



Aragon High School

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2023-24 SCHOOL PROFILE | CEEB CODE 053163 | WWW.SMUHSD.ORG/ARAGONHIGH

1740

STUDENT
ENROLLMENT

422

2023
GRADUATES

98%

CLASS OF 2023
GRADUATION
RATE

87%

CLASS OF 2023
COLLEGE
MATRICULATION

79%

CLASS OF 2023
UC/CSUniversity
A-G
COMPLETION

1:1

CHROMEBOOKS
FOR ALL
STUDENTS

674

STUDENTS
TAKING AP
EXAMS

90%

STUDENTS WITH
AP SCORE OF 3
OR ABOVE

33:1

AVERAGE
CLASS SIZE

330:1

COUNSELOR
CASELOAD

84

CLUBS

30+

COMPETITIVE
ATHLETIC
TEAMS

Mission & Vision

We support all members of our community to realize their individual potential as productive participants in a diverse society and to pursue dynamic educational and career goals. We will provide the highest quality academic and co-curricular programs to foster intellectual, emotional, and physical well-being.

About Us

A California Gold Ribbon School, Aragon is a comprehensive public high school located in San Mateo, a city of 100,000 residents midway between San Francisco and the Silicon Valley, serving approximately 1,740 students within a seven period day. As one of seven schools within the San Mateo Union High School District (SMUHSD), Aragon draws from San Mateo as well as its surrounding cities as part of the SMUHSD open enrollment policy. Our students represent a cross section of the area's socio-economic population. Many students from across the district request transfers to Aragon High School as a result of our challenging academics, superior performing arts and athletic program, and supportive staff.

Our Students

Students at Aragon High School are dedicated to improving their school and larger community through participation in numerous programs such as school culture initiatives, athletics, clubs, service learning, and volunteerism. We offer a broad curriculum to support students as they explore their academic, personal, and career goals. Our school gives students the opportunity to investigate their passions through various coordinated opportunities in job shadowing, peer tutoring, and concurrent enrollment at local community colleges. Additionally, a number of our students complete their high school years through the SMUHSD Middle College Program, completing up to a year of college credit by graduation.

Class of 2023 Standardized Testing

California public colleges and universities continue to be test blind for Fall 2023 and 2024 admission. Most standardized testing in the Bay Area was canceled from March 2020-May 2021. When testing spots began reopening, many sites had limited seating, and a number of sites have yet to reopen. As such, many seniors choose not to participate in SAT or ACT testing.

Graduation Requirements

Subject Area	Credits
English	40
Social Science	35
Mathematics	30
Science: 1 year Life, 1 year Physical	20
World Language	10

Subject Area	Credits
Visual Performing Arts	10
Career Technical Ed	10
Physical Education	20
Health	5
Electives	40

Total Credits Needed to Graduate: 220

ACADEMIC PROGRAM & COVID RESPONSE

All Advanced Placement and Honors Courses are Open Access

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

Biology*
Calculus AB
Calculus BC
Chemistry*
Chinese Language & Culture*
Computer Science*
English Language & Composition
English Literature & Composition
Environmental Science*
Japanese Language & Culture
Physics 1*
Physics C*
Psychology
Spanish Language & Culture
Statistics
Studio Art 2D*
Studio Art 3D*
Studio Art Drawing*
US History
US Government & Politics

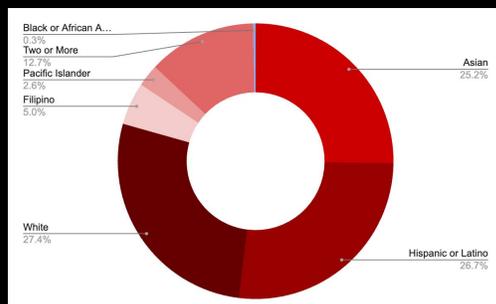
*Impacted Course

HONORS COURSES

Calculus Multivariable
Chinese IV H
Economics H
Japanese IV H
Spanish IV H

DEMOGRAPHICS

Grade 9 - 407
Grade 10 - 446
Grade 11 - 443
Grade 12 - 444



Academics

The academic calendar is two semesters of 18 weeks. Classes are held on a block schedule. We offer a 7-period day schedule, but highly recommend 9th grade students to have six classes. Seniors must take at least four classes.

