



Menlo-Atherton High School

School Profile 2019-2020

A California Distinguished School
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 Schools and Colleges
 ETS School Code: 050170
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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. The school 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.

Menlo-Atherton has an approximate enrollment of 2,400 students. Our schedule is a modified block, with Wednesday and Thursday being block days, one with 85-minute periods and the second with three 85-minute periods. The other days consist of seven 50-minute periods. Most students are enrolled in six classes. Of the certificated staff of 151, over 55% have master's and doctorate degrees. Menlo-Atherton also has student teachers from nearby universities. In recent years, Menlo-Atherton has been named one of the top secondary schools in the nation by the United States Department of Education as part of its National School Recognition Program. It was the only school in San Mateo County to be named a California Distinguished School in 2013 (also in 1986 & 2007). Newsweek has consistently ranked Menlo-Atherton as one of the top public high schools in the United States.

Ethnic Distribution (10/18 from Federal Race Designation)

- African American 4%
- Asian American 6%
- Hispanic 41%
- Pacific Islander 5%
- Other 5%
- White 39%

College Plans for the class of 2019

59% of the 2019 graduates went onto a four-year college.

- University of California 8%
- California State University 13%
- CA private colleges and universities 7%
- 4-year out-of-state & International 31%
- Community college 33%
- Other 8%

Honors Organizations

California Scholarship Federation & National Honor Society

Testing

| MEAN SAT Scores | | | |
|--|------------|------------|------------|
| Spring 2019 March Test Date Total MEAN Score: 1274 | | | |
| National Merit Scholars | | | |
| | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-2020 |
| Semifinalists | 15 | 7 | 11 |
| Commendations | 45 | 34 | 42 |
| National Hispanic Recognition | 3 | 0 | * |
| Advanced Placement Testing | | | |
| | Spring '17 | Spring '18 | Spring '19 |
| Number of students tested | 644 | 654 | 651 |
| Number of tests | 1392 | 1344 | 1357 |
| Percent scoring 3 or higher | 86% | 86% | 88% |
| Percent scoring 5 | 35% | 33% | 55% |

*Results not in yet for 2019-2020 school year.

AP Courses

- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Environmental Science
- AP Physics
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Statistics
- AP Computer Science JAVA
- AP English Composition/Language
- AP English Literature
- AP Spanish Language
- AP Spanish Literature
- AP French Language
- AP Latin Language
- AP Art Studio 2-D
- AP Art Studio 3-D
- AP Art History
- AP U.S. History
- AP European History
- AP Comp. Sci. Principles
- AP Mandarin/Chinese

Honors Courses

- AS Chemistry
- AS English III
- AS Physics
- Mandarin/Chinese IV Honors

Other classes with an AS designation are Advanced Standing (accelerated) but not honors-level (HP).

| GPA Distribution for the Class of 2020 (Through August of 2019, based on cumulative weighted GPA on 4.0 scale. Class of 2020 GPA distribution based on cumulative, weighted GPA on 4.0 scale.) | |
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| 4.2 and above | 63 |
| 4.0-4.19 | 64 |
| 3.8-3.99 | 56 |
| 3.6-3.79 | 37 |
| 3.4-3.59 | 40 |
| 3.2-3.39 | 40 |
| 3.0-3.19 | 38 |
| 2.8-2.99 | 47 |
| 2.6-2.79 | 34 |
| 2.4-2.59 | 29 |
| 2.2-2.39 | 38 |
| 2.0-2.19 | 31 |
| Below 2.0 | 59 |
| Median GPA | 3.26 |

Academic Information

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 Advanced Placement courses are weighted and assigned point values of 5, 4, 3, and 2. These classes are designated with an "HP." Menlo-Atherton High School does not award additional points to college courses taken through concurrent enrollment. 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. When a student changes level after the sixth week of the course, both the old and the new course will appear on the transcript.

Graduation Requirements

CREDITS: 220 credits are required for graduation with five credits earned (per semester) for each course completed with a "D" or better.

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

Graduation Credit and Semester Requirements

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

Curriculum Information

Electives

Elective offerings include coursework in the following departments: art, home economics, industrial arts, music, technology, and work experience. Additionally, students may take courses in core curricular areas as electives, such as Statistics, Psychology/Gender Studies, Cold War/Current World Affairs, and Russian History/Literature.

Independent Study

With teacher supervision and administrative approval, a student may undertake independent study in one course. Due to district policy, this is extremely rare.

Student Activities

Our student activities program offers opportunities for students to develop their leadership skills and/or unique interests. The Menlo-Atherton leadership classes are diverse groups of students committed to action. They ensure an educated, united and positive 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 seven years.

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.

Athletics 2018-2019

Menlo-Atherton is a member of the Peninsula Athletic League (PAL) and the winner of the Commissioner's Cup the last eleven consecutive years. Contact Athletic Directors – Steve Kryger at skryger@seq.org and Paul Snow at psnow@seq.org.

- 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 * = CCS Champion + = PAL Varsity Champion (detailed list at www.bearsathletics.com) *** = CCS Champion and Norcal Champion ***=CCS, NorCal, and State Champion

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