

# LOS ALTOS HIGH SCHOOL

## Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District

### A California Distinguished School

UPDATED

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

#### 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													
*Due to AB 104 Pass/No Pass grade changes for 2020/21, there may be decrease in letter grades and GPA									English: 4 years (40 cr)		English:		
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)	World Literature	H		
AC2010	Geometry 9	62	22	9	3	1	97	3.45		English Language	AP		
AB2010	Geometry H	66	12	7	1	1	87	4.61		English Literature	AP		
AC3010	Algebra II	106	72	39	7	13	237	3.06		Social Studies:			
AB3010	Algebra II H	169	35	5	2	1	212	4.74		European History	AP		
AC4010	Trig/Math Ana	93	50	39	10	9	201	3.03		US History	AP		
AB4010	Trig/Math Ana H	83	68	19	0	0	170	4.38		Govt & Politics US	AP		
AC5010	Calculus	26	28	16	0	0	70	3.14		Human Geo	AP		
AA5010	AP Calculus AB	57	59	8	2	1	127	4.32		Microeconomics	AP		
AA5011	AP Calculus BC	82	18	0	0	0	100	4.82		Psychology	AP		
AA6010	AP Statistics	123	36	10	1	2	172	4.60	Mathematics: 2 years (20 cr)	Mathematics:			
	TOTALS	867	400	152	26	28	1473		Must include 10 cr of Algebra I or higher	Geometry	H		
CRS #	Science	A	B	C	D	F	TOTAL		Science: 2 years (20 cr) Must include 10 cr of physical science and 10 cr of life science	Algebra II	H		
CC1010	Biology	91	46	29	16	25	207	2.78		Trig/Math Analysis	H		
CB1010	Biology H	210	41	16	3	2	272	4.66		Calculus AB	AP		
CA1010	AP Biology	84	27	5	1	0	117	4.66		Calculus BC	AP		
CC2010	Chemistry	120	47	30	15	13	225	3.09		Statistics	AP		
CB2010	Chemistry H	178	22	9	0	1	210	4.79		Science:			
CA2010	AP Chemistry	28	5	3	0	0	36	4.69		Biology	H/AP		
CA3010	AP Physics I	134	30	7	0	0	171	4.74		Chemistry	H/AP		
CA3041	AP Physics C: E&M	27	28	10	0	0	65	4.26		Physics C: E&M	AP		
CA4010	AP Environ Science	98	50	21	9	2	180	4.28		Physics C: Mech	AP		
CC3010	Physics	50	39	15	5	3	112	3.14	Physics I	AP			
	TOTALS	1020	335	145	49	46	1595		Environ Sci	AP			
CRS #	English	A	B	C	D	F	TOTAL		World Language/Visual Arts/ Practical Arts: 2 years (20 cr) any combination	World Language:			
DC1010	Survey Comp/Lit	264	123	67	17	19	490	3.22		Chinese Mandarin IV	H		
DC2015	Wrld 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		
										Spanish Language (IV)	H		
CRS #	Social Sciences	A	B	C	D	F	TOTAL		Physical Education: 2 years (20 cr)	Spanish Language	AP		
EA5010	AP Human Geography	159	63	33	15	4	274	4.29		Spanish Literature	AP		
EC1010	World Studies	309	96	50	27	13	495	3.34		Visual Arts:			
EC1110	Cont World Issues	22	8	12	14	1	57	2.63		Drawing	AP		
EA2010	AP European History	70	21	9	2	0	102	4.56		2D Art & Design	AP		
EC3010	U S History	202	59	34	22	9	326	3.30		Health: 1 semester (5 cr)	Other:		
EA3010	AP U S History	107	25	8	3	0	143	4.65		Electives: 60 cr	Computer Science	AP	
EA4020	AP Micro Economics	96	32	7	0	0	135	4.66			CS 1B/1C (Foothill College)		
EA4030	AP Psychology	91	20	6	2	0	119	4.68			Math 1C/1D (Foothill College)		
	TOTALS	1056	324	159	85	27	1651			Total: 220 credits			
*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	
American Univ of Paris FR - 1			Culinary Instit of America - 3			Lehigh Univ - 2			Rhode Island Sch of Design - 2			Univ of Colorado - 23	
Arizona State - 6			Dartmouth College - 6			Lewis & Clark College - 4			Rhodes College-TN - 1			Univ of Connecticut - 1	
