

# LOS ALTOS HIGH SCHOOL

## Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District

### A California Distinguished School

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#### 2020 – 2021 SCHOOL PROFILE



#### Alpha Sort

A – Ci  
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 Academy/As assigned

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Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Los Altos High School was required to operate entirely by distance learning during Spring, 2020 and opened in the Fall under the same conditions, with gradual return to in-seat learning per advice from the Health Department.

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 2,212 students includes 37% Caucasian, 28% Hispanic-Latino, 32% Asian and 3% other.\* LAHS is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).  
 \*enrollment and demographic data as of 9/23/2020

#### 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). **CR/NC** only for Spring, 2020 due to COVID-19

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

#### 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

	2018	2019	2020
No. Tested	323	338	371
Mean Score	1300	1280	1317
Evidence Based Reading & Writing	644	632	650
Math	656	648	667
Met both ERW & Math Benchmarks	86%	79%	86%

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

#### SAT SUBJECT TESTS NUMBER TESTED/MEAN SCORES

EXAM SUBJECT	2018	2019	2020
Math Level IIC	166/735	158/735	183/742
Biology Molecular	40/698	35/708	39/733
Chemistry	57/700	53/696	49/718
Physics	74/730	43/724	71/738
Literature	50/656	44/638	39/675
U.S. History	45/675	43/669	47/657

#### ACT - NUMBER TESTED/MEAN SCORES

EXAM SUBJECT	2018	2019	2020
No. Tested	202	168	TBA – Score reports not available
English	29.2	29.3	
Math	28.2	28.3	
Reading	28.6	28.9	
Science	27.5	27.9	
Composite	28.5	28.8	

#### ADVANCED PLACEMENT

*All AP students are strongly encouraged to take AP exams.*

	2018	2019	2020
No. of Graduates	500	499	513
No. of Test Takers	940	1007	1054
No. of Exams Taken	1932	2136	2254
No. of Qualifying Scores	1674	1849	1989

#### COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ATTENDANCE BY YEAR OF GRADUATION

	2018	2019	2020
Total to College	93%	83%	86%
▪ 2-Year Colleges	23%	21%	14%
▪ 4-Year Colleges	70%	62%	72%