Our academic program is tailored to meet the needs of our students by offering a variety of courses from vocational to Advanced Placement. Aragon has been successful at providing a course of study to challenge each student. In addition, many academic support classes are offered such as Literacy Support, AVID and Self-Social Empowerment.

Advanced Standing (AS) classes are offered in 9th and 10th grade English and 10th grade History classes. These classes provide additional rigor to students who wish to challenge themselves. These are non-weighted classes. Aragon offers a tremendous variety of STEM courses; however, students are only able to take one Math and one Science course each year.

The Total GPA are cumulative and include all classes in which a student receives a final A-F grade. If the course is repeated, the higher grade is counted. Credit is awarded only once. The weighted Total GPA is according to the California public university (A-G) system using a 4.0 grading scale, adding an extra point to classes designated with an H or AP when the student has earned a final grade of "C" or higher. College classes are not given an extra point.

Aragon does not calculate class rank.

Open Access & Advanced Placement Courses

Aragon High School offers academically rigorous courses and a variety of Advanced Placement courses. It is District and AHS policy to allow students open enrollment if space is available into Advanced Standing, Honors, and Advanced Placement classes.

COVID-19 Response

School Year 2020-21: Given the health directive limiting large gatherings and the County of San Mateo's placement on the 'watchlist', the Board of Trustees directed staff to begin the 2020-21 school year in Distance Learning. The District adopted a synchronous learning model in which students receive direct instruction in accordance with state mandates regarding instructional minutes. All students will receive letter grades (A-F) for all courses.

Students were offered broader opportunities for the 2020-21 school year such as concurrent enrollment at either WASC accredited institutions or Community Colleges. The district placed a high priority on providing technology (Chromebooks and WIFI hotspots) to all students who requested them.

Campus re-opened to a limited number of students in classrooms (up to 12 in a room) in April 2021, and offered truncated athletic seasons for all students.

School Year 2021-Present: School reopened completely in August 2021 with masking required but limited physical distancing. We continue to implement testing protocols as needed, though there have been no substantial shifts from in-person instruction since fully reopening in Fall 2021.

ARAGON VALUES AND COMMITMENT TO INCLUSION

Aragon CARES, Professional Development, and Support Programs for ALL Students

Anti-Racist School & Community Transformation

Aragon's faculty and staff are committed to professional learning in alignment with the SMUHSD Anti-Racist School and Community Transformation Framework. As part of the District's overarching vision to transform our educational systems, we are constantly focusing on transforming our systems by creating anti-racist policies and practices.

Aragon's Professional Development Vision

Aragon students are connected to a community that sees, respects, and values them. Aragon will provide opportunities for students to access and express knowledge by evaluating and restructuring existing resources to ensure equity and access for all students.

Our teachers and staff are focusing on equitable practices and student connectedness, and this extends especially to our LGBTQ+, BIPOC, and marginalized community members and allies.

Academic Supports

Aragon High School is committed to providing an inclusive academic learning environment for all students. As such, we offer a number of programmatic supports for students at the Tier 1, 2, and 3 levels of our Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS).

Aragon serves to support the Tier 1 needs of all students. Flex time is embedded into the school day for a period of thirty-five minutes every Tuesday and Thursday. This gives students the time to support their own academic achievement. Flex time allows students to:

- make-up or re-take tests/quizzes/assignments
- get help with assignments or projects
- have time for homework completion
- have time to work on group projects
- meet with a school counselor
- have access to college/career support from counseling staff

The school library is open after school on a daily basis. Students are welcomed and encouraged to come by for group or individual tutoring supports.

For students requiring additional supports for academic, behavioral, social or emotional needs, we offer short term Tier 2 research-based interventions including Girls' Group, Boys' Group, Anxiety Group, Brief Intervention Program, Substance Use Program, and Vaping Awareness Prevention and Education (VAPE). Additional tiered supports offered at AHS include Section 504, Special Education, and Wellness Programs.

