



# 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	<b>Total</b>	<b>220 credits</b>

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