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# SCHOOL PROFILE 2021–2022



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Ernesto Flores, College Counselor
Julie Honda, College Counselor
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Student Enrollment: 2,812	
<u>9th Grade</u> 729	<u>10th Grade</u> 692
<u>11th Grade</u> 672	<u>12th Grade</u> 719

## SCHOOL COMMUNITY AND DESCRIPTION

Santa Monica High School (Samohi), founded in 1891, is located on a twenty-six acre campus in the city of Santa Monica. The school enjoys the strong support of a 7,000 member Alumni Association as well as the citizens of Santa Monica and Malibu. Samohi is divided into five Small Learning Communities, called Houses. Each House is comprised of approximately 600 students, one administrator, and two advisors. The student body of 2812 reflects a diverse cultural and socio-economic community consisting of the following ethnic backgrounds: 6.84% Asian (from various Asian countries), 8.72% African American, 35.25% Latino (from various regions of the Americas), 45.21% Caucasian (of European and Middle Eastern ethnicity), and 4% Other. Some students are of multi-generational American descent; others are first-generation Americans. The families of students at Samohi all levels of socioeconomic status. Thirty-two percent of the student body participate in the federal National School Lunch Program.

*Spring 2020—Spring 2021: due to COVID-19, our last day of in-person instruction was March 13, 2020. Our school district, Santa Monica-Malibu Unified (SMMUSD), followed the guidance of the LA County Department of Public Health and LA County Office of Education. Throughout this time we followed the distance learning instruction only. Outside of the classroom, our students have been heavily impacted by the county’s stay-at home order. The majority of in person extracurricular activities were suspended.*

*2021—2022: we returned to in-person instruction August 19, 2021, with the option of the Independent Study Program (ISP) offered through the SMMUSD Apex Learning’s curriculum. Approximately 220 students opted-in for the ISP schoolwide, 14 of which are part of the class of 2022.*

## FACULTY

Samohi employs 161 certificated staff members, including 10 student support advisors, 3 college counselors, 6 administrators, and 3 school psychologists. The teacher to student ratio is 35 to 1. We are accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). Our spirited faculty is comprised of teachers both newer to the profession and those more experienced. We have a number of faculty members who are Samohi alumni.

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS

The Immersion program allows students to continue their educational experience in a dual-language environment. AVID provides assistance to students who will be the first in their families to attend a college/university. Beginning with the Class of 2018, Samohi graduated it’s first **Project Lead the Way Engineering Pathway** cohort. Students may enroll in Career Technology Education (CTE) courses, including Intro to Engineering. We offer an extensive Advanced Placement curriculum with 20 courses available. We also offer dual and concurrent enrollment courses for high school and college credit through a partnership with nearby Santa Monica College. These courses are taken on the Samohi campus or the college campus. Other students take classes at UCLA or summer programs like those offered by various colleges. Many Samohi graduates enter college with several college credits. Lastly, we are in the initial stages of establishing a Peer College Counseling program aimed at increasing college awareness schoolwide.

## HIGHLIGHTS

Students earn recognition for outstanding achievement in national testing programs such as National Merit Scholarship Corporation and Advanced Placement exams. Local, state, and national recognitions have been awarded to our students, teachers, and groups in the visual/performing arts, including the band, orchestra, and choir. All Samohi athletics have been recognized for outstanding achievement, including regional, CIF Division, State Championships, and National Championships. CTE classes have won regional and national competitions over the past 5 years.

