

Santa Cruz High School

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School Profile 2021-2022



CEEB Code 053297

Santa Cruz High School is a comprehensive public school with a student population of approximately 1,150 in grades nine through twelve. SCHS is particularly noted for having a diverse student body. Students from various racial, cultural and socio-economic backgrounds and lifestyles join to enrich their personal and academic experiences in an unusually compatible atmosphere. In addition to comprehensive college preparation and vocational curriculums, many special programs are available on our campus. Santa Cruz High, a California Distinguished School, accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, is situated in the heart of the city of Santa Cruz, a coastal community of 64,000 people.

CURRICULUM

Santa Cruz High School utilizes the Excel Block Schedule. Under this model, students take three or four 90-minute classes each day for 18 weeks in the fall, and three or four different classes for 18 weeks in the spring. The daily 90-minute classes are equivalent to year-long classes in more traditional two-semester systems. This program has proven to be highly effective throughout the nation, California and here at SCHS.

Graduation Requirements:

English	40 Credits
Social Studies	30 Credits
Mathematics (Int. Math 1B required)	20 Credits
Science	20 Credits
Fine and Applied Arts	25 Credits
Physical Education	20 Credits
Health	5 Credits
Elective Courses	70 Credits
Total:	230 Credits

HONORS and AP CLASSES

Science:

Physiology (H)
Enviro Sci. (AP)
Chemistry (AP)
AP Physics 1 (AP)
AP Physics 2 (AP)
Biology (AP)

Social Sciences:

US History (AP)

Mathematics:

Analytic Geometry/Pre-Calc (H) [Math Academy 2]
Calculus AB (AP)
Calculus BC (AP)
Statistics (AP)
Computer Science A (AP)

English:

English 2 (H)
English Lang & Comp (AP)
English Lit & Comp (AP)

World Languages:

French (AP)
Spanish (AP)

SCHOOL WIDE SAT RESULTS

SAT Reasoning Test (SAT I)	2021	2020	2019
Evidence Reading and Writing	613	604	592
Mean Math	654	626	606

Note: 2021 SAT, only 31 participants
between May-June

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS

Graduating Class of:	2022	2021	2020
Total Graduating Class	296	243	268
Number of Semi-Finalists	2	0	5
Number of Commended	3	10	5

GRADING and RANKING

Five units of credit are awarded for each term passed with a grade of D or better. Passing grades are A, B, C, D and P. A weighted four point system is used to calculate grade point average: A = 4, B = 3, C =2, D =1, F=0

GPA Calculations:

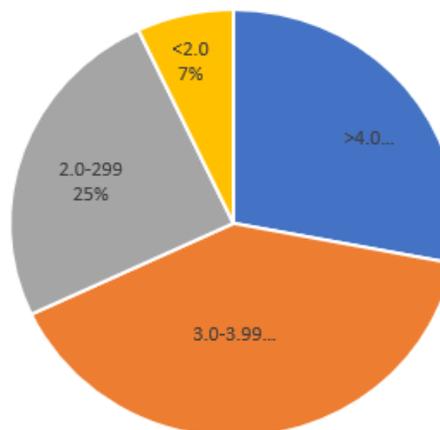
Cumulative unweighted GPA: Unweighted calculation of all courses taken in grades 9-12.

Cumulative weighted GPA: Unweighted calculation of college prep classes taken in grades 10 – 12.

Academic 10-12 GPA: Weighted calculation of academic courses completed in grades 10 – 12, in which one extra point is given for each honors and advanced placement course with a grade C or better.

Class rank: Based on the student’s Weighted Academic 10-12 GPA.

WEIGHTED ACADEMIC GPA CLASS OF 2021



AP TEST RESULTS

AP Tests	2021	2020	2019
Number of Exams Taken	500	494	376
Percentage Qualifying (3+)	69%	72%	78%
Percentage Scoring 4 or 5	42%	49%	55%
Percentage Scoring a 5	20%	24%	27%

POST HIGH SCHOOL PLANS

	2021	2020	2019
4 Year College Eligible	67%	72%	74%
Enrolled in 4 Year College	34%	31%	43%
Enrolled in 2 Year College*	32%	N/A	50%

**Estimated, as no final transcripts sent*

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ATTENDANCE CLASS OF 2021

California State University

CSU Cal Poly SLO
CSU Chico
CSU Long Beach
CSU Sand Diego
CSU San Francisco
CSU San Jose

University of California

UC Berkeley
UC Davis
UC Irvine
UC Los Angeles
UC Riverside
UC Santa Barbara
UC Santa Cruz
UC San Diego

Private and Out of State Public Colleges

Boise State
Brown University
Carnegie Mellow University
Chapman University
Colorado State
De Paul University
Lewis and Clark University
Macalester College
Monmouth University
Montana State University
NYU
Oberlin College

Oregon State University
Santa Clara University
Stevens Institute of Technology
The University of Edinburgh
University of Oregon
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Denver
University of Rhode Island
University of San Francisco
University of Washington
Washington & Jefferson College
Washington State University