

Sacramento Charter High School 2009-2010 School Profile



Vision

To create one of the finest urban high schools in America.

Mission

Sacramento Charter High School (Sac High) will graduate self-motivated, industrious, critically thinking student leaders who are prepared to attend a four-year college, committed to serving others and passionate about lifelong learning.

History

Established in 1856, Sac High is the second oldest high school west of the Mississippi River and one with a rich, storied history. In 2006, Sac High celebrated its 150th anniversary, a historic event made more significant by the recent changes that have taken place on campus.

Years of low student achievement, high dropout rates, and small percentages of students enrolling in 4-year colleges and universities led to the complete shut down of the school at the end of the 2002-2003 school year. Through massive communitywide organization efforts that summer, the school reopened in September 2003 as a public charter school under the leadership of St. HOPE Public Schools. St. HOPE, led at the time by former NBA All-Star, Sac High alum, and now Sacramento mayor, Kevin Johnson, completely overhauled the curriculum and culture. The changes at the high school parallel broader efforts by St. HOPE to revitalize the inner-city neighborhood of Oak Park, where the campus is located.

Sac High's college-going culture is designed to give all students the opportunity to be accepted to and attend college. Under the new model, Sac High is divided into four themed small schools, each adhering to the same college-focused principles starting from freshman year. The small schools afford students the opportunity to pursue individual career interests through specialized internships and classes.

2008-2009 Highlights

- Sac High's API (Academic Performance Index) hits 731 – highest in the school's history
- Sac High achieves a Similar Schools Rank of 10 (out of a possible 10) and a State Rank of 6 (out of 10)

School Motto

Service for Others

4 Small Schools

West Wing:

Law & Public Service
Math, Engineering &
Health Sciences

East Wing:

School of the Arts
Business &
Communications

Five Pillars

High Expectations
Choice & Commitment
More Time
Focus on Results
Power to Lead

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Accreditation & Membership

Sac High is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and is a member of WACAC and NACAC.

CEEB Code: 052735

CES School ID: 063384011190

The Students, Faculty, and Community

Enrollment and Demographics (as of October 2009)

Total population	981
Class of 2010	197

Racial and ethnic breakdown:

African-American	59.6%
American Indian/Alaska Native	1.3%
Asian/Pacific Islander	8.2%
Caucasian	4.7%
Hispanic/Latino	25.1%
Other	1.1%
Socioeconomically disadvantaged (qualify for free/reduced lunch)	74.7%
English Learners	70 (7.1%)
Special Education (IEP or 504 plan)	95 (9.7%)

Admissions

Sac High is a public, independent charter school that is open to all students regardless of district of residence, race, color, national or ethnic origin, primary language, gender, disability or achievement level.

No selection criteria are employed for admissions.

Faculty (as of October 2009)

Total faculty	51
Student to faculty ratio	19:1

Partnerships

Each small school at Sac High has forged partnerships with local organizations and corporations. Examples include a mentor program linking Business and Communications students with Wells Fargo employees and a partnership between the School of Math, Engineering, & Health Sciences with the NSF Center for Biophotonics at UC Davis, where a number of students do investigative research with Davis faculty.

High achieving students campus-wide are offered the opportunity to enroll in classes at **Sacramento City College** and **California State University, Sacramento** and receive either high school or college credit.

Students can also enroll in vocational internships and classes like Virtual Enterprise, Computer Graphics, and Visual Communications through the **Sacramento County Regional Occupational Program (ROP)**. These courses will be listed under the heading "Sacramento County Office of Education" on the transcript.

The School

School Schedule

The 2009-2010 school year runs from August 3, 2009 to May 28, 2010 and is broken into 2 terms: Aug. 3 - Dec. 18 and Jan. 5 - May 28.

Students take five academic courses (77 minutes per class) plus one advisory class (30 minutes) per term. Each term is equal to one year's worth of credit at a standard high school due to Sac High's block system.

