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 1620, with the class of 2016 at approximately 368. 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 2015-2016 is as follows:

Hispanic/Latino	682	43%	Pacific Islander	52	3%	Amer. Ind./Alaskan	6	1%
Caucasian	363	22%	African-American	35	2%			
Asian-American	396	24%	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. 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

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
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

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