



# ACALANES HIGH SCHOOL

*A California Distinguished School*

Principal  
*Eric Shawn*

## SCHOOL PROFILE 2024-2025

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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 1,250 students grades 9 through 12. Our students are motivated and well prepared with over 90% 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:** Mock Trial • Model UN • Science Quiz Bowl

**Award-Winning Programs:** choral & instrumental music • *Blueprint* school newspaper • jazz ensemble • art & digital design

**State-of-the-Art Facilities:** Performing Arts Center • language lab • auto tech lab • digital video and photo lab, 2D & 3D art

**Student Clubs & Programs:** California Scholarship Federation (CSF) honor society • President's Volunteer Service Award program • Acalanes Volunteer Service Award • 60+ special interest clubs

**Athletic Program:** Includes 25 competitive teams with over 65% 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 arts, science, and technical skills electives.

**Graduation requirements: 220 Credits** • Graduation requirements reduced from 240 to 220 in 2022-23 school year • 1 semester class = 5 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 45 credits

### Academic Policies

Transcript Notations: (p) in course code indicates College Prep courses; (\*) in course code indicates non-academic class, not included in Academic GPA, (r) indicates a repeated course.

Transcripts include weighted and non-weighted GPA. Advanced Placement courses (AP) and Honors (H) courses are both weighted in weighted GPA.

Our district policy does not allow students to take graduation requirement coursework through dual enrollment programs. Students may take courses from community college or other institutions for enrichment, but those courses are **not included** on the Acalanes transcript for credit or GPA purposes. Students are advised to disclose all institutions attended and provide official transcripts from each institution.

AP classes: Students are required to take Living Earth and Chemistry of the Earth before taking AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Environmental Science or AP Physics 1. AP classes are generally not available to 9<sup>th</sup> grade students. There is no limit to the number of AP classes a student may take at one time, but sometimes there are schedule conflicts where students aren't able to take all the classes they requested. We encourage them to mention those situations in their application where appropriate.

### Grading Scale

Grade	Percentage	GPA
A+	98%-100%	4.0
A	93%-97%	4.0
A-	90%-92%	4.0
B+	87%-89%	3.0
B	83%-86%	3.0
B-	80%-82%	3.0
C+	77%-79%	2.0
C	73%-76%	2.0
C-	70%-72%	2.0
D+	67%-69%	1.0
D	63%-66%	1.0
D-	60%-62%	1.0
F	0%-59%	0.0

### SAT MEAN SCORES

	Class of 2022	Class of 2023	Class of 2024
ERW	633	638	642
Math	656	643	649

### ACT MEAN SCORES

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
English	28.6	29.0	29.1
Math	26.8	27.1	28.4
Reading	28.7	30.4	29.8
Science	27.4	28.0	28.3
Composite	28.0	28.7	28.8

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT

YEAR	2020	2022	2023
Total # of Tests Taken:	921	898	1067
Total Students Taking Tests:	464	428	498
% of Scores of 3 or higher:	86 %	85%	87%

### NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLAR PROGRAM

Class of:	2023	2024	2025
Number of Semi-Finalists	1	3	5

### Class of 2025 CUMULATIVE GPA DISTRIBUTION includes 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade based on 317 students

	Total weighted	Total unweighted
<b>Highest GPA</b>	<b>4.43</b>	<b>4.0 (21 students)</b>
<b>90% ile</b>	<b>4.25</b>	<b>3.97</b>
<b>75% ile</b>	<b>4.05</b>	<b>3.86</b>
<b>Median GPA</b>	<b>3.69</b>	<b>3.56</b>

### 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.

22 AP Courses, 9 Honors courses

<b>English</b> AP Language AP Literature	<b>Science</b> AP Chemistry AP Physics 1 AP Physics 2 AP Biology AP Environmental Science Engineering & Applied physics (H)
<b>Social Studies</b> AP European History AP U.S. History AP Comparative Gov't (Semester)	<b>World Language</b> French 4 (H) AP French 5 Language & Culture Spanish 4 (H) AP Spanish 5 Language & Culture Mandarin 4 (H) AP Mandarin 5
Offered first time '24-25: AP Psychology AP African American Studies	<b>Arts</b> Advanced Art (H) Adv Drama (H) Wind Ensemble. (H) Studio Art (AP) Music Theory (AP)
<b>Mathematics</b> Algebra2/precalculus(H) Precalculus (H) AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC AP Statistics AP Computer Science Principles AP Computer Science A	

### COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ATTENDANCE

CLASS of 2024 – 299 Graduates

Percentage going to college **93 %**  
Percentage at four-year college **75 %**  
Percentage at two -year college **18 %**

Attending UCs	15%	Attending CA private	8%
Attending CSU	10%	Attending Out-of-State	38%
Attending 2yrs	18%	Other (Gap, work, military)	7%

### Recent Graduates chose to attend:

#### UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

BERKELEY  
DAVIS  
IRVINE  
LOS ANGELES  
SAN DIEGO  
SANTA BARBARA  
SANTA CRUZ  
RIVERSIDE  
MERCED  
**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  
CARNEGIE MELLON U, PA  
COLORADO COLLEGE, CO  
COLORADO STATE, CO  
CORNELL UNIV, NY  
DARTMOUTH, NH  
DEPAUL UNIV, IL  
DUKE UNIV, NC  
EMERSON COLLEGE, MA  
GONZAGA UNIV, WA  
HARVARD COLLEGE, MA  
HOBART & WILLIAM SMITH, NY  
INDIANA UNIV, IN  
LEHIGH UNIV, PA  
LEWIS & CLARK COLLEGE  
MARQUETTE UNIV, WI  
MIT, MA

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

MONTANA STATE, MT  
MOUNT HOLYOKE, MA  
NEW YORK UNIV, NY  
NORTHEASTERN UNIV, MA  
NORTHERN ARIZONA, AZ  
NORTHWESTERN, IL  
OBERLIN COLLEGE, OH  
OHIO STATE, OH  
OREGON STATE, OR  
OTTERBEIN COLLEGE, PA  
PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, NJ  
PURDUE UNIV, IN  
REED COLLEGE, OR  
ROCHESTER INST OF TECH, NY  
SIMMONS COLLEGE, MA  
SOUTHERN METHODIST, TX  
SOUTHERN OREGON, OR  
STEVENS INS. OF TECH, NJ  
SYRACUSE, NY  
TEXAS CHRISTIAN, TX  
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 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 COLLEGE  
SANTA BARBARA CITY  
SANTA MONICA CITY  
WEST VALLEY COLLEGE  
CUESTA COLLEGE