Many seniors will not finalize their second term classes until January 2010.

Clubs

Students at Sac High have the option to join a variety of clubs including 34th Street Dance Co., Hmong Club, MECHA Club, Think Green, and Gay/Straight Alliance.

Students are encouraged to organize and lead teams of students in forming clubs as their interests diversify. Participation in clubs is contingent upon having a 2.0 GPA in current classes.

Athletics

Sac High is a member of the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Sac-Joaquin Section and Metropolitan Conference.

Varsity Women's Teams Volleyball, soccer, softball, cheerleading, weightlifting, basketball, golf, wrestling, track & field, cross-country

Varsity Men's Teams Volleyball, weightlifting, football, wrestling, basketball, soccer, baseball, track & field, cheerleading, cross-country

The 08-09 girls weightlifting team won the 15-under and 17-under National Championships; the boys team won the 17-under and 20-under National titles. 23 Sac High weightlifters won individual medals at nationals.

The 08-09 Sac High boys basketball team won the Sac-Joaquin Section Division III title and the girls team was the runner-up in Sac-Joaquin Section Division III.

The Academic Program

Graduation Requirements

The program of study is designed to fulfill all state requirements for accreditation. All students from the class of 2009 onward must complete the "A-G" course requirements for admission into the University of California and California State University systems. In addition, every Sac High student must pass the California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE).

Class of 2010 graduates are required to earn a minimum of 260 credits, 10 for each term class passed with a C or better. During the 2005-6 school year, however, students, were allowed to pass with a D- or better (see right – Grading System).

Required credits:

- 30 credits (3 classes) of History/Social Science
- 40 credits (4 classes) of English
- 30 credits (3 classes) of Math, including one Algebra course
- 20 credits (2 classes) of Lab Science, including one Life Science and one Physical Science
- 20 credits (2 classes) of Foreign Language
- 10 credits (1 class) of Visual and Performing Arts
- 10 credits (1 class) of a College Prep Elective
- 20 credits (2 classes) of Physical Education
- 20 credits (4 years) of Advisory [homeroom]
- 60 credits (6 classes) of Electives

Advanced Placement (AP)

AP classes offered from 2005-06 onwards:

Biology offered	2005-06, 2007-10
Calculus AB	2005-09
Calculus BC	2005-07
Chemistry	2005-09
Comparative Studio Art	2006-07
Computer Science A	2005-06
English 11 (Language)	2005-10
English 12 (Literature & Composition)	2005-10
Government	2005-06, 2007-10
Spanish	2005-09
United States History	2005-10
World History	2005-06, 2007-10

21% of the seniors (2010) have taken or are currently taking at least one AP class. 13% have taken or are currently taking more than one AP class. Students must apply and be approved in order to take an AP course.

In 2009, 107 Sac High sophomores, juniors, and seniors took 166 AP exams. There were four scores of five, nine scores of four and 25 scores of three.

Grading System

Prior to the 2006-2007 school year

A+	100	4.0 grade points
A	99-95	4.0 grade points
A-	94-90	3.7 grade points
B+	89-87	3.3 grade points
B	86-84	3.0 grade points
B-	83-80	2.7 grade points
C+	79-77	2.3 grade points
C	76-74	2.0 grade points
C-	73-70	1.7 grade points
D+	69-67	1.3 grade points
D	66-6	1.0 grade points
D-	63-60	0.7 grade points
F	Below 60	0.0 grade points

Current (2006-2007 school year onward)

A+	100-99	4.0 grade points
A	99-95	4.0 grade points
A	94-90	3.7 grade points
B+	89-87	3.3 grade points
B	86-84	3.0 grade points
B-	83-80	2.7 grade points
C+	79-77	2.3 grade points
C	76-70	2.0 grade points
No Credit (NCR)	Below 70	no grade points

Grade Weights

AP classes receive an extra grade point for grades of A (+/-), B (+/-), and C (+/-) on the weighted GPA only. Sac High has offered one honors course, Honors Chemistry, as a prerequisite for AP Chemistry (when offered). Honors courses taken at other high schools will be weighted according to the AP scale.

