

LOS ALTOS HIGH SCHOOL

Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District

A California Distinguished School

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2018 – 2019 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 2,232 students includes 40% Caucasian, 26% Hispanic-Latino, 30% Asian and 4% other.* LAHS is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

**enrollment and demographic data as of 9/10/18*

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 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 2018 is shown below.

GRADE DISTRIBUTION TABLE

Unweighted GPA		Weighted GPA	
4.51-5.00: 0	3.51-3.75: 92	4.51-5.00: 36	3.51-3.75: 40
4.26-4.50: 0	3.01-3.50: 130	4.26-4.50: 70	3.01-3.50: 90
4.01-4.25: 0	2.51-3.00: 96	4.01-4.25: 69	2.51-3.00: 85
3.76-4.00: 137	2.5-below: 55	3.76-4.00: 74	2.5-below: 46

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

	2016	2017 (New)	2018 (New)
No. Tested	274	250	323
Mean Score	1864	1245*	1300
Evidence Based Reading & Writing	N/A	621	644
Math	N/A	625	656
Met both ERW & Math Benchmarks	N/A	76%	86%

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

SAT SUBJECT TESTS NUMBER TESTED/MEAN SCORES

EXAM SUBJECT	2016	2017	2018
Math Level IIC	160/715	137/723	166/735
Biology Molecular	50/662	26/695	40/698
Chemistry	48/667	38/673	57/700
Physics	73/710	63/708	74/730
Literature	41/662	44/662	50/656
U.S. History	44/682	25/683	45/675

ACT - NUMBER TESTED/MEAN SCORES

EXAM SUBJECT	2016	2017	2018
No. Tested	234	246	202
English	27.1	27.3	29.2
Math	26.9	27.1	28.2
Reading	27.4	26.8	28.6
Science	26.4	26.6	27.5
Composite	27.1	27.1	28.5

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

All AP students are strongly encouraged to take AP exams.

	2016	2017	2018
No. of Graduates	466	441	500
No. of Test Takers	743	812	940
No. of Exams Taken	1648	1815	1932
No. of Qualifying Scores	1352	1523	1674

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ATTENDANCE BY YEAR OF GRADUATION

	2016	2017	2018
Total to College	95%	94%	93%
▪ 2-Year Colleges	26%	28%	23%
▪ 4-Year Colleges	69%	66%	70%

