



MIRAMONTE HIGH SCHOOL

A California Distinguished School



SCHOOL PROFILE 2023-24

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SCHOOL CHARACTERISTICS

Miramonte High School was founded in 1955 by the Acalanes Union High School District (AUHSD) as a comprehensive public high school serving grades 9-12. With an enrollment of 1198 students, Miramonte offers a wide variety of academic and elective courses to encourage students to explore diverse avenues of learning. In addition to a strong college preparatory curriculum, we offer a broad spectrum of Advanced Placement and Honors classes to challenge students and prepare them for college. The school year consists of two 18-week semesters. We operate on a modified block schedule. Our student body reflects the Bay Area's rich ethnic and cultural diversity with an ethnic makeup of: 1% African American, .17% American Indian or Alaskan, 20.2% Asian, 59.52% White, 8.43% Hispanic or Latino, 0% Pacific Islander, 1 % Filipino, 9.02% multi-racial, and .67% not reported or unknown.

COMMUNITY CHARACTERISTICS

Located 20 miles east of San Francisco, Orinda is a family-oriented suburban community of 19,500 on the east side of the Oakland/Berkeley hills. Demonstrating a strong commitment to education, the community and parents continue to give significant financial support to the academic and extracurricular programs at Miramonte. Three parent organizations work together to enhance the high school experience for all students by conducting fundraising activities and recruiting volunteers to support student programs and activities that otherwise would not be available. ONE Orinda, our community fundraising organization, also makes a substantial yearly contribution to many school wide programs. We also have an active parent club.

ACCREDITATION, AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

In 2023 we were awarded a 6 year clear accreditation through the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), Miramonte ranks in the top 5% of comprehensive public high schools in California and has been recognized as a California Distinguished School. Our four major areas of focus are: high quality teaching, learning, and academic support and wellness and safety. Routinely acknowledged by U.S. News and World Report in their ranking of the Best High Schools in the country, our school also appears on the Gold Medal List of Best California High Schools.

FACULTY AND STAFF

The Miramonte teaching staff is comprised of 60 full-time and 7 part-time fully qualified teachers, 4 Counselors, 3 Administrators, a Librarian, School Psychologist, 2 Wellness staff members, a College and Career Center Advisor, 11 Instructional Assistants, 22 classified support staff, and a part time Nurse. The counseling caseload is approximately 300:1. Master's Degrees are held by 43 faculty and staff, and 2 faculty members have a Doctorate.

ATHLETICS

Miramonte is a member of the Diablo Athletic League (DAL) under the North Coast Section of the California Interscholastic Federation. The school offers over 20 competitive sports for both boys and girls. Our teams regularly compete in NCS finals, often bringing home league championships. Our Cheerleading is now recognized as CIF sport.

GRADING AND TRANSCRIPT NOTATIONS

Grading scale: 90-100 = A, 80-89 = B, 70-79 = C, 60-69 = D. D- is a passing grade. Letter grades are assigned a numerical value for GPA calculation: A = 4, B = 3, C = 2 and D = 1. The cumulative Total GPA is the average of all courses taken since the beginning of 9th grade. Final transcripts include both weighted and unweighted GPAs.

- (P)** College Prep courses
- (H)** Honors courses
- (AP)** Advanced Placement courses
- (N)** Non-college prep
- (M)** Indicates a modified course (These courses do not fulfill the UC "a-g" subject requirement)

**Miramonte does not report class rank*

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

220 credits are required to graduate. 5 credits granted per semester in all courses that are passed. Course requirements include:

English	4 years
World History	1 year
US History	1 year
Government/Economics	1 year
Mathematics (1 yr. Alg. & 2 yr. beyond)	3 years
Biological Science	1 year
Physical Science	1 year
Physical Education/Health	2.5 years
Visual/Performing Arts	1 year
Breadth: World Lang and/or Tech Ed	2 years
Elective	45 credits

In addition to English 4, students have the option of taking WISE (Wise Individualized Senior Experience) or Film, Literature, & Media. WISE is a class that allows seniors to design their own course of study emphasizing real world, out-of-the-class experiences. In Film, Lit, & Media seniors focus on the role of media in the world today and use seminal texts of literature to further analyze media and media influence.

STUDENT PROGRAMS

Miramonte offers a wide variety of award-winning extra and co-curricular programs including: Public Speaking, Instrumental and Vocal Music, Theatre Productions, Mock Trial and Model UN. Students have the opportunity to develop their leadership skills in Student Government, Link Crew and campus clubs. Our Latin Club is our largest and most active club often hosting the Annual Latin Convention, and happens to be the largest Latin club in the USA. Students are recognized for their high academic achievement through the California Scholastic Federation (CSF) and for participation in six or more Visual or Performing Arts courses with the Arts Distinction Award. A high percentage of our students are involved in community service and receive the Presidential Award. The Acalanes Gifted and Talented Education (AGATE) program is a unique experience offered to a select group of students who conduct interdisciplinary research, attend a three day hands-on exploration, and present a culminating project in a creative, non-traditional format. Vocational (ROP) classes give students hands-on job training in sports medicine, engineering design and environmental science.

