



# Sacramento High School 2008-2009 School Profile



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**Accreditation & Membership**

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

## Mission

The Sacramento High School campus (Sac High) will graduate self-motivated, industrious, and critically thinking leaders who are passionate about lifelong learning and who are committed to serving others.

## 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 bicentennial, 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 community-wide 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 newly elected 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.

## St. HOPE Leadership

Driven by a genuine belief in social justice, St. HOPE's transformation of Sac High has been a step-by-step process designed to infuse a culture of high expectations and a focus on results into a school and student body that had been long set in its ways. While the campus has experienced growing pains typical of new schools, students have articulated the belief that the changes have resulted in significant progress and that the mission for the school is coming together.

A vision for college marks the focus of the new Sac High. 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, but able to pursue independent interests. This has afforded students the opportunity to pursue individual career interests through specialized internships and classes.

The results have been extremely encouraging. *Sac High earned an increase of more than 50 points on the API (Academic Performance Index) between 2007 and 2008. This was the the biggest growth in API of any high school in Sacramento. For all significant subgroups, Sac High is ranks as one of the top three high schools in Sacramento. Sac High has the lowest drop out rate for African-American students among all area high schools. The four year college acceptance rate has grown from less than 30% before the shut down of the school in 2003 to over 80% within the second class to graduate under the charter, the Class of 2008.* Also, Sac High was featured on *The Oprah Winfrey Show* in 2006 for its remarkable progress and was championed as a model for reforming inner-city schools.

## School Schedule

The current school year runs from August 4, 2008 to May 29, 2009 and is broken into 2 terms: one from August 4-December 19, 2008 and the other runs from January 5-May 29, 2009. Students at Sac High take five academic courses plus one advisory class on average in each term, with each term being equal to a year's worth of credit at a standard high school (i.e. block system). As a result, many seniors will not finalize their second term classes until January 2009. Academic courses meet daily for 77 minutes and advisory classes for 30 minutes.

## Student/Faculty Enrollment & Demographics

Sac High is a public charter school. No selection criteria are employed in terms of admission.

The campus wide enrollment is approximately 1,000. One hundred eighty (180) students currently (10/2008) comprise the Class of 2009. Fifty four (54) faculty members provide instruction; the student to faculty ratio is about 19:1.

The ethnic breakdown of the students is as follows:

<i>African-American</i>	55.8%
<i>Hispanic / Latino</i>	23.3%
<i>Asian-American</i>	7.4%
<i>Caucasian</i>	5.1%
<i>American Indian / Alaska Native</i>	1.5%
<i>Other / Declined to State</i>	6.5%

Approximately 66% of students are economically disadvantaged and qualify to receive free or reduced price breakfast and lunch.

There are approximately 100 English Language Learner (ELL) students, with 11 different languages being spoken as the primary language by students.

## Clubs

Students at Sac High are able to join a variety of clubs, including 34th Street Dance Co., Hmong Club, Sac High Business Academy, Stomp Team, Photography Club and Gay/Straight Alliance.

## Athletics

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

## Athletics (cont.)

The Women's Basketball team are 3 time reigning Capital Athletic League Champions. In 2006, the girls were Nor-Cal Champions and runner-up to the California State Championship. Additionally, in 2007 and 2008 they were the Metropolitan League Champions and 2007 Sac-Joaquin Sections Champions.

The Men's Basketball team won the 2005 and 2006 Capital Athletic League Championship. In 2007 and 2008, they won the Metropolitan League Championship and in 2007 they won the Sac-Joaquin Section Championship. In 2008 the boys were the Northern California Champions and the state runner-up.

The football team made the playoffs in 2007 for the first time in over 15 years.

Varsity Women's Teams: volleyball, soccer, golf, basketball, and softball

Varsity Men's Teams: football, soccer, basketball, volleyball and baseball

Varsity Co-Ed Teams: cross-country, cheerleading, track and field, and wrestling

## 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 and onwards must complete the "A-G" requirements for admission into the University of California, California State University systems. In addition, every Sac High student must pass the California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE).

Class of 2009 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.

These classes include:

- 30 credits (3 classes) of History/Social Science
- 40 credits (4 classes) of English
- 30 credits (2 classes) of Math, including one Algebra course
- 20 credits (2 classes) of Lab Science, including one Life Science and one Physical Science class
- 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

## Grading System

### Previous 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=66-64=1.0 grade points

D-=63-60=0.7 grade points

F=Below 60=0.0 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 offers one honors course, Honors Chemistry. It is a prerequisite for AP Chemistry. Honors courses taken at other high schools will be weighted according to the AP scale listed above.

