



SAN MATEO HIGH SCHOOL SCHOOL PROFILE 2015-2016

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San Mateo is a city of approximately 100,000 located 20 miles south of San Francisco. It is 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. Current enrollment in grades 9-12 is approximately 1615, with the class of 2016 at approximately 368. SMHS is one of six comprehensive high schools in San Mateo Union High School District (SMUHS), and the most ethnically and socio-economically diverse of the SMUHS schools. SMHS's ethnic distribution in 2015-2016 is as follows:

Hispanic/Latino	676	42%	Pacific Islander	45	3%	Decline to state	6	0.5%
Caucasian	363	22%	African-American	35	2%	Amer. Ind./Alaskan	5	0.5%
Asian-American	399	25%	Filipino	86	5%			

San Mateo High School is dedicated to combining academic excellence, community service and hands-on learning to provide a comprehensive and well-rounded college and career preparatory program for all its students. School and community pride are an integral part of the school environment, where families and alumni spend countless volunteer hours on campus.

Curriculum

SMHS students participate in a rigorous, standards-based curriculum as part of an academically challenging, college preparatory program. SMHS recommends students enroll in a 6-period day; however, students have the opportunity to take advantage of a 7- period day for support and enrichment courses. The class of 2016 graduation requirements are:

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

The academic calendar is two semesters, 18 weeks each.

SMUHS does not rank its students.

The **Academic GPA** covers Grades 9-12 and is cumulative of all courses taken. This GPA is **weighted** according to the California Public University system (an additional point is added for University-certified AP and Honors courses; e.g. 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.

Advanced Placement, Honors & Advanced Standing Courses

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AP Biology AP Calculus AB 1-2 AP Chemistry 1-2 Chinese, French, Spanish 7-8H AP Computer Science 1-2 English 1-4 AS AP English Language & Composition 1-2 AP English Literature & Composition 1-2 AP Environmental Science 1-2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AP European History 1-2 AP Macroeconomics AP Physics 1-2 AP Psychology 1-2 AP Spanish Language & Culture 1-2 AP Statistics AP Studio Art-Drawing 1-2, 2D 1-2, 3D 1-2 AP U.S. Government & Politics AP U.S. History 1-2 |
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Special Programs

- Leadership:** An award-winning student-run program
- Renaissance Leadership:** Teaching students the philosophies and strategies of the Renaissance system
- Biotechnology:** Nationally recognized two-year pathway program, including an industry internship
- Performing Arts:** Full offerings include a vocal program, dance program, musical theater, marching band, symphonic band, jazz band, and orchestra
- AVID:** Advancement Via Individual Determination
- ELD:** English Language Development program
- GATE:** Gifted and Talented Education

Comparison of SAT Mean Scores for Class of 2015

	CR	MATH	WR	TOTAL
SMHS	558	576	559	1693
California	495	506	491	1492
National	484	511	495	1490

Advanced Placement Exams

	2015	2014	2013
AP Scholars	50	66	66
AP Scholars with Honor	37	36	34
AP Scholars with Distinction	93	76	74
National Scholars	21	17	17

In 2015, 452 SMHS students took 957 exams in 19 subject areas. 80% of students scored with a 3 or higher

Comparison of ACT Mean Scores for Class of 2015

	English	Math	Reading	Science	Composite
SMHS	24.2	25.1	24.7	23.4	24.5
CA	22.1	22.7	22.6	22.0	22.5
National	20.4	20.8	21.4	20.9	21.0

National Merit Recognition – Class of 2015

National Merit Semifinalist	3
National Merit Commended Scholars	21

Class of 2015 College Placement: 57% attended a 4-year college. 38% attended a 2-year college.

2013-2015 Colleges & Universities Acceptances

Private Colleges & Universities

Arizona State University
Bard College
Biola University
Boston College
Boston University
University of British Columbia
Brown University
California Institute of Technology
Carnegie Mellon University
Chapman University
Columbia University
Cornell University
Dartmouth College
Dominican University
Duke University
Fordham University
Harvard University
Harvey Mudd College
Johns Hopkins University
Lewis & Clark College
Loyola Marymount University
Menlo College
Marist College
New York University
Northern Arizona University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Notre Dame de Namur University
Oberlin College
Occidental College
Oregon State University

Purdue University
Reed College
Rice University
Rutgers University
Santa Clara University
Sarah Lawrence College
Seattle University
Southern Oregon University
Stanford University
Syracuse University
Texas A&M University
Tulane University
University of Arizona
University of Colorado, Boulder
University of Colorado, Denver
University of Connecticut
University of Hawaii
University of Lethbridge
University of Michigan
University of Puget Sound
University of the Pacific
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of San Francisco
University of Southern California
University of Utah
University of Victoria
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin
Vanderbilt University
Washington University in St. Louis

Willamette University
Vassar College
University of California
Berkeley
Davis
Irvine
Los Angeles
Merced
Riverside
San Diego
Santa Barbara
Santa Cruz
California State Universities
Chico
Fullerton
East Bay
Humboldt
Long Beach
Los Angeles
Monterey Bay
Northridge
Cal Poly Pomona
Sacramento
San Diego
San Francisco
San Jose
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
Sonoma
Technical Schools/Trade
Georgia Institute of Technology
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
The Julliard School
Military
Naval Academy