

LOS ALTOS HIGH SCHOOL

Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District

A California Distinguished School

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2019 – 2020 SCHOOL PROFILE



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Los Altos High School (LAHS) is a comprehensive public high school (9-12) located in the heart of Silicon Valley, serving a diverse student body from both professional and working-class families. The Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District consists of two high schools, a continuation high school and a number of alternative programs. Our attendance area includes highly affluent sections of Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Mountain View as well as low-income housing sections of Mountain View. Newsweek ranked LAHS among the top 1% of high schools nationwide. Enrollment of 2,258 students includes 38% Caucasian, 27% Hispanic-Latino, 32% Asian and 4% other.* LAHS is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

**enrollment and demographic data as of 8/30/19*

LAHS VISION STATEMENT

We at Los Altos High School value a learning environment in which students and staff work together in a spirit of unity and mutual respect. We are committed to the process of continuous learning and the application of knowledge. We value the diversity of our paths while promoting a community in which members have an equal opportunity to excel as people and learners.

THE CURRICULUM – ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Los Altos High School offers a rigorous college preparatory program with wide selections of honors and AP classes as well as special education and support classes. The school operates on a modified block schedule with 50-minute class periods three days a week and 90-minute periods two days a week, plus a weekly Tutorial. We have an open access policy for admission to Honors/AP classes.

GRADING SYSTEM

Los Altos High School lists both weighted and unweighted GPA on the transcript. Weighted GPA includes all H & AP courses, grades 9-12. Transcripts follow a standard grading system:

A, B, C, D, F, P (pass-credit), **I** (incomplete), **NM** (no mark) and **W** (withdraw).

- Academic GPA (AGPA, 9-12): based on all courses taken in grades 9-12, excluding PE/Sports and other non-academic courses (e.g., teaching assistants, peer tutors)
- Academic GPA (AGPA, 10-12): based on all courses taken in grades 10-12, excluding PE/Sports and other non-academic courses (e.g., teaching assistants, peer tutors)
- Total GPA (TGPA, 9-12) reflects all courses taken in high school

RANKING

The MVLA High School District does NOT rank students. A grade distribution table is published for every graduating class, based on Academic GPA 9-12. The table for the graduating class of 2019 is shown below.

GRADE DISTRIBUTION TABLE

Unweighted GPA		Weighted GPA	
4.51-5.00: 0	3.51-3.75: 97	4.51-5.00: 47	3.51-3.75: 54
4.26-4.50: 0	3.01-3.50: 119	4.26-4.50: 68	3.01-3.50: 86
4.01-4.25: 0	2.51-3.00: 97	4.01-4.25: 56	2.51-3.00: 79
3.76-4.00: 122	2.5-below: 68	3.76-4.00: 53	2.5-below: 60

OFF-CAMPUS PROGRAMS FOR LAHS STUDENTS

- Middle College:** a program where LAHS students may spend one or two full years combining high school and college coursework at a local community college
- Freestyle Academy:** a communication arts and technology program offering college preparatory and Honors English and state-of-the-art instruction in multimedia production
- Moffett Independent Study:** a program for students needing to complete high school diploma requirements in an alternative setting – available for concurrent or full-time enrollment
- College Now!:** a program for students who are highly self-motivated, mature, independent, responsible and hardworking, and who may have 'outgrown' high school and are seeking a stimulating educational environment that is different from high school

SAT REASONING TEST RESULTS MEAN SCORES

	2017	2018	2019
No. Tested	250	323	338
Mean Score	1245*	1300	1280
Evidence Based Reading & Writing	621	644	632
Math	625	656	648
Met both ERW & Math Benchmarks	76%	86%	79%

*New SAT (March 2016 & beyond) Mean Score range 400-1600

SAT SUBJECT TESTS NUMBER TESTED/MEAN SCORES

EXAM SUBJECT	2017	2018	2019
Math Level IIC	137/723	166/735	158/735
Biology Molecular	26/695	40/698	35/708
Chemistry	38/673	57/700	53/696
Physics	63/708	74/730	43/724
Literature	44/662	50/656	44/638
U.S. History	25/683	45/675	43/669

ACT - NUMBER TESTED/MEAN SCORES

EXAM SUBJECT	2017	2018	2019
No. Tested	246	202	168
English	27.3	29.2	29.3
Math	27.1	28.2	28.3
Reading	26.8	28.6	28.9
Science	26.6	27.5	27.9
Composite	27.1	28.5	28.8

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

All AP students are strongly encouraged to take AP exams.

