



# Menlo-Atherton High School

## School Profile 2023-2024

A California Distinguished School  
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 Schools and Colleges  
 ETS School Code: 050170  
[www.mabears.org](http://www.mabears.org)

### Changes at Menlo-Atherton due to COVID for the 2020 -2021 school year..

2020-2021 school year classes were held remotely.

- Students earned traditional letter grades (A-F). However, per CA Senate Bill 167, current 10th through 12th grade students could request a grade change to Pass/No Pass for any course taken in the 2020-21 school year.
- Student activities and sports were limited per state guidelines. Sports were held January-May 2021.

### School and Community

Menlo-Atherton High School is a four-year comprehensive secondary school that was established in 1951. The school has a national reputation for academic excellence. It is located in a suburban community between San Francisco and San Jose, CA, in close proximity to Stanford University and the Silicon Valley. Menlo-Atherton serves a community with high academic expectations and strong support for quality public education. The student body reflects the area's wide range of social, economic, cultural, and educational diversity. Teachers and staff have recently completed all-staff training centered around equitable practices in order to meet the needs of our diverse student body.

Menlo-Atherton has an approximate enrollment of 2,150 students. Our schedule is a modified block, with three seven period days of 50-minute periods and two block days with 85-minute periods. Most students are enrolled in six classes. Of the certificated staff of 160, over 55% have master's and doctorate degrees. Menlo-Atherton also has student teachers from various nearby universities. Menlo-Atherton has a rich history of academic excellence; it has been named one of the top secondary schools in the nation by the United States Department of Education as part of its National Blue Ribbon School's Recognition Program. We have been named a California Distinguished School and Newsweek has consistently ranked Menlo-Atherton as one of the top public high schools in the United States.

### Academic Information

#### Graduation Credit and Semester Requirements

- o English - 40 (8 sem)
- o Social Studies - 35 (7 sem)
- o Mathematics - 20 (4 sem)
- o Science - 20 (4 sem)
- o Physical Education - 20 (8 quarters)
- o Electives - 62.5 (12.5 sem)
- o Fine Arts - 10 (2 sem)
- o Career Technical Ed - 10 (2 sem) or 3<sup>rd</sup> level or higher of World Language
- o Life Skills - 2.5 (1 quarter)

#### Graduation Requirements

**CREDITS:** 220 credits are required for graduation with five credits earned (per semester) for each course completed with a "D" or better. Per CA Legislative Order, students/families could request Pass/No Pass for any course taken during the 2020-2021 school year.

**COURSES:** Students must complete either a Career Technical Education (CTE) course OR level three or higher of a World Language to meet the graduation requirements. Most CTE courses are college preparatory. Certain courses are not taught at the Honors (HP) level, but have similar rigor. Pre-calculus, Spanish IV, Latin IV, and French IV are in this category.

An estimated 15% of M-A students take courses through concurrent enrollment through local community colleges, local private institutions or online providers. Menlo-Atherton High School does not award additional grade points to college courses taken through concurrent enrollment or when a student completes an AP class not offered at Menlo-Atherton.

**GPA Distribution for the Class of 2023**  
 (Distribution is based on cumulative weighted GPA on a 4.0 scale from August 2020 through August of 2023.)

4.2 and above	76	15%
3.8-4.19	106	22%
3.4-3.79	80	16%
3.0-3.39	60	12%
2.6-2.99	48	10%
2.2-2.59	63	13%
2.0-2.19	17	3%
Below 2.0	42	9%
Median GPA	3.31	

#### Grade Point Average and Class Percentile

The GPA computation is based on a grading system of A, B, C, D, and F, with point values of 4, 3, 2, 1, and 0. Honors and AP courses are weighted and assigned point values of 5, 4, and 3. These classes are designated with an "HP." Menlo-Atherton High School does not rank students. "WP" (Withdrawal Pass) indicates the student withdrew from class while in good standing. "WF" (Withdrawal Fail) indicates the student was failing at the time of withdrawal. For the 20-21 & 20-22 school years, only "W" was issued when a student dropped a course. When a student changes level after the sixth week of the course, both the old and the new course will appear on the transcript.

