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Appreciation & Milestones

Annual Progress Report from the Sequoia Union High School District

Español

From the Superintendent



Dear Neighbors:

I am so grateful for our community! As your neighbor, I am proud to share with you a report on the milestones and accomplishments our school district has achieved:

- **Our Board approved a 3-year strategic plan after extensive stakeholder input.** On June 26, the Board of Trustees approved our 2024-27 strategic plan after stakeholders communicated their vision for our schools via surveys, meetings, and forums. This plan emphasizes student belonging, diverse connections, and preparing students to pursue their dreams. You can find a copy of the Sequoia Union High School District Strategic Plan on our website at seq.org/strategicplan.

  I offer a sincere thanks to all who participated in the strategy sessions; your ideas shaped the final document and will help shape future decisions.

- **Our District received the highest credit rating available**, which translates into millions of dollars in tax savings for property owners in our district. This achievement is a testament to our strong fiscal management practices and responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars.

  Moving forward, our District can issue bonds at low interest rates. We're in a great spot as we modernize school facilities funded by Measure W, which voters passed in 2022.

  Our excellent credit rating underscores the confidence that investors and stakeholders have in our district's financial stability and long-term sustainability, and it positions us well to continue investing in the future success of our students and schools.

- **Members of the Class of 2028 have started their freshman year**, and we're proud to offer them high quality instruction, after school activities, and student services. Schools started on August 14, 2024, and campuses are buzzing with activity.

Read on to learn more about what we have planned for the year ahead.

With excitement and appreciation,

Crystal Leach
Superintendent
Sequoia Union High School District

Announcing the

2024-27 Strategic Plan

Our Promise	Our Core Values
All Sequoia Union High School District students will belong, expand their worldview through diverse connections, and graduate ready to pursue their dreams.	Whole Student
	Safety, Belonging, and Inclusion
	Thriving Staff
	Continuous Improvement and Innovation
	High Expectations w/ Individualized Support
	Responsibility and Accountability

Our Goals and Measures of Student Progress

- Safety, Wellbeing, and Connection
- Academic Growth & Mastery for All
- Readiness for Career, College, and Life

Our Signature Strategies

- High-impact, Research-based Teaching Practices
- Participation in Advanced Coursework
- System of Targeted Academic Supports
- Focus on Strong Relationships and Student Interests
- Formalized Supports for Emotional, Behavioral, Mental, and Physical Health
- Accelerated Language Acquisition for English Learners
- Hiring, Placement, and Professional Development of Teachers, Leaders, and Staff
- Parent Communication, Education, and Networking

View the full Strategic Plan by visiting **seq.org/strategicplan**

2023-24 by the Numbers*

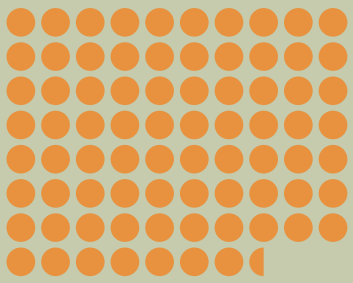
Student Body



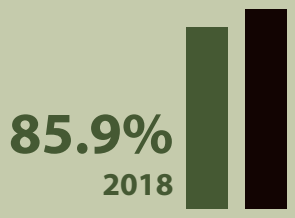
Spirit rally at Woodside High School

8,747
total students

1 ● = 100 students



Four-Year Graduation Rate



5.1%
improvement compared to five years ago

Success in the Classroom

4,219
AP exams taken in 2022, 64% with a score of 4 or 5

4,867
AP exams taken in 2023, **66%** passed with a score of 4 or 5

11
courses increased average scores on IB exams

Biggest course jump: IB Math Applications

Athletics and Extracurriculars

375 athletes named to all-league teams



Carlmont High School Commissioner's Cup Champions

3,000+
prom-goers danced

Universal Meals

In our second year of Universal Meals, our Food Services department served

226,000
breakfasts

433,000
lunches

Wellness

7 Wellness Centers: one at each school



Peace and Wellness Space (PAWS) at Menlo-Atherton

22,000+
direct wellness services provided, including:
15,000+ individual counseling sessions
2,500+ check-ins and case management
4,000+ group services

Support and Recognition

Now in its **third** year, SUHSD's Newcomer Welcome Center was awarded the prestigious San Mateo County School Boards Assn. J. Russell Kent Award





SUHSD's school attendance review board (SARB) was named one of the **23** "Model SARB" programs by the CA Dept. of Education

239
in-house professional development sessions attended by staff

100%
of teachers meet California's "Highly Qualified" designation

**The most recent full school year.*

2024-25 by the Numbers

Record Numbers of AP Participation and Test Pass Rates

- **5,299** AP exams taken in 2024, 71% passed with a score of 4 or 5
- **38** different AP subject area exams taken by SUHSD in 2024, average percent of exams scoring a 3 or higher was 90%. The national average across the same set of exams was 69%

International Outpacing IB Program

- **32.2** was the average SUHSD IB Diploma score. The international average IB diploma score was 30.32.

Arts and Enrichment

1,284
students and parents, combined, provided input for the District's new **$1,115,000** investment in Visual and Performing Arts offerings

29
stipends added to each school site, totaling **$1.2 million** to maximize student involvement in after school activities

400+
clubs available across the District for students to join. Full club listings, advisor/club leader contacts, and meeting times can be found on each school's website.



Woodside High School Music Production Club

Measure W Work Begins

8
All eight sites have planned facilities improvement projects set to begin in the near future. See more details in the District's Facilities Master Plan at seq.org/fmp.

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Three "A"s for SUHSD: the District received a triple A rating from the credit rating firm Moody's, which helps secure lower interest rates and saves taxpayer money.

For more updates and information on Measure W projects at SUHSD, visit **seq.org/MeasureW**

Educator Development

The **eighth** cohort of Developing Our Own, an award-winning program designed to support members of the District's classified employee pool through the teacher credentialing program with financial assistance from the District, begins the program this fall.

Scan the QR code to watch Developing Our Own graduates share their experiences

2,156
students welcomed to this year's freshman class!
Scan here for an overview of the SUHSD ninth grade experience.

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Sequoia High School

Woodside High School

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Our staff is thrilled to invest in future generations by supporting students across our eight schools.