



HILLSDALE HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL PROFILE 2024-2025

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Our Community

Hillsdale High School (HHS) is a comprehensive four-year public high school located 20 miles south of San Francisco in the heart of the Peninsula. The student population is approximately 1595. Most families reside in San Mateo or Foster City and represent a wide range of social, educational, ethnic and economic backgrounds. Students and teachers at HHS participate in a multitude of programs both on campus and in the community.

Our School

Hillsdale offers a rigorous academic program. Over 70% of the school's faculty and staff hold master degrees in their field. In 2016, HHS became one of eight schools from across the nation achieving Gold Recognition as a School of Opportunity by the National Education Policy Center. The Schools of Opportunity project celebrates and identifies excellent public high schools that work to close gaps in both opportunity and achievement.

Our school's Smaller Learning Community (SLC) model can significantly restrict the schedules to which students have access. Because our school devotes many class periods to Advisory and our SLC program deemphasizes Advanced Placement courses in favor of a rigorous core curriculum, many students are limited to taking 1 science course per school year and a total of 6 periods.

SCHOOL AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Hillsdale High School has partnered with Stanford University since 2002 as a widely recognized Professional Development School bringing the best and the brightest teachers to the campus and is a pioneer of the "Small Learning Communities" Model.

- * A California Distinguished School since 2007
- * Named a School of Opportunity in 2016
- * Listed in Newsweek's Top 500 High Schools

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

| | |
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| English | 40 |
| Mathematics | 30 |
| Science | 20 |
| Intro to Ethnic Studies | 5 |
| Modern World History | 10 |
| US History | 10 |
| Contemporary World Studies | 5 |
| Government/Economics | 10 |
| World Language | 10 |
| Visual & Performing Arts | 10 |
| Career Technical Education | 10 |
| Health | 5 |
| Physical Education | 20 |
| Electives | 35 |
| Total Required Credits | 220 |

ADVANCED PLACEMENT & HONORS COURSES

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| AP Biology | AP English Language (11th) |
| AP Chemistry | AP English Literature (12th) |
| AP Environmental Science | AP American Government and Politics |
| AP Physics | AP US History |
| AP Physics 2 | AP Studio Art (Drawing) |
| AP Computer Science Principles | AP Studio Art (Photography) |
| AP Calculus AB | AP Studio Art (Ceramics) |
| AP Calculus BC | Chinese 4 Honors |
| AP Statistics | AP Chinese Language & Culture |
| AP Computer Science A | AP Spanish Language & Culture |
| | AP Spanish Literature |

STUDENT BODY

Hillsdale's student body represents the ethnic diversity of the district with the following distribution:

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| Hispanic/Latino | 38% |
| White | 31% |
| Asian | 15% |
| Multiracial | 9% |
| Filipino | 4% |
| Black/African American | 1% |
| Pacific Islander/Other | 1% |

Career Technical Education & Dual Enrollment

Ten of the 50 required elective credits must be designated as CTE (Career Technical Education). Our local community colleges, College of San Mateo, Cañada College, and Skyline College, partner with Hillsdale to teach courses on San Mateo Union High School District campuses. Current courses are offered in Business, Communications, Career Exploration, College and Academic Success, Administration of Justice, Early Childhood Education, and Psychology.

Grading

| Grades | Basic | AP/Honors |
|------------|-------|-----------|
| A = 90-100 | 4.0 | 5.0 |
| B = 80-89 | 3.0 | 4.0 |
| C = 70-79 | 2.0 | 3.0 |
| D = 60-69 | 1.0 | 1.0 |

From 2019 - 2024, ~95% of graduates attended a two or four year college.

| Post-Grad Plans | Other 4yr /Private | UC/CSU | 2-year | Military/ Other |
|-----------------|--------------------|--------|--------|-----------------|
| Average | ~22% | ~32% | ~45% | ~1% |

Sample of Four Year College Acceptances, Classes of 2019-2024

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|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| All CSU Universities | Elon University | Otis College of Art and Design | University of Hong Kong |
| All UC Universities | Emerson College | Otterbein University | University of Illinois |
| Adelphi University | Fordham University | Pace University | University of Maryland |
| American University | Franklin and Marshall | Pennsylvania State U | University of Michigan |
| Azusa Pacific University | GA Institute of Tech | Pepperdine University | University of Missouri |
| Bard College | George Mason U | Pomona College | University of Nevada |
| Bates College | George Washington U | Portland State University | University of Oregon |
| Baylor University | Gonzaga University | Princeton University | University of Pittsburgh |
| Biola University | Harvard College | Purdue University | University of Portland |
| Boise State University | Harvey Mudd College | Reed College | University of Puget Sound |
| Boston College | Haverford College | Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst | University of Redlands |
| Boston University | Hawaii Pacific U | Saint Louis University | University of Rochester |
| Brandeis University | Indiana University | Saint Mary's College of California | University of San Diego |
| Brigham Young U | Johns Hopkins University | Santa Clara University | University of SF |
| Brown University | Kenyon College | Sarah Lawrence College | University of Southern CA |
| Bucknell University | Lehigh University | Savannah College of Art & Design | University of the Pacific |
| Butler University | Lewis & Clark College | Scripps College | University of Utah |
| California Baptist U | Linfield University | Seattle University | University of Vermont |
| California Lutheran U | Loyola Marymount U | Seton Hall University | University of Virginia |
| Carleton College | Massachusetts Institute of Technology | Smith College | University of Washington |
| Carnegie Mellon | Menlo College | Stanford University | University of Wisconsin |
| Case Western Reserve | Miami University | Syracuse University | Virginia Tech |
| Chapman University | Michigan State University | Temple University | Wake Forest University |
| Claremont McKenna | Mount Holyoke College | Texas A & M University | Washington and Lee U |
| Clark University | Mount Saint Mary's U | Texas Christian U | Washington State U |
| Colorado College | NC State University | The Evergreen State College | Washington University |
| Colorado State U | New York University | The University of Tennessee | Wesleyan University |
| Columbia University/NY | Northeastern University | The University of Texas | West Texas A & M U |
| Cornell University | Northern Arizona U | Tufts University. | Westmont College |
| Davidson College | Northwestern U | University of Arizona | Wheaton College |
| Dickinson College | Oberlin College | University of Colorado | Whitman College |
| Dominican U of CA | Occidental College | University of Connecticut | Whittier College |
| Drew University | Oklahoma State U | University of Denver | Willamette University |
| Drexel University | Oregon Institute of Tech | University of Hartford | Williams College |
| Duke Kunshan U | Oregon State University | University of Hawaii | Yale University |

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