

# Saratoga High School

## School Profile 2023-2024



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

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### Our School

Saratoga High School 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 ranked #181 in the National Rankings and ranked 24th within California and 5th ranked in San Jose, CA Metro Area High Schools.

### Demographics

2023-24 Enrollment	1,169
Class of 2024 Students	292
23-24 Average Class Size	28.1
2023 Graduation Rate	98%

### Ethnic Diversity

Saratoga High School is home to 1,169 students, 292 of whom are in our Class of 2024. 15 ethnic groups are represented by our student body. In addition, 36 languages are spoken among the families in our school community.

### Adaptations related to COVID

#### Spring 2020:

- Remote instruction
- District option for traditional letter grades or CR/NC
- No sports or activities

#### Fall 2020:

- Remote instruction
- Traditional letter grades
- No sports or activities
- Pursuant to California Assembly Bill 104, students permitted to identify specific courses for CR/NC

#### Spring 2021:

- Hybrid instruction
- Traditional letter grades
- Sports and some activities
- Pursuant to California Assembly Bill 104, students permitted to identify specific courses for CR/NC

#### Fall 2021:

- In-person instruction
- Traditional letter grades
- All sports and activities resume

95% of graduating students meet or exceed UC or CSU requirements

33 National Merit Semifinalists Class of 2024

44.94% of students participate on at least one athletic team

### Grading Policy

SHS reports both the student's total weighted and unweighted grade point averages. 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 taken outside of SHS, including community college courses are not given an extra grade point. All other SHS courses are on a 4.0 scale.

**We do not rank our students.**

### Our Curriculum

Saratoga High School's curriculum is an academically challenging, college preparatory program.

- Classes meet for 85-minute periods on alternating block days.
- Students may take up to seven classes per semester.
- 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.
- Student are required to complete minimum of 220 semester units.

**Rigor: Eight or more AP or Honors courses throughout a student's four years of high school is considered to be the most rigorous course load.**

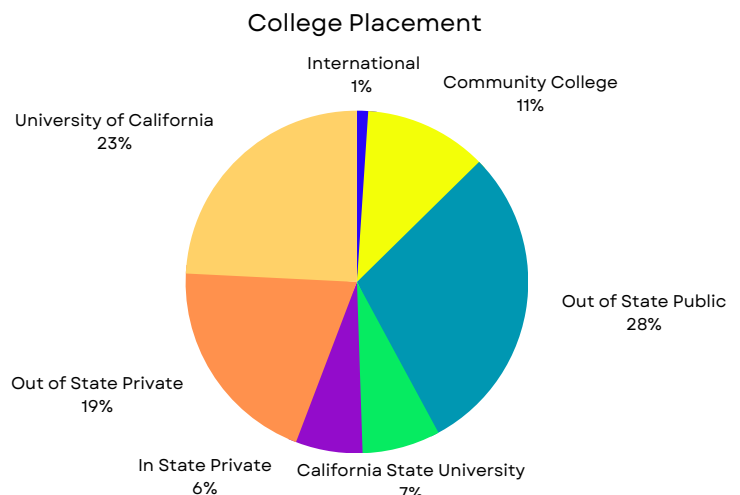
### 2023 AP Test Results

# of SHS Students	588
# of Exams taken	1,612
% of Qualifying scores	89%

### SAT & ACT Testing Results

	2023 SAT	2022 SAT	2021 SAT	2023 ACT	2022 ACT	2021 ACT
# of SHS students	288	376	225	33	80	31
Mean Total	1408	1,406	1423	31.5	31	31
CA State Mean Total	N/A	N/A	1065	N/A	N/A	22.6
National Mean Total	N/A	N/A	1051	N/A	N/A	20.7

### Post High School Matriculation



## Honors & Advanced Placement Courses

### ENGLISH

**Honors:** English 11, Creative Writing 2

**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,  
Physics E&M, Physics C Mechanics

### SOCIAL SCIENCES

**Honors:** None

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

### VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

**Honors:** Art 4, Band 4 Symphonic, Band 5 Symphonic, Jazz Ensemble, Band 4  
Wind Ensemble, Band 5 Wind Ensemble, Choir 4, Choir 5, Drama 4, Orchestra  
4, Orchestra 5

**AP:** Art History, 2-D Art Design, 3-D Art Design, Drawing, Music Theory

### WORLD LANGUAGES

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

**AP:** Chinese Language & Culture, Japanese Language & Culture, French  
Language & Culture, Spanish Language & Culture

### ELECTIVES

**Honors:** Journalism 4, Multimedia 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 actively involved in the school and community.

A partial list includes:

- 26 athletic teams that compete for SCVAL League and CCS championships
- Commission groups
- Journalism
- Link Crew
- Speech and Debate
- SHS-TV
- Student government
- Yearbook
- Award winning marching band, color guard, and auxiliary units
- Award winning FIRST robotics program
- Award winning VEX robotics program
- Award winning cheer and dance teams

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## Special School Programs

### College Advantage at West Valley College

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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.