WEIGHTED GRADE DISTRIBUTION 2017/18 2nd Semester-Core Academic Classes									GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS		HONORS (H) & 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	43	40	23	11	3	120	2.91				
AB2010	Geometry H	71	58	31	2	0	162	4.22				
AC3010	Algebra II	134	81	79	30	8	332	2.91				
AB3010	Algebra II H	109	76	14	3	0	202	4.44				
AC4010	Trig/Math Ana	90	73	43	13	15	234	2.90				
AB4010	Trig/Math Ana H	62	67	9	0	0	138	4.38				
AC5010	Calculus	59	25	10	4	0	98	3.42				
AA5010	AP Calculus AB	66	48	31	1	0	146	4.23				
AA5011	AP Calculus BC	29	27	6	0	1	63	4.30				
AA6010	AP Statistics	45	35	10	0	1	91	4.34				
TOTALS		708	530	256	64	28	1586		Social Studies: 3.5 yrs (35 cr)	Social Sciences:		
CC1010	Biology	42	69	51	18	9	189	2.62	World Studies (10 cr)	European History AP		
CB1010	Biology H	173	111	38	7	1	330	4.35	Contemporary World Issues (5 cr) or AP Modern European History (10 cr)	US History AP		
CA1010	AP Biology	70	36	11	2	0	119	4.46	US History (10 cr)	Govt & Politics US AP		
CC2010	Chemistry	80	71	47	16	11	225	2.86	Civics (5 cr)	Human Geo AP		
CB2010	Chemistry H	147	84	18	3	2	254	4.45	Economics (5 cr)	Microeconomics AP		
CA2010	AP Chemistry	46	13	0	0	0	59	4.78	Mathematics: 2 years (20 cr)	Psychology AP		
CA3010	AP Physics I	65	62	32	4	0	163	4.15	Must include 10 cr of Algebra I or higher	Geometry H Algebra II H Trig/Math Analysis H Calculus AB AP Calculus BC AP Statistics AP		
CA3041	AP Physics C: E&M	27	24	5	1	0	57	4.35	Science: 2 years (20 cr)	Science:		
CA4010	AP Environ Science	69	52	20	3	0	144	4.30	Must include 10 cr of Life Science and 10 cr of Physical Science	Biology H/AP Chemistry H/AP Physics C: E&M AP Physics C: Mech AP Physics I AP Environ Sci AP		
CC3010	Physics	27	41	21	2	1	92	2.99				
TOTALS		746	563	243	56	24	1632					
CRS #	English	A	B	C	D	F	TOTAL	GPA	World Language/Fine Art/ Practical Art: 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) AP		
DC1010	Survey Comp/Lit	231	209	83	27	9	559	3.12				
DC2015	Wrid Literature	147	144	46	12	8	357	3.15				
DB2010	World Lit H	72	52	12	3	0	139	4.39				
DA2010	AP English Lang	67	53	5	0	3	128	4.39				
DC3010	Amer Lit Survey	99	104	57	15	10	285	2.94				
DC4010	Eng Lit Survey	68	62	39	15	0	184	2.99				
DA4010	AP English Lit	52	33	6	0	0	91	4.51				
TOTALS		736	657	248	72	30	1743					
CRS #	Social Sciences	A	B	C	D	F	TOTAL	GPA			Physical Education: 2 years (20 cr)	Health: 1 semester (5 cr)
EA5010	AP Human Geography	69	42	25	9	0	145	4.18				
EC1010	World Studies	270	174	73	31	18	566	3.14				
EC1110	Cont World Issues	45	41	23	8	4	121	2.95				
EA2010	AP European History	86	55	15	2	3	161	4.34				
EC3010	U S History	188	97	60	17	4	366	3.22				
EA3010	AP U S History	67	21	13	1	1	103	4.47				
EA4020	AP Micro Economics	58	26	12	0	0	96	4.48				
EA4030	AP Psychology	96	36	7	1	0	140	4.62				
TOTALS		879	492	228	69	30	1698		Total: 220 credits	Fine Arts: Studio Art: Design/Drawing AP Other: Computer Science AP CS 1B/1C/64A (Foothill College) Math 1C/1D/2B (Foothill College)		
3 YEAR COLLEGE MATRICULATION - CLASS OF 2016, 2017 & 2018												
Out of State - 434			4-Year Institutions									
American Univ DC - 2	Dartmouth College - 2	Linfield College - 1	Princeton Univ - 2	Univ of Arizona - 9	Univ of Puget Sound - 4							
Arcadia Univ Dickinson College - 2	DigiPen Instit of Tech - 1	London College of Comm UK - 1	Purdue Univ - 9	Univ of British Columbia CAN - 2	Univ of Texas, Austin - 2							
Arizona State - 3	Duke Univ - 2	Loyola Univ Chicago - 1	Reed College - 2	Univ of Cambridge UK - 1	Univ of Utah Utah State Univ - 3							
Arts Educational Sch London UK - 1	Earlham College - 1	Manhattan Sch of Music - 1	Regis Univ CO - 1	Univ of Chicago - 3	Univ of Vermont - 1							
Babson College - 3	Emerson College - 1	Maryland Instit College of Art - 1	Rensselaer Polytech NY - 1	Univ of Colorado - 23	Univ of Victoria CAN - 1							
