

LOS ALTOS HIGH SCHOOL
Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District
A California Distinguished School

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**2021 – 2022
SCHOOL PROFILE**



CEEB Code: 051510

Alpha Sort

A – Col
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Academy/As assigned

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Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Los Altos High School (LAHS) was required to open the 2020/21 school year in distance learning with a gradual return to in-seat learning in April 2021, per advice from the Health Department. Los Altos resumed traditional in-seat instruction during the 2021/22 school year. Families who opted out of in-person instruction could enroll in independent study.

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 2,143 students includes 36% Caucasian, 28% 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 9/3/21

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 45 minute class periods once a week and a 85 minute period four times a week, plus a 50 minute tutorial twice a week. We have an open access policy for admission to Honors/AP classes.

GRADING SYSTEM

Los Altos High School lists both unweighted and weighted GPA on the transcript. Weighted GPA is based on 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), **W** (withdrawal). **CR/NC** only for Spring 2020 due to COVID-19. **P/NP** for AB 104 grade changes for 20-21.

- 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 2021 is shown below.

GRADE DISTRIBUTION TABLE

Unweighted GPA		Weighted GPA	
4.51-5.00: 0	3.51-3.75: 101	4.51-5.00: 58	3.51-3.75: 42
4.26-4.50: 0	3.01-3.50: 132	4.26-4.50: 94	3.01-3.50: 90
4.01-4.25: 0	2.51-3.00: 90	4.01-4.25: 67	2.51-3.00: 66
3.76-4.00: 164	2.5-below: 61	3.76-4.00: 78	2.5-below: 53

OFF-CAMPUS PROGRAMS FOR LAHS STUDENTS

- **Middle College:** a program where LAHS Junior and Senior students may spend one or two full years combining high school and college coursework at a local community college
- **Freestyle Academy:** a two-year, interdisciplinary, project-focused, college preparatory program in communication arts and multi-media production for Juniors and Seniors. Students take required courses in English and Digital Media, and select one elective track in Film, Animation, or Design
- **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 Junior and Senior 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**

	2019	2020	2021*
No. Tested	338	371	203
Mean Score	1280	1317	1377
Evidence Based Reading & Writing	632	650	675
Math	648	667	701
Met both ERW & Math Benchmarks	79%	86%	95%

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

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

EXAM SUBJECT	2019	2020	2021*
Math Level IIC	158/735	183/742	5/730
Biology Molecular	35/708	39/733	-
Chemistry	53/696	49/718	-
Physics	43/724	71/738	2/725
Literature	44/638	39/675	2/510
U.S. History	43/669	47/657	1/440

ACT - NUMBER TESTED/MEAN SCORES

EXAM SUBJECT	2019	2020	2021*
No. Tested	168	156	79
English	29.3	30.2	28.5
Math	28.3	29.0	28.8
Reading	28.9	30.7	28.9
Science	27.9	29.0	28.0
Composite	28.8	29.9	28.7

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

All AP students are strongly encouraged to take AP exams.

	2019	2020	2021
No. of Graduates	499	513	548
No. of Test Takers	1007	1054	994
No. of Exams Taken	2136	2254	2222
No. of Qualifying Scores	1849	1989	1838

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

	2019	2020	2021
Total to College	83%	86%	88%
• 2-Year Colleges	21%	14%	16%
• 4-Year Colleges	62%	72%	71%

* Due to COVID, opportunities and safety limited student access to testing.

