

LOS ALTOS HIGH SCHOOL

Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District
A California Distinguished School

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2016 – 2017 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 2,091 students includes 42% Caucasian, 28% Hispanic-Latino, 26% Asian and 4% Other. LAHS is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

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 English Language Development 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 2016 is shown below.

GRADE DISTRIBUTION TABLE (Class of 2016)

Unweighted GPA		Weighted GPA	
4.51-5.00: 0	3.51-3.75: 64	4.51-5.00: 35	3.51-3.75: 39
4.26-4.50: 0	3.01-3.50: 109	4.26-4.50: 55	3.01-3.50: 77
4.01-4.25: 0	2.51-3.00: 82	4.01-4.25: 55	2.51-3.00: 80
3.76-4.00: 82	2.5-below: 51	3.76-4.00: 58	2.5-below: 67

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

SAT REASONING TEST RESULTS MEAN SCORES

	2014	2015	2016
No. Tested	318	246	274
Total Score	1824	1869	1864
Verbal/Critical Reading	594	611	613
Math Score	623	636	636
Writing Score	607	622	615

SAT SUBJECT TESTS NUMBER TESTED/MEAN SCORES

EXAM SUBJECT	2014	2015	2016
Math Level IC	10/696	5/666	10/614
Math Level IIC	126/719	131/708	160/715
Biology Molecular	68/656	52/707	50/662
Chemistry	48/671	57/665	48/667
Physics	46/710	37/695	73/710
Literature	52/654	37/672	41/662
U.S. History	68/644	40/692	44/682

ACT - NUMBER TESTED/MEAN SCORES

EXAM SUBJECT	2014	2015	2016
No. Tested	141	191	234
English	27.7	28.0	27.1
Math	27.6	28.3	26.9
Reading	27.4	28.5	27.4
Science	26.6	28.3	26.4
Composite	27.5	28.4	27.1

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

All AP students are strongly encouraged to take AP exams.

	2014	2015	2016
No. of Graduates	397	383	466
No. of Test Takers	659	693	743
No. of Exams Taken	1351	1585	1648
No. of Qualifying Scores	1126	1282	1352

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ATTENDANCE BY YEAR OF GRADUATION

	2014	2015	2016
Total to College	97%	95%	95%
▪ 2-Year Colleges	27%	28%	26%
▪ 4-Year Colleges	70%	67%	69%

