



ACALANES HIGH SCHOOL

A California Distinguished School

Principal
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SCHOOL PROFILE 2017 – 2018

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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 a diverse student body consisting of a 1350 student population in 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.

ACADEMIC CURRICULUM

Acalanes High School offers a strong college preparatory program, supported by expansive elective offerings. 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. Five units are awarded for each semester class. Classes meet for 230 minutes per week in a block schedule. In addition, Acalanes offers four ROP (Regional Occupation Program) courses. Many of these classes fulfill University of California a-g requirements.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must complete 240 units in order to graduate

English	4 years
Mathematics (Algebra I plus 1 year)	2 years
Biological Science	1 year
Physical Science	1 year
Physical Education	2 years
World History, Geography & Culture	1 year
U.S. History	1 year
U.S. Government & Economics	1 year
Foreign Language, VPA, Career Tech	2 years
(1 year in each of two areas)	
Electives	90 credits

GRADING

Four-point system grade point average:

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

Transcript Notations: (p) College Prep courses; (ap) Advanced Placement courses (non-weighted grades); (H) Honors courses; (*) non-academic; (r) repeated; (n or m) non-college prep - these courses do not fulfill the UC "a-g" subject requirement.

Final transcripts include weighted and non-weighted cumulative GPAs

RANKING

The Acalanes Union High School District **does not rank** students by order of the Acalanes Union High School Governing Board.

STUDENT PROGRAMS AND HIGHLIGHTS

Competitive Academic Teams:

Academic Decathlon • Mock Trial • Model UN
Science Quizbowl • Debate Team

Selected Gifted & Talented Ed Program (AGATE – 11th grade)

Interdisciplinary research • Hands-on project for selected students

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:

Safe School (Anti-Bullying) Ambassador Program • California Scholastics Federation (CSF)
President's Service Award Program • 25+ special interest clubs

Athletic Program:

Includes 25 competitive teams with over 60% of students participating
• 98% of teams earn scholastic recognition

ADVANCED PLACEMENT & HONORS COURSES

English

English 3 (H)
English 4 Literature (AP)

Social Studies

European History (AP)
U.S. History (AP)
Comparative Gov (AP)

Mathematics

Geometry(H)
Algebra 2 / Trig. (H)
Calculus AB (AP)
Calculus BC (AP)
Computer Science (AP)
Comp Sci Principles (AP)
Statistics (AP)

Science

Physics (H)
Biology (AP)
Chemistry (AP)
Environmental (AP)
Engineering/Applied Physics (H)

World Language

French 4 (H)
French 5 Language & Culture (AP)
Spanish 4 (H)
Spanish 5 Language & Culture (AP)
Mandarin 4 (H)
Mandarin 5 Language & Culture (AP)

Arts

Advanced Art (H)

Total Honor/AP Courses: 24

SAT Mean Scores		
	Class of 2016	Class of 2017
Reading	577	589
Math	587	613
Writing	580	583

ACT Mean Score 2017

English:	27.2
Math:	26.9
Reading:	26.7
Science:	25.7
Composite:	26.8

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

YEAR	2015	2016	2017
Total # of Tests Taken:	758	854	TBD
Total Students Taking Tests:	434	467	TBD
% of Scores of 3 or higher:	88%	86%	TBD

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLAR PROGRAM

YEAR	2016	2017	2018
Number of Semi-Finalists	4	5	5
Commended Scholars:	24	16	11

Class of 2018 CUMMULATIVE GPA DISTRIBUTION (9th to 11th Grades)

Median (unweighted) total GPA	3.5
Highest (unweighted) total GPA	4.0
18 students with a 4.0 GPA	
Highest (weighted) total GPA	4.47

GPA RANGE (unweighted): 4.0 GRADE POINT SCALE (9th – 11th Grades)

Percentage	Class of 2017	Class of 2018
10%	3.85	3.93
20%	3.71	3.80
30%	3.62	3.71
40%	3.50	3.62
50%	3.40	3.50

Acalanes High School

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COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ATTENDANCE CLASS of 2017 | 303 Graduates

Percentage going to college	97%
Percentage at four year college	74.9%
Percentage at two year college	22.1%

Attending UCs	17.2%	Attending CA private	15%
Attending CSU	23.8%	Attending Out-of-State	42.3%
Attending 2yrs	22.1%	Other	2%