WEIGHTED GRADE DISTRIBUTION*									GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS		ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) & HONORS (H) COURSES	
2020/21 - 2nd Semester-Core Academic Classes									English: 4 years (40 cr)		English:	
*Due to AB 104 Pass/No Pass grade changes for 2020/21, there may be decrease in letter grades and GPA									Social Studies: 3.5 yrs (35 cr)		World Literature H	
CRS #	Mathematics	A	B	C	D	F	TOTAL	GPA	World Studies (10 cr)		English Language AP	
AC2010	Geometry 9	62	22	9	3	1	97	3.45	Addtl. Global Studies (5 cr)		English Literature AP	
AB2010	Geometry H	66	12	7	1	1	87	4.61	U.S. History (10 cr)		European History AP	
AC3010	Algebra II	106	72	39	7	13	237	3.06	Civics (5 cr)		US History AP	
AB3010	Algebra II H	169	35	5	2	1	212	4.74	Economics (5 cr)		Govt & Politics US AP	
AC4010	Trig/Math Ana	93	50	39	10	9	201	3.03	Mathematics: 2 years (20 cr)		Human Geo AP	
AB4010	Trig/Math Ana H	83	68	19	0	0	170	4.38	Must include 10 cr of Algebra I or higher		Microeconomics AP	
AC5010	Calculus	26	28	16	0	0	70	3.14	Mathematics:		Psychology AP	
AA5010	AP Calculus AB	57	59	8	2	1	127	4.32	Science: 2 years (20 cr)		Geometry H	
AA5011	AP Calculus BC	82	18	0	0	0	100	4.82	Must include 10 cr of physical science and 10 cr of life science		Algebra II H	
AA6010	AP Statistics	123	36	10	1	2	172	4.60	World Language/Visual Arts/ Practical Arts:		Trig/Math Analysis H	
TOTALS		867	400	152	26	28	1473		2 years (20 cr) any combination		Calculus AB AP	
CRS #	Science	A	B	C	D	F	TOTAL		World Language:		Calculus BC AP	
CC1010	Biology	91	46	29	16	25	207	2.78	Physical Education: 2 years (20 cr)		Statistics AP	
CB1010	Biology H	210	41	16	3	2	272	4.66	Health: 1 semester (5 cr)		Biology H/AP	
CA1010	AP Biology	84	27	5	1	0	117	4.66	Electives: 60 cr		Chemistry H/AP	
CC2010	Chemistry	120	47	30	15	13	225	3.09	Total: 220 credits		Physics C: E&M AP	
CB2010	Chemistry H	178	22	9	0	1	210	4.79			Physics C: Mech AP	
CA2010	AP Chemistry	28	5	3	0	0	36	4.69			Physics I AP	
CA3010	AP Physics I	134	30	7	0	0	171	4.74			Environ Sci AP	
CA3041	AP Physics C: E&M	27	28	10	0	0	65	4.26				
CA4010	AP Environ. Science	98	50	21	9	2	180	4.28				
CC3010	Physics	50	39	15	5	3	112	3.14				
TOTALS		1020	335	145	49	46	1595					
CRS #	English	A	B	C	D	F	TOTAL					
DC1010	Survey Comp/Lit	264	123	67	17	19	490	3.22			Chinese Mandarin IV H	
DC2015	World Literature	183	103	54	13	14	367	3.17			Chinese Language AP	
DB2010	World Lit H	66	21	1	0	0	88	4.74			French III H	
DA2010	AP English Lang	68	45	6	3	2	124	4.39			French Language (IV) AP	
DC3010	Amer Lit Survey	132	88	41	12	22	295	3.00			Latin AP	
DC4010	Eng Lit Survey	57	29	19	3	4	112	3.18			Spanish II H	
DA4010	AP English Lit	33	22	4	0	0	59	4.49			Spanish III H	
TOTALS		803	431	192	48	61	1535				Spanish III H for Span H	
CRS #	Social Sciences	A	B	C	D	F	TOTAL				Spanish Language (IV) H	
EA5010	AP Human Geography	159	63	33	15	4	274	4.29			Spanish Language AP	
EC1010	World Studies	309	96	50	27	13	495	3.34			Spanish Literature AP	
EC1110	Cont World Issues	22	8	12	14	1	57	2.63				
EA2010	AP European History	70	21	9	2	0	102	4.56			Visual Arts:	
EC3010	U S History	202	59	34	22	9	326	3.30			Drawing AP	
EA3010	AP U S History	107	25	8	3	0	143	4.65			2D Art & Design AP	
EA4020	AP Micro Economics	96	32	7	0	0	135	4.66			Other:	
EA4030	AP Psychology	91	20	6	2	0	119	4.68			Computer Science AP	
TOTALS		1056	324	159	85	27	1651				CS 1B/1C (Foothill College)	
											Math 1C/1D (Foothill College)	

