school year academic instruction was provided primarily through synchronous instruction via Zoom. Grading resumed and A-F semester grades were issued.

[California Assembly Bill 104](#) allowed parents to request an A-D letter grade earned in any course during the 2020-2021 school year to be changed to Pass (P) and any F grade to No Pass (NP).

## Our Students

The student body reflects the demographics of the ethnically diverse and socio-economically prosperous city of Palo Alto. Gunn embraces Palo Alto's dynamic culture and community with a diverse and vibrant student body.

### 2021-2022 (Total enrollment)

Total Students: 1,908  
 African-American: 1.5%  
 American Indian or Alaska Native: 0.2%  
 Asian: 45.1%  
 Filipino: 0.7%  
 Hispanic or Latino: 12.2%  
 Pacific Islander: 0.4%  
 White: 30.6%  
 Two or More Races: 9.7%  
 Not reported: 0.0%  
 Roughly 3.8% of our students are classified as limited English proficient.

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## Student Achievement

Students at Gunn continue to demonstrate outstanding performance on standardized tests

### ACT Composite Average

Year	2019	2020	2021
ACT Scores	28.9	27.5	30.5
State Scores	22.6	20.8	23.3

### SAT (1600 scale)

Year	2020	2021	Nat'l & Int'l Mean
Reading & Writing	661	676	533
Math	696	707	528

### National Merit Scholarship

Year	2019	2020	2021
Semi-Finalist	35	34	15
Commended	96	107	4

### AP Scores – May 2021

834 students took 2257 tests
86% students scored 3 or higher
39% students scored 5

## Grading System

Gunn High School lists both unweighted and weighted GPA on the transcript. Weighted GPA is based on all Honors (H) and Advance Placement (AP) courses, grades 10-12. While H and AP courses are given an extra grade point, +/- are not weighted in the student's GPA.

Please note, the following classes do not provide +/-'s in their grading rubrics:	
Biology	Chemistry
Conceptual Physics	AP Chemistry
AP Physics	AP Environmental Sci

Gunn High School does not rank students. The following grade distribution chart is provided to assist you in evaluating student performance.

Class of 2022 (6 semesters) (size: 481)	
	Number of students
3.76 - 4.00	252
3.51 – 3.75	99
3.01 – 3.50	82
2.51 – 3.00	35
2.50 and below	12

## Academics

Gunn students learn and benefit from a rigorous and engaging courses. The student to teacher ratio is 26:1. Students are recommend to take a minimum of five courses. Students earn five credits for passing each semester course.

## Honors Courses

Gunn offers 21 Honors courses

## AP Courses

Gunn offers 27 AP course. Gunn suggests a maximum of two AP classes per semester. Gunn doesn't recommend AP courses for 9<sup>th</sup> grade. There is only one AP course offered for 9<sup>th</sup>.

AB Calculus	Seminar
BC Calculus	French - Lang & Cult
Computer Science A/Pri	German - Lang & Cult
Statistics	Japanese Lang & Cult
Biology	Mandarin – Lang & Cult
Chemistry	Spanish – Lang & Cult
Environmental Sci	Spanish – Lit & Cult
Physics 1/C	English – Lit & Comp
Physics C: Mech/E&M	Some of our AP courses

## Graduation Credit Requirements (220)

(A) Social Studies - 40	(F) Visual & Performing Arts – 10
(B) English - 40	(G) Electives – 25
(C) Math - 30	Career Technical (CTE) - 10
(D) Science – 20	Living Skills – 5
(F) World Language – 20	Physical Education - 20

## Athletics

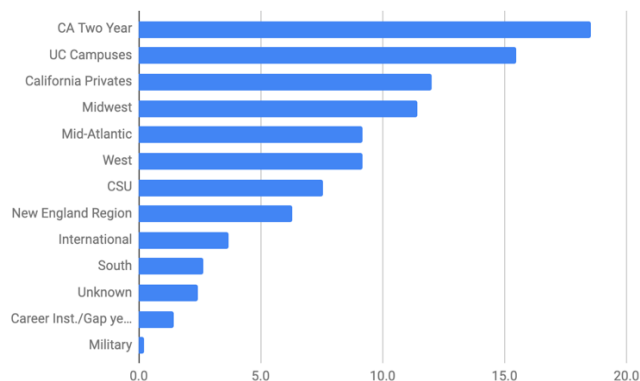
Gunn has 875 students-athletes participating in 16 sports.

Badminton (C)	Soccer (B,G)
Baseball (B)	Softball (G)
Basketball (B,G)	Swim/Dive (B,G)
Cheer & Dance (C)	Tennis (B,G)
Cross Country (C)	Track/Field (C)
Football (B)	Volleyball (B,G)
Golf (B,G)	Water Polo (B,G)
Lacrosse (B,G)	Wrestling (C)

## Student Activities & Clubs

Over 100 clubs in these exciting areas:

Auto Shop	Food	Med
Activism	Games	Music
Computer	Intellectual	Outdoors
Culture	Key Club	Politics
Dance	Language	Rings
Debate	Lifestyle	ROCK
Entrepreneurial	Literature	Service
Environmental	Math	Student Gov't



## College Enrollment – Class of 2021

18.5% to 2 year colleges

77% to 4 year colleges

## SELF: (Social-Emotional Literacy & Functionality)

**SELF** is a non-graded weekly 4-year comprehensive program for every Gunn student participates in weekly. Self focuses on the development of the core SEL competencies – social awareness, self-management, self-efficacy, self-awareness, social management, and social engagement – students build community and share stories with a trusted adult mentor and each other, guided by specific themes each semester like equity and empathy, self-identity, and building relationships.

## Alternative Programs

Gunn offers several alternative programs such as AVID, Social Justice Pathway, College Pathway (first-generation students), Business Pathway, Foothill Middle College, and College Now. Also, there are several Dual Enrollment programs that include Sports Medicine, Stage Tech, and Multivariable Calculus.

## Our Administration

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