Transcript Legend

The codes MSE, MEHS, ARTS, PUB SER, JOURNALISM, HEALTH, and BUSINESS in front of a course or next to the year indicate the small school in which the student took the course. The content is the same across small schools. Sac High students will have courses listed under Term 1 (fall) or Term 2 (spring). Students who transfer in from other schools using a semester calendar will have courses listed under Sem 1 (fall) or Sem 2 (spring). Courses taken at a community college will be listed under a separate heading. The credit summary on the right hand side of the transcript does not necessarily reflect the correct amount of credits students have earned in each category.

The Class of 2010

Distribution of Cumulative Un-weighted Grade Point Averages

197 Seniors (as of October 2009)

Cumulative Un-weighted GPA	Number of Students	%
4.00	0	0.0%
3.99 - 3.50	15	7.6%
3.49 - 3.00	41	20.8%
2.99 - 2.50	57	28.9%
2.49 - 2.00	46	23.4%
Below 2.0	38	19.3%

Class Rank

Rank is reported by percentiles (upon request), and is calculated using the un-weighted cumulative academic GPA reported on official transcripts.

Top % of Seniors	Un-weighted GPA
1%	3.83+
5%	3.63+
10%	3.40+
20%	3.21+

The Class of 2009

151 Graduates in 2009

89% A-G eligible

College Admissions Testing

SAT I

% of Seniors taking SAT	71.4%
Mean Critical Reading SAT (high range)	404 (600-690)
Mean Mathematics SAT (high range)	403 (600-690)
Mean Writing SAT (high range)	407 (600-690)

SAT Subject Tests

	Bio-E	Bio-M	Chem	Lit	Math I	Math II	US His
Mean	504	544	457	473	486	488	462

ACT

% of Seniors taking ACT	85.7%
Mean Composite Score (high)	16.8 (28)

College Acceptance

- Vast majority of students are first-generation college attendees
- Over 70% acceptance rate into 4 year institutions
- One student was awarded the Gates Millennium Scholarship
- The class of 2009 received over \$1.5 million in awards including nine full-ride scholarships.

Members of the Class of 2009 were accepted into the following four-year institutions:

Agnes Scott College	Miami University
Alabama State University	Miami University of Ohio
American University	Mills College
Amherst College	Morehouse College
Andrews University	Northeastern University
Arizona State University	Occidental College
Austin College	Paine College
Bates College	Philander Smith College
Benedict College	San Diego State University
Boston University	San Francisco State University
Cal Poly SLO	San Jose State University
Claremont McKenna College	Shaw University
Clemson University	Sonoma State University
CSU, East Bay	St. John's University
CSU, Long Beach	St. Mary's College
CSU, Chico	Stillman
CSU, East Bay	Texas Southern University
CSU, Fresno	Thomas College
CSU, Fullerton	Tougaloo College
CSU, LA	Trinity College
CSU, Monterey Bay	Trinity University
CSU, Sacramento	UC Berkeley
CSU, San Bernardino	UC Davis
CSU, Stanislaus	UC Irvine
Dillard University	UC Merced
Drexel University	UC Riverside
Duke University	UC San Diego
Emerson College	UC Santa Barbara
Florida State University	UC Santa Cruz
George Washington University	UCLA
Grand Canyon University	UNC Chapel Hill
Hampton University	University of Puget Sound
Hendrix College	University of Redlands
Howard University	University of Southern Maine
Humboldt State University	University of the Pacific
Johnson C. Smith University	USC
Kentucky State University	Vassar College
Lawrence University	Wake Forest University
Liberty University	Wesleyan University
Lincoln University	Wilberforce University
Livingstone College	Xavier
Marquette University	