Barnard College - 3			DePaul Univ - 3			Lindenwood Univ - 1			Rice Univ - 3			Univ of Denver - 2	
Baylor Univ   Austin College - 3			Drexel Univ - 1			Long Island Univ   Marist College - 2			Rose-Hulman Instit of Tech - 2			Univ of Edinburgh UK - 1	
Berklee College of Music - 1			Duke Univ - 6			Macalester College - 1			Rutgers Univ-New Brunswick - 2			Univ of Glasgow UK - 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	
Boston Univ - 10			Emory Univ - 4			Michigan State - 2			St. Olaf College - 1			Univ of Hawaii - 4	
Brandeis Univ - 2			Everygreen State College - 1			Middlebury College - 1			St. Thomas Aquinas College - 1			Univ of Illinois - 8	
Brigham Young-ID - 1			Franklin Univ   Fordham Univ - 3			MIT - 9			Seattle Univ   Washington State - 3			Univ of Indianapolis - 1	
Brigham Young Univ-UT - 6			George Washington Univ - 2			Montana State Univ - 1			Smith College - 1			Univ of Maryland - 2	
Brown Univ - 5			Georgetown Univ - 2			Mount Holyoke College - 2			Southern Methodist Univ - 2			Univ of Massachusetts - 3	
Bryn Mawr College - 2			Gettysburg College   Bucknell Univ - 2			New York Univ - 20			Southern Virginia Univ - 1			Univ of Miami - 1	
Carleton College - 1			Gonzaga Univ - 5			Northeastern Univ - 22			Southwestern Univ - 1			Univ of Michigan - 11	
Carleton Univ CAN - 1			Goucher College - 1			Northwestern Univ - 3			Stony Brook Univ - 1			Univ of Mississippi - 1	
Carnegie Mellon - 10			Hamilton College-NY - 1			Oberlin College of Arts & Sci - 2			Swarthmore College - 1			Univ of Nevada - 4	
Case Western Reserve Univ - 3			Harvard Univ - 2			Oregon State - 11			Syracuse Univ - 5			Univ of New Mexico - 1	
Citadel Military College - 1			Haverford College - 3			Pace Univ-NY - 1			Texas Tech Univ - 3			Univ of Notre Dame - 1	
Colby College - 1			Hawaii Pacific Univ - 2			Pennsylvania State Univ - 1			Tufts Univ - 4			Univ of Oregon - 16	
College of William and Mary - 1			Hofstra Univ   Ithaca College - 2			Pratt Instit - 3			Tulane Univ of Louisiana - 4			Univ of Pennsylvania - 4	
Colorado College   Colorado Sch - 3			IMC Univ AUSTRIA - 1			Princeton Univ - 4			Univ of Alabama - 1			Univ of Pittsburgh - 2	
Colorado State Univ - 3			Indiana Univ-Bloomington - 4			Purdue Univ - 18			Univ of Arizona - 5			Univ of Portland - 3	
Columbia Univ - 1			Intl Christian Univ JAPAN - 1			Reed College - 6			Univ of British Columbia CAN - 5			Univ of Puget Sound - 1	
Cornell Univ - 10			Johns Hopkins Univ - 4			Regis Univ-CO - 1			Univ of Cambridge UK - 1			Univ of Rochester - 1	
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	
Cal Poly, SLO - 29			Monterey Bay - 2			Davis - 28			Biola Univ - 1			Mills College - 1	
Channel Islands, Camarillo - 1			Northridge - 1			Irvine - 21			Calif Baptist Univ - 2			Occidental College - 3	
Chico - 12			Sacramento - 4			Los Angeles - 37			Calif College of the Arts - 1			Pepperdine Univ - 1	
Donimiguez Hills, Carson - 1			San Diego - 9			Merced - 15			Calif Instit of the Arts - 1			Pitzer College - 3	
East Bay - 6			San Francisco - 27			Riverside - 16			Chapman Univ - 12			Pomona College - 2	
Fresno - 1			San Jose - 59			San Diego - 15			Claremont McKenna - 4			Saint Mary's College of Calif - 5	
Fullerton - 1			Sonoma - 9			Santa Barbara - 57			Harvey Mudd - 3			San Francisco Art Instit - 1	
Humboldt - 1			Stanislaus - 1			Santa Cruz - 19			Loyola Marymount Univ - 18			Santa Clara Univ - 20	