

LOS ALTOS HIGH SCHOOL

Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District

A California Distinguished School

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2022 – 2023 SCHOOL PROFILE



CEEB Code: 051510

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Academy/As assigned

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Los Altos High School (LAHS) 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 2,141 students includes 35% Caucasian, 27% Hispanic-Latino, 34% Asian and 3% other.* LAHS is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).
*enrollment and demographic data as of 9/8/22

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 2022 is shown below.

GRADE DISTRIBUTION TABLE

Unweighted GPA		Weighted GPA	
4.51-5.00: 0	3.51-3.75: 112	4.51-5.00: 69	3.51-3.75: 49
4.26-4.50: 0	3.01-3.50: 121	4.26-4.50: 83	3.01-3.50: 75
4.01-4.25: 0	2.51-3.00: 89	4.01-4.25: 76	2.51-3.00: 71
3.76-4.00: 171	2.5-below: 71	3.76-4.00: 76	2.5-below: 65

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

	2020	2021*	2022
No. Tested	371	203	311
Mean Score	1317	1377	1340
Evidence Based Reading & Writing	650	675	662
Math	667	701	678
Met both ERW & Math Benchmarks	86%	95%	90%

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

ACT - NUMBER TESTED/MEAN SCORES

EXAM SUBJECT	2020	2021*	2022
No. Tested	158	88	117
English	29.3	30.9	30.0
Math	28.9	30.6	28.8
Reading	29.4	31.0	29.9
Science	28.3	29.5	28.3
Composite	29.2	30.6	29.4

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

All AP students are strongly encouraged to take AP exams.

	2020	2021	2022
No. of Graduates	513	548	563
No. of Test Takers	1054	994	954
No. of Exams Taken	2254	2222	2256
No. of Qualifying Scores	1989	1838	1910

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLAR PROGRAM

	2021	2022	2023
Commended Scholars	80	57	43
Semi-Finalists	14	22	23

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ATTENDANCE BY YEAR OF GRADUATION

	2020	2021	2022
Total to College	86%	88%	88%
• 2-Year Colleges	14%	16%	21%
• 4-Year Colleges	72%	71%	67%

