



HENRY M. GUNN HIGH SCHOOL

2016-17 SCHOOL PROFILE

OUR SCHOOL

Since 1964, Gunn High School, locally known as Gunn, has been a model of rigorous and innovative learning for schools worldwide. Although academic excellence has always been at the core of Gunn's purpose, the overriding vision has always been the development of the 'whole child'. Gunn has been devoted to the social, emotional, physical and intellectual development of each student.

OUR COMMUNITY

Located 35 miles south of San Francisco and 14 miles north of San Jose in Santa Clara County, Palo Alto is a community of approximately 61,200 residents. Palo Alto is also the home of Stanford University and an excellent community college, Foothill College. The high tech industry that is at the heart of the Bay Area's Silicon Valley has its roots in Palo Alto. A large percentage of city residents are professionals in the high tech industry, education, healthcare, retail, and service industries.

OUR STUDENTS

The student body reflects the demographics of the ethnically diverse and socio-economically prosperous city of Palo Alto. Gunn embraces its diversity and seeks to foster ways of further diversifying the student body. It is an open and accepting learning community where all students, regardless of background or socio-economic status, feel safe, cared for, and supported in order for them to receive an outstanding education that prepares them for college or career.

Gunn, one of two public high schools in Palo Alto, is a 4-year high school with an enrollment of just over 1885 students. The ethnic/racial make up of our student population is 2% African-American, 8.5% Hispanic, 40% Asian, 39% Caucasian, and 3% two-or-more races. Roughly 5% of our students are classified as limited English proficient.

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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Students at Gunn continue to demonstrate outstanding performance on standardized tests.

ACT Composite Average

Year	2014	2015	2016
ACT Scores	28.9	29.5	29.5
Nat'l Scores	21.0	21.0	21.0

SAT Reasoning Scores – Mean

Year	2014	2015	2016	Nat'l '16
Reading	636	642	646	494
Math	675	686	680	508
Writing	645	646	652	482

National Merit Scholarship

Year	2014	2015	2016
Semi-Finalist	49	36	36
Commended	92	80	85

Advanced Placement (AP) Scores – May 2016

729 students took 1,971 tests
96.5 % students scored 3 or higher
45.2% students scored 5

COURSE GRADES/GPA

Individual class rank is not reported. To assist you in evaluating student performance, the following grade distribution chart is provided.

Class of 2017 (6 semesters)	
GPA Range (un-weighted)	Number of students
3.76 - 4.0	218
3.51 – 3.75	96
3.01 – 3.50	95
2.51 – 3.00	31
2.50 and below	10

ACADEMICS

Gunn students learn within rigorous and engaging courses. The student-to-teacher ration is 28:1. Students may enroll in up to 7 classes each semester. Students in grade 9 must take 7 classes, students in grade 10 must take 6 classes and students in grade 11 must take 5 classes, and students in grade 12 must take 5 classes. Students earn 5 credits for passing each semester course.

Honors Courses

Biology H	American Classics H
Chemistry H	Analysis H
Algebra II/Trig H	Japanese 4 H
Geometry H	

Advanced Placement (AP) Courses

AB Calculus	Economics
BC Calculus	English – Lit & Comp
Statistics	Psychology
Biology	US History
Chemistry	German Lang
Environmental Sci	Music Theory
Physics C	Studio Art
Computer Science	Japanese – Lang & Cult
Chinese – Lang & Cult	Spanish – Lang/Lit
French – Language	Studio Art 2D
	Physics

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Art, Visual & Performing	10
Career & Technical Education	10
English	40
Living Skills	5
Mathematics	30
Physical Education	20
Science (Biological 10 / Physical 10)	20
Social Studies	40
World Language	20
Electives	25
Total for Graduation	220

OUR ADMINISTRATION

Principal	Denise Herrmann
Assistant Principals	Jack Ballard Tara Keith Heather Wheeler Miriam Stevenson
Student Activities	Lisa Hall
Athletic Director	Curt Johansen

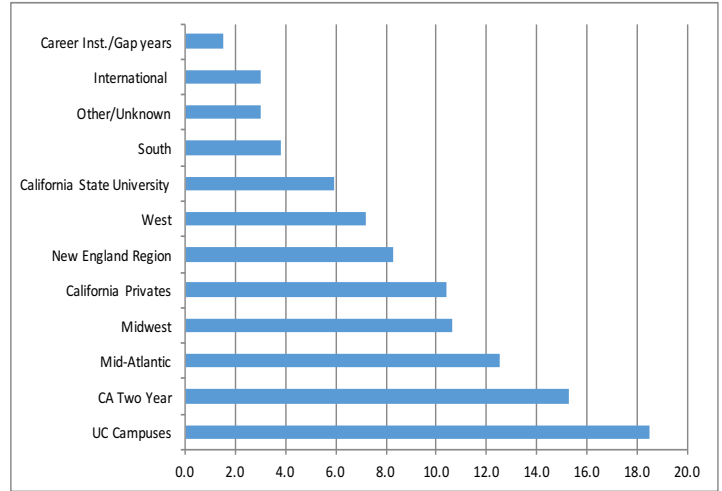
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California Distinguished High School

Complies with NACAS Statement of Principles of Good Practice

COLLEGE ENROLLMENT – CLASS OF 2016

- 15.6 % to 2 year colleges
- 80.4 % to 4 year colleges



ATHLETICS

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

STUDENT ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

Over 100 clubs exist in these areas:

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

OUR COUNSELOR TEAM

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