#### Ethnic Distribution

- o African American 4%
- o Asian American 8.5%
- o Hispanic 39%
- o Pacific Islander 3.9%
- o Other 5.1%
- o White 39.5%

### AP Courses

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Environmental Science
- Physics 1
- Physics C Mechanics
- Calculus AB
- Calculus BC
- Statistics
- Computer Science JAVA
- Comp. Sci. Principles
- English Composition/Language
- English Literature
- Psychology
- Spanish Language
- Spanish Literature
- French Language
- Latin Language
- Mandarin/Chinese
- Art Studio 2-D Draw & Paint
- Art Studio 2-D Photo
- Art Studio 3-D Ceramics
- Art History
- U.S. History
- World History (started in 22-23)
- European History (last year offered 21-22)

### Honors Courses

- AS English III
- Chinese IV

Other classes with an AS designation are Advanced Standing (accelerated) but not honors-level HP, including AS Algebra II, Geometry Enriched, and AS English II.

### Testing

October SAT Exam			
National Merit Scholars			
	2021	2022	2023
Semifinalists	17	16	18
Commendations	4	34	36
National Hispanic Recognition Award	*	11	4
National African American Recognition Award	*	1	1
National Indigenous Award	*	2	1
Advanced Placement Testing			
	Spring '21	Spring '22	Spring '23
Number of students tested	674	726	796
Number of tests	1,394	1,449	1,680
Percent scoring 3 or higher	81%	87%	90%
Percent scoring 5	24%	41%	41%

### English Learners

The English Language Learner Program offers courses in all academic areas for students who must learn to speak, read, and write English.

### Academic Support Programs

AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) is a program for students with a 2.0-3.5 GPA who want to attend a four-year college or university. AVID is a class that provides academic support and tutoring in areas such as math, English, and science. Students also visit various colleges and universities.

The Computer Academy program provides a combination of college-prep academics and technical training for 10th through 12th grade students who have not had the opportunity to reach their potential. Transcript abbreviation is ACAD.

### Student Activities

Our student activities program offers opportunities for students to develop their leadership skills and/or unique interests. The M-A leadership classes are diverse groups of students committed to help cultivate a united, and positive school environment for all students. Many students participate in our athletic program, clubs/student organizations, and/or community service. Our leadership students have been awarded the Second Harvest Food Drive Community Champion Award and Blue Diamond Award for the last ten years.

### College Plans for the class of 2023

- 60% of the 2023 graduates went onto a four-year college.
- o University of California 13%
  - o California State University 10%
  - o CA private colleges and universities 6%
  - o 4-year out-of-state & international 30%
  - o Community college 29%
  - o Other 11%

### Athletics 2022-23

Menlo-Atherton is a member of the Peninsula Athletic League (PAL) and the winner of the Commissioner's Cup the last 14 consecutive years.

Athletic Directors:

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- o Cross-Country (+B, +\*G)
- o Football (C)
- o Golf (B, G)
- o Tennis (B, +G)
- o Volleyball (+B, +G)
- o Water Polo (+B, G)
- o Basketball (+B, +G)
- o Soccer (B, +G)
- o Wrestling (B, \*^G)
- o Badminton (C)
- o Baseball (+B)
- o Lacrosse (+B, G)
- o Softball (+G)
- o Swimming (B, G)
- o Track and Field (B, G)
- o Cheer (C)
- o Dance (C)

B = Boys G = Girls C = Co-ed (detailed list at [www.bearsathletics.com](http://www.bearsathletics.com))

+ = Varsity League Champion \* = CCS Champion ^ = State Champion

\*\* = CCS & Norcal Champion \*\*\* = CCS, NorCal, & State Champion

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