Salinas High School

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School Profile 2026-2027

726 S. Main St, Salinas CA, 93901
831-796-7400

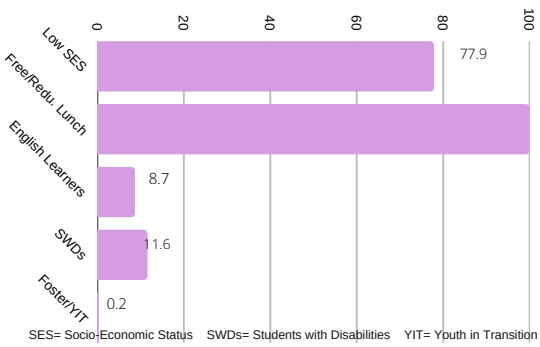
https://www.salinasuhsd.org/shs
CEEB Code: 052755

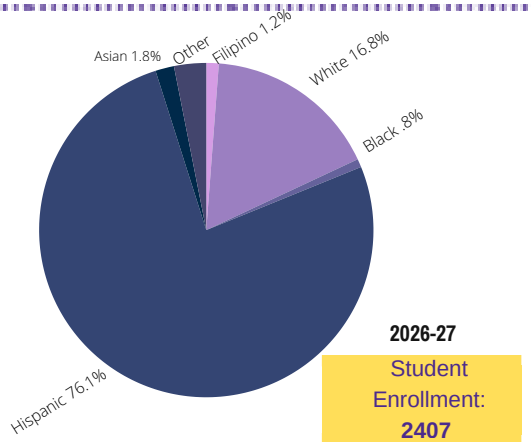
School Information

- Salinas High School is located in the heart of the "salad bowl" on the central coast of California in Monterey County with a population of 2,407 students in grades 9 through 12. The county seat, Salinas has a population of approximately 163,542 as of 2025 and is the hometown of American author John Steinbeck, a graduate of Salinas High School, class of 1919.
- **SHS Mission Statement:** Salinas High School students and staff will utilize critical thinking, collaboration, communication and creativity in order for all student to be college and career ready.

Demographics

2024-25





Staff Information

Principal
Margarita Contreras, Ed.D.

Assistant Principals
Katie Zelensky
Anthony Morales
Angela Perez
Laura Hammersmith

Activities Director
Mark Dover

Athletic Director
Art Hunsdorfer, Ed.D.

Counselors
Noemi Bobadilla
Leslie Bowling
Veronica Gonzalez
Elvia Guzmán
Orlando Jauregui
Kristin McCullough
Christina Peña-Macias
Abel Coronel -CTE/ROP

Registrar
Marilyn Espinoza

Graduation Requirements

1 year = 10 Credits

- 4 Years of English
- 3 Years of Math
- 1 Year Biological
- 1 Year Physical
- 3 Years of Social Science
- 2 Years of Global Language (Must be same Language)
- 1 Year of Visual & Performing Arts (VAPA)
- 1 Year of CTE/Vocational Ed
- 1 Semester Health Science
- 1 Semester Ethnic Studies
- 3 Years of Electives

1. 220 Credits Total
2. Minimum 2.0 Graduation GPA
3. 40 Hours of Community Service
4. 85% Attendance Each Year

Graduation Rate

C/O 2024-25

92.9

A-G Completion Rate

56.5

As reported on the SARC report for 2024-25 met the A-G course sequence for 4-year college admission

Post-Secondary Data

C/O 2024-25

- **72%** completed either the FAFSA or CADAA by the March 2nd deadline
- **60%** attended 2-year institutions immediately after high school graduation
- **25%** attended 4-year institutions immediately after high school graduation

The Cowboy Way

Safe

Honorable

Sensible

Advanced Placement (AP) Courses

AP English Language
AP English Literature
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Statistics
AP US History
AP Government
AP Macroeconomics
AP Biology
AP Physics
AP Computer Science Principles
AP Computer Science A
AP Spanish Language
AP Spanish Literature
AP Japanese Language
AP Psychology
AP World History
AP Environmental Science
AP Chemistry

* AP course offerings may vary each school year depending on student interest and we alternate between Chemistry and Physics each year.

Honors & Other Advanced Courses

English 9+
English 10+
Math 1+
Math 2+
Math 3+
*Multi Craft Core Curriculum (MC3)

Dual Enrollment Courses:
(college credit issued through Hartnell Community College or MPC)
English 1Ax
English 1B
Counseling-1
Hospitality-23, 78 & 81
DNTL 100 & 101

Advanced Interdisciplinary Science & Sustainable Agriculture Honors

* Articulation with Hartnell Community College/MPC

AP Test Data

C/O 2025

Number of Exams: **1264**
AP Test-takers scoring 3 or above: **70 %**

Data represents the percentage of students who scored a 3 or better

AP English Language: 77%
AP English Literature: 66%
AP Calculus AB: 55%
AP Calculus BC: 8%
AP Statistics: 77%
AP US History: 84%
AP Government: 67%
AP Macroeconomics: 67%
AP Biology:68%
AP World History: 66%
AP Physics: 82%
AP Spanish Language: 94%
AP Spanish Literature: 100%
AP Computer Science Principles: 74%
AP Psychology: 54%
AP Environmental Science 93%
AP Japanese 0%

SBAC Test Data

C/O 2024-25

SBAC: Math (11th)

34% of students met or exceeded state standards

District: 20%
State: **37%**

SBAC: English (11th)

68% of students met or exceeded state standards

District: **42%**
State: **48%**

Academies

FAST Academy

GREEN Academy

Future Farmers of America (FFA)

ROP/CTE Pathways

Students may also complete additional pathways through Mission Trails ROP Center.

Design, Visual, and Media Arts Pathway	*GREEN Academy Pathway*	*Fitness and Sport Academy Pathway*	*Ag Pathway*
Art in the Digital Age	**Mill Cabinet**	**Physical Therapy Aide**	**AG Biology**
Graphic Design	**Intro Residential & Commercial Construction**	**Sports Medicine**	**AG Chemistry**

Support Services

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MONTEREY COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
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Athletics

Eligibility: Students must have a minimum 2.0 GPA, no more than one F, and no more than one U in citizenship on previous and current grading periods.

Fall:
- Girls Tennis
- Football
- Cheer
- Field Hockey
- Girls Volleyball
- Cross Country
- Girls Golf
- Water Polo
- Flag Football

Winter:
- Basketball
- Soccer
- Wrestling
- E-Sports
- Cheer
- Mountain Biking

Spring:
- Baseball
- Softball
- Boys Golf
- Swimming & Diving
- Boys Tennis
- Boys Volleyball
- Track & Field
- Lacrosse
- Mountain Biking
- E-Sports

Sources

School Accountability Report Card: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Y8MSHcvkl6L4eSKn0xbTASHwL-RmRsPO/view
School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA):
EdData: https://www.ed-data.org/school/Monterey/Salinas-Union-High/Salinas-High
California School Dashboard: https://www.caschooldashboard.org/reports/27661592734556/2019
California Student Aid Commission Dashboard: https://webutil.csac.ca.gov/Dashboard/default.aspx
CollegeBoard: https://www.collegeboard.org