

# LOS ALTOS HIGH SCHOOL

Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District  
*A California Distinguished School*

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### 2012 – 2013 SCHOOL PROFILE



**CEEB Code: 051510**

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Los Altos High School (LAHS) is a comprehensive public high school (9-12) located in the heart of Silicon Valley, serving a diverse student body from both professional and working-class families. The Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District consists of two high schools, a continuation high school and a number of alternative programs. Our attendance area includes highly affluent sections of Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Mountain View as well as low-income housing sections of Mountain View. Newsweek ranked LAHS among the top 500 high schools nationwide. Enrollment of 1,650 students includes 48% Caucasian, 25% Hispanic-Latino, 22% Asian and 5% Other. LAHS is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

#### LAHS VISION STATEMENT

We at Los Altos High School value a learning environment in which students and staff work together in a spirit of unity and mutual respect. We are committed to the process of continuous learning and the application of knowledge. We value the diversity of our paths while promoting a community in which members have an equal opportunity to excel as people and learners.

#### THE CURRICULUM – ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Los Altos High School offers a rigorous college preparatory program with wide selections of honors and AP classes as well as special education and English Language Development classes. The school operates on a modified block schedule with 50-minute class periods three days a week and 90-minute periods two days a week, plus a weekly Tutorial. We have an open access policy for admission to Honors/AP classes.

#### GRADING SYSTEM

Los Altos High School lists both weighted and unweighted GPA on the transcript. Weighted GPA includes all H & AP courses, grades 9-12. Transcripts follow a standard grading system:

- A, B, C, D, F, P** (pass-credit), **I** (incomplete), **NM** (no mark), **WP** (withdraw-pass), and **WF** (withdraw-fail).
- Academic GPA (AGPA, 9-12): based on all courses taken in grades 9-12, excluding PE/Sports and other non-academic courses (e.g., teaching assistants, peer tutors)
  - Academic GPA (AGPA, 10-12): based on all courses taken in grades 10-12, excluding PE/Sports and other non-academic courses (e.g., teaching assistants, peer tutors)
  - Total GPA (TGPA, 9-12) reflects all courses taken in high school

#### RANKING

Official transcripts do not display rank. Rank is indicated on the secondary school report.

#### OFF-CAMPUS PROGRAMS FOR LAHS STUDENTS

- **Middle College:** a program where LAHS students may spend one or two full years combining high school and college coursework at a local community college
- **Freestyle Academy:** a communication arts and technology program offering college preparatory and Honors English and state-of-the-art instruction in multimedia production
- **Moffett Independent Study:** a program for students needing to complete high school diploma requirements in an alternative setting – available for concurrent or full-time enrollment

#### SAT REASONING TEST RESULTS

##### MEAN SCORES

	2010	2011	2012
No. Tested	267	279	303
Total Score	1767	1789	1801
Verbal/Critical Reading	574	585	587
Math Score	602	601	615
Writing Score	591	601	599

#### SAT SUBJECT TESTS

##### NUMBER TESTED/MEAN SCORES

EXAM SUBJECT	2010	2011	2012
Math Level IC	9/529	6/612	12/646
Math Level IIC	155/654	158/661	121/698
Biology Molecular	67/613	49/665	64/673
Chemistry	69/626	70/651	86/677
Physics	43/605	24/629	35/661
Literature	89/590	81/594	74/643
U.S. History	77/594	93/611	69/649

#### ACT - NUMBER TESTED/MEAN SCORES

EXAM SUBJECT	2010	2011	2012
No. Tested	153	113	137
English	25.3	27.3	27.6
Math	26.0	27.8	28.2
Reading	24.9	27.4	27.4
Science	24.5	25.8	26.4
Composite	25.3	27.2	27.5

#### ADVANCED PLACEMENT

*All AP students are strongly encouraged to take AP exams.*

	2010	2011	2012
No. of Graduates	364	384	380
No. of Test Takers	470	494	557
No. of Exams Taken	864	977	1153
No. of Qualifying Scores	703	816	971

#### COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ATTENDANCE

##### BY YEAR OF GRADUATION

	2010	2011	2012
Total to College	99%	95%	99%
▪ 2-Year Colleges	35%	35%	35%
▪ 4-Year Colleges	64%	60%	64%