WEIGHTED GRADE DISTRIBUTION 2015/16 2nd Semester-Core Academic Classes									GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS		HONORS (H) AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) COURSES		
CRS #	Mathematics	A	B	C	D	F	TOTAL	GPA	English: 4 years (40 cr)	English:			
AC2010	Geometry 9	46	59	41	21	12	179	2.59		World Literature English Language English Literature English 3H (Freestyle) English 4H (Freestyle)	H	AP	
AB2010	Geometry H	77	48	19	1	2	147	4.33			H	AP	
AC3010	Algebra II	147	97	73	34	26	377	2.81			H	AP	
AB3010	Algebra II H	42	45	11	3	1	102	4.21			H	AP	
AC4010	Trig/Math Ana	70	63	35	4	0	172	3.16			H	AP	
AB4010	Trig/Math Ana H	73	60	27	0	0	160	4.29			H	AP	
AC5010	Calculus	56	32	12	0	0	100	3.44			Social Studies: 3.5 yrs (35 cr) World Studies (10 cr) Contemporary World Issues (5 cr) or AP Modern European History (10 cr) US History (10 cr) Civics (5 cr) Economics (5 cr)	Social Sciences:	
AA5010	AP Calculus AB	49	65	20	0	1	135	4.19				AP	AP
AA5011	AP Calculus BC	35	19	6	1	1	62	4.37				AP	AP
AA6010	AP Statistics	32	15	8	0	0	55	4.44	AP			AP	
TOTALS		627	503	252	64	43	1489		AP	AP			
CRS #	Science	A	B	C	D	F	TOTAL		Mathematics: 2 years (20 cr) Must include 10 cr of Algebra I or higher	Mathematics:			
CC1010	Biology	79	84	80	24	4	271	2.77		H	H		
CB1010	Biology H	142	84	19	4	0	249	4.46		H	H		
CA1010	AP Biology	50	24	9	3	0	86	4.41		AP	AP		
CC2010	Chemistry	97	72	39	25	5	238	2.97		AP	AP		
CB2010	Chemistry H	123	65	21	3	2	214	4.41		H	H		
CA2010	AP Chemistry	23	6	0	0	0	29	4.79		AP	AP		
CA3010	AP Physics I	47	85	57	2	0	191	3.93		H	H		
CA3020	AP Physics II	38	27	7	0	0	72	4.43		H	H		
CA4010	AP Environ Science	44	44	23	8	1	120	4.01		AP	AP		
CC4020	Forensics	34	18	11	3	2	68	3.16	Science:				
TOTALS		677	509	266	72	14	1538		Biology H/AP Chemistry H/AP Physics C: E&M AP Physics I AP Physics II AP Environ Sci AP				
CRS #	English	A	B	C	D	F	TOTAL		Science: 2 years (20 cr) Must include 10 cr of Life Science and 10 cr of Physical Science	World Language:			
DC1010	Survey Comp/Lit	222	173	78	24	7	504	3.15		AP	AP		
DC2015	Wrld Literature	132	145	55	12	6	350	3.10		AP	AP		
DB2010	World Lit H	67	47	9	1	0	124	4.45		AP	AP		
DA2010	AP English Lang	62	46	5	0	1	114	4.46		AP	AP		
DC3010	Amer Lit Survey	98	106	41	8	5	258	3.10		World Language:			
DC4010	Eng Lit Survey	71	63	35	10	2	181	3.06	AP	AP			
DA4010	AP English Lit	46	28	5	0	0	79	4.52	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) AP				
TOTALS		698	608	228	55	21	1610		World Language Fine Art Practical Art: 2 years (20 cr) any combination of the above				
CRS #	Social Sciences	A	B	C	D	F	TOTAL		Physical Education: 2 years (20 cr) Health: 1 semester (5 cr) Electives: 60 cr	Other:			
EC1010	World Studies	202	159	95	38	11	505	3.00		Studio Art: Design/Drawing AP			
EC1110	Cont World Issues	54	68	45	19	3	189	2.80		Computer Science AP			
EA2010	AP European History	80	59	16	5	0	160	4.34					
EC3010	U S History	163	81	71	30	6	351	3.04					
EA3010	AP U S History	26	22	7	0	0	55	4.35					
EA4020	AP Micro Economics	50	9	5	0	0	64	4.70					
EA4030	AP Psychology	46	28	7	0	1	82	4.43					
TOTALS		621	426	246	92	21	1406		Total: 220 credits				

