



SAN MATEO HIGH SCHOOL SCHOOL PROFILE 2024-2025

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San Mateo is a city of approximately 104,000 located 20 miles south of San Francisco. It is an extremely diverse community, crossing all socioeconomic and ethnic lines. San Mateo High School is one of seven schools in the San Mateo Union High School District. Current enrollment in grades 9-12 is approximately 1,551, with the class of 2025 at approximately 401. SMHS is one of six comprehensive high schools in San Mateo Union High School District (SMUHS), and the most ethnically and socio-economically diverse of the SMUHS schools. SMHS's ethnic distribution in 2024-2025 is as follows:

Hispanic/Latinx	738	47.6%	Filipino	61	3.9%	Native American	5	0.3%
Asian-American	396	25.5%	Pacific Islander	35	2.3%			
Caucasian	289	18.6%	African American	27	1.7%			

San Mateo High School is dedicated to combining academic excellence, community service and hands-on learning to provide a comprehensive and well-rounded college and career preparatory program for all its students. School and community pride are an integral part of the school environment, where families and alumni spend countless volunteer hours on campus. In addition, the SMHS SPED program contains 186 students.

Curriculum

SMHS students participate in a rigorous, standards-based curriculum as part of an academically challenging, college preparatory program. SMHS recommends students enroll in a 6-period day; however, students have the opportunity to take advantage of a 7- period day for support and enrichment courses. The class of 2025 graduation requirements are:

English	40 credits	Physical Education	20 credits	Health	5 credits
Social Science	35 credits	Career Tech. Ed.	10 credits	Electives	40 credits
Mathematics	30 credits	World Language	10 credits		
Science	20 credits	VAPA	10 credits	Total	220 credits

The academic calendar is two semesters, 18 weeks each. SMUHS does not rank its students. The **Academic GPA** covers Grades 9-12 and is cumulative of all courses taken. This GPA is **weighted** according to the California Public University system (an additional point is added for University-certified AP and Honors courses; e.g. A=5.0, B=4.0, C=3.0). Mid-year reports include the 7th semester. The **Total GPA** is **unweighted** for Grades 9-12 and covers the same coursework.

Advanced Placement, Honors & Advanced Standing Courses

AP Biology	English 1 & 2 AS	AP Spanish Lang. & Culture
AP Calculus AB	AP Eng. Lang. & Composition	AP Spanish Literature
AP Calculus BC	AP Eng. Lit. & Composition	AP Statistics
AP Chemistry	AP Environmental Science	AP Studio Art-Drawing, 2D & 3D
AP Chinese Language & Culture	AP Macroeconomics	AP U.S. Gov. & Politics
Chinese 4H, French 4H, Spanish 4H	AP Physics	AP U.S. History
AP Computer Science A	AP Psychology	AP World History: Modern

AP/Honors Progression

In a typical course progression SMHS students will be limited in the number of AP/Honors/AS courses one can take in 9th & 10th grades, before working with their counselor to increase course rigor in 11th & 12th grades upon past preparation, personal interests, and goals:

- Freshman year – Maximum one AS class recommended in most situations
- Sophomore year – Maximum of 2 AS/Honors/AP classes recommended in most situations
- Junior year – Recommendation is up to 3 AS/Honors/AP classes
- Senior year – Recommendation is up to 3 AS/Honors/AP classes

Class of 2024 College Destinations

Private/Out of State

Arizona State
 Barnard College
 Baylor University
 Boston University
 Brandeis University
 BYU Hawai'i
 Case Western U.
 Chapman University
 Chatham University
 Columbia University
 Cornell University
 Dartmouth College
 Emerson College
 Georgetown U.
 Inst. For Bus. & Tech.
 MIT
 Menlo College
 Michigan State U.
 Nanyang Tech. U.
 New York University
 Oregon State U.
 Pitzer College
 Pratt Institute

Purdue University
 Purdue U. Ft. Wayne
 Reed College
 Rutgers University
 Santa Clara University
 Southern Methodist U.
 Stevens Ins. of Tech.
 Syracuse University
 U. of Denver
 U. of Georgia
 U. of Illinois UC
 UMass Amherst
 U. of Miami
 U. of Minnesota
 U. of Oregon
 U. of Pittsburgh
 U. of San Francisco
 U. of the Pacific
 U. of Victoria
 U. of Washington
 U. of WA Tacoma
 Waseda University
 Wesleyan University
 Yale University

UC Schools

Berkeley
 Davis
 Irvine
 Los Angeles
 Merced
 Riverside
 San Diego
 Santa Barbara
 Santa Cruz
CSU Schools
 Bakersfield
 Channel Islands
 Chico
 East Bay
 Fresno
 Fullerton
 Cal Poly Humboldt
 Long Beach
 Los Angeles
 Monterey Bay
 Northridge
 Cal Poly Pomona
 Sacramento
 San Diego
 San Francisco
 San Jose
 Cal Poly SLO
 San Marcos
 Sonoma
 Stanislaus

Special Programs

Leadership: An award-winning student-run program

Renaissance Leadership: Teaching students the philosophies and strategies of the Renaissance system

Athletic Leadership: Teaching students leadership skills within the diverse realm of athletics.

Biotechnology: Nationally recognized two-year pathway program, including an industry internship

Performing Arts: Full offerings include a vocal program, dance program, musical theater, marching band, symphonic band, jazz band, and orchestra

AVID: Advancement Via Individual Determination

DE: Dual Enrollment Program

ML: Multilingual Learners Program

GATE: Gifted and Talented Education

Recognitions

Niche: 2024 Best Public High Schools in America - #80 in California

Niche: 2024 Best Public High Schools in America – Top 2.1 Percentile Nationally

Advanced Placement Exams

	2022	2023	2024
AP Scholars	68	66	43
AP Scholars with Honor	34	30	47
AP Scholars with Distinction	118	121	127
National AP Scholars	N/A	N/A	N/A
AP International Diploma	N/A	N/A	N/A

In 2024, 464 SMHS students took 1,140 AP exams. 89.9% of students who took an AP exam earned at least one three or higher on their exams, with a school average score of 3.92.

2024 National Merit Recognition

National Merit Finalists	7
National Merit Commended Scholars	27

Class of 2024 College Placement: 42.5% attended a 4-year college. 51% attended a 2-year college.

California Assessment of Student Performance & Progress Results

ELA – 57% of Class of 2025 students met or exceeded state standards.

Math – 35% of Class of 2025 students met or exceeded state standards.

Additional Student Data

Free & Reduced Lunch – 44.8%

First Generation – 27%