WEIGHTED GRADE DISTRIBUTION									GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS			HONORS (H) & ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) COURSES			
2019/20 1st Semester-Core Academic Classes									English: 4 years (40 cr)			English: World Literature H English Language AP English Literature AP English 3H (Freestyle) H English 4H (Freestyle) H			
*Due to COVID-19, LAHS temporarily changed to a CR/NC grading system for the Spring of 2020. No letter grades were issued for any student during that semester.															
CRS #	Mathematics	A	B	C	D	F	TOTAL	GPA	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)			Social Studies: European History AP US History AP Govt & Politics US AP Human Geo AP Microeconomics AP Psychology AP			
AC2010	Geometry 9	61	35	16	4	0	116	3.32							
AB2010	Geometry H	54	37	19	4	2	116	4.16							
AC3010	Algebra II	156	84	57	25	13	335	3.03							
AB3010	Algebra II H	108	74	14	2	0	198	4.45							
AC4010	Trig/Math Ana	96	88	33	15	4	236	3.09							
AB4010	Trig/Math Ana H	91	92	14	3	0	200	4.36							
AC5010	Calculus	53	27	4	1	0	85	3.55							
AA5010	AP Calculus AB	79	48	22	0	0	149	4.38							
AA5011	AP Calculus BC	79	25	6	1	0	111	4.64							
AA6010	AP Statistics	94	18	3	0	0	115	4.79							
TOTALS		871	528	188	55	19	1661		Mathematics: 2 years (20 cr) Must include 10 cr of Algebra I or higher			Mathematics: Geometry H Algebra II H Trig/Math Analysis H Calculus AB AP Calculus BC AP Statistics AP			
CRS #	Science	A	B	C	D	F	TOTAL								
CC1010	Biology	73	87	58	23	12	253	2.74							
CB1010	Biology H	180	76	23	10	0	289	4.47							
CA1010	AP Biology	65	45	11	1	2	124	4.35							
CC2010	Chemistry	123	96	52	9	1	281	3.18							
CB2010	Chemistry H	152	65	9	1	0	227	4.62							
CA2010	AP Chemistry	63	15	1	1	0	80	4.75							
CA3010	AP Physics I	71	51	20	1	1	144	4.31							
CA3041	AP Physics C: E&M	27	28	10	0	0	65	4.26							
CA4010	AP Environ Science	97	53	26	5	4	185	4.24	Science: 2 years (20 cr) Must include 10 cr of physical science and 10 cr of life science			Science: Biology H/AP Chemistry H/AP Physics C: E&M AP Physics C: Mech AP Physics I AP Environ Sci AP			
CC3010	Physics	54	68	14	0	0	136	3.29							
TOTALS		905	584	224	51	20	1784								
CRS #	English	A	B	C	D	F	TOTAL								
DC1010	Survey Comp/Lit	210	214	92	18	20	554	3.04							
DC2015	Wrld Literature	175	158	57	19	14	423	3.09							
DB2010	World Lit H	59	43	8	0	0	110	4.46							
DA2010	AP English Lang	58	58	10	2	0	128	4.34							
DC3010	Amer Lit Survey	121	144	60	20	3	348	3.03							
DC4010	Eng Lit Survey	78	70	39	9	1	197	3.09							
DA4010	AP English Lit	49	22	2	0	0	73	4.64							
TOTALS		750	709	268	68	38	1833		World Language/Visual Arts/ Practical Arts: 2 years (20 cr) any combination			World Language: Chinese Mandarin IV H Chinese Language AP French III H French Language (IV) AP Latin AP Spanish II H Spanish III H Spanish III H for Span H Spanish Language (IV) H Spanish Language AP Spanish Literature AP			
CRS #	Social Sciences	A	B	C	D	F	TOTAL								
EA5010	AP Human Geograph	136	76	46	15	3	276	4.17							
EC1010	World Studies	302	143	71	27	16	559	3.23							
EC1110	Cont World Issues	20	16	12	3	1	52	2.98							
EA2010	AP European History	80	40	7	0	2	129	4.50							
EC3010	U S History	222	83	39	23	8	375	3.30							
EA3010	AP U S History	110	37	8	4	1	160	4.56							
EA4020	AP Micro Economics	78	30	6	1	0	115	4.61							
EA4030	AP Psychology	97	16	3	2	0	118	4.76							
TOTALS		1045	441	192	75	31	1784		Total: 220 credits			Visual Arts: Drawing AP 2D Art & Design AP  Other: Computer Science AP CS 1B/1C (Foothill College) Math 1C/1D (Foothill College)			
3 YEAR COLLEGE MATRICULATION - CLASS OF 2018, 2019 & 2020															
Out of State - 458					4-Year Institutions										
American Univ DC - 4	Duke Univ - 5	LIU Post - 1			Princeton Univ - 5		Univ of Alabama - 2		Univ of Portland - 3						
Arizona State - 7	Durham Univ - 1	Macalester College - 1			Purdue Univ - 15		Univ of Arizona - 7		Univ of Puget Sound - 1						
Arts Educational Sch London UK - 1	Emerson College - 2	Manhattan Sch of Music - 1			Reed College - 4		Univ of British Columbia CAN - 3		Univ of Tampa - 1						