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

WEIGHTED GRADE DISTRIBUTION									GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS		HONORS (H) & ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) COURSES		
2021/22 2nd Semester-Core Academic Classes													
CRS #	Mathematics	A	B	C	D	F	TOTAL	GPA	English: 4 years (40 cr)	English: World Literature H English Language AP English Literature AP			
AC2010	Geometry 9	70	27	12	3	1	113	3.43					
AB2010	Geometry H	41	15	7	0	1	64	4.47					
AC3010	Algebra II	95	60	45	20	17	237	2.83		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		
AB3010	Algebra II H	127	45	7	5	0	184	4.60					
AC4010	Trig/Math Ana	76	56	35	5	5	177	3.09					
AB4010	Trig/Math Ana H	101	74	13	4	0	192	4.42			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	
AC5010	Calculus	31	24	11	1	0	67	3.27					
AA5010	AP Calculus AB	43	54	14	0	0	111	4.26					
AA5011	AP Calculus BC	77	20	6	0	0	103	4.69				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
AA6010	AP Statistics	98	63	13	0	0	174	4.49					
AC6010	Statistics	19	34	42	6	5	106	2.53					
	TOTALS	778	472	205	44	29	1528		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 Spkr H Spanish Language (IV) H Spanish Language AP Spanish Literature AP
CRS #	Science	A	B	C	D	F	TOTAL	GPA					
CC1010	Biology	88	59	57	25	9	238	2.81					
CB1010	Biology H	185	46	10	0	0	241	4.73		Physical Education: 2 years (20 cr) Health: 1 semester (5 cr) Electives: 60 cr			Visual Arts: Drawing AP 2D Art & Design AP
CA1010	AP Biology	76	50	20	0	0	146	4.38					
CC2010	Chemistry	147	48	41	7	1	244	3.36					
CB2010	Chemistry H	136	44	11	0	0	191	4.65			Other: Computer Science AP		CS 1B/1C (Foothill College) Math 1C/1D (Foothill College)
CA2010	AP Chemistry	18	5	0	0	0	23	4.78					
CC3010	Physics	78	40	5	1	1	125	3.54					
CA3010	AP Physics I	62	58	10	2	0	132	4.36				Total: 220 credits	
CA3042	AP Physics C: E&M	51	19	0	0	0	70	4.73					
CA4010	AP Environ Science	72	53	30	17	3	175	3.98					
	TOTALS	913	422	184	52	14	1585						
CRS #	English	A	B	C	D	F	TOTAL	GPA					
DC1010	Survey Comp/Lit	261	157	63	11	9	501	3.30					
DC2015	Wrld Literature	154	114	33	10	3	314	3.29					
DB2010	World Lit H	99	31	3	0	0	133	4.72					
DC3010	Amer Lit Survey	130	108	41	11	16	306	3.06					
DC4010	Eng Lit Survey	97	51	30	9	3	190	3.21					
DA2010	AP English Lang	67	45	5	2	0	119	4.49					
DA4010	AP English Lit	41	38	4	0	0	83	4.45					
DC5051	Journalism	17	4	0	0	0	21	3.81					
	TOTALS	866	548	179	43	31	1667						
CRS #	Social Sciences	A	B	C	D	F	TOTAL	GPA					
EC1010	World Studies	318	98	63	14	9	502	3.40					
EC1110	Cont World Issues	32	20	6	5	0	63	3.25					
EC3010	US History	224	41	33	13	7	318	3.45					
EA3010	AP US History	116	33	4	0	0	153	4.73					
EA2010	AP European History	102	20	4	0	0	126	4.78					
EA5010	AP Human Geography	94	62	28	4	2	190	4.26					
EA4020	AP Microeconomics	103	36	9	2	0	150	4.60					
EA4030	AP Psychology	79	23	10	1	0	113	4.59					
	TOTALS	1068	333	157	39	18	1615						
3 YEAR COLLEGE MATRICULATION - CLASS OF 2020, 2021 & 2022													
4-Year Institutions - Out of State - 510													
American Univ-DC - 5	Dalhousie Univ-NS CAN - 1	Kenyon College - 3	Reed College - 5	Univ of Central Florida - 1	Univ of Puget Sound - 2								
American Univ of Paris FR - 1	Dartmouth College - 7	Lehigh Univ - 5	Regis Univ-CO - 1	Univ of Chicago - 5	Univ of Rochester - 2								
Arizona State - 12	DePaul Univ - 3	Lewis & Clark College - 3	Rensselaer Polytech-NY - 2	Univ of Colorado - 22	Univ of St. Andrews - 1								
Austin College - 1	Drexel Univ - 1	Lindenwood Univ - 1	Rhode Island Sch of Design - 3	Univ of Connecticut - 1	Univ of Tampa - 2								
Barnard College - 4	Duke Univ - 4	Marymount Manhattan - 1	Rice Univ - 3	Univ of Denver - 2	Univ of Tech Sydney AUSTRALIA - 1								
Baylor Univ - 4	Emerson College - 2	McDaniel College - 1	Rochester Instit of Tech - 2	Univ of Edinburgh UK - 1	Univ of Texas, Austin - 3								
