

# LOS ALTOS HIGH SCHOOL

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

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## 2015 – 2016 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 2,044 students includes 45% Caucasian, 28% Hispanic-Latino, 24% Asian and 4% Other (October 2015, CBEDS Day). 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 2015 is shown below.

### GRADE DISTRIBUTION TABLE (Class of 2015)

Unweighted GPA		Weighted GPA	
4.51-5.00: <b>0</b>	3.51-3.75: <b>64</b>	4.51-5.00: <b>19</b>	3.51-3.75: <b>39</b>
4.26-4.50: <b>0</b>	3.01-3.50: <b>109</b>	4.26-4.50: <b>52</b>	3.01-3.50: <b>71</b>
4.01-4.25: <b>0</b>	2.51-3.00: <b>82</b>	4.01-4.25: <b>48</b>	2.51-3.00: <b>68</b>
3.76-4.00: <b>82</b>	2.5-below: <b>51</b>	3.76-4.00: <b>44</b>	2.5-below: <b>47</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

### SAT REASONING TEST RESULTS MEAN SCORES

	2013	2014	2015
No. Tested	295	318	246
Total Score	1823	1824	1869
Verbal/Critical Reading	592	594	611
Math Score	622	623	636
Writing Score	609	607	622

### SAT SUBJECT TESTS NUMBER TESTED/MEAN SCORES

EXAM SUBJECT	2013	2014	2015
Math Level IC	21/610	10/696	5/666
Math Level IIC	124/702	126/719	131/708
Biology Molecular	57/690	68/656	52/707
Chemistry	61/682	48/671	57/665
Physics	57/694	46/710	37/695
Literature	51/637	52/654	37/672
U.S. History	68/661	68/644	40/692

### ACT - NUMBER TESTED/MEAN SCORES

EXAM SUBJECT	2013	2014	2015
No. Tested	160	141	191
English	27	27.7	28.0
Math	27.7	27.6	28.3
Reading	27.1	27.4	28.5
Science	26.5	26.6	28.3
Composite	27.2	27.5	28.4

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT

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

	2013	2014	2015
No. of Graduates	388	397	383
No. of Test Takers	595	659	693
No. of Exams Taken	1266	1351	1585
No. of Qualifying Scores	1077	1126	1282

### COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ATTENDANCE BY YEAR OF GRADUATION

	2013	2014	2015
Total to College	96%	97%	95%
▪ 2-Year Colleges	29%	27%	28%
▪ 4-Year Colleges	67%	70%	67%

