



Archie Williams High School

An Inclusive, Supportive & Safe Environment for All

School Profile 2024-25

1327 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, San Anselmo, CA 94960
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A Gold Ribbon School

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Fall 2024 Enrollment: 1,143 **CEEB Code:** 052770

9th - 286 10th - 259 11th - 309 12th - 289

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Archie Williams High School: Situated on a 21 acre campus, Archie Williams High School (AWHS) is the Tamalpais Union High School District's second high school to open in 1951 and was named Sir Francis Drake High School through May 2021. Located in the Ross Valley, Marin County, Archie Williams serves the West Marin communities, Fairfax, and San Anselmo. AWHS is an academically rigorous and innovative curricular program. Our school was a part of a systematic change movement in the 1990's to provide small learning communities (SLCs) for our 9th and 10th grade students. We continue this tradition in order to provide a personalized academic and social/emotional approach to learning. All 9th and 10th grade students are placed in one of our six SLCs to receive parts of their core academic education. Much of our educational approach involves curricular integration and project-based learning. Archie Williams offers three integrated Academies for students in their junior and senior year who are interested in communication (ComAcad), environmental studies (SEA-DISC) or an experiential learning model (TEAM). Archie Williams is also proud to offer a four-year Engineering program, Peer Resource and numerous elective course offerings. 84% of our students are UC/CSU eligible.

Course Offerings: Archie Williams's curriculum emphasizes a college preparatory program but provides for all levels of ability and interest. Course offerings range from Advanced Placement and Honors classes to academic support for those who need extra help. Eleventh and twelfth grade students may choose a traditional curriculum or an integrated, project-based program mentioned above. For details on our programs, requirements, and course descriptions please visit our Course Guide on our website under the Academics tab.

Extracurricular Program: We believe in a strong connection between a student's activities and a student's academic success. Athletic teams for all students include soccer, volleyball, football, tennis, water polo, cross-country, basketball, wrestling, track and field, softball, baseball, swimming and diving, golf, lacrosse, field hockey, mountain biking. Dance team adds to the great spirit at Archie Williams and an active student leadership program provides a variety of student engagement and activities as well as service to the community. Students pursue individual interests in many organized clubs and internships.

Scholastic Excellence

| SAT and ACT Tests | | | | | |
|-------------------|----------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| | Grade 12 Enrolled | Number Tested | Total/Composite Middle 50% | SAT ERW/ ACT English Middle 50% | Math Middle 50% |
| 2024 SAT | 318 | 61 (19%) | 1200 - 1410 | 590 - 710 | 560 - 720 |
| 2024 ACT | 318 | 12 (3.8%) | 25 - 30 | 28 - 33 | 25 - 27 |

| Advanced Placement Examinations | | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Year | Test Takers | Tests Given | Scored 3 or Higher |
| 2024 | 360 | 797 | 279 - 77.5% |
| 2023 | 334 | 698 | 232 - 69% |
| 2022 | 344 | 673 | 242 - 70% |

Length of Semester/Day Archie Williams High School has two semesters and 180 school days. Students are required to take six classes per day and may choose to take seven. Monday classes are 50 minutes in length. Tuesdays through Fridays are block days when classes meet for 90 minutes for each block period. Tutorial meets twice on Wednesdays for 40 minutes each.

Advanced Placement and Honors Courses. . . .

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| AP African American History | AP English Literature Composition | Honors Advanced Algebra |
| AP Art History | AP Environmental Science | Honors Ceramics |
| AP Biology | AP Spanish Language Composition | Honors French (7/8) |
| AP Calculus AB & BC | AP Statistics | Honors Photography |
| AP Chemistry | AP Studio Art: Drawing | Honors Physics |
| AP Computer Science Principles | AP Studio Art: 2D Design | Honors Spanish for Spanish Speakers |
| AP Economics (Micro/Macro) | AP Studio Art: 3D Design | (3/4) |
| AP English Language Composition | AP US History | Honors Theatre Directing |

AP/Honors classes may have prerequisites that may include course preparation, academic performance, and/or admission examination. Most students cannot take AP courses until junior year.

Counselors do not encourage students to take every AP course we offer. Rather we encourage them to engage in courses they have an aptitude or interest in and to take advantage of the rich opportunities we offer, while building lives of meaning and value.

Post High School Plans ~ Class of 2024

| # of Grads Surveyed | 2 Year College | 4 Year College | Other |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|-------|
| 300 | 22% | 67% | 11% |

Number of graduates attending...

| Community College | UC Campus | CSU Campus | CA: Private | Out of State Private | Out of State Public | International Campus | Gap Year | Military | Work | Travel | Unknown |
|-------------------|-----------|------------|-------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------|----------|------|--------|---------|
| 67 | 49 | 47 | 8 | 34 | 62 | 5 | 18 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 2 |

Graduation Course Requirements

- 220 units (170 required / 50 elective)
- 4 years English
- 4 years Social Studies
- 3 years Mathematics
- 3 years NGSS Lab Science
- 2 years Physical Education
- 1 year Fine Arts

Grading System

| | | <u>Regular</u> | <u>AP/H</u> |
|--|---------------|----------------|-------------|
| A | Excellent | 4 pts | 5 pts |
| B | Above Average | 3 pts | 4 pts |
| C | Average | 2 pts | 3 pts |
| D | Passing | 1 pt | 1 pt |
| F | Failing | 0 pts | 0 pts |
| NM = No mark | | | |
| CR/NC = Credit/No credit W = Withdrawal I = Incomplete | | | |
| GPAs are cumulative, computed each semester. | | | |
| A.P. and Honors course grades are weighted. We do not rank students. | | | |

AWARDS: During COVID, AWHS paused our Honor Crew & Junior awards programs. Hence, students graduating in 2023 and beyond do not have the typical list of accomplishments for their college applications.