Berklee College of Music - 1	Emory Univ - 2	McGill Univ - 1	Rose-Hulman Instit of Tech - 3	Univ of Glasgow UK - 2	Univ of Toronto CAN - 2								
Boston College - 3	Everygreen State College - 1	Michigan State - 2	Rutgers Univ-New Brunswick - 1	Univ of Guelph CAN - 1	Univ of Utah - 6								
Boston Conservatory Berklee - 1	Franklin Univ - 2	Middlebury College - 1	St. John's Univ-NY - 1	Univ of Hawaii - 10	Univ of Vermont - 2								
Boston Univ - 13	George Mason Univ - 1	MIT - 7	St. Olaf College - 1	Univ of Illinois - 8	Univ of Virginia - 1								
Brandeis Univ - 4	Georgetown Univ - 2	Montana State Univ - 1	Seattle Univ Washington State - 4	Univ of Indianapolis - 1	Univ of Washington - 21								
Brigham Young-ID - 1	Georgia Instit of Tech - 1	Mount Holyoke College - 1	Smith College - 1	Univ of Maryland - 3	Univ of Wisconsin - 15								
Brigham Young Univ-UT - 3	Gettysburg College - 1	New York Univ - 13	Southern Methodist Univ - 2	Univ of Massachusetts - 2	Utah State Univ Utah Valley - 3								
Brown Univ - 3	Gonzaga Univ - 4	Northeastern Univ - 25	Stony Brook Univ - 2	Univ of Miami - 1	Vanderbilt Univ - 1								
Bryn Mawr College - 3	Goucher College - 1	Northwestern Univ - 5	Swarthmore College - 1	Univ of Michigan - 15	Vassar College - 1								
Bucknell Univ - 2	Hamilton College-NY - 1	Oberlin College of Arts & Sci - 1	Syracuse Univ - 4	Univ of Minnesota - 1	Virginia Tech - 6								
Carleton Univ CAN - 1	Harvard Univ - 1	Ohio State Univ - 1	Texas Tech Univ - 3	Univ of Mississippi - 1	Wake Forest Univ-NC - 1								
Carnegie Mellon - 10	Haverford College - 2	Oregon State - 6	Trinity College Dublin IRELAND - 1	Univ of Nevada - 3	Washington & Jefferson College - 2								
Case Western Reserve Univ - 4	Hawaii Pacific Univ - 2	Pace Univ-NY - 2	Tufts Univ - 4	Univ of New Mexico - 1	Washington Univ in St. Louis - 3								
Colorado College Colorado Sch - 3	Imperial College London UK - 1	Pennsylvania State Univ - 2	Tulane Univ of Louisiana - 4	Univ of Notre Dame - 1	Wellesley College - 3								
Colorado State Univ - 4	Indiana Univ-Bloomington - 7	Pratt Instit - 2	Univ of Alberta CAN - 1	Univ of Oregon - 17	Wesleyan Univ - 3								
Columbia Univ - 1	Indiana Univ-Purdue - 1	Princeton Univ - 3	Univ of Arizona Northern Arizon Univ - 5	Univ of Pennsylvania - 4	Whitman College-WA - 4								
Cornell Univ - 11	Ithaca College - 1	Purdue Univ - 19	Univ of British Columbia CAN - 6	Univ of Pittsburgh - 2	William & Mary-VA - 1								
Culinary Instit of America - 1	Johns Hopkins Univ - 2	Queen's Univ CAN - 1	Univ of Cambridge UK - 1	Univ of Portland - 3	Yale Univ - 1								
California State University - 184			University of California - 289			California Private - 122							
Cal Poly, Pomona - 3	Monterey Bay - 3	Berkeley - 49	Academy of Art Univ - 1	Loyola Marymount Univ - 19	Scripps College - 3								
Cal Poly, SLO - 31	Northridge - 3	Davis - 49	Calif Baptist Univ - 1	Menlo College - 1	Soka Univ of America - 1								
Chico - 6	Sacramento - 4	Irvine - 19	Calif College of the Arts - 1	Mills College - 1	Stanford Univ - 13								
Donimiguez Hills, Carson - 1	San Diego - 17	Los Angeles - 43	Calif Instit of the Arts - 1	Occidental College - 2	Univ of Pacific - 2								
East Bay - 5	San Francisco - 21	Merced - 13	Calif Instit of Technology - 2	Pepperdine Univ - 1	Univ of La Verne - 1								
Fullerton - 1	San Jose - 75	Riverside - 17	Chapman Univ - 15	Pitzer College - 4	Univ of Redlands - 1								
Humboldt - 3	Sonoma - 7	San Diego - 16	Claremont McKenna - 6	Pomona College - 2	Univ of San Diego - 1								
Long Beach - 3		Santa Barbara - 57	Dominican Univ of California - 1	San Francisco Art Instit - 1	Univ of San Francisco - 2								
Los Angeles - 1		Santa Cruz - 26	Harvey Mudd - 3	Santa Clara Univ - 20	Univ of S. Calif - 16								