### Advanced Placement (AP)

AP classes offered from the 2005-6 school year onwards:

Biology offered 05-6, 07-8, 08-9    Calculus AB [no interruption]

Calculus BC offered 05-6, 06-7    Chemistry [no interruption]

Comparative Studio Art offered 06-7    Computer Science A offered 05-6

English 11 (Language) [no interruption]    English 12 (Literature & Composition) [no interruption]

Government offered 05-6, 07-8, 08-9    Spanish [no interruption]

United States History [no interruption]    World History offered 05-6, 07-8, 08-9

### 2006-2007 school year onwards

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

### Advanced Placement (AP) [continued]

38% of the seniors (2009) have taken or are currently taking at least one AP class. 26% have taken/are currently taking more than one AP class. Students must apply and be approved in order to take an AP course.

In 2008, 115 Sac High sophomores, juniors, and seniors took 209 AP exams. There were six scores of four and 24 scores of three.

### 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. 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.

### Distribution of Cumulative Un-weighted Grade Point Averages

180 seniors

Class of 2009

Cumulative Un-weighted GPA	Number of Students	%
4.00	0	0.0%
3.99 - 3.50	22	12.2%
3.49 - 3.00	35	19.4%
2.99 - 2.50	35	19.4%
2.49 - 2.00	39	21.7%
Below 2.0	49	27.2%

## Class Rank

Rank is reported only by deciles, and is calculated using the un-weighted cumulative academic GPA reported on official transcripts.

Top % of Seniors (2009)	Un-weighted GPA
1%	3.95+
5%	3.85+
10%	3.62+
20%	3.22+

## College Admission Testing, Class of 2008

### SAT I

% of Seniors taking SAT	89.8%
Mean Critical Reading SAT (high)	380 (600)
Mean Mathematics SAT (high)	377 (640)
Mean Writing SAT (high)	382 (590)

### ACT

% of Seniors taking ACT	65.6%
Mean Composite Score (high)	16.3 (28)

### SAT Subject Tests

	Bio-E	Bio-M	Chem	Lit	Math II	Span	US His
Mean	392	364	493	457	469	593	419

## 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 ROP" on the transcript.

## College Acceptances, Class of 2008 (186 graduates)

- Vast majority of students are first-generation college attendees
- Over 80% acceptance rate into 4 year institutions
- Over 80% of graduates enrolled in 2 or 4 year institutions
- Two students selected for Gates Millennium Scholarship
- Significant increase in applications, acceptances, and matriculation into liberal arts institutions

Members of the Classes of 2007 & 2008 were accepted into the following four-year institutions:

Alabama A&M University	Kentucky State University
Albertson College of Idaho	Langston University (OK)
American University (DC)	Lincoln University (MO)
Arizona State University, Tempe	Loyola Marymount University (CA)
Bard College (NY)	Macalester College (MN)
Baylor University (TX)	Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Benedict College (SC)	Menlo College (CA)
Boise State University (ID)	Mills College (CA)
Boston University (MA)	Mississippi Valley State University
Brooklyn College (NY)	Montana State University, Bozeman
California Maritime Academy	Morehouse College (GA)
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo	Morgan State University (MD)
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona	Northwestern University (IL)
California State University, Bakersfield	Occidental College (CA)
California State University, Channel Islands	Paine College (GA)
California State University, Chico	Pepperdine University (CA)
California State University, Dominguez Hills	Pitzer College (CA)
California State University, East Bay	San Diego State University (CA)
California State University, Fresno	San Francisco State University (CA)
California State University, Fullerton	San Jose State University (CA)
California State University, Long Beach	Soka University (CA)
California State University, Los Angeles	Sonoma State University (CA)
California State University, Monterey Bay	Spelman College (GA)
California State University, Northridge	St. Augustine's College (NC)
California State University, Sacramento	Stanford University (CA)
California State University, San Bernardino	Stillman College (AL)
California State University, San Marcos	Swarthmore College (PA)
California State University, Stanislaus	Texas Southern University
Carnegie Mellon University (PA)	Tougaloo College (MS)
Central State University (OH)	Tuskegee University (AL)
Clark Atlanta University (GA)	University of California, Berkeley
Clark University (MA)	University of California, Davis
Clemson University (SC)	University of California, Irvine
Cleveland State University (OH)	University of California, Los Angeles
DePauw University (IN)	University of California, Merced
Dillard University (LA)	University of California, Riverside
Drexel University (PA)	University of California, San Diego
Duke University (NC)	University of California, Santa Barbara
Emory University [Oxford] (GA)	University of California, Santa Cruz
George Washington University (DC)	University of New Mexico, Albuquerque
Hampton University (VA)	University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Howard University (DC)	University of the Pacific (CA)
Humboldt State University (CA)	University of Puget Sound (WA)
Indiana Institute of Technology	Virginia State University
Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis [IUPUI]	Whittier College (CA)
Johnson C Smith University (NC)	Xavier University (LA)