



2018-19 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. It was recently ranked 21st in the Business Insider “The 50 smartest public high school in America”, and 11th in STEM, in US News Magazine’s recent report. Although academic excellence has always been at the core of Gunn’s purpose, the overriding vision has always been the development of the ‘whole student’. 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 67,024 residents. Palo Alto is also neighbors to Stanford University and an excellent community college, Foothill College. The high tech industry that lays at the heart of the Silicon Valley has its roots in Palo Alto and neighboring cities Menlo Park & Cupertino. 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 2022 students. The ethnic/racial make up of our student population is 1.6% African-American, 0.6 Pacific Islanders, 9.2% Hispanic, 37.2% Caucasian, 49.7% Asian, and 2% two-or-more races & other. Roughly 3.4% 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	2016	2017	2018
ACT Scores	29.5	29.5	28.4
Nat'l Scores	20.8	21.0	20.8

SAT Reasoning Scores: Mean

Year	2016	Nat'l '17
Reading	646	538
Math	680	533
Writing	652	538

New SAT 2017 (1600 scale)

Year	2017	2018	Nat'l & Int'l Mean
EB Reading & Writing	663	669	538
Math	706	697	533

National Merit Scholarship

Year	2016	2017	2018
Semi-Finalist	46	33	24
Commended	104	90	87

AP Scores – May 2018

900 students took 2,356 tests
93.2% students scored 3 or higher
44.2% students scored 5

Class Rank & Grade Point Average

GPA's are calculated on a weighted 5-point system for Honors (H) & Advance Placement (AP) course factor into the GPA based on a 4-point scale. A student's weighted GPA appears on his/her high school transcript & related college-application School Report.

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

Class of 2019 (6 semesters) (size: 504)	
GPA Range (un-weighted)	Number of students
3.76 - 4.00	248
3.51 – 3.75	95
3.01 – 3.50	97
2.51 – 3.00	30
2.50 and below	26

Academics

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

Honors Courses

Biology H	Adv Drawing/Painting H
Chemistry H	American Classics H
Algebra II/Trig H	French Civ & Cult H
Geometry H	Japanese 4 H
Math Analysis H	Media Ldship/Mgmt H
Multivariable Calc H	Spanish Civ & Cult H
Trigonometry / Anal H	World Classics H

Advanced Placement (AP) Courses

AB Calculus	Mandarin – Lang & Cult
BC Calculus	Spanish – Lang & Cult
Statistics	Spanish – Lit & Cult
Biology	Economics Micro/Macro
Chemistry	English – Lit & Comp
Environmental Sci	Psychology
Physics C/1	US History
Computer Science A/Pri	Art History
French - Lang & Cult	Music Theory
German - Lang & Cult	Studio Art/Draw 2-D/3-D
Japanese – Lang & Cult	

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
Total for Graduation	220

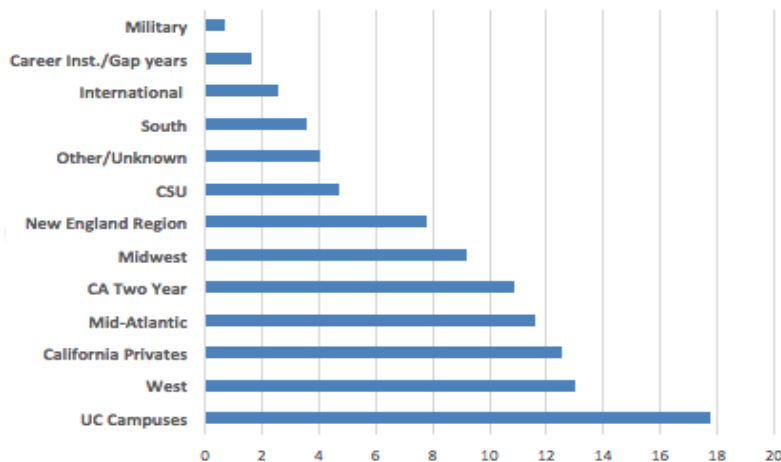
Our Administration

Principal	Kathie Laurence
Assistant Principals	Michaelis Gordon Pier Angeli La Place Harvey Newland Margaret Reynolds
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 2017

- 10.3 % to 2 year colleges
- 84.2 % 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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