



# ACALANES HIGH SCHOOL

*A California Distinguished School*

Principal  
*Eric Shawm*

## SCHOOL PROFILE 2021-2022

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### SCHOOL & COMMUNITY CHARACTERISTICS

Acalanes High School is located in Lafayette, California, a suburban community east of the Berkeley hills and approximately 25 miles from San Francisco. The Lafayette community values high-quality education and has a long history of strong community support offering financial resources through the Parents Club, Education Foundation and Booster Groups to enrich our school's academic and co-curricular programs.

Acalanes High School is one of four comprehensive high schools in the Acalanes Union High School District (AUHSD), which is known for its strong tradition of academic excellence and outstanding student performance. Acalanes enrolls approximately 1300 students grades 9 through 12. Our students are motivated and well prepared with 95% of seniors attending post-secondary institutions after graduation. Acalanes ranks in the top tier of all California high schools, is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and recognized as a California Distinguished School.

### STUDENT PROGRAMS AND HIGHLIGHTS

**Competitive Academic Teams:** Academic Decathlon • Mock Trial • Model UN • Science Quiz Bowl  
**Award-Winning Programs:** Choral & Instrumental • Blueprint School Newspaper • Jazz Ensemble • Art & Digital Design  
**State-of-the-Art Facilities:** Performing Arts Center • Design and Fabrication Studio • Language & Computer Lab • Auto Tech Lab  
**Student Clubs & Programs:** California Scholarship Federation (CSF) honor society • President's Service Award Program • Acalanes Volunteer service award • 50+ special interest clubs  
**Athletic Program:** Includes 25 competitive teams with over 60% of students participating • 98% of teams earn scholastic recognition

### ACADEMIC CURRICULUM

Acalanes High School offers a strong college preparatory program. The school year consists of two 18-week semesters. Students can take up to 7 classes with the majority of upperclassmen enrolled in 6 periods per school day. Classes meet for 230 minutes per week in a modified block schedule. In addition to academically rigorous core courses, we offer a variety of technical skills classes as well as visual and performing arts.

**Graduation requirements: 240 Credits** • 1 semester class = credits

**Required Classes:** English 40 credits • Math 30 credits • Science 20 credits • social studies 30 credits • arts 10 credits • world language or tech ed. 20 credits • physical ed. 20 credits • human social development 5 credits • electives 65 credits

### GRADING

**Four-point system grade point average:**

**A = 4 B = 3 C = 2 D = 1 F = 0**

Transcript Notations: (p) in course code indicates College Prep courses; (\*) in course code indicates non-academic class, not included in Academic GPA. Course codes ending in N or M are non-academic or modified curriculum and do not meet UC A-G standards. (r) indicates a repeated course.

**Final transcripts include weighted and non-weighted cumulative GPAs** (AP) Advanced Placement courses and (H) Honors courses are both weighted in weighted GPA.

Classes taken community college or other high schools or enrichment programs are not included in the transcript or GPA if the student is concurrently enrolled at Acalanes High School full-time.

### 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 Grading and Instruction

AHS went to 100% distance learning in March 2020, for 50% of the 2020 spring semester. **Spring 2020, All grades were credit/no credit.**

**2020-2021** AHS was 100% distance learning until March 15 2021, when students had a choice to return in a hybrid format or stay in distance learning for 50% of spring 2021 semester. In 2020-2021, all students were given letter grades for all classes, both semesters.

**In August 2021**, in accordance with California AB 104, families were given the option of choosing to change any or all grades from 2020-2021 to pass/no pass. A grade of D- or higher could be changed to pass.

**2021-2022** AHS returned to fully in-person instruction.

**SAT MEAN SCORES**

	Class of 2019	Class of 2020	Class of 2021
ERW	634	639	644
Math	645	645	659

**ACT MEAN SCORES**

	Class of 2019	Class of 2020	Class of 2021
English	28.8	28.5	28.1
Math	27.7	27.6	27.3
Reading	28.9	29.2	28.4
Science	26.8	27.0	27.2
Composite	28.2	28.2	27.9

**ADVANCED PLACEMENT**

YEAR	2019	2020	2021
Total # of Tests Taken:	786	921	859
Total Students Taking Tests:	450	464	441
% of Scores of 3 or higher:	89.1%	86 %	77%

**NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLAR PROGRAM**

Class of:	2019	2020	2021
Number of Semi-Finalists	3	6	TBA
Commended Scholars:	10	16	TBA

**Class of 2022 CUMULATIVE GPA DISTRIBUTION includes 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and Fall semester 11th Grade based on 305 students**

	Total weighted	Total unweighted
Highest GPA	4.48	4.0 (19 students)
75% ile	3.91	3.79
Median GPA	3.7	3.52

**RANKING**

The Acalanes Union High School District **does not rank** students by order of the Acalanes Union High School Governing Board. Please contact us if you need any help interpreting our statistics.