WEIGHTED GRADE DISTRIBUTION 2011/12 2nd Semester-Core Academic Classes									GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS	HONORS (H) AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) COURSES		
<b>CRS #</b>	<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>GPA</b>	<b>English:</b> 4 years (40 cr)	<b>English:</b> World Literature H English Language AP English Literature AP English 3H (Freestyle) H English 4H (Freestyle) H		
0149	Geometry 9	37	53	39	11	3	143	2.77				
0151	Geometry H	59	35	10	1	0	105	4.45				
0155	Algebra II	64	98	80	26	18	286	2.57				
0156	Algebra II/H	28	41	13	7	2	91	3.92				
0162	Trig/Math Ana	70	57	35	5	3	170	3.09				
0163	Trig/Math Ana H	48	24	8	3	0	83	4.41				
0168	Calculus	66	25	5	0	0	96	3.64				
0169	AP Calculus AB	43	33	11	0	0	87	4.37				
0170	AP Calculus BC	37	21	2	1	0	61	4.54				
0173	AP Statistics	14	9	4	0	0	27	4.37				
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>1149</b>		<b>Social Studies:</b> 3.5 yrs (35 cr) World Studies (10 cr) Contemporary World Issues (5 cr) or AP Modern European History (10 cr) US History (10 cr) Civics (5 cr) Economics (5 cr)	<b>Social Sciences:</b> European History AP US History AP Govt & Politics US AP Microeconomics AP Art History AP		
<b>CRS #</b>	<b>Science</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>					
0329	Biology	40	76	63	25	8	212	2.54				
0331	Biology H	130	36	9	1	0	176	4.68				
0332	AP Biology	32	20	8	2	0	62	4.32				
0347	Chemistry	83	77	67	22	9	258	2.79				
0349	Chemistry H	43	43	8	0	0	94	4.37				
0350	AP Chemistry	31	0	0	0	0	31	5.00				
0365	Physics	33	65	16	2	1	117	3.09				
0366	Physics H	37	30	7	0	0	74	4.41				
0369	AP Physics C: E M	15	22	10	1	0	48	4.06				
0376	AP Environ Science	40	25	21	2	2	90	4.08				
0377	Forensics	9	13	3	0	0	25	3.24				
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1187</b>		<b>Mathematics:</b> 2 years (20 cr) Must include 10 cr of Algebra I or higher	<b>Mathematics:</b> Geometry H Algebra II H Trig/Math Analysis H Calculus AB AP Calculus BC AP Statistics AP		
<b>CRS #</b>	<b>English</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>					
0509	Survey Comp/Lit	141	171	69	10	3	394	3.11				
0522	Wrld Literature	77	109	65	25	10	286	2.76				
0524	World Lit H	49	43	9	1	0	102	4.37				
0531	AP English Lang	48	41	3	1	0	93	4.46				
0536	Amer Lit Survey	60	79	48	10	2	199	2.93				
0550	Eng Lit Survey	47	32	9	8	0	96	3.23				
0552	AP English Lit	31	41	4	1	0	77	4.32				
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1247</b>				<b>Science:</b> 2 years (20 cr) Must include 10 cr of Life Science and 10 cr of Physical Science	<b>Science:</b> Biology H/AP Chemistry H/AP Physics B AP Physics C: M AP AP Environ Sci AP
<b>CRS #</b>	<b>Social Sciences</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>					
0701	World Studies	197	93	63	20	11	384	3.16				
0702	Cont World Issues	50	37	26	10	13	136	2.74				
0717	AP European History	114	31	7	0	0	152	4.70				
0735	U S History	136	71	41	10	9	267	3.18				
0737	AP U S History	58	27	3	2	0	90	4.57				
0542	AP Art History	15	9	2	0	0	26	4.50				
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1055</b>		<b>World Language</b> <b>Fine Art</b> 2 years (20 cr) any combination of the above <b>Physical Education:</b> 2 years (20 cr) <b>Health:</b> 1 semester (5 cr) <b>Electives:</b> 60 cr <b>Total: 220 credits</b>	<b>World Language:</b> French Language (IV) AP Latin Vergil AP Spanish II H Spanish III H Spanish Language (IV) AP <b>Fine Arts:</b> Studio Art: 2D Design AP <b>Other:</b> Computer Science AP		

