



# MIRAMONTE HIGH SCHOOL

*A California Distinguished School*



## SCHOOL PROFILE 2019-20

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### SCHOOL CHARACTERISTICS

**Miramonte High School** was founded in 1955 by the Acalanes Union High School District as a comprehensive public high school serving grades 9-12. With an enrollment of 1263 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. Two years ago we moved to a modified block schedule. Our student body reflects the bay area's rich ethnic and cultural diversity with an ethnic makeup of: 2.8% African American, 1.1% American Indian or Alaskan, 20% Asian, 68% White, 7.5% Hispanic or Latino, .74% Pacific Islander, and 1.8% not reported.

### COMMUNITY CHARACTERISTICS

Located 20 miles east of San Francisco, Orinda is a family-oriented suburban community of 17,600 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. The Educational Foundation of Orinda also makes a substantial yearly contribution to many school wide programs. The Rotary Club of Orinda sponsors a yearly Career Night for students to explore career options.

### ACCREDITATION, AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

In 2016 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 three major areas of focus are: Excellent Teaching, Student Support, and Safe and Healthy School Climate. In line with our emphasis on technology integration, every freshman is provided with a device to use in class, and 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> graders either bring their own device or are loaned one for use at school. We strive to reduce student stress by participating in Stanford's Challenge Success Program. Routinely acknowledged by US 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 55 full-time and 14 part-time fully qualified teachers, 4 counselors, 3 administrators, a librarian, school psychologist, 2 wellness staff members, 8 instructional assistants, 16 classified support staff, a part time nurse, and a College and Career Center Advisor. The counseling caseload is approximately 340:1. Master's Degrees are held by 37 faculty and staff, and 1 faculty member has 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 award winning Cheerleading team is now recognized as a CIF sport.

### 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. 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 at the end of the year. The *Acalanes Gifted and Talented Education* (AGATE) program is a unique experience offered to a select group of students who conduct interdisciplinary research and attend a three day hands-on exploration, and present a culminating project in creative, non-traditional formats. Vocational (ROP) classes give students hands-on job training in sports medicine, engineering design and environmental science.

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

240 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	65 credits

Seniors may take **WISE** (Wise Individualized Senior Experience), a class that allows them to design their own course of study emphasizing real world, out-of-the-class experiences which prepare them to excel and contribute in the global community.

### 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 GPA is the average of all courses taken since the beginning of 9<sup>th</sup> 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 by order of the school board and due to the concern with the inequities which occur when reporting specific rank in a high achieving student body.

## HONORS AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT

- 9 Honors and 21 Advancement Placement courses.
- 219 seniors took at least 1 AP class last year
- 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.

Alg. 2 Adv/Pre-Calc Honors	AP Computer Science A
Honors English 3	AP Comp. Sci. Principles
Honors French 4	AP English Literature
Honors Pre-Calculus	AP Environmental Science
Honors Mandarin 4	AP European History
Honors Law 2	AP French 5
Honors Spanish 4	AP Latin 4
Honors Latin 3	AP Chinese Culture/Lang.
Advanced Art Honors	AP Music Theory
AP Biology	AP Physics C
AP Macroeconomics	AP Physics 1
AP Calculus AB	AP Spanish 5
AP Calculus BC	AP Statistics
AP Chemistry	AP Studio Art
AP Comparative Government	AP US History

## SENIOR CLASS PROFILE

322 students  
 Median unweighted total GPA = 3.55  
 Highest unweighted total GPA = 4.00 (21 students)  
 Highest weighted total GPA = 4.48 (2 students)

## NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

### CLASS OF 2017

Finalists	5
Commended Students	29

### CLASS OF 2018

Finalists	5
Commended Students	28

## STANDARDIZED TEST RESULTS

SAT Mean Scores	2017	75th%ile	50th%ile
ERW	643	690	660
Math	654	740	650
<b>Total</b>	<b>1297</b>	<b>1420</b>	<b>1310</b>

