



ARAGON HIGH SCHOOL

CEEB CODE: 053163

SCHOOL PROFILE

2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

About Us

A California Gold Ribbon School, Aragon is a comprehensive public high school located in San Mateo, a city of 105,000 residents midway between San Francisco and the Silicon Valley, serving 1613 students with a graduating class size of 417. As one of ten schools within the San Mateo Union High School District (SMUHSD), Aragon draws from San Mateo as well as its surrounding cities as part of the SMUHSD open enrollment policy. Aragon High School has the highest transfer request rate in the district due to our rigorous academics, excellent performing arts and athletics, and supportive community.

Academics

Aragon offers a rigorous college preparatory program that challenges and supports students at every course level. We encourage students to take advantage of the rich opportunities we offer so they may best prepare themselves for their postsecondary path of interest while maintaining health and balance during high school.

The academic calendar is two semesters of 18 weeks. Classes are held on a block schedule. We offer a 7-period day schedule, but highly recommend 9th grade students to take six classes. Sophomores and juniors take six or seven classes. Seniors must take at least four classes, but a minimum of five is encouraged.

Our academic program meets the diverse needs and interests of our students by offering a varied course of study that includes AVID, career and technical education (CTE), honors, and Advanced Placement courses. Academic support classes include- Self and Social Empowerment, and Community Literacy in Action (CLA). Advanced Standing (AS) classes are offered in 9th and 10th grade English and 10th grade History classes. These classes provide additional rigor to students who wish to challenge themselves; these are non-weighted classes.

The Total GPA are cumulative and include all classes in which a student receives a final A-F grade. If the course is repeated, the higher grade is counted. Credit is awarded only once. The weighted Total GPA is according to the California public university (A-G) system using a 4.0 grading scale, adding an extra point to classes designated with an H or AP when the student has earned a final grade of "C" or higher. Dual enrollment courses are given an extra point in the GPA in addition to college credit. **Aragon does not calculate class rank.**

Academic Supports & Extracurriculars

Aragon High School is committed to providing an inclusive academic learning environment for all students. Aragon strives to support the Tier 1 needs of all students in classroom instruction. Flex time is also embedded into the school day for a forty-five minute period every Wednesday and Friday, giving students time to work with teachers and support their academic achievement.

The school library is open after school daily. Students are welcomed and encouraged to attend for individual or group tutoring supports. The Wellness Center is also open daily for students to take breaks or check in with staff.

For students requiring additional academic, behavioral, or social-emotional supports, we offer short-term Tier 2 interventions including Homework Organization Progress Success (HOPS), Check In Check Out (CICO) mentoring, Substance Use Program, and attendance supports.

Half of Aragon's students (n=825) participate in at least one school sport, including our 26 varsity, 21 junior varsity, 2 freshmen teams and our sideline cheer and dance teams. Our music program is award-winning, including the California State Chapter of the Year and Tri-M Music Honor Society. We also have over 80 student-led clubs.

1613

**STUDENT
ENROLLMENT**

417

**2026
GRADUATES**

64%

**ATTEND A 4-YEAR
UNIVERSITY**

31%

**ATTEND A 2 -YEAR
UNIVERSITY**

78.7%

**CLASS OF 2026 MET
CSU/UC A-G
REQUIREMENTS**

18.8%

**SOCIOECONOMICALLY
DISADVANTAGED**

33:1

**AVERAGE CLASS
SIZE**

323:1

**COUNSELOR
CASELOAD**

Ethnicity/Race

Asian: 25%

White: 22%

Latino: 28%

Two or More: 18%

Filipino: 3%

Pacific Islander: 1%

Black/African American:

1%

Native or Indigenous: 1%

Transcript Key

AS = Advanced Standing

AP = Advanced Placement

H = Honors Course

DE = Dual Enrollment

R = Repeated Course

Curriculum & Grading

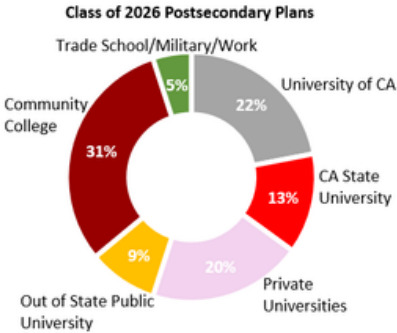
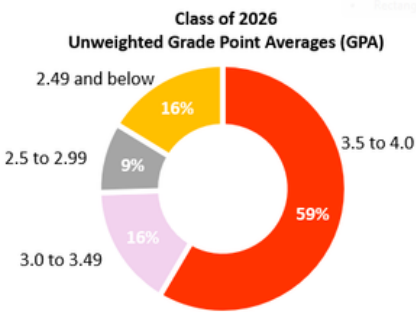
Students in SMUHSD must earn 220 credits to graduate. Five credits are earned per course per semester. All courses fulfilling graduation requirements must be taken on campus. With prior approval, students may take up to 40 elective credits off campus for courses not offered on campus.

Subject Area	Requirement
English	40 Credits
Mathematics	30 Credits
Science (1 Physical and 1 Biological)	20 Credits
Career Technical Education	10 Credits
Physical Education	20 Credits

Subject Area	Requirement
Visual and Performing Arts	10 Credits
World Language	10 Credits
Electives	40 Credits
Health	5 Credits
Social Science (USH; Gov/Econ; Ethnic Studies; MWH)	35 Credits

Grade Point Average (GPA) and Postsecondary Plans

About 59% of Aragon students have a unweighted GPA between 3.5 and 4.0. Over one third (35%) of Aragon students attend a UC or CSU after graduation, 20% attend private universities, and 9% attend out of state public universities. An additional 31% attend community college. See below for the full unweighted GPA distribution for grades 9-12 and student reported postsecondary plans of our Class of 2026.



Standardized Testing

California public colleges and universities continue to be test blind for Fall 2027 admission. Standardized testing options in the Bay Area have decreased for students since covid closures. In response, the SMUHSD hosts a PSAT and two SAT testing administrations for its 11th and 12th grade students.

SAT (1600 scale)

Year	2024-2025	2025-2026	Nat'l Mean
Reading and Writing	650	652	464
Math	645	658	484
# of tests taken	389	378	—

ACT Scores: Composite Average

Year	2024-2025	2025-2026
ACT Scores	30.4	30.9
Nat'l Scores	19.4	19.4
# of tests taken	33	53

National Merit Program

Year	2025	2026
Semifinalists	11	15
Commended Students	33	25

AP Scores (May 2026)

635 students took 1,771 exams
93% scored 3 or higher
41% scored a grade of 5

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

- Biology*
- Calculus AB
- Calculus BC
- Chemistry
- Chinese Language and Culture*
- Computer Science
- English Language/ Literature
- Environmental Science
- Japanese Language and Culture
- Physics 1*
- Physics C*
- Psychology
- Spanish Language and Culture
- Statistics
- Studio Art 2D/3D
- Studio Art Drawing
- US History
- US Government & Politics

*Oversubscribed courses. 11th and 12th grade students are given priority.

HONORS COURSES (H)

- Calculus Multivariable
- Chinese 4
- Economics
- Japanese 4
- Spanish 4

DUAL ENROLLMENT (DE)

- Intro to Business/Entrepreneurship
- Kinesiology/Social Issues with Sports
- Biotechnology 1 (Spring Semester)
- Biotechnology 2 (Spring Semester)
- Digital Video Production/Photoshop
- Digital Photoshop Advanced (Spring Semester)
- Intro to Interior Design (Fall Semester)

Administration

- Peter Alvarez, Principal
- Andrew Hartig, Assistant Principal
- Dr. Clarisse Mesa, Assistant Principal
- David Moore, Assistant Principal

School Counselors

- Lea Sanguinetti (A - Di)
- Wendy Avina (Do - Kh)
- Javier Magaña (Ki- M)
- Josephine Ho (N - Sh)
- Erica Cerles (Si - Z)
- (caseload by student's last name)

Email Convention

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