



Sammamish High School

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School & Community Overview

Sammamish High School is one of five public high schools in the Bellevue School District, located in Bellevue, WA. Bellevue is the fifth largest city in Washington, with a population estimated at 142,400. Bellevue encompasses a large technology and retail hub. The Bellevue School District serves approximately 20,270 students in grades K-12. The district vision is "To affirm and inspire each and every student to learn and thrive as creators of their future world."

In 1959 Sammamish opened its doors and graduated its first class in spring of 1961. Sammamish is one of four comprehensive high schools in the Bellevue School District located in the Seattle suburb of Bellevue, Washington. It serves a student population of approximately 1210 in an ethnically and economically diverse area of Bellevue. What is unique about Sammamish High School? • Students take an active role in advocating for social justice. • Administrators, teachers, support staff, and families partner together to provide a dynamic learning experience for students. • Diversity is our strength.

Administration

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CEEB/ACT Code: 480072

2023 Class Size: 345
GPA: Unweighted only
Ranking: Bellevue School District does NOT rank
Grading Scale: 4.0 (no +/- included in GPA)
Schedule: 2 semesters per year; 7 courses per semester on a modified block schedule

Free/Reduced Lunch: 35%
English Language Learner: 11%
Receiving IEP Services: 15%
First Language Not English: 37%
Mobility Rate: 6%
On time Grad rate: 92%

Racial Diversity: White 43% Hispanic 22% Asian 20% Two or More Races 9% Black/African American 5%

Graduation Requirements

Credits: 24 (.5 = 1 semester)
English: 4.0
Math: 3.0
Science: 3.0
Social Studies: 3.5
Career/Tech Ed: 1.0
PE/Health: 2.0
Fine Arts: 2.0*
World Language: 2.0*

*WA State's Personal Pathway Requirement allows students to replace 1.0 of Fine Arts and 2.0 of World Language with classes more beneficial to their future plans.

- Pass English Language Arts & Math State Tests (or an alternate graduation pathway)
- Complete WA State History
- Complete 40 hours of Community Service
- Earn a minimum 2.0 Cumulative GPA

National Academic Achievement

National Merit 2022

Commended:
Semifinalists: 4
Finalists: 4

AP Exam Info 2021-22

AP Exam Pass Rate: 64%
Students taking at least one AP Course by the time they graduate: 97%
Average Number of AP credits earned by Graduates: 5.1

ACT Scores 2022

Average ACT Composite Score: 27.9

SAT Scores 2022

Average SAT Composite Score: 1131

Programs

AP: Students may take AP tests in several subject areas, starting in the 9th grade. AP courses are open-enrollment available to all students. In 2021-2022, 487 students sat for 865 AP exams. Of the 487 students, (64%) received scores of 3, 4 or 5. Sammamish High School offers 23 classes to prepare students for Advanced Placement exams that include English Language, English Literature, World History, US History, US Government and Politics: US, Biology, Chemistry, Physics 1 & 2, Environmental Science, Psychology, Statistics, Calculus AB/BC, Micro/Macro Economics, Computer Science, Human Geography, Spanish Language, Spanish Literature, Chinese Language, French Language and Art Portfolio.

College Credit Opportunities: Sammamish students can earn college credit by Advanced Placement, College in the High School through the University of Washington and Bellevue College, Tech Prep, and Running Start programs. Advanced Calculus dual enrolled with Bellevue College **Running Start:** a Washington State dual-enrollment program offered to eligible juniors and seniors. A 5-credit community college course is equal to 1.0 high school credit.

ISA: The International Spanish Academy (ISA) is a Spanish language program started in September of 1986 with the goal of educating students to become biliterate and multicultural by high school graduation. Students may study Spanish in an immersion environment from kindergarten to 12th grade. The language acquisition process is different for every student, it takes approximately 12 years of study to reach advanced proficiency.

Career & Technical Education: CNA Health Science Career Program is part of a district-wide program called **WANIC**. Students can access Career & Technical Education courses across Bellevue and neighboring districts. Options include **Auto Technology, Teaching Academy, Welding, CISCO Networking and Construction Management**, and more. Students can receive dual credit through local colleges for these and other CTE courses.

The **AVID** program assists students who have a strong desire and determination to excel and may be first generation college students.

We offer multicultural and affinity group student organizations including **Latino Heat, Black Student Union and Students Organizing Against Racism**.

The class of 2022 had 306 students. Of those, 87% enrolled in a post-secondary institution. 84% went to a four-year college, and 11% went to a two-year college. 3 students enrolled in institutes of higher education out of country.

Arizona State University-Tempe
Babson College
Bellevue College
Biola University
Brigham Young University-Provo
Brown University
California State University-East Bay
Central Washington University
Colorado College
Colorado School of Mines
DigiPen Institute of Technology
Eastern Washington University
EDHEC Business School
Evergreen Beauty College
Gonzaga University
Grand Canyon University-Traditional Campus
Lake Washington Institute of Technology
Loyola Marymount University
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
Michigan State University

Montana State University
New Mexico State University-Dona Ana
New York University
Northwest Lineman College
Occidental College
Oregon State University
Pacific Lutheran University
Pacific University
Rice University
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
San Diego State University
Santa Clara University
Savannah College of Art & Design - SCAD
Seattle Central College
Seattle Pacific University
Seattle University
Shoreline Community College
Simon Fraser University
Southern New Hampshire University
St Bonaventure University
The Catholic University of America
The University of Texas at Austin
The University of Texas at Dallas

University of Arizona
University of California-Riverside
University of California-Santa Cruz
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Hartford
University of Hawaii at Manoa
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Portland
University of San Francisco
University of Southern California
University of St Andrews
University of Washington-Bothell Campus
University of Washington-Bothell Campus (i)
University of Washington-Seattle Campus
Vassar College
Washington State University
Western Washington University
Whittier College
Willamette University

Accolades 2022

-35 seniors graduated with a 4.0

-18 seniors earned an Associate of Arts degree through Running Start

-69 seniors completed 100 or more hours of community service

-101 seniors earned a Seal of Biliteracy (proficient in speaking, reading, and writing in one or more languages in addition to English)

-97 seniors earned an Advanced Placement recognition by demonstrating outstanding college-level achievement through their performance on multiple AP Exams.

_ Sammamish has been recognized as a Microsoft Showcase school for its implementation of One-to-One laptop technology. The technology is allowing students to increase collaboration with peers, teachers, and outside professionals. Laptops and the associated software also provide universal access to new ways of accessing, learning, and presenting information.

COVID19 Grading updates

BSD high school students in grades 9-12 received an "A" for second semester of the 19-20 school year if they regularly engaged in the assigned activities and met the minimum curriculum standards.