

Santa Cruz High School

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School Profile
2023/2024



CEEB Code:
053297

Santa Cruz High School is a comprehensive public school with a student population of approximately 1,150 in grades nine through twelve. SCHS is particularly noted for having a diverse student body. Students from various racial, cultural and socio-economic backgrounds and lifestyles join to enrich their personal and academic experiences in an unusually compatible atmosphere. In addition to comprehensive college preparation and vocational curriculums, many special programs are available on our campus. Santa Cruz High, a California Distinguished School, accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, is situated in the heart of the city of Santa Cruz, a coastal community of 64,000 people.

CURRICULUM

Santa Cruz High School utilizes the Excel Block Schedule. Under this model, students take three or four 90-minute classes each day for 18 weeks in the fall, and three or four different classes for 18 weeks in the spring. The daily 90-minute classes are equivalent to year-long classes in more traditional two-semester systems. This program has proven to be highly effective throughout the nation, California and here at SCHS.

Graduation Requirements:

English	40 Credits
Social Studies	30 Credits
Mathematics (Int. Math 1B required)	20 Credits
Science	20 Credits
Fine and Applied Arts	25 Credits
Physical Education	20 Credits
Health	5 Credits
Elective Courses	70 Credits
Total:	230 Credits

HONORS and AP CLASSES

Science:

Physiology (H)
 Enviro Sci. (AP)
 Chemistry (AP)
 AP Physics 1 (AP)
 AP Physics 2 (AP)
 Biology (AP)

English:

English 2 (H)
 English Lang & Comp (AP)
 English Lit & Comp (AP)

Fine A/Performing Arts:

Music Theory (AP)

World Languages:

French (AP)
 Spanish (AP)

Mathematics:

Analytic Geometry/Pre-Calc (H) [Math Academy 2]
 Calculus AB (AP)
 Calculus BC (AP)
 Statistics (AP)
 Computer Science A (AP)

Social Sciences:

World History (H)
 US History (AP)

SCHOOL WIDE SAT RESULTS

SAT Reasoning Test (SAT I)	2023	2022	2021
Evidence Reading and Writing	647	640	613
Mean Math	649	645	654

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS

Graduating Class of:	2024	2023	2022
Total Graduating Class	279	226	296
Number of Semi-Finalists	1	0	2
Number of Commended	0	9	0

GRADING and RANKING

Five units of credit are awarded for each term passed with a grade of D or better. Passing grades are A, B, C, D and P. A weighted four point system is used to calculate grade point average:
A = 4, B = 3, C =2, D =1, F=0

GPA Calculations:

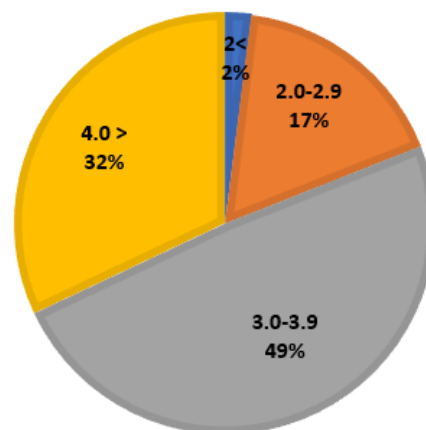
Cumulative unweighted GPA: Unweighted calculation of all courses taken in grades 9-12.

Cumulative weighted GPA: Unweighted calculation of college prep classes taken in grades 10 – 12.

Academic 10-12 GPA: Weighted calculation of academic courses completed in grades 10 – 12, in which one extra point is given for each honors and advanced placement course with a grade C or better.

Class rank: Based on the student's Weighted Academic 10-12 GPA.

WEIGHTED ACA. 10-12 GPA CLASS OF 2023



AP TEST RESULTS

AP Tests	2023	2022	2021
Number of Exams Taken	568	385	500
Percentage Qualifying (3+)	70%	68%	69%
Percentage Scoring 4 or 5	44%	45%	42%
Percentage Scoring a 5	20%	18%	20%

POST HIGH SCHOOL PLANS

	2023	2022	2021
4 Yr College Eligible	78%	82%	67%
Enrolled in 4 Year	54%	46%	34%
Enrolled in 2 Year College*	35%	41%	32%

**Estimated, not all students requested final transcripts.*

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ATTENDANCE CLASS OF 2023

California State University

CSU Cal Poly Humboldt
CSU Cal Poly Pomona
CUS Cal Poly SLO
CSU Long Beach
CSU Monterey Bay
CSU Northridge
CSU San Diego
CSU San Francisco
CSU San José
CSU San Marcos

University of California

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

Private and Out of State Public Colleges

Arizona State University
Berklee College of Music
Boise State
Boston University
The University of Edinburgh
California College of the Arts
Cologio Vescovile Pio X
Colorado State University
Emerson College
Emory University
Indiana University Bloomington
Johnson and Wales

Lewis and Clark College
Loyola Marymount University
Marion Josephine Fowler
Morgan State
Muhlenberg
Oberlin College
Oregon State University
Pitzer College
Portland State University
Reed College
Regis University
Sarah Lawrence College

Seattle University
Thai Mai-Clark
Tulane University
Union College
University of British Columbia
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Hawai'i at Manoa
University of Oregon
University of Puget Sound
University of Southern California
University of Washington
Western Washington