Barnard College - 2	George Fox Univ - 1	McGill Univ Montreal CAN - 2	Rhode Island Sch of Design - 1	Univ of Connecticut - 1	Univ of Virginia Hampden-Sydney - 3							
Barrett College - 1	George Washington Univ - 3	George Washington, Oxford - 1	Rice Univ - 6	Univ of Delaware - 2	Univ of Washington - 18							
Bates College - 1	Georgetown Univ - 3	Michigan State - 5	Rochester Instit of Tech - 2	Univ of Hawaii - 5	Univ of Wisconsin Marquette Univ - 6							
Boise State - 1	Georgia Tech Emory Univ - 3	MIT Univ of Massachusetts - 3	Royal Danish Academy DENMARK - 1	Univ of Houston - 1	Univ of Wyoming - 1							
Boston Univ Brandeis Univ - 4	Gonzaga Univ - 1	Montana State, Bozeman - 1	St. John's Univ Hamilton College - 3	Univ of Illinois - 11	Vancouver Island Univ CAN - 1							
Brigham Young Univ Utah - 8	Grenoble FRANCE - 1	Mount Holyoke College - 1	St. Olaf College - 4	Univ of Manchester UK - 1	Vanderbilt Univ - 1							
Brigham Young - 1	Harvard Univ - 4	New School - All Divisions - 3	Sarah Lawrence College - 1	Univ of Maryland MD - 1	Vassar College - 3							
Brown Univ - 3	Hofstra Univ - 1	New York Univ - 16	Sch of Art Instit of Chicago - 2	Univ of Miami - 1	Villanova Univ - 1							
Carleton College Macalester - 4	Illinois Instit of Tech - 1	Northeastern Univ - 17	Seattle Univ - 7	Univ of Michigan - 12	Virginia Tech - 2							
Carnegie Mellon Univ - 3	Imperial College London UK - 1	Northern Arizona Univ - 2	Southern Methodist Univ - 2	Univ of Minnesota, Twin Cities - 3	Washington State Univ - 3							
Case Western Reserve Univ - 2	Indiana Univ - 4	Northern Michigan Univ - 1	Southern Oregon Univ - 1	Univ of Montreal CAN - 1	Washington Univ St. Louis - 14							
Cleveland Instit of Music - 1	Johns Hopkins Univ - 4	Northwestern Univ - 9	Swarthmore College - 1	Univ of Nevada - 4	Wellesley College - 3							
College of Holy Cross - 1	Johnson & Wales Univ - 1	Oberlin College of Arts & Sci - 1	Syracuse Univ Stevens Instit of Tech - 2	Univ of New Hampshire - 1	Wesleyan Univ - 2							
Colorado College - 1	Kansas State Univ - 1	Ohio State Univ of Cincinnati - 3	Temple Univ PA - 1	Univ of North Florida - 2	West Virginia Univ Whitman College - 2							
Colorado Sch of Mines - 2	Kenyon College - 1	Olin College of Engrg - 1	Texas A&M Texas Christian Univ - 2	Univ of Notre Dame - 1	Western Washington Univ - 4							
Colorado State Univ - 2	King's College London UK - 1	Oregon State - 5	Tufts Univ - 4	Univ of Oregon - 19	Worcester Polytech - 2							
Columbia Univ - 2	Knox College - 1	Pacific Univ - 1	Tulane Univ - 1	Univ of Oxford UK - 1	Yale Univ Trinity College - 2							
Cornell College IA - 1	Lehigh Univ - 2	Pennsylvania State Univ - 5	Univ, ENGLAND UK - 4	Univ of Pennsylvania - 2								
Cornell Univ - 5	Lewis & Clark College - 1	Pratt Instit Colgate Univ - 3	Univ of Alabama - 2	Univ of Portland Willamette Univ - 3								
California State University - 172			University of Calif - 219			California Private - 108						
Cal Poly, Pomona - 2	Monterey Bay - 2	Berkeley - 55	Azusa Pacific Univ - 1	Pitzer College - 2	Univ of San Diego - 5							
Cal Poly, SLO - 39	Northridge - 1	Davis - 25	Calif Baptist Univ - 1	Pomona College - 2	Univ of San Francisco - 7							
Channel Islands, Camarillo - 1	Sacramento - 4	Irvine - 16	Chapman Univ - 14	Saint Mary's College of Calif - 5	Univ of S. Calif - 14							
Chico - 10	San Diego - 12	Los Angeles - 17	Claremont McKenna - 3	Santa Clara Univ - 22	Whittier College - 1							
East Bay - 9	San Francisco - 17	Merced - 18	Dominican Univ of Calif - 1	Scripps College - 3								
Fullerton - 3	San Jose - 50	Riverside - 11	Harvey Mudd - 3	Stanford Univ - 11								
Humboldt - 3	Sonoma - 15	San Diego - 14	Loyola Marymount Univ - 4	Univ of La Verne - 1								
Long Beach - 1	Stanislaus - 3	Santa Barbara - 32	Menlo College - 2	Univ of Pacific - 2								
		Santa Cruz - 31	Occidental College - 2	Univ of Redlands - 2								