HONORS AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT

- 10 Honors and 24 Advancement Placement courses
- 274 seniors took at least 1 AP class last year
- Average number of AP/Honors taken over 4 years: 7.38
- No limit to the number of AP/ Honors classes a student may take
- Open Enrollment policy allows any student to take an Honors or AP Class if they meet the pre-requisites
- Due to master scheduling process, occasionally students are limited to maximizing AP enrollment requests.

Honors Advanced Art	AP Computer Science Prn.
Honors Advanced Drama	AP English Language
Honors Algebra 2/Pre-Calculus	AP English Literature
Honors Chamber Singers	AP Environmental Science
Honors English 3	AP European History
Honors French 4	AP French 5
Honors Latin 3	AP Latin 4
Honors Mandarin 4	AP Macroeconomics
Honors Pre-Calculus	AP Music Theory
Honors Spanish 4	AP Physics 1
AP Biology	AP Physics 2
AP Calculus AB	AP Psychology
AP Calculus BC	AP Spanish 5
AP Chemistry	AP Statistics
AP Chinese Culture/Lang.	AP Studio Art
AP Comparative Government	AP U.S. History
AP Computer Science A	AP World History

SENIOR CLASS PROFILE

290 students
 Median unweighted academic GPA = 3.69
 Highest unweighted academic GPA = 4.00 (35 students)
 Highest weighted academic GPA = 4.54 (1 student)

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

CLASS OF 2022

Finalists	1
Commended Students	23

CLASS OF 2023

Finalists	2
Commended Students	17

STANDARDIZED TEST RESULTS

SAT Mean Scores	2023	75th%ile	50th%ile
ERW	649	710	650
Math	645	720	650
Total	1294	1420	1320

ACT Mean Scores 2022-2023

English	30.7
Math	28.8
Reading	30.8
Science	28.7
Composite	29.9

2022 ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Total AP tests given	1347
Total Students	577

Passing Test Scores	89%
• Score of 3	21%
• Score of 4	31%
• Score of 5	37%

COUNSELING STAFF

Counselors:	Rebecka Zielinski	(A-Fi)	Ext. 3308
	Ellen Connors	(FI-L)	Ext. 3306
	Christina Castillo-Gallardo	(M-Ro)	Ext. 3307
	Sylvie Shawn	(Ru-Z)	Ext. 3317

Registrar:	Kyle Jacobs	Ext. 3301
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College/Career Advisor:	Stephanie Brady	Ext. 3102
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ADMINISTRATION

Principal:	Ben Campopiano	Ext. 3102
Associate Principal:	Jami Greer	Ext. 3207
Associate Principal:	Daniel Carvalho	Ext. 3206
Athletic Director:	Sean Hennessy	Ext. 3451

COLLEGE PLACEMENT & ENROLLMENT

CLASS OF 2023

- 270 graduates
- 96% attending college
- 91% enrolled in a 4-year college
 - 13% University of California
 - 12% CSU Campuses
 - 13% California private colleges
 - 52% Out-of-state private and public
- 9% enrolled in a 2-year college
- 4% undecided, travel, military or gap year

COLLEGE MATRICULATION IN RECENT YEARS:

Arizona State University	University of Pennsylvania
University of Arizona	Pepperdine University
Boston College	Pitzer College
Boston University	Pomona College
Brigham Young University	Princeton University
Univ. of California: all campuses	Portland State University
California State Univ.: all campuses	University of Puget Sound
Carnegie Mellon University	Purdue University
Chapman University	Rice University
University of Chicago	University of San Diego
Claremont McKenna College	University of San Francisco
Clemson University	Saint Mary's College
Colorado State University	Santa Clara University
University of Colorado, Boulder	Seattle University
Cornell University	Scripps College
Dartmouth University	Southern Oregon University
University of Denver	Univ. of Southern California
DePaul University	Stanford University
Duke University	Texas Christian University
George Washington University	University of Texas, Austin
Georgetown University	Tufts University
Gonzaga University	Tulane University
Harvard University	U.S. Air Force Academy
University of Hawaii	University of Utah
University of Illinois, Urbana	Vanderbilt University
Johns Hopkins University	Villanova University
Lehigh University	University of Virginia
Loyola Marymount University	Wake Forest University
Loyola University of Chicago	Washington U. of St. Louis
University of Maryland	University of Washington
Massachusetts Inst. Of Tech.	Washington State University
University of Mass., Amherst	Willamette University
University of Michigan	Yale University
New York University	2 YEAR COLLEGES:
Northeastern University	Cuesta, Diablo Valley, Laney,
Northwestern University	Santa Barbara
University of Oregon	OUT OF COUNTRY:
Oregon State University	Nat'l University of Ireland,
	Galway, Univ. of British Columbia