



School Profile 2020-2021

Our School

Since 1964, Henry M. Gunn High School, locally known as Gunn, has a model of rigorous and innovative learning for schools worldwide. It was recently ranked 15th within high schools in California, 153rd in National in *US News Best High School Magazine's* recent report. The Mission of Gunn is to foster a community of creative thinkers who will acquire knowledge, skills, values and integrity to; to be resilient, responsible, respectful, contributing citizens; lead rewarding lives which pursue personal excellence and lifelong learning.

Our Community: Impact of COVID-19

Palo Alto schools site closed in-person instruction on Monday, March 16, 2020 due to health concerns stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic. Following our school closure, the Executive Order for all Californians to stay at home unless deemed an essential worker or shopping for essential needs. Palo Alto Unified School District was the first to implement grading using Credit/No Credit scale for Semester 2 in the 2019-2020 school year.

In Fall 2020, school opened in distance learning with daily live interaction as well as rigorous coursework: grading has resumed to A-F for semester grades will be given.

Located 35 miles south of San Francisco and 14 miles north of San Jose in Santa Clara County, Palo Alto is a community of approximately 66,292 residents.

Our Students

The student body reflects the demographics of the ethnically diverse and socio-economically prosperous city of Palo Alto. Gunn embraces Palo Alto dynamic culture and community a diverse and vibrant the student body.

2020-2021 (Total enrollment)

Total Students: 1,942
 African-American: 1.75%
 American Indian or Alaska Native: 0.67%
 Asian: 52.37%
 Filipino: 1.29%
 Hispanic or Latino: 10.71%
 Pacific Islander: 0.72%
 White: 32.39%
 Two or More Races: 9.2%
 Not reported: 0.1%
 Roughly 3.4% of our students are classified as limited English proficient.

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Student Achievement

Students at Gunn continue to demonstrate outstanding performance on standardized tests. **Note:** Many of our current seniors were registered to take their SAT or ACT last Spring and have been unable to test due to test center closures and/or test administration cancellations.

ACT Composite Average

Year	2018	2019	2020
ACT Scores	28.4	28.9	27.5
Nat'l Scores	20.8	22.6	20.8

SAT (1600 scale)

Year	2019	2020	Nat'l & Int'l Mean
E Reading & Writing	673	661	558
Math	704	696	565

National Merit Scholarship

Year	2018	2019	2020
Semi-Finalist	24	35	34
Commended	87	96	107

AP Scores – May 2020

854 students took 2286 tests
90% students scored 3 or higher
43% students scored 5

Grading System

Gunn High School lists both unweighted and weighted GPA on the transcript. Weighted GPA is based on all Honors (H) and Advance Placement (AP) courses, grades 10-12. While H and AP courses are given an extra grade point, +/- are not weighted in the student's GPA. Please note, the following classes do not provide +/-'s in their grading rubrics.

Biology
 Chemistry
 Conceptual
 Physics AP
 Chemistry
 AP Physics 1
 AP Environmental Science

Gunn High School does not rank students. The following grade distribution chart is provided to assist you in evaluating student performance.

Class Rank of 2021 (6 semesters) (size: 487)	
GPA Range (un-weighted)	Number of students
3.76 - 4.00	241
3.51 – 3.75	95
3.01 – 3.50	95
2.51 – 3.00	40
2.50 and below	16

Academics

Gunn students learn within rigorous and engaging courses. The student-to-teacher ratio is 27:1. Students may enroll in up to 7 classes each semester. It is recommended that students in grades 9 take 7 classes, students in grade 10 take 6 classes, and students in grade 11 & 12 are required to take 5 classes. Students earn 5 credits for passing each semester course.

Honors Courses

Algebra II/Trig H	Spanish Civ & Cult H
Analysis H	World Classics H
Geometry H	American Classics H
Multivariable Calc H	Media Ldship/Mgmt H
Biology H	US Foreign Policy H
Chemistry H	Adv Drawing/Painting H
French Civ & Cult H	Adv Photography H
Japanese 4 H	Adv Video Production H
Mandarin Civ & Cult H	

Advanced Placement (AP) Courses

AB Calculus	Mandarin – Lang & Cult
BC Calculus	Spanish – Lang & Cult
Computer Science A/Pri	Spanish – Lit & Cult
Statistics	English – Lit & Comp
Biology	Economics Micro/Macro
Chemistry	Psychology
Environmental Sci	US History
Physics 1	Art History
Physics C: E&M	Human Geography
Physics C: Mechanics	Draw 2-D
French - Lang & Cult	Draw 3-D
German - Lang & Cult	Music Theory
Japanese – Lang & Cult	Studio Art

Graduation requirements

Art, Visual & Performing	10
Career & Technical Education	10
English	40
Living Skills	5
Mathematics	30
Physical Education	20
Science (Biological 10 / Physical 10)	20
Social Studies	40
World Language	20
Electives	25
Total for Graduation	220

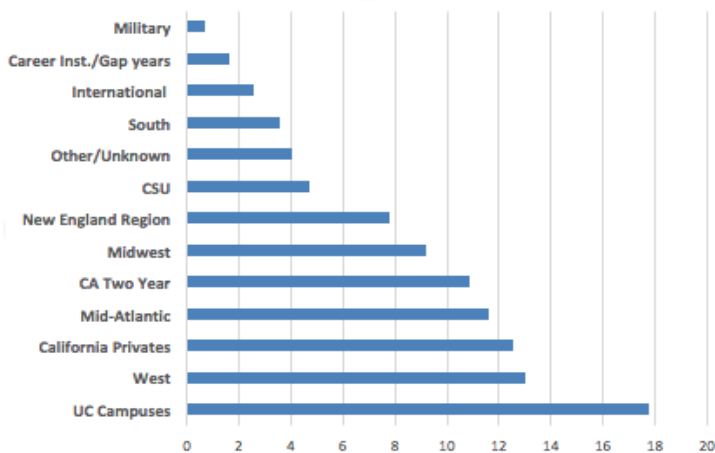
Our Administration

Principal	Wendy Stratton
Assistant Principals	Leonel Argumedo
	Michalis Gordon
	Pier Angeli La Place
	Harvey Newland
Student Activities	Lisa Hall
Athletic Director	Curtis Johansen

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California Distinguished High School

Complies with NACAS Statement of Principles of Good Practice



College Enrollment – Class of 2020

- 14.1 % to 2 year colleges
- 78.3 % to 4 year colleges

Athletics

Badminton (C)	Soccer (B,G)
Baseball (B)	Softball (G)
Basketball (B,G)	Swim/Dive (B,G)
Cheer & Dance (C)	Tennis (B,G)
Cross Country (C)	Track/Field (C)
Football (B)	Volleyball (B, G)
Golf (B,G)	Water Polo (B,G)
Lacrosse (B,G)	Wrestling (C)

Student Activities & Clubs

Over 100 clubs exist in these areas:

Art	Entrepreneurial	Literature
Autoshop	Environmental	Math
Activism	Food	Music
Computer	Games	Outdoors
Culture	Intellectual	Politics
Dance	Language	Service
Debate	Student Government	

Our Counselor Team

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