



# SCHOOL PROFILE 2023-2024

## 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; be resilient, responsible, respectful, contributing citizens; and lead rewarding lives which pursue personal excellence and lifelong learning. Gunn has been ranked #23 in "Best High Schools in California" by the school ranking platform, U.S. News. Gunn is located in Palo Alto, California, 35 miles south of San Francisco and 14 miles north of San Jose in Santa Clara County. Palo Alto is a community of approximately 69,406 residents.

## Our Community: Impact of COVID-19

The high school closed March 17, 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.

[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.

### Key to Transcript Symbols in Course Title on Transcripts

A = Advanced (math)/Accelerated (English)  
 D = Dual Enrollment Community College Course  
 SJ = Social Justice Pathway

### 2023-2024 (Total enrollment)

Total Students: 1,719  
 African-American: 1.3%  
 American Indian or Alaska Native: 0.1%  
 Asian: 46.4%  
 Filipino: 1.3%  
 Hispanic or Latino: 12.2%  
 Pacific Islander: 0.3%  
 White: 29%  
 Two or More Races: 10.7%  
 Not reported: 0%  
 Roughly 2.7% of our students are classified as limited English proficient.

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## Student Achievement

### ACT Composite Average

Year	2021	2022	2023
ACT Scores	30.5	29.2	29.2
State Scores	23.3	23.3	20.3

### SAT

Year	2022	2023	Nat'l & Int'l
ERW	682	682	506
Math	709	710	493

### National Merit Scholarship

Year	2021	2022	2023
Semi-Finalist	15	47	31
Commended	4	74	73

### AP Scores – May 2023

846 students took 2504 tests
95.1% students scored 3 or higher
52.8% 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. Gunn High School does not rank students. The following grade distribution chart is provided to assist you in evaluating student performance

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

Class of 2024 (6 semesters) (size: 452)		
Decile	Weighted GPA	Unweighted GPA
1	4.522 - 4.325	4.00
2	4.324 - 4.238	3.979 - 3.951
3	4.237 - 4.146	3.950 - 3.904
4	4.145 - 4.075	3.903 - 3.854
5	4.074 - 4.000	3.853 - 3.795
6	3.999 - 3.878	3.794 - 3.725
7	3.877 - 3.725	3.724 - 3.608
8	3.724 - 3.476	3.607 - 3.428
9	3.475 - 3.159	3.427 - 3.195
10	3.158 - 1.935	3.194 - 1.903

## 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 16 Honors courses

## AP Courses

Gunn offers 29 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> grade and is not weighted.

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.

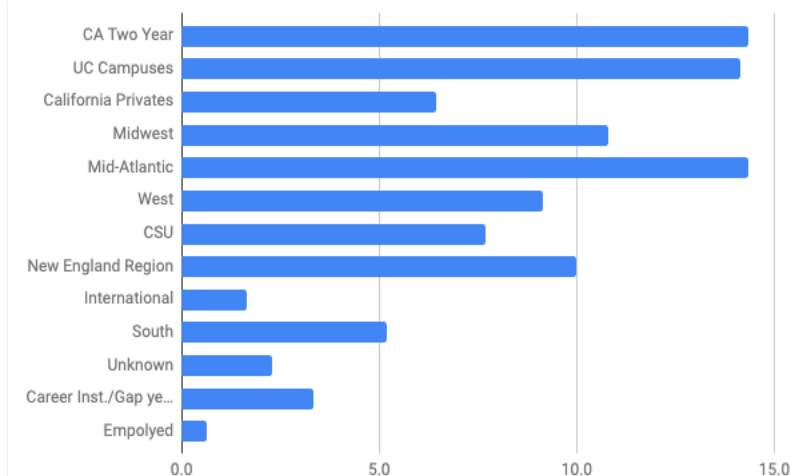
Badminton (C)	Soccer (B,G)
Baseball (B)	Softball (G)
Basketball (B,G)	Swim/Dive (B,G)
Cheer & Dance (C)	Tennis (B,G)
Cross Country (C)	Track/Field (C)
Football (B)	Volleyball (B,G)
Golf (B,G)	Water Polo (B,G)
Lacrosse (B,G)	Wrestling (C)

## 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

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California Distinguished High School  
Complies with NACAS Statement of Principles of Good Practice



## College Enrollment – Class of 2023

15.1% to 2 year colleges

77.3% to 4 year colleges

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

**SELF** is a non-graded 4-year comprehensive weekly program for every Gunn student participates in weekly. As students develop 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

### Principal

Wendy Stratton

### Assistant Principals

Courtney Carlomagno

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