



SAN MATEO HIGH SCHOOL SCHOOL PROFILE 2016-2017

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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 1675, with the class of 2017 at approximately 389. 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 2016-2017 is as follows:

Hispanic/Latino	727	43.4%	Pacific Islander	44	2.6%	Amer. Ind./Alaskan	4	0.2%
Caucasian	366	21.9%	African-American	36	2.1%			
Asian-American	406	24.2%	Filipino	92	5.5%			

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 2017 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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Recognitions

- Newsweek: America's Top High School -#216 U.S.
- Niche: 2016 Best Public High Schools in America - #53 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 2016

	CR	MATH	WR	TOTAL
SMHS	568	588	571	1728
California	495	506	491	1492
National	484	511	495	1490

Comparison of ACT Scores for Class of 2016

	English	Math	Reading	Science	Composite
SMHS	27.8	27.8	27.5	27.3	27.8
CA	22.1	22.7	22.9	22.1	22.6
National	20.4	20.8	21.4	20.9	20.8

Advanced Placement Exams

	2014	2015	2016
AP Scholars	66	66	58
AP Scholars with Honor	36	34	31
AP Scholars with Distinction	76	74	82
National Scholars	17	17	27

National Merit Recognition

National Merit Semifinalist	2
National Merit Commended Scholars	18
National Achievement Scholarship	1
National Merit Hispanic	

In 2015, 451 SMHS students took 949 exams in 25 subject areas. 78% of students scored with a 3 or higher

Class of 2016 College Placement: 50% attended a 4-year college. 43% attended a 2-year college.

2014-2016 Colleges & Universities Acceptances

Private & Out of State Schools

Arizona State University
 Bard College
 Boston College
 Brown University
 Carnegie Mellon University
 Chapman University
 Columbia College
 Cornell University
 Dartmouth College
 Dominican University
 Duke University
 Fordham University
 Harvard University
 High Point University
 Holy Names University
 Indiana University
 Ithaca College
 Johns Hopkins University
 Lewis & Clark College
 Loyola Marymount University
 New York University
 Northern Arizona University
 Northeastern University
 Northwestern University
 Notre Dame de Namur University
 Occidental College
 Oregon State University
 Purdue University
 Reed College
 Rice University
 Rutgers University

Santa Clara University
 Sarah Lawrence College
 Scripps College
 Southern Oregon University
 Stanford University
 Syracuse University
 Texas A&M University
 University of Arizona
 University of British Columbia
 University of Colorado, Boulder
 University of Colorado, Denver
 University of Connecticut
 University of Hawaii
 University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
 University of Iowa
 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
 Yale University

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/Military

Massachusetts Institute of Technology
 The Julliard School
 Naval Academy