Menlo-Atherton High School

2015-2016 Stats

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Strong Academic Program

● Comprehensive curriculum including college-preparatory education, athletics, art, music, and drama.

● 18+ Advanced Placement (AP) courses offered and 1286 tests taken by 586 students in 2015 with 83% scoring a passing grade of 3 or higher and 38% scoring a top grade of 5.

● Outstanding College and Career Center hosts over 140 college visits each year.

● For graduates of the class of 2015, 96% continue their education: 60% attend a wide variety of four-year colleges including private and out-of-state schools, and 37% attend two-year colleges. 23% are attending University of California and California State University schools.

● 95 National Merit Semifinalists, 285 Commended Students, 8 Presidential Scholars, 23 National Merit Hispanic Scholars, and 2 National Achievement Program Scholars since 2006.

● Implementing National Common Core standards and Smarter Balance testing in 2016.

● Maximum 6-year accreditation granted by Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) in 2013.

● The only school in San Mateo County to be named a California Distinguished School in 2013 (also in 1986 and 2007).

Diverse Student Body & Experienced Faculty

● Rich ethnic diversity among over 2,260 students: 47% Caucasian, 38% Hispanic/Latino, 5% Asian, 4% African American, 4% Pacific Islander, and 2% other.

● Students reside in Atherton, Menlo Park, East Palo Alto, and Redwood City.

● Outstanding faculty and staff.

● Over 145 credentialed and highly experienced teachers and administrative staff of which 56% hold masters and doctorate degrees.

● M-A’s Partnership for Success received the San Mateo County Boards Association’ Kent Award in 2015

● Rachel Andres, Math Teacher, was named 2010 San Mateo County Teacher of the Year.

● Marei Kane, English Teacher, was named 2012 San Mateo County Teacher of the Year.

● The Culinary Arts/Living Skills CTE program was awarded a Program of Excellence award by the California Department of Education for 2011-2017 and 2014–2017.

● Lance Powell, AP Environmental Science and Environmental Chemistry teacher, was awarded the 2014-2015 Environmental Protection Agency’s Presidential Innovation Award for Environmental Educators at ceremonies at the White House.

A Tradition of Service

● Awarded Second Harvest Food Drive Blue Diamond Award for “Outstanding Food and Fund Drive Donor” in 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014, and 2015 for raising over 60,000 pounds of food. M-A is the only high school in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties to receive this honor, on level with companies such as Google and Cisco.

● More than 650 Menlo-Atherton local families benefit from the annual school-wide canned food drive.

● 80 upper-class Freshman Transition Leaders support the academic and social success of first-year students.

● More than 100 students participate in state-honored Leadership classes supporting school, local, and global communities.

Excellent Facilities & Technology

● 30-acre suburban campus with new library, music center, dance studio, labs, staff center, cafeteria, art and ceramics rooms, band room, and 52 classrooms with Smartboards.

● Five new classrooms and outdoor facility used for our after-school homework support programs.

● Digital Media Arts facility, with state-of-the-art digital photo, multi-media, and video production studios, opened in fall 2012.

● The 492-seat Center for Performing Arts features world-class acoustics and Broadway-level facilities for drama, music, and performance.

● Athletic complex includes two gyms, turf field, all-weather track, baseball, softball, grass practice field, pool, weight room, wrestling room, 2 dance studios, and recently remodeled trainer’s room.

● Over 1,900 computers available for instructional use, including iPads, Chromebooks, desktops, and laptops.

● Began phase one of $52 million bond project for a new 2-story, 21 classroom building with outdoor student dining facilities.

2014-2015 Championship Athletics – GO BEARS!

Over 940 athletes participating on 54 athletic teams

NorCal Finalist: Girls Volleyball

CCS Champion: Girls Volleyball

CCS Finalist: Girls Basketball


PAL Meet Champions: Girls Varsity Swimming, Boys Varsity Swimming

WBAL Champions: Girls JV Lacrosse


The Commissioners Cup is awarded annually to the Peninsula Athletic League school that best exemplifies the league’s commitment to sportsmanship and excellence in athletics. Points are awarded to each varsity team in each sport that they participate in, by the order of finish in league play and for sportsmanship.

Special-Interest Opportunities

● Hundreds of students are actively involved in more than 80 clubs and social organizations, including nationally ranked Robotics Team, Outreach Club, National Honor Society, and Key Club.


● Award-winning orchestra performed at the elite National Band and Orchestra Festival at Carnegie Hall in spring 2015.

● Orchestra was invited to perform at the prestigious Heritage festival of Gold in Washington DC in spring 2016.

● The Environmental Club program “Behavior Change or Climate Change” won the competitive statewide environmental 2011 Climate Generation contest.

● M-A’s Professional Development program received a Kent Award from the San Mateo County School Boards Association in 2010.