

Santa Cruz High School

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School Profile
2016/2017



CEEB Code:
053297

Santa Cruz High School is a comprehensive public school with a student population of approximately 1,040 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

All honors and AP classes are designated on transcripts with an asterisk (*) preceding course name.

Science:

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

English:

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

World Languages:

French (AP)
 Spanish (AP)

Social Sciences:

US History (AP)

Mathematics:

Analytic Geometry/Pre-Calc (H)
 Calculus AB (AP)
 Calculus BC (AP)
 Statistics (AP)

** Offered in alternate years
 # offered starting 2014-15

SCHOOL WIDE SAT RESULTS

SAT Reasoning Test (SAT I)	2016	2015	2014
Mean Verbal (or CR)	560	555	556
Mean Math	563	570	555
Mean Writing	537	547	551
Mean Total SAT	1660	1672	1662

New SAT: March-June 2016

Evidence Reading and Writing (ERW)	599
Math	603

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS

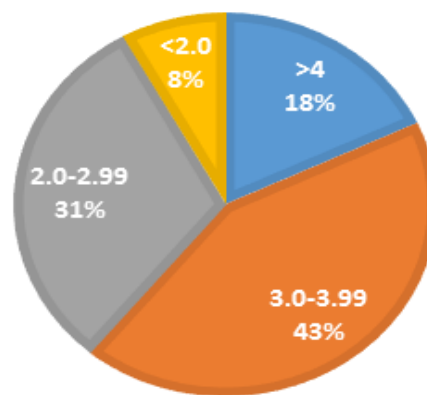
Graduating Class of:	2017	2016	2015
Total Graduating Class	220	229	268
Number of Semi-Finalists	2	3	1
Number of Commended	6	4	13

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: Weighted GPA Weighted calculation of all courses (academic and non-academic) taken in grades 9-12. As with the following weighted GPAs, one extra point is given for each honors and advanced placement course with a C or above. ACA GPA 9-12 Weighted calculation of college prep classes taken in grades 9-12. ACA GPA 10-12 Weighted calculation of college prep classes taken in grades 10-12. Unweighted GPA unweighted calculation of all courses (academic and non-academic) taken in grades 9-12.

WEIGHTED ACADEMIC GPA CLASS OF 2017



AP TEST RESULTS

AP Tests	2016	2015	2014
Number of Exams Taken	271	245	229
Percentage Qualifying (3+)	80%	78%	87%
Percentage Scoring 4 or 5	58%	53%	65%
Percentage Scoring a 5	29%	28%	35%

POST HIGH SCHOOL PLANS

	2016	2015	2014
4 Yr College Eligible	57%	61%	58%
Enrolled in 4 Year	47%	50%	53%
Enrolled in 2 Year College*	43%	42%	36%

*Estimated, as no final transcripts sent

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ATTENDANCE CLASS OF 2016

University of California

UC Berkeley (4)
UC Davis (2)
UC Irvine (1)
UC Los Angeles (1)
UC Merced (1)
UC San Diego (2)
UC Santa Barbara (5)
UC Santa Cruz (2)
UC Riverside (1)

Out of State Public Schools

Barret Honors College in Arizona (1)
Montana State University (1)
Oregon State University (2)
Portland State University (3)
University of Alabama (1)
University of Colorado, Boulder (2)
University of Las Vegas (1)
University of Oregon (3)
University of Saint Andrews, Scotland (1)
Washington State University (1)
Western Washington University (2)

Cal State Universities

CSU Cal Poly (9)
CSU Channel Islands (1)
CSU Chico (1)
CSU Fullerton (1)
CSU Humboldt (1)
CSU Long Beach (2)
CSU Los Angeles (1)
CSU Monterey Bay (3)
CSU Sacramento (2)
CSU San Jose (3)
CSU San Diego (4)
CSU San Francisco (5)

Private Schools

Hamilton College (New York) (1)
Hobart and William Smith College (1)
Lindenwood University (1)
Linfield (1)
Occidental College
Pepperdine (1)
Pratt Art Institute (1)
Prescott College (1)
Reed College (1)
Seattle University (1)
Tufts University (3)
University of Portland (1)
University of Puget Sound (2)
Willamette University (1)
Williams College (1)