*Reflects weighted GPA for H/AP Courses

3 YEAR COLLEGE MATRICULATION - CLASS OF 2019, 2020 & 2021

4-Year Institutions - Out of State - 498

American Univ-DC - 7	Creighton Univ - 1	Kenyon College - 2	Rensselaer Polytech-NY - 2	Univ of Chicago - 5	Univ of St. Andrews - 1
American Univ of Paris FR - 1	Culinary Inst of America - 3	Lehigh Univ - 2	Rhode Island Sch of Design - 2	Univ of Colorado - 23	Univ of Tampa - 2
Arizona State - 6	Dartmouth College - 6	Lewis & Clark College - 4	Rhodes College-TN - 1	Univ of Connecticut - 1	Univ of Tech Sydney AUSTRALIA - 1
Barnard College - 3	DePaul Univ - 3	Lindenwood Univ - 1	Rice Univ - 3	Univ of Denver - 2	Univ of Texas, Austin Dallas - 4
Baylor Univ Austin College - 3	Drexel Univ - 1	Long Island Univ Marist College - 2	Rose-Hulman Inst of Tech - 2	Univ of Edinburgh UK - 1	Univ of Utah - 8
Berklee College of Music - 1	Duke Univ - 6	Macalester College - 1	Rutgers Univ-New Brunswick - 2	Univ of Glasgow UK - 2	Univ of Vermont - 2
Boston College Clark Univ - 4	Emerson College - 2	Massachusetts College of Pharmacy - 1	St. John's Univ-NY - 1	Univ of Guelph CAN - 1	Univ of Virginia - 1
Boston Univ - 10	Emory Univ - 4	Michigan State - 2	St. Olaf College - 1	Univ of Hawaii - 4	Univ of Washington - 16
Brandeis Univ - 2	Everygreen State College - 1	Middlebury College - 1	St. Thomas Aquinas College - 1	Univ of Illinois - 8	Univ of Waterloo Toronto CAN - 2
Brigham Young-ID - 1	Franklin Univ Fordham Univ - 3	MIT - 9	Seattle Univ Washington State - 3	Univ of Indianapolis - 1	Univ of Wisconsin - 8
Brigham Young Univ-UT - 6	George Washington Univ - 2	Montana State Univ - 1	Smith College - 1	Univ of Maryland - 2	Utah State Univ Utah Valley - 4
Brown Univ - 5	Georgetown Univ - 2	Mount Holyoke College - 2	Southern Methodist Univ - 2	Univ of Massachusetts - 3	Vanderbilt Univ - 2
Bryn Mawr College - 2	Gettysburg College Bucknell Univ - 2	New York Univ - 20	Southern Virginia Univ - 1	Univ of Nevada - 4	Vassar College - 1
Carleton College - 1	Gonzaga Univ - 5	Northeastern Univ - 22	Southwestern Univ - 1	Univ of Michigan - 11	Virginia Tech - 5
Carleton Univ CAN - 1	Goucher College - 1	Northwestern Univ - 3	Stony Brook Univ - 1	Univ of Mississippi - 1	Wake Forest Univ-NC - 1
Carnegie Mellon - 10	Hamilton College-NY - 1	Oberlin College of Arts & Sci - 2	Swarthmore College - 1	Univ of Nevada - 4	Washington & Jefferson College - 2
Case Western Reserve Univ - 3	Harvard Univ - 2	Oregon State - 11	Syracuse Univ - 5	Univ of New Mexico - 1	Washington Univ in St. Louis - 4
Citadel Military College - 1	Haverford College - 3	Pace Univ-NY - 1	Texas Tech Univ - 3	Univ of Notre Dame - 1	Wellesley College - 2
Colby College - 1	Hawaii Pacific Univ - 2	Pennsylvania State Univ - 1	Tufts Univ - 4	Univ of Oregon - 16	Wesleyan Univ - 1
College of William and Mary - 1	Hofstra Univ Ithaca College - 2	Pratt Instit - 3	Tulane Univ of Louisiana - 4	Univ of Pennsylvania - 4	Wheaton College-MA - 1
Colorado College Colorado Sch - 3	IMC Univ AUSTRIA - 1	Princeton Univ - 4	Univ of Alabama - 1	Univ of Pittsburgh - 2	Whitman College-WA - 4
Colorado State Univ - 3	Indiana Univ-Bloomington - 4	Purdue Univ - 18	Univ of Arizona - 5	Univ of Portland - 3	Willamette Univ - 1
Columbia Univ - 1	Intl Christian Univ JAPAN - 1	Reed College - 6	Univ of British Columbia CAN - 5	Univ of Puget Sound - 1	Worcester Polytech - 3
Cornell Univ - 10	Johns Hopkins Univ - 4	Regis Univ-CO - 1	Univ of Cambridge UK - 1	Univ of Rochester - 1	Yale Univ - 2

California State University - 171		University of California - 252		California Private - 119	
Cal Poly, Pomona - 5	Long Beach - 2	Berkeley - 44	Art Center College of Design - 1	Menlo College - 1	Scripps College - 3
Cal Poly, SLO - 29	Monterey Bay - 2	Davis - 28	Biola Univ - 1	Mills College - 1	Stanford Univ - 13
Channel Islands, Camarillo - 1	Northridge - 1	Irvine - 21	Calif Baptist Univ - 2	Occidental College - 3	Univ of Pacific - 2
Chico - 12	Sacramento - 4	Los Angeles - 37	Calif College of the Arts - 1	Pepperdine Univ - 1	Univ of La Verne - 1
Donimquez Hills, Carson - 1	San Diego - 9	Merced - 15	Calif Instit of the Arts - 1	Pitzer College - 3	Univ of Redlands - 2
East Bay - 6	San Francisco - 27	Riverside - 16	Chapman Univ - 12	Pomona College - 2	Univ of San Diego - 2
Fresno - 1	San Jose - 59	San Diego - 15	Claremont McKenna - 4	Saint Mary's College of Calif - 5	Univ of San Francisco - 1
Fullerton - 1	Sonoma - 9	Santa Barbara - 57	Harvey Mudd - 3	San Francisco Art Instit - 1	Univ of S. Calif - 15
Humboldt - 1	Stanislaus - 1	Santa Cruz - 19	Loyola Marymount Univ - 18	Santa Clara Univ - 20	