**Advanced Placement and Honors Courses**

20 AP Courses, 9 Honors courses

English	Science
English 3 (H)	Chemistry (AP) offered 1 <sup>st</sup> time 21-22
English 3 Language (AP)	Physics 1 (AP)
English 4 Literature (AP)	Physics 2 (AP) offered 1 <sup>st</sup> time 20-21
<b>Social Studies</b>	Biology (AP)
European History (AP)	Environmental Science (AP)
U.S. History (AP)	Engineering & Applied physics (H)
Comparative Gov't (AP)	<b>World Language</b>
<b>Mathematics</b>	French 4 (H)
Geometry (H)	French 5 Language & Culture (AP)
Algebra2/precalc(H)	Spanish 4 (H)
Precalculus (H)	Spanish 5 Language & Culture (AP)
Calculus AB (AP)	Mandarin 4 (H)
Calculus BC (AP)	Mandarin 5 (AP)
Statistics (AP)	<b>Arts</b>
Computer Science Principles (AP)	Advanced Art (H)
Computer Science A (AP)	Studio Art (AP)
	Music Theory (AP) Only offered 20-21

**COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ATTENDANCE**

**CLASS of 2021 | 326 Graduates**

**(only 80% of graduates responded for 2021 but outcomes are similar to past classes.)**

**Percentage going to college 80%**  
**Percentage at four year college 70 %**  
**Percentage at two year college 11 %**  
**Unknown plans 19%**

Attending UCs	13%	Attending CA private	11 %
Attending CSU	11 %	Attending Out-of-State	39%
Attending 2yrs	11%	Other (Gap, work, military)	19%

**Recent Graduates chose to attend:**

**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA**

BERKELEY  
 DAVIS  
 IRVINE  
 LOS ANGELES  
 SAN DIEGO  
 SANTA BARBARA  
 SANTA CRUZ  
**CA STATE UNIVERSITY**  
 CAL POLY, SAN LUIS OBISPO  
 CAL POLY, POMONA  
 CHICO STATE  
 FRESNO STATE  
 LONG BEACH STATE  
 SACRAMENTO STATE  
 SAN DIEGO STATE  
 SAN FRANCISCO STATE  
 SAN JOSE STATE  
 SONOMA STATE

**CA PRIVATE SCHOOLS**

ACADEMY OF THE ARTS  
 CALIFORNIA LUTHERAN  
 CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY  
 LOYOLA MARYMOUNT  
 OCCIDENTAL  
 PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY  
 REDLANDS  
 ST. MARY'S COLLEGE OF CA  
 SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY  
 STANFORD UNIVERSITY  
 UNIV OF SAN FRANCISCO  
 UNIV OF THE PACIFIC  
 UNIV OF SOUTHERN CA  
**OUT OF STATE SCHOOLS**  
 AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, DC:  
 ARIZONA STATE UNIV  
 AUBURN UNIV, AL  
 BABSON COLLEGE, MA  
 BERKLEE COLLEGE OF MUSIC  
 BOSTON UNIV, MA  
 BRIGHAM YOUNG, UT  
 BROWN UNIV, RI  
 BUCKNELL, PA  
 CENTRAL WASHINGTON, WA  
 COLORADO COLLEGE, CO  
 COLORADO STATE, CO  
 CORNELL UNIV, NY  
 DARTMOUTH, NH  
 DEPAUL UNIV, IL  
 DUKE UNIV, NC  
 EMERSON COLLEGE, MA  
 GONZAGA UNIV, WA  
 HILSDALE COLLEGE, MI  
 HOBART & WILLIAM SMITH, NY  
 INDIANA UNIV, IN  
 LEHIGH UNIV, PA  
 LEWIS & CLARK COLLEGE  
 MARQUETTE UNIV, WI  
 MIT, MA  
 MONTANA STATE, MT  
 MOUNT HOLYOKE, MA

**OUT OF STATE (CONT.):**

NEW YORK UNIV, NY  
 NORTHEASTERN UNIV, MA  
 NORTHERN ARIZONA, AZ  
 NORTHWESTERN, IL  
 OHIO STATE, OH  
 OREGON STATE, OR  
 OTTERBEIN COLLEGE, PA  
 PURDUE UNIV, IN  
 REED COLLEGE, OR  
 ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECH, NY  
 ROLLINS COLLEGE, FL  
 SCHOOL OF VISUAL ARTS, NY:  
 SIMMONS COLLEGE, MA  
 SOUTHERN METHODIST, TX  
 SOUTHERN OREGON, OR  
 STEVENS INS. OF TECH, NJ  
 SYRACUSE, NY  
 TEXAS CHRISTIAN, TX  
 THE NEW SCHOOL, NY  
 TULANE UNIV, LA  
 UMASS, AMHERST, MA  
 UNIV OF ARLABAMA  
 UNIV OF ARIZONA,  
 UNIV OF CHICAGO, IL  
 UNIV OF CO., BOULDER  
 UNIV OF DENVER, CO  
 UNIV OF HAWAII  
 UNIV OF KANSAS  
 UNIV OF KENTUCKY, KY  
 UNIV OF MICHIGAN  
 UNIV OF MINNESOTA  
 UNIV OF NEVADA, RENO  
 UNIV OF NORTH DAKOTA  
 UNIV OF OKLAHOMA, OK  
 UNIV OF OREGON  
 UNIV OF PENNSYLVANIA  
 UNIV OF PORTLAND, OR  
 UNIV OF PUGET SOUND, WA  
 UNIV OF TEXAS, AUSTIN, TX  
 UNIV OF UTAH, UT  
 UNIV OF WASHINGTON, WA  
 UTAH VALLEY UNIV,  
 VASSAR, NY  
 VILANOVA UNIV, PA  
 WASHINGTON STATE, WA  
 WEBSTER COLLEGE, MO  
 WESTERN WASHINGTON  
 WILLAMETTE, OR  
 YALE, CT  
**INTERNATIONAL COLLEGES**  
 AMERICAN UNIV IN ROME  
 HURON UNIVERSITY, CANADA  
 KINGS COLLEGE, LONDON  
 QUEENS UNIVERSITY CANADA  
**COMMUNITY COLLEGES**  
 DIABLO VALLEY COLLEGE  
 LOS MEDANOS  
 NAPA VALLEY CITY  
 SANTA BARBARA CITY  
 SANTA MONICA CITY  
 WEST VALLEY COLLEGE