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA: 39

BERKELEY: 10
DAVIS: 6
IRVINE: 1
LOS ANGELES: 6
RIVERSIDE: 2
SAN DIEGO: 5
SANTA BARBARA: 6
SANTA CRUZ: 3

CA STATE UNIVERSITY: 54

CAL POLY, SAN LUIS OBISPO: 17
CAL POLY, POMONA: 1
CSU CHANNEL ISLANDS: 4
CHICO STATE: 12
CSU EAST BAY: 1
LONG BEACH STATE: 2
CSU MONTEREY BAY: 2
SACRAMENTO STATE: 2
SAN DIEGO STATE: 7
SAN FRANCISCO STATE: 2
SAN JOSE STATE: 4

CA PRIVATE SCHOOLS: 34

CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY: 6
CLAREMONT MCKENNA: 1
FIDM, LOS ANGELES: 1
HOLY NAMES COLLEGE: 1
LOYOLA MARYMOUNT:
PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY: 1
PT. LOMA NAZARENE: 1
POMONA COLLEGE: 1
ST. MARY'S COLLEGE OF CA: 3
SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY: 5
SCRIPPS COLLEGE: 1
STANFORD UNIVERSITY: 1
UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO: 1
UNIV OF SAN FRANCISCO: 3
UNIV OF SOUTHERN CA: 7

OUT OF STATE SCHOOLS: 96

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, DC: 2
AMHERST COLLEGE, MA: 2
ARIZONA STATE UNIV.: 2
BATES COLLEGE, ME: 1
BAYLOR UNIVERSITY, TX: 1
BOISE STATE, IDAHO: 2
BRIGHAM YOUNG, IDAHO: 1
BOSTON COLLEGE: 1
COLGAGE UNIVERSITY, NY: 1
COLORADO COLLEGE: 1
COLORADO STATE: 4
CORNISH COLLEGE OF ARTS: 1
ELON UNIVERSITY, NC: 2
GEORGETOWN UNIV, WA DC: 1
GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECH: 1
GONZAGA UNIVERSITY: 2
KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY: 1
LEWIS & CLARK COLLEGE: 1
MICHIGAN STATE: 1
MONTANA STATE UNIV.: 2
NEW YORK UNIVERSITY: 1
NORTHWESTERN UNIV, IL: 1
NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIV: 1

OUT OF STATE (CONT.):

OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY: 4
PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, OR: 1
PORTLAND STATE: 1
PRATT INSTITUTE, NY: 1
PRESCOTT COLLEGE, AZ: 1
PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, NJ: 1
PURDUE UNIVERSITY, IN: 1
RICE UNIVERSITY, TX: 1
SEATTLE UNIVERSITY: 1
ST. EDWARDS UNIV., TX: 1
SOUTHERN OREGON UNIV: 1
THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY: 1
TEXAS A & M: 1
TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIV.: 1
UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA: 1
UNIV. OF COLORADO, BOULDER: 4
UNIV. OF HARTFORD, CT: 1
UNIV. OF HAWAII, MANOA: 1
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA: 1
UNIV. OF MD, COLLEGE PARK: 1
UNIV. OF MASS, AMHERST: 1
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN: 4
UNIVERSITY OF NV RENO: 1
UNIV. OF NEW HAMPSHIRE: 1
UNIVERSITY OF OREGON: 11
UNIV. OF PENNSYLVANIA: 2
UNIV. OF PUGET SOUND: 1
UNIV. OF ROCHESTER, NY: 1
UNIV. OF TEXAS, AUSTIN: 1
UNIV. OF TEXAS, DALLAS: 1
UNIV. OF WASHINGTON: 1
UNIV. OF WISCONSIN: 1
UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY: 1
UTAH VALLEY UNIVERSITY: 1
WASHINGTON STATE UNIV: 5
WASHINGTON UNIV. IN ST. LOUIS, MO: 1
WELLESLEY COLLEGE, MA: 1
WESTERN OREGON UNIV.: 1
WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY: 1

INTERNATIONAL COLLEGES: 4

UNIV. OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA: 2
RYERSON UNIVERSITY, CANADA: 1
AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF ROME, ITALY: 1

COMMUNITY COLLEGES: 67

BERKELEY CITY COLLEGE: 1
BUTTE COLLEGE: 1
CABRILLO COLLEGE: 1
CITY COLLEGE OF SAN FRANCISCO: 1
COSUMNES RIVER COLLEGE: 1
DIABLO VALLEY COLLEGE: 50
SAN DIEGO MESA CITY: 1
SANTA BARBARA CITY: 8
SANTA MONICA COLLEGE: 1
SANTA ROSA JR. COLLEGE: 1
SKYLINE CITY: 1