



"Once a Don, Always a Don"

# SANTA BARBARA SENIOR HIGH

School Profile

2024-2025

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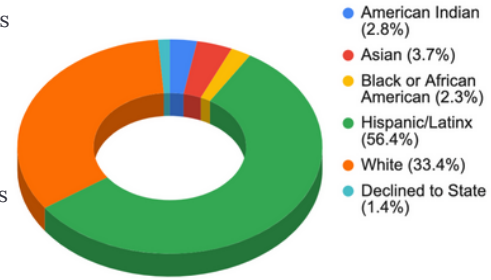
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## ACCREDITATION

Western Association of Schools and Colleges - Six-year clear, 2022

## SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY: THE SANTA BARBARA DONS

Santa Barbara High School (SBHS), founded in 1875, is the third oldest high school in California. SBHS is a comprehensive 9th-12th grade Public High School. Occupying a 44 acre urban campus, the current Spanish-style school was built in 1924. With a rich history, SBHS is known throughout the community as the "Home of the Dons." The sense of pride and tradition is palpable here!



- Approximately 55% of students are identified as socioeconomically disadvantaged
- Counselor to student ratio 275 to 1
- Enrollment for Fall 2024: Seniors 559, Juniors 457, Sophomores 483, Freshman 427

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

Santa Barbara High School's are required to earn a minimum of 220 credits, five (5) for each term class passed with a "D-" or better. These include:

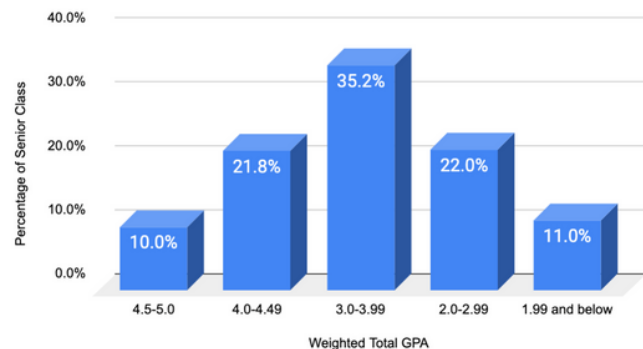
- 4 years English
- 3 years Mathematics (including Common Core Math 1 or higher)
- 3 years Social Science
- 2 years Science
- 2 years Physical Education
- 1 year Language Other than English (LOTE) or Visual/Performing Arts
- 2 years Additional College Preparatory Coursework or Career Technical Education
- 1 semester Health
- 1 course Ethnic Studies
- 4.5 years Electives

- Students are required to take a minimum of 3 classes on campus each semester. They may take 4 classes each semester on campus or take the 4th (or more) classes through SBCC Dual Enrollment program.
- Students are required to complete 60 hours of Service Learning (Community Service or unpaid Internship) to meet the Santa Barbara Unified School District graduation requirement.

## GRADING SYSTEM AND CLASS RANK

- GPA is computed both weighted and non-weighted. Grade point averages are computed on a four (4) point scale: A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, F=0.
- All Honors, AP and Dual Enrollment courses are weighted on a five (5) point scale.
- Santa Barbara Unified School District does not utilize class rank.

Class of 2024 GPA Breakdown



## TRANSCRIPT

- "+" or "a" designates an Honors, SBCC Dual Enrollment, or Advanced Placement class and is used in computing the weighted GPA
- "R" indicates a repeated class for no credit
- "P" indicates a college preparatory class
- Universal Access - All students in 9th & 10th grade English courses have the opportunity to earn honors credit by consistently exceeding grade level standards on common assessments. Students collaborate with teachers for this Honors credit.

# ADVANCED PLACEMENT 2024-25:

## COURSES (20):

- Biology
- Calculus AB
- Calculus BC
- Chemistry
- Computer Science A
- English Language & Comp
- English Literature & Comp
- Environmental Science
- Macroeconomics
- Physics 1
- Pre-Calculus
- Psychology
- Seminar
- Spanish Language and Culture
- Spanish Literature and Culture
- Statistics
- Student Art: 2-D Design
- Student Art: Drawing
- U.S. Government & Politics
- U.S. History
- World History

## EXAM RESULTS:

For the 2023-24 school year: 366 students took a total of 632 AP exams

From those exams:

- 30% of exams with a score of 3
- 25% of exams with a score of 4
- 8% of exams with a score of 5

## AP SCHOLARS RECOGNITION PROGRAM:

For the 2023-24 school year:

- Scholar, 56
- Scholar w/Honors, 15
- Scholar w/Distinction, 24

## HONORS COURSES

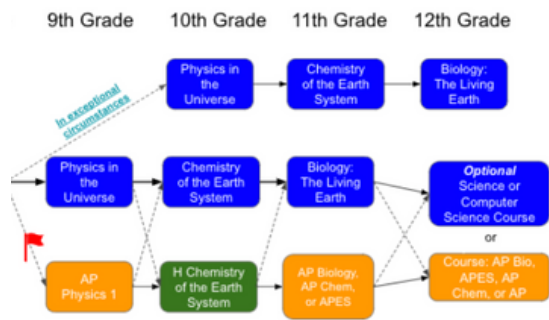
11 distinct courses taught on campus

## NATIONAL MERIT:

Numbers reflect pervious year

- Semi-Finalists, 1
- Finalists, 0

## SCIENCE & MATH SEQUENCES:



9th	10th	11th	12th
Math I CP	Math II CP	Math Modeling	Data Science 1 Math III
Math I E	Math II E	Math III	Pre-Calculus (CP or AP) Data Science 1 AP/DE Statistics
Math Support / Extended Time	Math II/III	Math III/PC	AP/DE Calculus
Math II	Math III	Pre-Calculus	AP/DE Calculus
Math IIE	Math III	Pre-Calculus	AP/DE Calculus
Math II/III	Math III/PC	AP / DE Calculus	Data Science 1 AP/DE Statistics

## DUAL ENROLLMENT WITH SANTA BARBARA CITY COLLEGE

An extensive Dual Enrollment Program with Santa Barbara City College offers college credit in the high school setting. A range of academic and Career Technical Education courses are taught on the SBHS campus by SBCC professors and SBHS teachers who are qualified adjunct SBCC faculty. (Classes with an asterisk can only be taken if in the MAD or VADA Academies.)

- English (110, 111)
- Construction Technology (114, 115)
- Culinary Arts (113, 121, 124)
- \*Film and Television (114, 174, 276)
- Finance (100, 101)
- \*Multimedia Arts & Technology (105, 112, 131, 149)
- \*Photography (109, 190)
- Political Science (101)
- Professional Development Studies Work Experience (290)

Additionally, SBHS students, with high school approval, are eligible to enroll in courses on the college campus. For more information about the Dual Enrollment Program, visit: [www.sbcc.edu/dualenrollment](http://www.sbcc.edu/dualenrollment). Students are encouraged to explore opportunities at SBCC, both to take classes not offered at the high school, and also to open up options within out school master schedule.

## ATHLETICS:

Santa Barbara High School offers a wide variety of athletic teams across the Fall, Winter, and Spring Seasons.

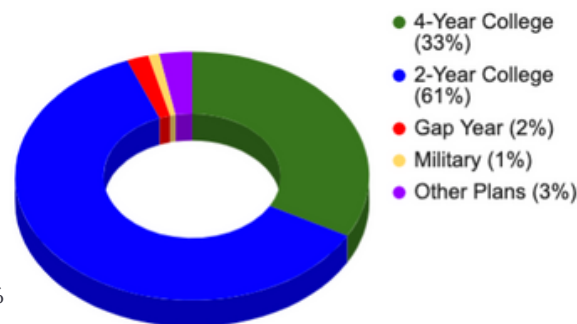
**Girls:** Beach Volleyball, Cheer/Stunt, Cross Country, Basketball, Flag Football, Golf, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Track & Field, Volleyball, Water Polo, and Wrestling.

**Boys:** Cheer/Stunt, Cross Country, Baseball, Basketball, Golf, Lacrosse, Soccer, Swimming, Tennis, Track & Field, Volleyball, Water Polo, and Wrestling.

## COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS:

Based on an average from the last three graduating classes (2024)

- Attending 2 or 4-year schools: 94%
- Attending 2 year schools: 61%
- Attending 4 year schools: 33%
- Other (Military, Gap Year, Employment): 6%



Because our local community college, Santa Barbara City College, offers its SBCC Promise program (which provides two years of free tuition, books and required materials), we have had an increased number of students opting for SBCC as their post-secondary option.

## PROGRAMS OF STUDY:

SBHS offers diverse programs and unique academies. These smaller learning communities are designed to link academics with specific skills for college bound students.

- Computer Science Academy (CSA)
- Construction Technology Pathway
- Culinary Arts Pathway
- Interpretation and Translation
- Multimedia Arts & Design Academy (MAD)
- Sports Medicine Pathway
- Visual Arts & Design Academy (VADA)

SBHS is also home to a "Highly Certified" AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) program.

**Social Media**  
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