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 8th in STEM, and 19th in the state of California, in US News magazine’s recent report “Best High School Rankings.” 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 64,403 residents. Palo Alto is also neighbors to 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 1987 students. The ethnic/racial make up of our student population is 1.1% African-American, 8.7% Hispanic, 44.2% Asian, 38% Caucasian, and 8% two-or-more races & other. Roughly 3% 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

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<th>Year</th>
<th>2015</th>
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<td>ACT Scores</td>
<td>29.5</td>
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SAT Reasoning Scores: Mean

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New SAT 2017 (1600 scale)

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National Merit Scholarship

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<td>Commended</td>
<td>80</td>
<td>104</td>
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AP Scores – May 2017

- 876 students took 2,384 tests
- 91.4% students scored 3 or higher
- 43.7% students scored 5

Class Rank & Grade Point Average

GPAs 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.

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<th>Class of 2018 (6 semesters)</th>
<th>GPA Range (un-weighted)</th>
<th>Number of students</th>
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<td>3.76 - 4.00</td>
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<td>3.51 – 3.75</td>
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<td>3.01 – 3.50</td>
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<td>2.50 and below</td>
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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: American Classics H
- Chemistry H: Spanish Civ & Cult H
- Algebra II/Trig H: Japanese 4 H
- Geometry H: French Civ & Cult H
- Math Analysis H: World Classics H
- Trigonometry / Anal 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 Science: Psychology
- Physics C/t: US History
- Computer Science A/Pri: Art History
- French - Lang & Cult: Music Theory
- German - Lang & Cult: Studio Art B/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: Kathleen Laurence
- Assistant Principals: Jack Ballard, Mike Heffner, Tara Keith, Pier Angeli La Place
- Student Activities: Lisa Hall
- Athletic Director: Curt Johansen

Accredited by: Western Association of Schools and Colleges
California Distinguished High School
Complies with NACAS Statement of Principles of Good Practice

**College Enrollment – Class of 2017**
- 9.3% to 2 year colleges
- 82.6% to 4 year colleges

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

**Student Activities & Clubs**
Over 100 clubs exist in these areas:
- Art
- Entrepreneurial
- Literary
- Art, Visual & Performing
- Autoshop
- Environmental
- Math
- Career & Technical Education
- Food
- Music
- English
- Games
- Outdoors
- Living Skills
- Intellectual
- Politics
- Mathematics
- Languages
- Service
- Physical Education
- Cultural
- Debate
- Student Government

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- **College & Career Info. Spec**
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