**3 YEAR COLLEGE MATRICULATION - CLASS OF 2010, 2011 & 2012**

Out of State - 231		4 Year Institutions	
Amherst College - 1	Cornish College - 1	Loyola Chicago - 1	St Joseph's Univ - 1
Arizona State - 4	Dartmouth - 5	Loyola New Orleans - 1	Santa Fe Univ of Art - 1
Baylor Univ - 1	DePaul Univ - 1	Macalester - 1	Sarah Lawrence College - 2
Berklee College of Music - 1	Drexel Univ - 2	Maryland Inst - 1	Seattle Univ - 1
Boston College - 2	Duke Univ - 1	MIT - 5	Southwestern Univ - 1
Boston Univ - 6	Eastman Sch of Music - 1	Massey NEW ZEALAND - 1	St. Edward's Univ - 1
Brandeis Univ - 1	Eckerd College - 1	McGill Univ CAN - 1	Tufts Univ - 6
Brooklyn College - 1	Emerson College - 2	Mount Holyoke - 1	Univ of Arizona - 6
Brown - 4	Emory Univ - 2	New York Univ - 5	Univ of British Columbia CAN - 3
Bryn Mawr College - 1	Evergreen State - 1	N Carolina State - 1	Univ of Chicago - 2
Bucknell Univ - 1	Fordham Univ - 1	Northeastern Univ - 4	Univ of Colorado, Boulder - 18
BYU - 2	Fudan Univ CHINA - 1	Northwestern Univ - 4	Univ of Colorado Springs - 1
BYU, Idaho - 2	George Washington - 1	Oberlin College - 3	Univ of Connecticut - 1
Carleton - 2	Georgetown - 1	Oregon State - 2	Univ of Denver - 1
Carnegie Mellon - 3	Georgia Tech 1	Pacific Univ - 1	Univ of Hawaii - 2
Case Western Reserve - 1	Gonzaga Univ - 2	Pratt Inst - 2	Univ of Idaho - 1
Christopher Newport - 1	Grinnell - 1	Princeton Univ - 2	Univ of Kentucky - 1
Colby College - 1	Hampton Univ - 1	Reed College - 1	Univ of Miami - 2
Colorado State - 2	Harvard - 2	Regis Univ - 1	Univ of Michigan - 3
Columbia Univ - 2	Hofstra Univ - 1	Rensselaer Polytech - 1	Univ of Missouri - 1
Cornell Univ - 3	Indiana Univ - 1	Rice Univ - 4	Univ of Montana - 2
	Lewis & Clark - 1	Royal Scottish of Music UK - 1	
<b>California State University - 152</b>	<b>University of Calif - 196</b>	<b>California Private - 114</b>	
Cal Poly, Pomona - 5	Monterey Bay - 2	Berkeley - 32	Biola Univ - 1
Cal Poly, SLO - 25	Northridge - 3	Davis - 29	Cal Tech - 2
Chico - 9	Sacramento - 3	Irvine - 4	Claremont McKenna - 1
East Bay - 3	San Diego - 4	Los Angeles - 33	Chapman Univ - 8
Fresno - 1	San Francisco - 38	Merced - 7	Dominican Univ of CA - 3
Fullerton - 3	San Jose - 42	Riverside - 8	Harvey Mudd - 2
Humboldt - 5	Sonoma - 7	San Diego - 24	Loyola Marymount - 6
Los Angeles - 1	Stanislaus - 1	Santa Barbara - 27	Mills College - 1
		Santa Cruz - 32	Notre Dame De Namur - 3
			Occidental College - 2
			Pacific Union College - 1
			Pepperdine Univ - 3
			Pitzer College - 1
			Pomona College - 4
			St. Mary's - 2
			Santa Clara Univ - 9
			Scripps College - 5
			Simpson Univ - 1
			Stanford Univ - 11
			Univ of Redlands - 3
			Univ of San Diego - 6
			Univ of San Francisco - 5
			Univ of the Pacific - 6
			Univ of S. Calif - 28
<b>Institutes of Art &amp; Design CA - 6</b>			
CA College of Arts - 1	Laguna College of Art - 1	Otis College of Art - 4	