



Carlmont High School

School Profile · 2026–2027

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The mission of Carlmont High School is to provide a supportive learning environment that allows all students to achieve success in academics and careers — fostering a community of creative thinkers who are confident and collaborative in a rapidly changing society, and equipped to make positive contributions to their community and the world.

School community

A California Distinguished School and a four-year comprehensive public high school in the Sequoia Union High School District, fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

Carlmont sits on 42 acres in the Belmont–San Carlos hills, about 30 miles south of San Francisco, drawing students from Belmont, San Carlos, Redwood City, Redwood Shores, and East Palo Alto.

2,389 Students, grades 9–12	42 Acre campus	585 Senior class size	21 AP courses offered	No Class rank reported
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Race / ethnicity



Specialty programs

Biotechnology Institute	A three-year, cross-curricular pathway with science-themed English and social studies plus a biotechnology course sequence. Students complete three years of community-college science and often add other AP courses and advanced math, though AS/AP English and AP Social Studies are precluded.
Media Arts Studies	A pathway fulfilling English and Career Technical Education requirements, preparing graduates for communications, journalism, and graphic design.
AVID	A four-year course preparing students for four-year college success, focused on writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization, and reading. Participation may require a seven-period schedule.
Computer Science Pathway	Three year-long courses: Mobile Apps Development, Structure & Interpretation of Computer Programs in Python, and AP Computer Science A: Java.
Students Offering Support	An extracurricular peer-leadership program; student leaders give educational presentations and peer counseling addressing adolescent mental health.
English Language Learners	Supports students new to the U.S. academically, socially, and emotionally through a Bilingual Resource Teacher, instructional aides, and an ELL counselor.
Career Technical Education	Courses in Business, Marketing, Entrepreneurship, Digital Photo, Digital Filmmaking, Graphic Design & Illustration, Advanced Computer Science, Mobile Apps, Digital Journalism, Biotech, and Biomanufacturing.

Graduation requirements — 220 credits

Electives	60 cr
English	40 cr
Social Science	37.5 cr
Math	20 cr
Science	20 cr
P.E.	20 cr
Fine Art	10 cr
Career Tech Ed	10 cr
Life Skills	2.5 cr

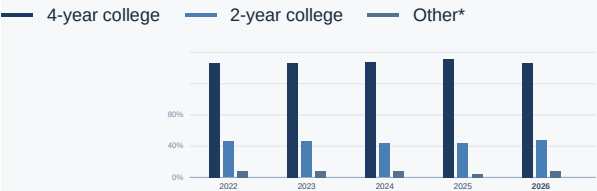
No class rank. Sequoia Union High School District does not rank students.

Course load. Six courses per year, or seven for students in AVID, Special Education, Performing Arts, Yearbook, or Leadership.

Community service. Not required for graduation.

Earning credit. Five credits awarded per semester for each course passed with a D- or higher.

Matriculation



*Other indicates work, gap year, travel, or military.

Class of 2026 — where the 4-year admits enrolled

University of California	24%
California State University	10%
Private / out of state	38%
Two-year college	24%

Grading system

A 4 pts · Honors 5	B 3 pts · Honors 4	C 2 pts · Honors 3	D 1 pt	F 0 pts
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- AP and Honors courses are weighted on a 5–4–3 (A–B–C) scale.
- Students may begin AP coursework as sophomores, with AP World History or AP Seminar; juniors and seniors choose from a larger AP selection.

Course offerings

AP courses 21

English Composition	US History
English Literature	Seminar
Statistics	Psychology
Calculus AB	Computer Science A (Java)
Calculus BC	French
World History	Spanish
Biology	Art Studio
Chemistry	Research
Chinese	Environmental Science
American Government	Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism
Microeconomics	

Honors courses 7

Chinese III
French III
Pre-Calculus
Spanish III
Marketing Communication (CTE)
Advanced Computer Science Structure (CTE)

Dual enrollment 3

Biotechnology I–II
Biotechnology III–IV
Biomanufacturing Field Work

Earns 1.5–3.0 college credit units.

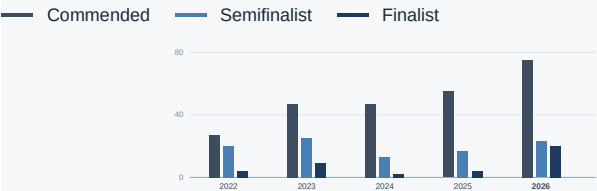
AS & accelerated

AS English I
AS English II
Geometry Enriched
Algebra II / Trigonometry
Multivariable Calculus

Audition required

Intermediate / Advanced Dance
Jazz Band II / Advanced Band
Choral II / Advanced Choral
Drama II–IV

National Merit recognition

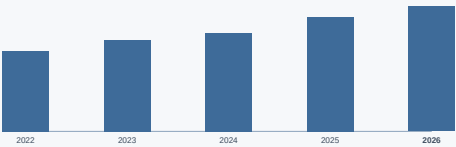


Class	Commended	Semifinalist	Finalist
2026	75	23	20
2025	55	17	4
2024	47	13	2
2023	47	25	9
2022	27	20	4

Advanced Placement data

1,154 Total AP students, 2026	1,102 Scores of 3 or higher, 2026
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Exams taken



1,892 → 2,949 exams across five years.

AP participation and performance by year

Class	Total AP Students	Score 3+
2026	1,154	1,102
2025	1,081	1,034
2024	986	931
2023	964	884
2022	869	784