80% of seniors took the SAT

### ACT Mean Scores 2018

English	30.0
Math	28.5
Reading	30.1
Science	27.9
Composite	29.3

### 2019 ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Total AP tests given	1141
Total Students	542
Passing Test Scores	90%
• Score of 3	19%
• Score of 4	33%
• Score of 5	38%

## COUNSELING STAFF

<b>Counselors:</b>	Rebecka Watson (A-Fly)	Ext. 3308
	Ellen Conners (Fol-Lop)	Ext. 3306
	Erika Vasquez (Lou-Sch)	Ext. 3307
	Sara Feinberg (Sco-Z)	Ext. 3317
<b>Registrar:</b>	Drue Kendell	Ext. 3301
<b>College/Career Advisor</b>	Stephanie Brady	Ext. 3102

## ADMINISTRATION

<b>Principal:</b>	Julie Parks	Ext. 3102
<b>Associate Principal:</b>	Sara Harris	Ext. 3207
<b>Associate Principal:</b>	Nick Carpenter	Ext. 3206
<b>Athletic Director:</b>	James Lathrop	Ext. 3451

## COLLEGE PLACEMENT & ENROLLMENT

### CLASS OF 2019

- 318 graduates
- 93% attending college
- 84% enrolled in a 4 year college
  - 28% University of California
  - 12% CSU Campuses
  - 8% California private colleges
  - 41% Out-of-state private and public
- 16% enrolled in a 2 year college
- 7% undecided, travel, military or gap year

### COLLEGE MATRICULATION IN RECENT YEARS:

#### 4 YEAR COLLEGES:

University of Alabama	University of Nevada, Reno
Arizona State University	New York University
University of Arizona	University of Northern Colorado
Auburn	Northeastern
Boston College	Northern Arizona
Boston University	Northpark Univ.
Bowdoin	Northwestern University
Brandeis	Occidental College
Brown	The Ohio State University
Brigham Young University	University of Oklahoma
BYU-Idaho	University of Oregon
Bucknell	Oregon State
California College of the Arts	Pace NYC
Calif. Institute of Technology	University of the Pacific(CA)
Univ. of California: all campuses	University of Pennsylvania
California Lutheran	Pepperdine University
California State Univ.: Chico, East Bay, Long Beach, Cal Maritime, San Diego, SF State, San Jose, Cal Poly SLO	Pitzer
Carnegie Mellon	Pomona
Chapman University	Princeton University
University of Chicago	University of Pittsburgh
University of Cincinnati	Portland State
Claremont McKenna	University of Puget Sound
Colgate	Rice
College of William and Mary	University of San Diego
Colorado College	University of San Francisco
Colorado State	Saint Mary's College
University of Colorado, Boulder	Santa Clara University
Colorado School of Mines	Sawanee: University of the South
Columbia University	Seattle Pacific University
Cornell University	School of the Art Inst., Chicago
Dartmouth University	Scripps College
University of Denver	Southern Oregon
DePaul University	University of South Carolina
Duke University	Univ. of Southern California
Eastern Washington	Stanford University
Emory University	Steven's Institute of Technology
George Washington University	St. Edward's University
Georgetown University	St. John's Queens
Gonzaga University	Texas Christian University
Harvard University	University of Texas, Austin
University of Hawaii	Tufts
University of Illinois, Urbana	US Naval Academy
Indiana University, Bloomington	Wake Forest
Johns Hopkins University	Washington U. of St. Louis
Johnson and Wales	University of Washington
University of Kentucky	Washington State
Lafayette	Wesleyan University
Lewis & Clark College	Western Washington University
Loyola Marymount University	Willamette
Loyola University, Chicago	University of Wisconsin
University of Maryland	Utah Valley State
Massachusetts Inst. of Tech.	Yale University
University of Mass., Amherst	<b>2 YEAR COLLEGES:</b>
University of Michigan	Cuesta, Diablo Valley College,
Michigan State	Laney College, Santa Barbara
Middlebury	City College
University of Minnesota	<b>OUT OF COUNTRY:</b>
Montana State	Nat'l University of Ireland,
	Galway, Univ. of British
	Columbia,
	University of Toronto