WEIGHTED GRADE DISTRIBUTION 2014/15 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: World Literature H English Language AP English Literature AP English 3H (Freestyle) H English 4H (Freestyle) H
AC2010	Geometry 9	50	64	50	19	4	187	2.73		
AB2010	Geometry H	67	56	31	4	0	158	4.18		
AC3010	Algebra II	142	84	50	22	22	320	2.94		
AB3010	Algebra II H	44	42	12	1	1	100	4.26		
AC4010	Trig/Math Ana	69	67	50	11	0	197	2.98		
AB4010	Trig/Math Ana H	80	41	12	2	0	135	4.47		
AC5010	Calculus	36	26	8	0	0	70	3.40		
AA5010	AP Calculus AB	87	23	7	0	0	117	4.68		
AA5011	AP Calculus BC	19	17	5	3	0	44	4.18		
AA6010	AP Statistics	27	32	7	0	0	66	4.30		
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>621</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>1394</b>		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: European History AP US History AP Govt & Politics US AP Microeconomics AP Psychology AP
CRS #	Science	A	B	C	D	F	TOTAL	GPA		
CC1010	Biology	95	75	60	14	1	245	3.02		
CB1010	Biology H	152	80	20	2	2	256	4.47		
CA1010	AP Biology	30	13	8	0	1	52	4.35		
CC2010	Chemistry	86	76	69	11	7	249	2.90		
CB2010	Chemistry H	85	49	13	0	3	150	4.40		
CA2010	AP Chemistry	25	1	0	0	0	26	4.96		
CA3010	AP Physics I	75	67	57	7	0	206	4.02		
CA3020	AP Physics II	50	43	10	0	0	103	4.39		
CA4010	AP Environ Science	34	27	22	2	4	89	3.91		
CC4020	Forensics	25	17	8	1	0	51	3.29		
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>657</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1427</b>		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 Multivar. Calc. H Statistics AP
CRS #	English	A	B	C	D	F	TOTAL	GPA		
DC1010	Survey Comp/Lit	220	171	89	26	11	517	3.09		
DC2015	Wrld Literature	94	113	77	15	7	306	2.89		
DB2010	World Lit H	68	36	11	3	0	118	4.43		
DA2010	AP English Lang	59	55	3	0	0	117	4.48		
DC3010	Amer Lit Survey	105	97	56	14	0	272	3.08		
DC4010	Eng Lit Survey	44	69	29	7	0	149	3.01		
DA4010	AP English Lit	47	21	6	0	0	74	4.55		
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>637</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1553</b>			
CRS #	Social Sciences	A	B	C	D	F	TOTAL	GPA		
EC1010	World Studies	250	150	85	35	9	529	3.13		
EC1110	Cont World Issues	65	43	31	8	5	152	3.02		
EA2010	AP European History	88	39	12	1	0	140	4.53		
EC3010	U S History	179	97	62	25	6	369	3.13		
EA3010	AP U S History	44	19	6	2	0	71	4.48		
EA4020	AP Micro Economics	33	24	3	1	0	61	4.46		
EA4030	AP Psychology	35	17	4	5	1	62	4.27		
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>694</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1384</b>		World Language Fine Art Practical Art: 2 years (20 cr) any combination of the above	World Language: Chinese Language AP French III H French Language (IV) AP Latin AP Spanish II H Spanish III H H Spanish III H for Span Spkr H Spanish Language (IV) AP
CRS #	World Language	A	B	C	D	F	TOTAL	GPA		
DC1010	Survey Comp/Lit	220	171	89	26	11	517	3.09		
DC2015	Wrld Literature	94	113	77	15	7	306	2.89		
DB2010	World Lit H	68	36	11	3	0	118	4.43		
DA2010	AP English Lang	59	55	3	0	0	117	4.48		
DC3010	Amer Lit Survey	105	97	56	14	0	272	3.08		
DC4010	Eng Lit Survey	44	69	29	7	0	149	3.01		
DA4010	AP English Lit	47	21	6	0	0	74	4.55		
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>637</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1553</b>			
CRS #	Physical Education	A	B	C	D	F	TOTAL	GPA		
EC1010	World Studies	250	150	85	35	9	529	3.13		
EC1110	Cont World Issues	65	43	31	8	5	152	3.02		
EA2010	AP European History	88	39	12	1	0	140	4.53		
EC3010	U S History	179	97	62	25	6	369	3.13		
EA3010	AP U S History	44	19	6	2	0	71	4.48		
EA4020	AP Micro Economics	33	24	3	1	0	61	4.46		
EA4030	AP Psychology	35	17	4	5	1	62	4.27		
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**3 YEAR COLLEGE MATRICULATION - CLASS OF 2013, 2014 & 2015**

