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# SCHOOL PROFILE 2020–21



ADMINISTRATION	
Antonio Shelton, Lead Principal	
Hector Medrano, S House Principal	
Lissette Bravo, M House Principal	
Lauren Paule-Sheahan, O House Principal	
Tristan Komlos, H House Principal	
Vivian Choi, I House Principal	
ADVISOR/ COUNSELOR	
Lisa DeMirjian, S House Advisor	
Amy Golden, S House Advisor	
Jennifer Flavin, M House Advisor	
Maribel Pulido, M House Advisor	
Maricela Gonzalez, O House Advisor	
Laura Simone, O House Advisor	
Virginia Mendoza, H House Advisor	
Interim, H House Advisor	
Jessica Garrido, I House Advisor	
Yunuen Valencia, I House Advisor	
Ernesto Flores, College Counselor	
Julie Honda, College Counselor	
Rosa Mejia, College Counselor	
Student Enrollment: 2,820	
<u>9th Grade</u> 699	<u>10th Grade</u> 691
<u>11th Grade</u> 700	<u>12th Grade</u> 730

## 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 2820 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. Twenty nine percent of the student body participate in the federal National School Lunch Program (receive free/reduced meals).

*SPRING 2020: due to COVID-19, our last day of in-person instruction was March 13, 2020. Since then, our school district, Santa Monica-Malibu Unified, has followed the guidance of the LA County Department of Public Health and LA County Office of Education. 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 have been suspended until further notice.*

## FACULTY

Samohi employs 127 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 Marketing. 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.

Honors and Advanced Placement Classes	Graduation Requirements	Transcript Designations																					
<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: Electricity and Magnetism  AP Physics C: Mechanics</p> <p><b>Social Studies</b>  AP Economics (Macro)  AP Government and Politics  AP Human Geography  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</p>	<p><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</p>	<p>AP = Advanced Placement  IM = Immersion Program  H = Honors  SE = Shelter English  CC = College Class  R = Repeated course  P = College Preparatory</p>																					
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<p><i><b>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 a "A-D" grade.</b></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; but, upon request, a GPA percentile range can be provided for colleges/universities to determine approximate ranking.</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>																							
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# COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Over 90% of graduates enter higher education institutions. Below is a partial list of four-year institutions attended by 2014-20 graduates.

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