Babson College - 1	Emory Univ - 4	Marist College - 1			Regis Univ CO - 2		Univ of Cambridge UK - 1		Univ of Texas, Austin   Dallas - 3						
Barnard College - 2	Everygreen State - 1	Marquette Univ - 1			Rensselaer Polytech NY - 3		Univ of Chicago - 4		Univ of Utah - 4						
Baylor Univ - 2	Fordham Univ - 1	Maryland Instit College of Art - 1			Rhode Island Sch of Design - 1		Univ of Colorado - 25		Univ of Vermont - 2						
Boston College   Clark Univ - 4	George Washington Univ - 3	Massachusetts College of Pharmacy - 1			Rice Univ - 3		Univ of Connecticut - 1		Univ of Virginia   William and Mary - 3						
Boston Univ - 4	Georgetown Univ - 1	McGill Univ Montreal CAN - 3			Rochester Instit of Tech - 1		Univ of Delaware - 1		Univ of Washington - 20						
Brigham Young ID - 1	Gettysburg College - 1	Miami Univ, Oxford - 1			Rutgers Univ-New Brunswick - 1		Univ of Dever - 2		Univ of Waterloo   Toronto CAN - 2						
Brigham Young Univ UT - 7	Gonzaga Univ - 2	Michigan State - 1			St. John's Univ - 1		Univ of Greenwich   York UK - 2		Univ of Wisconsin - 8						
Brown Univ - 7	Goucher College - 1	MIT - 6			St. Olaf College - 1		Univ of Hawaii - 3		Utah State Univ   Utah Valley - 3						
Citadel, Military College - 1	Hamilton College NY - 1	Mount Holyoke College - 2			St. Thomas Aquinas College - 1		Univ of Houston - 1		Vanderbilt Univ - 2						
Cleveland Instit of Music - 1	Harvard Univ - 3	New School - All Divisions - 1			Seattle Univ - 4		Univ of Illinois - 8		Vassar College - 2						
Colby College - 1	Haverford College - 3	New York Univ - 20			Smith College - 1		Univ of Manchester UK - 1		Virginia Tech - 5						
Colorado College - 2	Hawaii Pacific Univ - 2	Northeastern Univ - 14			Southern Methodist - 2		Univ of Maryland MD - 2		Washington State Univ - 2						
Colorado State Univ - 3	Hofstra Univ - 1	Northern Arizona Univ - 2			Southern Virginia Univ - 1		Univ of Massachusetts - 4		Washington Univ St. Louis - 9						
Columbia Univ - 2	IMC Univ AUSTRIA - 1	Northern Michigan Univ - 1			Southwestern Univ - 1		Univ of Michigan - 12		Wellesley College - 3						
Cornell College IA - 1	Indiana Univ - 2	Northwestern Univ - 7			Swarthmore   Washington & Jefferson - 2		Univ of Mississippi - 1		Wesleyan Univ - 3						
Cornell Univ - 6	Intl Christian Univ JAPAN - 1	Oberlin College of Arts & Sci - 2			Syracuse Univ - 4		Univ of Nevada - 4		Western Washington Univ - 2						
Creighton Univ - 1	Johns Hopkins Univ - 4	Ohio State - 1			Temple Univ PA - 1		Univ of North Florida - 2		Wheaton College MA - 1						
Culinary Instit of America - 2	Kansas State Univ - 1	Oregon State - 10			Texas Tech Univ - 2		Univ of Oregon - 19		Whitman College - 2						
Dartmouth College - 4	Lehigh Univ - 2	Pace Univ-NY - 2			Tuffs Univ - 5		Univ of Oxford UK - 1		Willamette Univ - 1						
DePaul Univ - 1	Lewis & Clark College - 3	Peabody Instit of JHU - 1			Tulane Univ - 2		Univ of Pennsylvania - 4		Worcester Polytech - 3						
Drexel Univ - 1	Lindenwood Univ - 1	Pratt Instit - 3			Univ College London UK - 1		Univ of Pittsburgh - 1		Yale Univ - 1						
California State University - 179					University of Calif - 245				California Private - 119						
Cal Poly, Pomona - 3	Long Beach - 1	Berkeley - 50			Biola Univ - 1		Pitzer College - 4		Univ of S. Calif - 17						
Cal Poly, SLO - 41	Monterey Bay - 4	Davis - 22			Calif Baptist Univ - 1		Pomona College - 4		Whittier College - 1						
Channel Islands, Camarillo - 2	Sacramento - 6	Irvine - 24			Chapman Univ - 14		Saint Mary's College of Calif - 7								
Chico - 11	San Diego - 11	Los Angeles - 31			Claremont McKenna - 3		Santa Clara Univ - 20								
Donimquez Hills, Carson - 1	San Francisco - 29	Merced - 20			Harvey Mudd - 2		Stanford Univ - 15								
East Bay - 7	San Jose - 42	Riverside - 13			La Verne - 1		Univ of Pacific - 3								
Fresno - 1	Sonoma - 16	San Diego - 15			Loyola Maryount Univ - 12		Univ of Redlands - 2								
Fullerton - 1	Stanislaus - 1	Santa Barbara - 43			Mills College - 1		Univ of San Diego - 5								
Humboldt - 2		Santa Cruz - 27			Occidental College - 4		Univ of San francisco - 2								