



ACALANES HIGH SCHOOL

A California Distinguished School

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SCHOOL PROFILE 2019 – 2020

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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.

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 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. Many of these classes fulfill University of California A-G requirements.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must complete 240 credits in order to graduate

1 semester = 5 credits.

English	40 credits
Mathematics (Algebra I plus 1 year)	30 credits
Biological Science	10 credits
Physical Science	10 credits
Physical Education	20 credits
World History, Geography & Culture	10 credits
U.S. History	10 credits
U.S. Government & Economics	10 credits
Foreign Language or Career Tech	20 credits
Visual or Performing art	10 credits
Human and 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) 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. Please contact us if you need any help interpreting our statistics.

STUDENT PROGRAMS AND HIGHLIGHTS

Competitive Academic Teams:

Academic Decathlon • Mock Trial • Model UN • Science Quiz Bowl

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

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

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/precalc. (H)

Calculus AB (AP)

Calculus BC (AP)

Computer Science (AP)

Comp Sci Principles (AP)

Statistics (AP)

PreCalc H

Science

Physics (H)

AP Physics 1 (offered 1st time 2019-20)

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)

Studio Art (AP)

17 AP Courses, 10 Honors courses

SAT MEAN SCORES

	Class of 2017	Class of 2018	Class of 2019
ERW	589	635	634
Math	613	648	645

ACT MEAN SCORES

	Class of 2016	Class of 2017	Class of 2018
English	27.5	27.2	28
Math	27.9	26.9	27
Reading	27.6	26.7	28
Science	26.7	25.7	27
Composite	27.5	26.8	27.5

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

YEAR	2017	2018	2019
Total # of Tests Taken:	837	873	786
Total Students Taking Tests:	472	473	450
% of Scores of 3 or higher:	89.6%	88.2%	89.1%

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLAR PROGRAM

Class of:	2017	2018	2019
Number of Semi-Finalists	5	5	3
Commended Scholars:	16	11	10

Class of 2020 CUMULATIVE GPA DISTRIBUTION (9th to 11th Grades based on 310 students)

	Total weighted	Total unweighted
Highest GPA	4.55	4.0 (22 students)
75% ile	4.0	3.83
Median GPA	3.6	3.47

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COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ATTENDANCE CLASS of 2019 | 324 Graduates

Percentage going to college 94.9 %
Percentage at four year college 76.9 %
Percentage at two year college 18 %

Attending UCs	12.7%	Attending CA private	8.7%
Attending CSU	11.5%	Attending Out-of-State	42%
Attending 2yrs	18%	Other	2%

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 ALABAMA
 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
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