Out of State - 358		4 Year Institutions			
American Univ - 3	Connecticut College - 1	Lehigh Univ - 2	Sch of Art Inst of Chicago - 2	Univ of Minnesota, Twin Cities - 1	
Arizona State - 5	Cornell Univ - 6	Lewis & Clark College - 2	Sierra Nevada College - 1	Univ of Montana, Missoula - 2	
Barnard College - 1	Dartmouth - 1	Linfield College - 1	Simon Fraser Univ, CAN - 1	Univ of New Mexico - 1	
Bates College - 1	Denison Univ - 2	London Centre of Music, UK - 1	Southern Methodist   Texas Christian - 2	Univ of N Carolina Chapel Hill - 1	
Baylor Univ - 2	DePaul Univ - 4	Lund Univ, SWEDEN - 1	Southern Virginia Univ - 1	Univ of Notre Dame - 2	
Becker College - 1	Dickinson - 1	McGill Univ, CAN - 1	St. Olaf College - 2	Univ of Oregon   Univ of Portland - 10	
Belmont Univ - 1	Drexel Univ - 2	Miami Univ, Oxford - 1	Suffolk Univ - 1	Univ of Pennsylvania - 2	
Bentley Univ - 2	Duke Univ - 6	Michigan State - 1	Swarthmore College   Tulane Univ - 2	Univ of Puget Sound - 10	
Boise State - 1	Durham Univ, UK - 1	MIT - 4	Trinity College, IRELAND - 1	Univ of Vermont - 1	
Boston College - 3	Eastman Sch of Music - 1	Montana State, Bozeman - 3	Tufts Univ - 5	Univ of Virginia - 1	
Boston Univ - 7	Emerson College - 2	New School - Eugene - 1	US Air Force   Naval Academy - 2	Univ of Washington - 16	
Bowdoin College - 1	Emory Univ - 4	New York Univ - 16	Univ College London, UK - 2	Univ of Wisconsin - 3	
Brandeis Univ - 1	Evergreen State College - 1	Newcastle Univ, UK - 1	Univ of Alabama - 3	Vanderbilt Univ - 4	
Brigham Young Univ - 7	Fordham Univ - 1	Northeastern Univ - 14	Univ of Arizona - 10	Vassar College - 1	
Brown - 1	Franklin Olin College - 1	Northern Arizona Univ - 1	Univ of British Columbia, CAN - 6	Villanova Univ - 1	
Bryn Mawr College - 1	Georgetown Univ - 2	Northwestern Univ - 2	Univ of Chicago - 4	Virginia Commonwealth - 1	
Bucknell Univ - 1	Georgia Tech - 2	Oregon Inst of Tech - 1	Univ of Colorado - 11	Washington State - 1	
Carleton - 2	George Washington Univ - 2	Oregon State   Portland State - 6	Univ of Connecticut - 1	Washington Univ St. Louis - 4	
Carnegie Mellon - 5	Gonzaga Univ   Seattle Univ - 3	Pace Univ NYC - 1	Univ of Denver - 3	Wellesley College - 2	
Case Western Reserve - 3	Harvard - 2	Pratt Inst   Syracuse Univ - 3	Univ of Edinburgh, UK - 1	Wesleyan Univ - 2	
Clark Atlanta Univ - 1	Haverford College - 1	Princeton Univ - 3	Univ of Florida - 1	West Virginia Univ - 1	
Clark Univ - 1	Hawaii Pacific - 1	Purdue Univ - 7	Univ of Hawaii - 1	Western Washington - 3	
College of William & Mary - 1	Howard Univ - 1	Queen's Univ   Univ of Guelph, CAN - 2	Univ of Idaho - 2	Wiley College - 1	
Colorado Sch of Mines - 1	Idaho State - 1	Reed College - 2	Univ of Illinois - 3	Willamette Univ - 3	
Colorado State - 2	Indiana Univ - 1	Rhode Island Sch of Design - 5	Univ of Maryland - 2	Worcester Polytech - 3	
Colorado State Univ Pueblo - 1	Johns Hopkins - 3	Rice Univ - 5	Univ of Massachusetts - 1	Xavier Univ - 1	
Concordia Univ - Montreal CAN - 1	Knox College - 1	Santa Fe Univ of Art - 1	Univ of Michigan - 8	Yale Univ - 2	
<b>California State University - 126</b>		<b>University of Calif - 204</b>	<b>California Private - 102</b>		
Cal Poly, Pomona - 3	Northridge - 1	Berkeley - 34	Calif Baptist Univ - 1	Pomona College - 5	
Cal Poly, SLO - 32	Sacramento - 5	Davis - 38	Calif Lutheran Univ - 1	Santa Clara Univ - 15	
Chico - 10	San Bernardino - 1	Irvine - 5	Chapman Univ - 13	Scripps College - 3	
East Bay - 6	San Diego - 6	Los Angeles - 24	Claremont McKenna - 1	Soka Univ of America - 1	
Fullerton - 3	San Francisco - 20	Merced - 14	Dominican Univ of CA - 2	Stanford Univ - 15	
Humboldt - 4	San Jose - 20	Riverside - 8	Harvey Mudd - 1	Univ of Redlands - 2	
Long Beach - 1	Sonoma - 12	San Diego - 14	Loyola Marymount - 4	Univ of San Diego - 1	
Monterey Bay - 2		Santa Barbara - 37	Menlo College - 1	Univ of San Francisco - 3	
		Santa Cruz - 30	Notre Dame De Namur - 1	Univ of the Pacific - 2	
			Occidental College - 6	Univ of S. Calif - 17	
			Pepperdine Univ - 2	Westmont College - 1	
			Pitzer College - 1	Whittier College - 3	

**Institutes of Art & Design CA - 3**

Art Center College of Design - 1 Calif College of Arts SF - 2