	2017	2018	2019
No. of Graduates	441	500	499
No. of Test Takers	812	940	1007
No. of Exams Taken	1815	1932	2136
No. of Qualifying Scores	1523	1674	1849

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ATTENDANCE BY YEAR OF GRADUATION

	2017	2018	2019
Total to College	94%	93%	95%
▪ 2-Year Colleges	28%	23%	20%
▪ 4-Year Colleges	66%	70%	75%

WEIGHTED GRADE DISTRIBUTION 2018/19 2nd Semester-Core Academic Classes									GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS		HONORS (H) & ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) COURSES	
CRS #	Mathematics	A	B	C	D	F	TOTAL	GPA	English: 4 years (40 cr) Social Studies: 3.5 yrs (35 cr) World Studies (10 cr) Addtl. Global Studies (5 cr) U.S. History (10 cr) Civics (5 cr) Economics (5 cr)	English: World Literature English Language English Literature English 3H (Freestyle) English 4H (Freestyle)		
AC2010	Geometry 9	41	32	20	12	5	110	2.84				
AB2010	Geometry H	59	42	17	5	1	124	4.23				
AC3010	Algebra II	146	77	52	22	19	316	2.98				
AB3010	Algebra II H	108	77	15	0	1	201	4.44				
AC4010	Trig/Math Ana	116	63	29	8	6	222	3.24				
AB4010	Trig/Math Ana H	114	70	10	0	0	194	4.54				
AC5010	Calculus	53	22	7	0	0	82	3.56				
AA5010	AP Calculus AB	54	49	14	0	0	117	4.34				
AA5011	AP Calculus BC	52	15	2	0	0	69	4.72				
AA6010	AP Statistics	72	33	4	0	0	109	4.62				
TOTALS		815	480	170	47	32	1544					
CRS #	Science	A	B	C	D	F	TOTAL		Mathematics: 2 years (20 cr) Must include 10 cr of Algebra I or higher Science: 2 years (20 cr) Must include 10 cr of physical science and 10 cr of life science	Mathematics: Geometry Algebra II Trig/Math Analysis Calculus AB Calculus BC Statistics		
CC1010	Biology	83	70	67	20	12	252	2.76				
CB1010	Biology H	160	95	24	8	2	289	4.39				
CA1010	AP Biology	76	36	16	1	0	129	4.45				
CC2010	Chemistry	115	71	49	15	5	255	3.08				
CB2010	Chemistry H	142	69	32	3	0	246	4.42				
CA2010	AP Chemistry	37	11	0	0	0	48	4.77				
CA3010	AP Physics I	62	63	11	0	0	136	4.38				
CA3041	AP Physics C: E&M	16	23	10	0	0	49	4.12				
CA4010	AP Environ Science	75	50	22	3	4	154	4.20				
CC3010	Physics	41	81	25	2	0	149	3.08				
TOTALS		807	569	256	52	23	1707					
CRS #	English	A	B	C	D	F	TOTAL		World Language/Visual Arts/ Practical Arts: 2 years (20 cr) any combination Physical Education: 2 years (20 cr) Health: 1 semester (5 cr) Electives: 60 cr Total: 220 credits	Science: Biology Chemistry Physics C: E&M Physics C: Mech Physics I Environ Sci		
DC1010	Survey Comp/Lit	244	186	64	22	14	530	3.18				
DC2015	Wrlt Literature	172	163	61	17	17	430	3.06				
DB2010	World Lit H	66	42	7	1	0	116	4.49				
DA2010	AP English Lang	86	41	8	1	2	138	4.49				
DC3010	Amer Lit Survey	120	131	51	14	4	320	3.09				
DC4010	Eng Lit Survey	80	64	32	9	1	186	3.15				
DA4010	AP English Lit	36	17	8	0	0	61	4.46				
TOTALS		804	644	231	64	38	1781					
CRS #	Social Sciences	A	B	C	D	F	TOTAL		Visual Arts: Drawing 2D Art & Design Other: Computer Science CS 1B/1C (Foothill College) Math 1C/1D (Foothill College)			
EA5010	AP Human Geography	132	59	32	7	1	231	4.35				
EC1010	World Studies	296	120	78	26	21	541	3.19				
EC1110	Cont World Issues	37	33	18	7	0	95	3.05				
EA2010	AP European History	70	52	9	5	0	136	4.38				
EC3010	U S History	214	71	57	26	7	375	3.22				
EA3010	AP U S History	85	22	5	3	1	116	4.60				
EA4020	AP Micro Economics	64	41	13	1	0	119	4.41				
EA4030	AP Psychology	91	20	11	0	0	122	4.66				
TOTALS		989	418	223	75	30	1735					