

Henry M. Gunn High School

780 Arastradero Road
Palo Alto, CA 94306

EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY

As a comprehensive high school, Gunn is committed to high standards, to the education of the whole child and to ensuring that all students meet their potential. We offer courses to meet a wide range of abilities and interests. Academically advanced students are encouraged to challenge themselves by taking honors and Advanced Placement courses. Gunn houses the District's high school English Language Learners Program. Students with limited English proficiency receive special services, such as instruction and assistance from primary language tutors and placement in sheltered English and Social Studies classes. The goal of the ELL program is to help students transition to mainstream classes as soon as possible.

Students with learning differences or physical disabilities receive support through a full range of services. Gunn has six resource specialists, two special day classes and a program for orthopedically handicapped students. There are also specialists in teaching the hearing and visually impaired and a part-time speech and language specialist. Appropriate accommodations are made for students with special needs.

The AVID/FOS program provides support and encouragement to selected students deemed to have the potential to enter four-year colleges after high school. Focus on Success offers support to students through tutoring help, skill development and special encouragement to achieve their objectives.

Gunn also offers an Opportunity Program to freshmen and sophomores who feel that a comprehensive high school does not fit their needs, a Middle College option through Foothill College for juniors and seniors and an Independent Study program in a few classes for special circumstances.

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Henry M. Gunn Senior High School



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Gunn, one of two public high schools in Palo Alto, is a 4-year high school with an enrollment of just over 1900 students (**454 seniors**).

The ethnic/racial makeup of our student population is 2.5% African-American, 6.8% Hispanic, 29.6% Asian, 4.9% Asian Indian, 2.4% Pacific Islanders, 50.6% Caucasian, 0.6% other and 2.6% declined to state. Roughly 4% of our students are classified as limited English proficient. Over 90% of each graduating class enrolls in institutions of higher education. All classes meet 240 minutes a week. Students are expected to carry a minimum of six classes (seniors must take a minimum of five classes). The academic year is comprised of two semesters. The faculty includes a principal, three assistant principals, a dean of students, an athletic director, a part-time student activities director, a psychologist, six counselors (one part time), a full-time librarian, and a part-time library assistant. The majority of our teachers hold at least a master's degree. Gunn currently has seven teachers with National Board Certification and three teachers with Clinical Competence Certificates.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

210 Credits Required

Art, Visual & Performing	10
Career/Vocational Education	10
English	35
Living skills	5
Mathematics	20
Physical Education	20
Science	20
Social Studies	40
Graduation	50

Grade Point Average/Rank in Class

GPA: Starting with the second semester of the ninth grade, a GPA appears on the transcript. The cumulative Grade Point Average is the average of all courses since the beginning of the ninth grade.

Weighting of Courses: Honors courses (**H**) and Advance Placement courses (**AP**) carry an additional grade point for calculation purposes.

Rank in Class: Individual rank is not given; ranking is reported by decile only (1= top 10%). Pluses and Minuses will appear on student transcripts but will not be used in computing grade point averages.

Class of 2009 (6 semesters)

Decile	Weighted	Unweighted
1	4.370-4.150	4.000-3.909
2	4.146-4.022	3.900-3.810
3	4.021-3.884	3.807-3.725
4	3.881-3.725	3.720-3.579
5	3.720-3.575	3.575-3.452
6	3.573-3.390	3.450-3.308
7	3.388-3.150	3.301-3.119
8	3.143-2.905	3.114-2.878
9	2.902-2.531	2.866-2.508
10	2.508-1.481	2.497-1.481

TESTING

National Merit Scholarship

	'07	'08	'09
Semi-finalists	43	44	31
Letters of Commendation	50	50	60

Scholastic Aptitude Test

Mean	National	Class '07	Class '08
Verbal	502	628	632
Math	515	665	675
Writing	494	618	640

AP Exams (May 2008)

588 students took 1693 tests
 95% scored 3 or higher
 47% scored a grade of 5

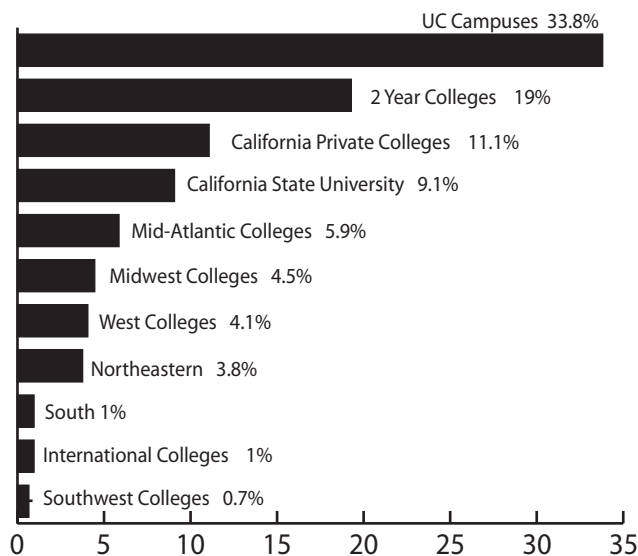
ACT (2008) Composite Report

National	State	Gunn
21.1	22.2	26.8

College Enrollment Class of 2008

19.2% to 2 year colleges

77.8% to 4 year colleges



ACADEMICS

AP Courses

AB Calculus	Art History
BC Calculus	Statistics
Biology	Studio Art
Chemistry	Psychology
Physics C & Physics B	U.S. History
Computer Science	French Lang. & Lit.
English	Spanish Lang. & Lit.
Economics	German Language
Music Theory	Japanese Lang. & Cult.

Honors

American Classics H	English Masters H
Analysis H	Japanese 4 H
Chemistry 1H	

ACTIVITIES

Athletics

Gunn High School is a member of the Santa Clara Valley Athletic League in the following sports:

Badminton (C)	Soccer (B,G)
Baseball (B)	Softball (G)
Basketball (B,G)	Swimming/Diving (B,G)
Cross Country (B,G)	Tennis (B,G)
Football (B)	Track/Field (B,G)
Golf (C)	Volleyball (G)
Gymnastics (G)	Water Polo (B,G)
Lacrosse (G)	Wrestling (C)

B Boys, G Girls, C Co-ed

Student Clubs

Over 80 clubs exist in these areas:

Art	Games
Autoshop	Intellectual
Community Action	Languages
Computer	Literature
Cultural	Math
Dance	Music
Debate	Outdoors
Entrepreneurial	Politics
Environmental	Service
Food	Student Government

Award winning Special Programs

Advanced Vocal	Olympian Yearbook
Jazz Band	The Oracle (Student Newspaper)