



Sammamish High School

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School & Community Overview

Sammamish High School is one of five public high schools in the Bellevue School District, located in Bellevue, WA. Bellevue is the fifth largest city in Washington, with a population estimated at 151,000. Bellevue encompasses a large technology and retail hub. The Bellevue School District serves approximately 19,200 students in grades K-12. Our Strategic Plan is built around three transformative priorities: *We Belong*, *We Learn*, and *We Lead*. Each priority represents a commitment to fostering an inclusive, vibrant community where connections thrive, learning is dynamic and engaging, and leadership is shared and celebrated.

In 1959 Sammamish opened its doors and graduated its first class in spring of 1961. Sammamish is one of four comprehensive high schools in the Bellevue School District located in the Seattle suburb of Bellevue, Washington. It serves a student population of approximately 1400 in an ethnically and economically diverse area of Bellevue. What is unique about Sammamish High School • Students take an active role in advocating for social justice. • Administrators, teachers, support staff, and families partner together to provide a dynamic learning experience for students. • Diversity is our strength. Sammamish High School Mission: To serve each student academically, socially, and emotionally, through a rigorous and relevant education that is innovative and individualized. As a learning community that values one another's humanity, we provide courageous support for an equitable and exceptional education for all students.

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2025 Class Size: 348
GPA: Unweighted only.
Ranking: Bellevue School District does NOT rank.

Grading Scale: 4.0 (no +/- included in GPA) The grading system used is a 4.0 unweighted scale with no +/- in GPA.
A=4.0 B=3.0 C=2.0 D=1.0 F=0.0
W=Withdrawal P= PASS

Schedule: 2 semesters per year; 7 courses per semester on a modified block schedule

Free/Reduced Lunch: 43%
English Language Learner: 24%
Receiving IEP Services: 15%
First Language Not English: 42%
Mobility Rate: 15 %
On time Grad rate: 90%

Racial Diversity: White 31% Hispanic 32% Asian 18% Two or More Races 11% Black/African American 7%

Graduation Requirements

Credits: 24 (.5 = 1 semester)
English: 4.0
Math: 3.0
Science: 3.0
Social Studies: 3.5
Career/Tech Ed: 1.0
PE/Health: 2.0
Fine Arts: 2.0*
World Language: 2.0*

*WA State's *Personal Pathway Requirement* allows students to replace 1.0 of Fine Arts and 2.0 of World Language with classes more beneficial to their future career goals.

- Pass English Language Arts & Math State Tests (or an alternate graduation pathway)
- Complete WA State History
- Complete 40 hours of Community Service
- Earn a minimum 2.0 Cumulative GPA
- High School and Beyond Plan in Naviance

Academic Achievement

SAT Scores 2024-2025
Average SAT Composite Score: 1132
ACT Scores 2024-2025
Average ACT Composite Score: 26.9

On time graduation rate: 92 percent
5-year graduation rate: 96 %

AP Exam Info 2024-2025
AP Exam Pass rate **75 %**.
Students taking at least one AP Course by the time they graduate **86%**.

Stand out Programs.

AP: Students may take AP tests in several subject areas, starting in the 9th grade. AP courses are open-enrollment available to all students. **In 2024-2025, SHS proctored over 988 exams with a 75 percent pass rate with a score of a 3, 4 or 5.** Sammamish High School offers 23 classes to prepare students for Advanced Placement exams that include English Language, English Literature, AP Seminar, World History, US History, US Government and Politics: US, Biology, Chemistry, Physics 1 & 2, Environmental Science, Psychology, Statistics, Calculus AB/BC, Micro/Macro Economics, Computer Science, Human Geography, Spanish Language, Spanish Literature, Chinese Language, French Language and Art Portfolio.

College Credit Opportunities: Sammamish students can earn college credit by taking Advanced Placement courses [college-credit-options/advanced-placement](#) College in the High School through the University of Washington and Bellevue College [college-credit-options/college-in-the-high-school](#), Tech Prep [career-and-technical-education/earn-college-credit](#) and the Running Start program offered at one of local community colleges [college-credit-options/running-start](#).

Bellevue Dual Language ISA: The International Spanish Academy (ISA) is a Spanish language program started in September of 1986 with the goal of educating students to become biliterate and multicultural by high school graduation. Students may study Spanish in an immersion environment from kindergarten to 12th grade. The language acquisition process is different for every student; it takes approximately 12 years of study to reach advanced proficiency. In addition, the Spanish Dual Language Program provides a great opportunity for our students to learn in an environment focused on the development of bilingualism in English and Spanish. It is our goal that each student in the Spanish Dual Language Program achieves the following: **Biliteracy:** Students will be able to read and write at advanced levels in both English and Spanish. **Biculturalism:** Students will develop positive cross-cultural attitudes to become competent global citizens. **Academic Achievement:** Students will be able to achieve at or above grade level in academic subjects to be prepared for college and career.

Career & Technical Education: CNA Health Science Career Program is part of a district-wide program called **WANIC**. Students can access Career & Technical Education courses across Bellevue and neighboring districts. Options include **Auto Technology, Teaching Academy, Maritime Welding, CISCO Networking, Culinary, water and Greenhouse, Building Industries Technology**, and more. Students can receive dual credit through local colleges for these and other CTE courses. Sammamish has been recognized as a **Microsoft Showcase school** for its implementation of One-to-One laptop technology.

World Language Competency credits: World Language Competency Credit is a way for high school students to earn credits for a language they already know. To earn competency credits in World Language, students will demonstrate proficiency in speaking, listening, reading, and writing. These assessments are aligned with the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) proficiency levels. A maximum of 4 World Language credits may be awarded through the Washington's Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) **Competency Based Credit** testing process. [world-language-competency-credits](#)

Unique Art Program: Sammamish HS has one of the four high schools in the nation that have a **glass blowing studio**. The three-class series cover the basics of working with molten glass, with an emphasis on studio and direct experiences. Students take field trips to observe contemporary glass artists at work and research glass artists and history.

We offer many multicultural and affinity group student organizations to support social justice at SHS, including **Latino Heat, Black Student Union, Filipino Club, Chinese Culture Club, AAPI, and LGBTQ + Allies.**

The class of 2025 had 184 students enroll in a 4-year college after graduation. 97 students enrolled in a two year or technical college.

Colleges with the most matriculations in the Class of 2025: 73 students matriculated at one of the UW campuses- Seattle, Bothell, and Tacoma. 80 students enrolled at Bellevue College.

Accolades 2025



-Over 150 seniors graduated with a 3.5 GPA or above.

-Over 15 seniors earned an Associate of Arts degree through Running Start

-Over 50 seniors completed 200 or more hours of community service.

-Over 100 seniors earned a Seal of Biliteracy (proficient in speaking, reading, and writing in one or more languages in addition to English)

-4 Seniors were recognized as Commended Scholars by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

-2 Seniors were recognized as a finalist in the National Merit Competition.

-Over 100 seniors earned an Advanced Placement recognition by demonstrating outstanding college-level achievement through their performance on multiple AP Exams.

In the latest **US News and World Report** high school ranking, every one of our high schools is ranked in the top 4% in the state, top 10% in the nation, earning the designation: **US News Best High Schools.**

This honor reflects the hard work and determination of our students, the excellence of our teachers, the system-wide excellence of our staff, and the unwavering support from our families and community.

Best College Prep Public High School in WA #8 of 328

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Most Diverse Public High School in WA #33 of 544