3 YEAR COLLEGE MATRICULATION - CLASS OF 2014, 2015 & 2016

Out of State - 400		4-Year Institutions	
American Univ - 2	Denison Univ - 1	McGill Univ, CAN Univ of Montreal, CAN - 2	Seattle Univ - 4
Arizona State - 6	DePaul Univ - 3	Miami Univ, Oxford - 1	Sierra Nevada College Univ of Nevada - 5
Barnard College - 3	Dickinson - 1	Michigan State - 3	Simon Fraser Univ, CAN - 1
Bates College - 1	Drexel Univ - 1	MIT - 2	Southern Methodist Texas Christian - 4
Baylor Univ - 1	Duke Univ - 6	Montana State, Bozeman - 1	Southern Oregon Univ Pacific Univ - 2
Becker College Babson College - 2	Durham Univ, UK - 1	New School - New York - 1	So Virginia Univ Hampden-Sydney College - 2
Belmont Univ - 1	Eastman Sch of Music - 1	New York Univ - 15	Stevens Instit of Tech - 1
Bentley Univ - 3	Emerson College - 3	Newcastle Univ, UK - 1	Suffolk Univ - 1
Boise State - 2	Emory Univ - 3	Northeastern Univ - 19	Swarthmore College Tulane Univ - 2
Boston College - 3	Evergreen State College - 1	Northern Arizona Univ - 1	Syracuse Univ - 1
Boston Univ - 7	Fordham Univ - 1	Northwestern Univ - 4	Texas A&M Univ - 1
Bowdoin College - 1	Franklin Olin College - 1	Ohio Northern Univ Ohio State Univ - 2	Trinity College, IRELAND - 1
Brigham Young Univ - 8	Georgetown Univ - 3	Oregon Instit of Tech - 1	Tufts Univ - 5
Brown - 2	George Washington Univ - 3	Oregon State - 7	US Air Force Naval Academy - 2
Bryn Mawr College Arcadia Univ - 2	Georgia Tech - 2	Pace Univ NYC - 1	Univ of Alabama - 3
Bucknell Univ - 1	Gonzaga Univ - 3	Pennsylvania State Univ - 4	Univ of Arizona - 10
Carleton - 2	Grenoble, FRANCE - 1	Portland State Univ - 1	Univ of British Columbia, CAN - 5
Carnegie Mellon - 4	Harvard - 4	Pratt Instit - 2	Univ of Chicago - 5
Case Western Reserve - 2	Haverford College - 1	Princeton Univ - 1	Univ of Colorado - 13
Clark Atlanta Univ - 1	Howard Univ - 1	Purdue Univ - 6	Univ of Connecticut - 2
Clark Univ - 1	Idaho State - 1	Queen's Univ - 1	Univ of Delaware - 1
Colorado College Colorado State - 2	Indiana Univ - 3	Reed College - 2	Univ of Denver - 3
Colorado Sch of Mines - 2	Johns Hopkins - 5	Rhode Island Sch of Design - 4	Univ of Edinburgh, UK - 1
Colorado State Univ Pueblo - 1	Knox College - 1	Rice Univ - 6	Univ of Florida - 1
Columbia Univ - 1	Lewis & Clark College - 2	St. John's Univ - 2	Univ of Hawaii - 2
Connecticut College - 1	Linfield College - 1	St. Olaf College - 4	Univ of Idaho - 2
Cornell Univ - 5	London Centre of Music, UK - 1	Sarah Lawrence College - 1	Univ of Illinois - 4
Dartmouth College - 1	Lund Univ, SWEDEN - 1	Sch of Art Instit of Chicago Loyola Univ - 4	Univ of Maryland - 1
California State University - 143		University of Calif - 208	California Private - 101
Cal Poly, Pomona - 2	Monterey Bay - 2	Berkeley - 46	AMDPA - Perf Arts Azusa Pacific Univ - 2
Cal Poly, SLO - 34	Sacramento - 5	Davis - 33	Calif Instit of Tech ITT Tech Instit - 2
Chico - 15	San Bernardino - 1	Irvine - 10	Calif Lutheran Univ - 1
East Bay - 7	San Diego - 7	Los Angeles - 18	Chapman Univ - 11
Fullerton - 2	San Francisco - 18	Merced - 11	Claremont McKenna - 3
Humboldt - 6	San Jose - 32	Riverside - 7	Cogswell Polytech College - 2
Long Beach - 2	Sonoma - 9	San Diego - 16	Dominican Univ of Calif Mills College - 2
		Santa Barbara - 37	Harvey Mudd - 3
		Santa Cruz - 30	Loyola Marymount - 2
			Menlo College - 3
			Occidental College Pitzer College - 2
			Pepperdine Univ - 2
			Pomona College - 3
			Saint Mary's College of Calif - 2
			Santa Clara Univ - 18
			Scripps College - 4
			Soka Univ of America Westmont College - 2
			Stanford Univ - 9
			Univ of La Verne Redlands - 2
			Univ of Pacific - 2
			Univ of San Diego - 3
			Univ of San Francisco - 5
			Univ of S. Calif - 15
			Whittier College - 2
Institutes of Art & Design CA - 3			
Academy of Art SF - 1	Calif College of Arts SF - 2		