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.

**Graduation Requirements:**

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<td>English</td>
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<td>Social Studies</td>
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<td>Mathematics (Int. Math 1B required)</td>
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<td>Elective Courses</td>
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**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.

**HONORS and AP CLASSES**

**Science:**

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

**English:**

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

**Social Sciences:**

- French (AP)
- Spanish (AP)

**World Languages:**

- US History (AP)

**Mathematics:**

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

* Offered until 18-19’ year
# Offered starting 2019-20’

**SCHOOL WIDE SAT RESULTS**

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<td>Mean Math</td>
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**NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS**

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**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.

**AP TEST RESULTS**

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<td>Percentage Qualifying (3+)</td>
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**POST HIGH SCHOOL PLANS**

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<td>50%</td>
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*Estimated, as no final transcripts sent

**COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ATTENDANCE CLASS OF 2019**

**California State University**

- CSU Cal Poly
- CSU Channel Islands
- CSU Fresno
- CSU Fullerton
- CSU Humboldt
- CSU Long Beach
- CSU Monterey Bay
- CSU Northridge
- CSU San Diego
- CSU San Francisco
- CSU San Jose
- CSU Sonoma

**University of California**

- UC Berkeley
- UC Davis
- UC Los Angeles
- UC San Diego
- UC Santa Barbara
- UC Santa Cruz

**Private and Out of State Public Colleges**

- American Musical & Dramatic Academy
- Arizona State
- Brandeis University
- Chapman University
- Clemson University
- Colorado State
- Goucher College
- Mills College
- Queens University
- Santa Clara University
- The New School of Jazz and Contemporary Music
- University of Alabama
- University of Arizona
- University of Boulder
- University of Las Vegas
- University of Oregon
- University of Portland
- Washington State University
- Western Washington University
- Whitman College