

Santa Cruz High School

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School Profile
2024/2025



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)	2024	2023	2022
Evidence Reading and Writing	643	647	640
Mean Math	643	649	645

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS

Graduating Class of:	2025	2024	2023
Total Graduating Class	275	281	226
Number of Semi-Finalists	2	1	0
Number of Commended	12	0	9

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:

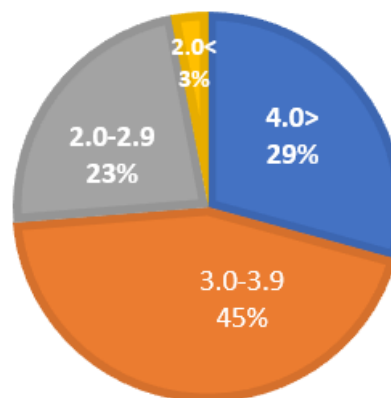
Cumulative unweighted GPA: Unweighted calculation of all courses taken in grades 9-12.

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 2024



AP TEST RESULTS

AP Tests	2024	2023	2022
Number of Exams Taken	696	568	385
Percentage Qualifying (3+)	77%	70%	68%
Percentage Scoring 4 or 5	51%	44%	45%
Percentage Scoring a 5	21%	20%	18%

POST HIGH SCHOOL PLANS

	2024	2023	2022
4 Yr College Eligible	80%	78%	82%
Enrolled in 4 Year	61%	54%	46%
Enrolled in 2 Year College*	38%	35%	41%

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

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ATTENDANCE CLASS OF 2024

California State University

CSU Cal Poly Humboldt
CSU Cal Poly Pomona
CUS Cal Poly SLO
CSU Long Beach
CSU Monterey Bay
CSU Channel Islands
CSU Chico
CSU Fresno
CSU Maritime Academy
CSU Sacramento
CSU San Jose
CSU Sonoma
CSU San Diego

University of California

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

Private and Out of State Public Colleges

Arizona State University
Chapman University
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University
Concordia University Irvine
Cornell University
Dominican University of California
Emerson College
Georgia Institute of Technology
Keene State College
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University New Orleans

Menlo Business School
Montana State University
Morgan State
Northeastern University
Occidental College
Oregon State University
Purdue University
Santa Clara University
Seattle University
Temple University
Trinity College Dublin
UMass Amherst
Unitec College

University College Dublin
University of Colorado, Boulder
University of Hawaii at Manoa
University of Oregon
University of Puget Sound
University of San Francisco
University of Washington
UT Martin
Vanguard University
Western Washington University