



SAN MATEO HIGH SCHOOL SCHOOL PROFILE 2017-2018

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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 1677, with the class of 2018 at approximately 440. SMHS is one of six comprehensive high schools in San Mateo Union High School District (SMUHSD), and the most ethnically and socio-economically diverse of the SMUHSD schools. SMHS's ethnic distribution in 2017-2018 is as follows:

Hispanic/Latino	735	43.8%	Filipino	88	5.2%	Native American	5	0.3%
Asian-American	398	23.7%	Pacific Islander	43	2.6%			
Caucasian	371	22.1%	African-American	37	2.2%			

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 graduation requirements for the Class of 2018 are as follows:

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. SMUHSD 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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Recognitions

- Newsweek: America's Top High School -#216 U.S.
- Niche: 2018 Best Public High Schools in America - #50 in California

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 Mean SAT Scores for Class of 2017

R - SAT	EBRW	MATH	TOTAL
SMHS	586	601	1186
California	535	530	1065
National	538	533	1070

Comparison of ACT Scores for Class of 2017

	English	Math	Reading	Science	Composite
SMHS	25.0	25.7	25.2	24.7	25.3
CA	22.5	22.7	23.1	22.2	22.8
National	20.3	20.7	21.4	21.0	21.0

Advanced Placement Exams

	2015	2016	2017
AP Scholars	66	58	75
AP Scholars with Honor	34	31	41
AP Scholars with Distinction	74	82	76
National AP Scholars	17	27	22
AP International Diploma	N/A	N/A	1

In 2017, 528 SMHS students took 1,154 AP exams. 83% of students who took an AP exam earned at least one three or higher on their exams.

National Merit Recognition

National Merit Semifinalist	2
National Merit Finalist	5
National Merit Commended Scholars	12
National Achievement Scholarship	1
National Merit Hispanic	1

Class of 2017 College Placement: 49% attended a 4-year college. 43% attended a 2-year college.

CLASS OF 2017 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Private & Out of State

Arizona State
 Baylor
 Boise State
 Boston College
 Boston University
 Brandeis
 BYU
 California Lutheran
 Carnegie Mellon
 Case Western Reserve
 Champlain
 Chapman
 Clark
 Coastal Carolina
 Colgate
 Colorado State
 Cornell College
 Cornell University
 DePaul University
 Dominican U. of CA
 Drew
 Drexel
 Embry-Riddle
 Ferris State
 Florida State
 Fordham
 George Mason
 Grand Canyon
 Harvard
 Hobart & William Smith
 Hofstra
 Illinois Inst. of Tech.
 Illinois State
 Illinois Wesleyan
 Indiana University
 Iowa State
 Ithaca College
 La Sierra
 Lehigh University

Lewis & Clark
 Loyola Marymount
 Loyola Chicago
 Loyola New Orleans
 Marquette
 Maryland Inst. Coll. of Art
 McGill
 Menlo
 Michigan State
 Middlebury
 Minnesota State - Mankato
 Missouri State
 Montclair State
 National Taiwan U.
 N.Y.U.
 North Carolina State
 Northeastern
 Northwestern
 Notre Dame de Namur
 Occidental
 Ohio Northern
 Oklahoma City U.
 Oregon State
 Osaka U.
 Pace
 Pacific Union
 Parsons School of Design
 Penn State
 Penn State – Erie
 Pitzer
 Point Park
 Portland State
 Pratt Institute
 Pratt MWP
 Princeton
 Purdue
 Quinnipiac
 Reed
 Rensselaer Poly. Inst.
 RISD

Ringling College
 Rochester Inst. of Tech.
 Rose-Hulman
 Rutgers
 St. Mary’s Coll. of CA
 Santa Clara
 Sarah Lawrence
 SCAD
 School of Visual Arts
 Seattle Pacific U.
 Seattle University
 St. Cloud State
 St. John’s
 Stanford
 Stony Brook
 Syracuse U.
 Temple U. – Tokyo
 Texas A&M
 Texas State
 The Evergreen State Coll.
 The George Washington U.
 Tufts
 Tulane
 U. of Alabama
 U. of Alabama - Birmingham
 University of Alaska
 University of Arizona
 U. of British Columbia
 University of Chicago
 University of Cincinnati
 U. of Colorado Boulder
 U. of Colorado Denver
 U. of Connecticut
 University of Denver
 University of Georgia
 University of Hawaii
 University of Idaho
 U. of Illinois Chicago
 U. of Illinois UC
 U. of Indianapolis

University of Maine
 U. of Maine Presque Isle
 U. of Maryland College Park
 U. of Mass. Amherst
 University of Miami
 U. of Michigan
 U. of Minnesota Duluth
 U. of Minnesota
 U. of Missouri
 U. of Nevada Reno
 U. of North Carolina
 U. of New Hampshire
 University of Oklahoma
 University of Oregon
 University of Pittsburgh
 University of Portland
 U. of Puget Sound
 University of Redlands
 University of Rochester
 University of San Diego
 University of S.F.
 USC
 U. of South Florida
 U. of the Pacific
 University of Utah
 University of Virginia
 U. of Washington
 University of Waterloo
 U. of Wisconsin Madison
 U. of Wisconsin Milwaukee
 Utah State
 Vanderbilt
 Vassar
 Villanova
 Virginia Commonwealth
 Walla Walla
 Washington State
 Wellesley
 Western Michigan
 Western Washington

Westmont
 Whitman
 Willamette
 Woodbury
 Worcester Poly.
 Yale

UC Schools

Berkeley
 Davis
 Irvine
 Los Angeles
 Merced
 Riverside
 San Diego
 Santa Barbara
 Santa Cruz

CSU Schools

Bakersfield
 Channel Islands
 Chico
 Dominguez Hills
 East Bay
 Fresno
 Fullerton
 Humboldt
 Long Beach
 Los Angeles
 Monterey Bay
 Northridge
 Cal Poly Pomona
 Sacramento
 San Bernardino
 San Diego
 San Francisco
 San Jose
 Cal Poly SLO
 Sonoma
 Stanislaus
Military Academy
 West Point