

SAN MATEO HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL PROFILE • 2026–2027

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ABOUT SAN MATEO HIGH SCHOOL

San Mateo is a city of approximately 103,000 located 20 miles south of San Francisco, an extremely diverse community crossing all socioeconomic and ethnic lines. San Mateo High School is one of seven schools in the San Mateo Union High School District and one of six comprehensive high schools in SMUHSD — the most ethnically and socio-economically diverse of the district's schools. Current enrollment in grades 9–12 is approximately 1,569 students, with the Class of 2027 at approximately 343. The SMHS SPED program serves 194 students.

SMHS is dedicated to combining academic excellence, community service, and hands-on learning to provide a comprehensive, well-rounded college and career preparatory program for all students. School and community pride are integral to campus life, where families and alumni contribute countless volunteer hours.

BY THE NUMBERS

1,569 ENROLLMENT 9–12	343 CLASS OF 2027	40.4% FREE & REDUCED LUNCH	48.5% FIRST GENERATION
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STUDENT BODY — ETHNIC DISTRIBUTION

Hispanic/Latinx	48.4%
Asian-American	25.2%
Caucasian	16.7%
Filipino	4.0%
Pacific Islander	2.2%
African American	1.5%
Not Declared	1.2%
Native American	0.4%

CURRICULUM & GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

SMHS students participate in a rigorous, standards-based college-preparatory curriculum. SMHS recommends a 6-period day; students may opt into a 7-period day for support and enrichment. The Class of 2027 graduation requirements:

English 40 credits	Social Science 35 credits
Mathematics 30 credits	Science 20 credits
Physical Education 20 credits	Career Tech. Ed. 10 credits
World Language 10 credits	VAPA 10 credits
Health 5 credits	Electives 40 credits
Total 220 credits	

ADVANCED PLACEMENT, HONORS, & ADVANCED STANDING COURSES

• AP Biology	• AP Calculus AB	• AP Calculus BC
• AP Chemistry	• AP Chinese Language & Culture	• Chinese 4H, French 4H, Spanish 4H
• AP Computer Science A	• English 1 & 2 AS	• AP Eng. Lang. & Composition
• AP Eng. Lit. & Composition	• AP Environmental Science	• AP French Lang. & Culture
• AP Macroeconomics	• AP Physics	• AP Psychology
• AP Spanish Lang. & Culture, AP Spanish Lit.	• AP Statistics	• AP Studio Art — Drawing, 2D & 3D
• AP U.S. Gov. & Politics	• AP U.S. History	• AP World History: Modern

AP / HONORS PROGRESSION & GPA

SMHS students typically have limited AP/Honors/AS access in 9th–10th grade, with most courses available starting in 11th grade.



The academic calendar is two semesters, 18 weeks each. SMUHSD does not rank its students. The Academic GPA (grades 9–12, cumulative of all courses) is weighted per the California Public University system — an additional point is added for University-certified AP and Honors courses (A = 5.0, B = 4.0, C = 3.0). Mid-year reports include the 7th semester. The Total GPA is unweighted for grades 9–12 and covers the same coursework.

DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES – OFFERED THROUGH COLLEGE OF SAN MATEO & SKYLINE COLLEGE

COLLEGE OF SAN MATEO COURSES	SKYLINE COLLEGE COURSES
CRER 100 Career Plan Life Exploration	Biotechnology 1 (Spring only)
CRER 137 Life Career Planning	Biotechnology 2 (Spring only prior to 26-27 school year)
DGME 211 Intro Graphic Design	Biotech Independent Research
COUN 240 Coll and Academic Success	BUS 161 Entrepreneurship
	BUS 166 The Business Plan

2026 AP RESULTS & CLASS OF 2026 OUTCOMES

480 STUDENTS TESTED	1,162 EXAMS TAKEN	92.5% SCORED 3+	3.96 AVG. SCORE	3 MERIT FINALISTS	19 COMMENDED	44.6% 4-YR COLLEGE	46.3% 2-YR COLLEGE
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RECOGNITION	2024	2025	2026
AP Scholars	43	69	55
AP Scholars with Honor	47	47	40
AP Scholars with Distinction	127	118	127
AP International Diploma	N/A	N/A	1

CLASS OF 2026 COLLEGE DESTINATIONS

UC SCHOOLS	CSU SCHOOLS	PRIVATE / OUT OF STATE			
Berkeley	Chico	American University	George Washington U.	Pacific Northwest Coll. of Art	U. of Hawai'i Manoa
Davis	East Bay	Azusa Pacific University	Georgia Tech	Pitzer College	U. of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Irvine	Fullerton	Biola University	Harvey Mudd College	Purchase College, SUNY	U. of San Francisco
Los Angeles	Northridge	Boston Conservatory at Berklee	Indiana University	Purdue University	U. of Southern California
Riverside	Pomona	Boston University	Iowa State	St. Mary's College of CA	U. of Washington
San Diego	San Diego	BYU	Loyola Marymount University	Santa Clara University	Utah State
Santa Barbara	San Francisco	BYU Hawai'i	Marymount Manhattan Coll.	Stanford University	Utah Valley University
Santa Cruz	San Jose	Chapman University	New York University	Stevens Inst. of Technology	Virginia Tech
	San Luis Obispo	Cornell University	Northeastern University	Syracuse University	Wellesley College
		Emory University	Otis College of Art & Design	Temple University - Japan	Western Washington U.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS & RECOGNITIONS

- Leadership — An award winning student run program
 - Athletic Leadership — Leadership skills within the diverse realm of athletics
 - Performing Arts — Dance, musical theater, marching/symphonic/jazz band, orchestra
 - DE — Dual Enrollment Program
- Renaissance Leadership — Philosophies and strategies of the Renaissance system
 - Biotechnology — Nationally recognized four-year pathway with industry internship
 - AVID — Advancement Via Individual Determination
 - ML — Multilingual Learners Program

Niche 2026 Best Public High Schools in America — #76 in California, Top 2.2 Percentile Nationally.