<b>Honors and Advanced Placement Classes</b>
<p><b>English</b>  Honors English 9  Honors English 10  AP English Language and Composition  AP English Literature and Composition</p> <p><b>Foreign Language</b>  Honors French Genre  Honors French Ideas  Honors Japanese 4  Honors Latin 5  AP Japanese Language and Culture  AP Spanish Language and Culture  AP Spanish Literature and Culture</p> <p><b>Mathematics</b>  Honors Algebra 2  Honors Geometry  Honors Pre Calculus/Calculus  AP Calculus AB  AP Calculus BC  AP Statistics</p> <p><b>Science</b>  Honors Biology  Honors Chemistry  AP Biology  AP Chemistry  AP Environmental Science  AP Physics 1  AP Physics C: Mechanics</p> <p><b>Social Studies</b>  AP Economics (Macro)  AP Government and Politics  AP Psychology  AP United States History  AP World History</p> <p><b>Visual &amp; Performing Arts</b>  AP Studio Art: 2D</p> <p><b>Electives</b>  Honors PLTW Digital Electronics  Honors PLTW Engineering Design and Development  PLTW AP Computer Science (Python)  AP Computer Science (Java)</p>

<b>Graduation Requirements</b>	
<b>English</b>	40 credits (9-12)
<b>Social Studies</b>	30 credits (9-12)
<b>Mathematics</b>	30 credits (9-12)
<b>Science</b>	30 credits (9-12)
<b>Fine Arts/Language</b>	20 credits (9-12)
<b>Health</b>	10 credits
<b>Physical Education</b>	5 credits
<b>Total Requirement Credits (9-12)</b>	220

<b>Transcript Designations</b>	
AP = Advanced Placement	IM = Immersion Program
H = Honors Class	SE = Shelter English
P = College Preparatory	R = Repeated course

<b>Grading and Class Rank Information</b>
<p><i>Due to Covid-19 restrictions within LA County, access to ACT /SAT testing centers has been minimal. Approximately 35% of the class of 2022 participated in the SAT School Day in April 2021; approximately .05% took the SAT between November 2020—June 2021 with most traveling outside of LA County for a test center.</i></p> <p><i>2020-2021 School Year: California Assembly Bill 104 was passed allowing student to have the option to select Credit (CR) or No Credit (NC), instead of a letter grade.</i></p> <p><i>Spring 2020: An emergency distance learning protocol was used and students had the option to switch to Credit (CR) or No Credit (NC), instead of a letter grade. A Credit (CR) could be earned for academic performance that would traditionally earn an “A-D” grade.</i></p> <p>Samohi reports an unweighted, cumulative GPA determined by all courses and grades except physical education (PE) and teacher assistant (TA). The GPA is computed using a 4-point scale (A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, F=0; plus and minus grades are neutral). If a course is repeated, the grades are averaged. In compliance with district policy, class rank is not computed;</p> <p>*An academically challenging/rigorous curriculum consists of completing 3 or more APs in the 11th and 12th grades.  **Multivariable Calculus is our highest level math course.</p>

<b>2021 Testing Profile*</b>		
<i>*Samohi students have not had access to either ACT or SAT since February 2020 as the majority of testing centers in Los Angeles County have been closed due to COVID-19</i>		
<b>ACT</b>		
	<b>Samohi</b>	<b>State</b>
English	26.4	22.4
Math	25.0	22.3
Reading	26.7	23.0
Science	24.9	22.2
Composite	25.9	22.6
<b>SAT</b>		
Reading	606	531
Math	608	524

<b>AP Test Information</b>			
	2018	2019	2020
Total AP Students	938	868	1023
Number of Exams	1763	1659	1928
AP Students with Scores 3+	718	692	804
% of Total AP students with Score 3+	76.5	79.7	78.6

# COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Over 90% of graduates enter higher education institutions. Below is a partial list of four-year institutions attended by 2015-2021 graduates.

