



Welcome Parents of
Incoming 9th Grade
Students!!!

National Anthem



Santa Monica High Principal



Ms. Marae Cruce



Samohi's Structure/House System

- All Four Years With The Same Advisor & House Principal
- Small Houses Of About 625 Students
- Done To Make The School Feel Smaller



What's New?



► Everything Counts!

ALL GRADES COUNT!

► Workload & Teacher Expectations Increase

Put to use your study skills, organization and initiative
Time management

► Activities & Opportunities Increase

Sports, Pep, Drama, Clubs, ASB, Band, Journalism, and more...

► Career & College Counseling Begins

Use of College & Career Center
Continued use of NAVIANCE
College Nights, College Fairs



Athletic Information



- **STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE A PRELIMINARY CLEARANCE (PHYSICAL EXAMINATION FORM) IN ORDER TO TRY OUT OR PRACTICE.**
- **NO EXCEPTIONS!!**
- All sports require a try out on the day prescribed by the coach. Actual tryout dates will be posted at <https://www.smmusd.org/domain/2940>
- There are many advantages to joining a sport: being a member of team and thus feel a part of Samohi, demonstrates commitment to colleges as well as possible scholarships, and an incentive to maintain at least a 2.0 grade point average.



Santa Monica High School ISPE 2025-2026



- ISPE is a Physical Education opportunity that is available for students attending Samohi that meet the specific criteria and complete the application process
- Applications for all ISPE programs in SMMUSD will be released in March 2025
- The link for the current application can be found on the Samohi website on the release date which will be in March
- Students interested in ISPE must fill out the application and meet all the criteria listed including competitive competition schedule, instructor must be CPR certified and the activity cannot be a sport or class that is currently offered at Samohi



Bell Schedule

Standard Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Friday

Period A 7:20 - 8:22 am
Period 1 8:30 - 9:25 am
HOMEROOM 9:34 - 9:43 am
Period 2 9:43 - 10:38 am
BREAK 10:38 - 10:40 am
Period 3 10:49 - 11:44 am
Period 4 11:53 am - 12:48 pm
LUNCH 12:48 - 1:23 pm
Period 5 1:32 - 2:27 pm
Period 6 2:36 - 3:31 pm

Block Schedule

Wednesday

Period 2 8:55 - 10:24 am
Period 4 10:33 am - 12:02 pm
BREAK 12:02 - 12:04 pm
FLEX TIME 12:13 - 1:03 pm
LUNCH 1:03 - 1:38 pm
Period 6 1:47 - 3:16 pm

Thursday

Period A 7:20 - 8:22 am
Period 1 8:30 - 9:59 am
Period 3 10:08 - 11:37 am
BREAK 11:37 - 11:39 am
FLEX TIME 11:48 am - 12:39 pm
LUNCH 12:39 - 1:14 pm
Period 5 1:23 - 2:52 pm



Flex Time

What is the goal of Flex-Time?

Samohi Flex-Time provides targeted educational opportunities during the school day for intervention and enrichment to best meet student individual needs. It is our goal that Flex-Time will help all students to be more successful. Students will engage in their own learning by building metacognitive and advocacy skills to promote emotional health, explore passions and grow in a focused, academic, and productive environment.

Three main areas of offerings:

Academic Support

Enrichment Opportunities

Social Emotional Support



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Flex Time Expectations

What do students do?

- ❖ Be Productive
- ❖ Be Focused
- ❖ Be Responsible
- ❖ Be a Self-Advocate
- ❖ Be Present
- ❖ Be Proactive

homework



**In short, students have been given the gift of time,
When it's time please help your child make good choices
and use it wisely!**



Your Student's Schedule

Five Classes predetermined

- A. English
- B. Physics in the Universe
- C. Math
- D. P.E.- All students take P.E. unless they are in a Sport (try out required) or Marching Band. or ISPE (Student must apply for approval)
- E. Freshman Seminar
- F. Elective (i.e., Language, Visual/Performing Art, Engineering)



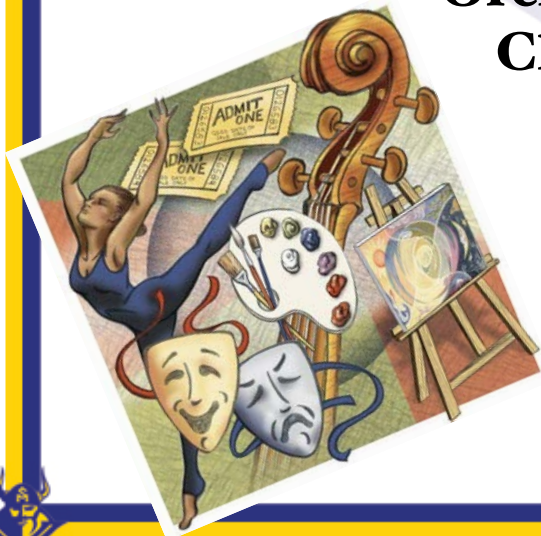
9th Grade Elective Course Offerings

Foreign Languages

French
Japanese
Latin
Spanish

Music

Band
Orchestra
Choir



Painting

Ceramics

Acting

Digital Design

Film and Video Production

Professional Dance

****Yearbook**

****Journalism**

****ASB**

****Project Lead the Way -**

Intro to Engineering

Design

****application required**



Let's hear from our Choir & Celebrate the GOOD TIMES



CTE @ Samohi



<https://youtu.be/liXdx9amY5w>



Project Based Learning - PBL



Samohi's
PBL
Pathway



Scheduling your Samohi Classes

Samohi Advisors will present at the middle schools on the following days

- John Adams Middle School February 7th
- Lincoln Middle School January 31st
- SMASH January 31st

Presentation will be emailed to all 8th grade families with directions on how to enter your course requests into Aeries

ALL COURSE REQUESTS MUST BE ENTERED BY February 28th.



Finding Balance in your HS Experience

- Keep the big picture in mind. What realistically can your student tackle without overloading?
- Encourage your son/ daughter to take responsible risks and tackle challenges in areas he/she enjoys. It's not necessary to take every Honors class available.
- Students should leave time for activities, family, friends, and fun to maintain good overall mental and physical health.



GET INVOLVED!



Quality participation and commitment in one or more activities is the key:

- ❖ Service to the community – volunteering, internships
- ❖ Involvement in a club/organization
- ❖ Participation in an athletic team
- ❖ Employment (College & Career Center B120)
- ❖ Hobbies

***Always have a balance between academics & activities**



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Summer Options

Scholastic Opportunities

- Samohi Acceleration
- Outside Public and Private School
- Community Colleges
- University Summer Programs
- Online Course Options



For summer GET AHEAD options **not** on the campus of SAMO or SMC please fill out the request at:

<https://forms.gle/rL89JyK4gmBJC2EV7>

***NOTE: All must be approved IN ADVANCE**

Extracurricular Opportunities

- Internships
- Community Service
- Jobs
- Study Abroad



Important Dates



- ❖ Samohi Summer School – June 23rd – July 25th
- ❖ Registration – August 12th
- ❖ Freshman Orientation – August 15th



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Next Steps

- ▶ Samohi Experience Fair (CAMPUS WIDE)
- ▶ You may also fill out a questions form on the Samohi website and an Advisor will get back to you!

<https://forms.gle/QWwWTpeGKZG6yZ3MA>



The Team!!!



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