Wellness Program

The Wellness Program at Aragon provides prevention and short term intervention for all students facing social and emotional challenges that impact academic performance, attendance, and behavior at school. In a safe and supportive environment students can meet with a wellness counselor to discuss a variety of complex issues such as stress, trauma, suicide, depression, bullying, grief, self-esteem, family life, drug and alcohol use, relationships and gender identity and LGBTQ+.

Students can learn positive, lifelong habits that contribute to their well-being and success. The Wellness Program provides short-term (up to 12 sessions) individual, group and/or drop-in support in a confidential, nonjudgmental space staffed with licensed therapists who are dedicated to improving the health, well-being and educational outcomes of all students.

ARAGON CARES

Aragon CARES values had been developed over the past five years by our school community as part of our Tier 1 Multi-Tiered Systems of Support, where these values and behaviors are expected of and reflected by all students and staff.

C	CONNECTS BUILD MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIPS
A	ACHIEVES ESTABLISH GOALS + TAKE STEPS TO SUCCEED
R	RESPECTS APPRECIATE OUR DIVERSITY, ENVIRONMENT + RESOURCES
E	ENGAGES BE PRESENT + INVOLVED
S	SHOWS SPIRIT BE PROUD, CELEBRATE + HAVE FUN

COMMUNITY IS THE ANSWER.

ADMINISTRATION

Valerie Arbizu, Principal
Andrew Hartig, Assistant Principal
Shannon Lane, Assistant Principal
David Moore, Assistant Principal

COUNSELORS

Lea Sanguinetti (A-DH)
Wendy Avina (DI-KA)
Javier Magaña (KE-M00)
Josephine Ho (MOR-SC)
Erica Cerles (SE-Z)

EMAIL CONVENTION

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College Matriculation – Class of 2023

Academy of Art University
American University
Arizona State University
Berklee College of Music
Boston College
Boston University
Brandeis University
Brigham Young University – Hawaii
Brigham Young University – Provo
Brown University
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University
California College of the Arts
California Lutheran University
CA State Polytechnic U– Pomona
CA State Polytechnic U– San Luis Obispo
California State U, Channel Islands
California State U, Chico
California State U, East Bay
California State U, Fresno
California State U, Fullerton
California State U, Long Beach
California State U, Los Angeles
California State U, Monterey Bay
California State U, Sacramento
California State U, San Bernardino
California State U, San Marcos
Cañada College
Carnegie Mellon University
Chapman University
College of Charleston
College of San Mateo
Collins College
Colorado College
Colorado School of Mines
Columbia College – Chicago
Columbia University
Connecticut College
Cornell University
Dominican University of California
Drexel University
Emory University
Fisk University
Gavilan College
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Harvard University
Harvey Mudd College
Hawaii Pacific University
Humboldt State University
Indiana University, Bloomington
Johns Hopkins University
La Sierra University
Lehigh University
Lewis & Clark College
Linfield University
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University, Chicago
Macalester College
Manhattanville College
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Menlo College
Michigan Tech University
Mount Holyoke College
New York University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Occidental College
Oregon State University
Pacific Union College
Peabody Conservatory at Johns Hopkins
University Pennsylvania State
University Pomona College
Pratt Institute
Purdue University
Reed College
Saint Mary’s College of California
San Diego State University
San Francisco State University
San Francisco City College
San Jose State University
Santa Barbara City College
Santa Clara University
Seton Hall University
Skyline College
Sonoma State University
Southern Adventist University
St. John’s University
Stanford University
Stephens College
Swarthmore College
Syracuse University
Temple University
Texas Christian University
The New School
Tulane University of Louisiana
Union College, Schenectady
University of Arizona
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Davis
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, Merced
University of California, Riverside
University of California, San Diego
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of California, Santa Cruz
University of Chicago
University of Cincinnati
University of Colorado, Boulder
University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
University of Denver
University of Hawaii, Hilo
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
University of Nevada, Reno
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
University of North Dakota
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Portland
University of Puget Sound
University of Redlands
University of Rhode Island
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of South Dakota
University of Southern California
University of Texas, Austin
University of the Pacific
University of Toronto
University of Virginia
University of Washington, Seattle
University of Wisconsin, Madison
Vanderbilt University
Villanova University
Washington State University
Washington University, St. Louis
Wellesley College
West Valley College
Wheaton College
Whittier College
Willamette University
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Xavier University
Yale University