Academy of Art University	Reserve University	Indiana University, Bloomington	Pitzer College	University at Buffalo	University of Oregon
Alabama State University	Chapman University	Ithaca College	Point Loma Nazarene University	The State University of New York	University of Pennsylvania
AMDA - College and Conservatory of the Performing Arts	Claremont McKenna College	Johns Hopkins University	Pomona College	University of Alabama	University of Puget Sound
American Jewish University	Clark Atlanta University	Juniata College	Portland State University	University of Arizona	University of Redlands
American University	Clark University	Kalamazoo College	Pratt Institute	University of British Columbia	University of Richmond
Amherst College	College of Charleston	Keio University	Princeton University	University of Chicago	University of San Diego
Arizona State University	Colorado College	Kenyon College	Purdue University	University of California	University of San Francisco
Art Center College of Design	Colorado Mesa University	Lewis & Clark College	Queen's University	Berkeley	University of Southern California
Art Institute of CA Los Angeles	Colorado State University	Linfield College	Reed College	Davis	University of St. Andrews
Auburn University	Columbia University	London College of Fashion	Rensselaer Polytech Institute	Irvine	University of Texas, Austin
Azusa Pacific University	Concordia University	Loyola Marymount University	Rhode Island School of Design	Los Angeles	University of the Pacific
Babson College	Coppin State University	Loyola University New Orleans	Rice University	Merced	University of Utah
Bard College	Corban University	Macalester College	Roosevelt University	Riverside	University of Virginia
Barnard College	Cornell University	Marist College	Rutgers University-New Brunswick	San Diego	University of Washington
Barry University	Cornish College of the Arts	Maryland Institute College of Art	Saint Mary's College of California	Santa Barbara	University of Wisconsin Madison
Bates College	Dartmouth College	Marymount California University	San Francisco Art Institute	Santa Cruz	University of Wyoming
Baylor University	Davidson College	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Santa Clara University	University of Colorado at Colorado Springs	Utah Valley University
Bennington College	DePaul University	McGill University	Sarah Lawrence College	University of Colorado Boulder	Valparaiso University
Berklee College of Music	Dickinson College	Michigan State University	Savannah College of Art & Design	University of Delaware	Vanderbilt University
Biola University	Duke University	Miles College	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	University of Denver	Vanguard University of Southern CA
Boise State University	Embry-Riddle Aero University	Mississippi State University	School of the Museum of Fine Arts	University of Finland	Vassar College
Boston University	Emerson College	Montana State University	School of Visual Arts	University of Florida	Walsh University
Bowdoin College	Emory University	Morehouse College	Scripps College	University of Hawaii at Manoa	Waseda University
Brooks Institute of Photography	Eugene Lang College	Mount Saint Mary's University	Seattle University	University of Illinois, Chicago	Washington State University
Brown University	Fashion Institute of Technology	New Mexico State University	Seton Hall University	University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign	Washington University in St. Louis
Bryn Mawr College	Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising	New York University	Skidmore College	University of Iowa	Wellesley College
California State University	Florida A&M University	Northeastern University	Smith College	University of Kansas	Wesleyan University
Channel Island	Florida State University	Northern Arizona University	Soka University of America	University of Kentucky	Western New Mexico University
Dominguez Hills	Fordham University	Northwestern University	Southern Methodist University	University of La Verne	Western State Colorado University
Long Beach	Fu Jen Catholic University	Notre Dame de Namur University	Southern Oregon University	University of Massachusetts, Amherst	Western Washington University
Maritime	George Wash University	Oberlin College	St. John's University	University of Miami	Westmont College
Pomona	Georgetown University	Occidental College	Stanford University	University of Michigan	Whitman College
San Diego	Georgia Institute of Technology	Oklahoma State University	Stonehill College	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities	Willamette University
San Francisco	Grambling State University	Oregon State University	SUNY Binghamton	University of Nevada Las Vegas	Williams College
San Luis Obispo	Grinnell College	Otis College of Art & Design	SUNY Environmental Science and Forestry	University of Nevada Reno	Xavier University of Louisiana
Canisius College	Hampshire College	Oxford College	Syracuse University	University of North Carolina Chapel Hill	Yale University
Cardiff University	Hampson University	Pace University	Temple University		
Carleton College	Harvard University	Pacific University	Texas A&M International University		
Carnegie Mellon University	Harvey Mudd College	Pennsylvania State University	Texas A&M University		
Case Western	Hawaii Pacific University		The Juilliard School		
	Howard University		The New School - Eugene Lang College		
	Humboldt State University		Towson University		
	Idaho State University		Tulane University		