

LOS ALTOS HIGH SCHOOL

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

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2012 – 2013 SCHOOL PROFILE



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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 | | | | | | | | |
|--|------------------------|------------|---|------------|-----------|--|--------------|------------|---|--|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| CRS # | Mathematics | A | B | C | D | F | TOTAL | GPA | English: 4 years (40 cr) Social Studies: 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) | English: World Literature H English Language AP English Literature AP English 3H (Freestyle) H English 4H (Freestyle) H Social Sciences: European History AP US History AP Govt & Politics US AP Microeconomics AP Art History AP | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | TOTALS | 466 | 396 | 207 | 54 | 26 | 1149 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CRS # | Science | A | B | C | D | F | TOTAL | | | | Mathematics: 2 years (20 cr) Must include 10 cr of Algebra I or higher | Mathematics: Geometry H Algebra II H Trig/Math Analysis H Calculus AB AP Calculus BC AP Statistics AP | | | | | | |
| 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 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | TOTALS | 493 | 407 | 212 | 55 | 20 | 1187 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CRS # | English | A | B | C | D | F | TOTAL | | Science: 2 years (20 cr) Must include 10 cr of Life Science and 10 cr of Physical Science | Science: Biology H/AP Chemistry H/AP Physics B AP Physics C: M AP AP Environ Sci AP | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | TOTALS | 453 | 516 | 207 | 56 | 15 | 1247 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CRS # | Social Sciences | A | B | C | D | F | TOTAL | | | | World Language Fine Art Practical Art: 2 years (20 cr) any combination of the above | World Language: French Language (IV) AP Latin Vergil AP Spanish II H Spanish III H Spanish Language (IV) AP | | | | | | |
| 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 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | TOTALS | 570 | 268 | 142 | 42 | 33 | 1055 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 YEAR COLLEGE MATRICULATION - CLASS OF 2010, 2011 & 2012 | | | | | | | | | Physical Education: 2 years (20 cr) Health: 1 semester (5 cr) Electives: 60 cr Total: 220 credits | Fine Arts: Studio Art: 2D Design AP Other: Computer Science AP | | | | | | | | |
| 4 Year Institutions | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Out of State - 231 Amherst College - 1 Arizona State - 4 Baylor Univ - 1 Berklee College of Music - 1 Boston College - 2 Boston Univ - 6 Brandeis Univ - 1 Brooklyn College - 1 Brown - 4 Bryn Mawr College - 1 Bucknell Univ - 1 BYU - 2 BYU, Idaho - 2 Carleton - 2 Carnegie Mellon - 3 Case Western Reserve - 1 Christopher Newport - 1 Colby College - 1 Colorado State - 2 Columbia Univ - 2 Cornell Univ - 3 | | | Cornish College - 1 Dartmouth - 5 DePaul Univ - 1 Drexel Univ - 2 Eastman Sch of Music - 1 Eckerd College - 1 Emerson College - 2 Emory Univ - 2 Evergreen State - 1 Fordham Univ - 1 Fudan Univ CHINA - 1 George Washington - 1 Georgetown - 1 Georgia Tech - 1 Gonzaga Univ - 2 Grinnell - 1 Hampton Univ - 1 Harvard - 2 Hofstra Univ - 1 Indiana Univ - 1 Lewis & Clark - 1 | | | Loyola Chicago - 1 Loyola New Orleans - 1 Macalester - 1 Maryland Inst - 1 MIT - 5 Massey NEW ZEALAND - 1 McGill Univ CAN - 1 Mount Holyoke - 1 New York Univ - 5 N Carolina State - 1 Northeastern Univ - 4 Northwestern Univ - 4 Oberlin College - 3 Oregon State - 2 Pacific Univ - 1 Pratt Inst - 2 Princeton Univ - 2 Reed College - 1 Regis Univ - 1 Rensselaer Polytech - 1 Rice Univ - 4 Royal Scottish of Music UK - 1 | | | | | | | St Joseph's Univ - 1 Santa Fe Univ of Art - 1 Sarah Lawrence College - 2 Seattle Univ - 1 Southwestern Univ - 1 St. Edward's Univ - 1 Tufts Univ - 6 Univ of Arizona - 6 Univ of British Columbia CAN - 3 Univ of Chicago - 2 Univ of Colorado, Boulder - 18 Univ of Colorado Springs - 1 Univ of Connecticut - 1 Univ of Denver - 1 Univ of Hawaii - 2 Univ of Idaho - 1 Univ of Kentucky - 1 Univ of Miami - 2 Univ of Michigan - 3 Univ of Missouri - 1 Univ of Montana - 2 | | | Univ of N Carolina - 1 Univ of Oregon - 7 Univ of Pennsylvania - 4 Univ of Portland - 3 Univ of Puget Sound - 5 Univ of St. Andrews UK - 1 Univ of Texas, Austin - 2 Univ of Utah - 2 Univ of Vermont - 1 Univ of Washington - 11 Univ of Wisconsin - 2 Villanova Univ - 1 Virginia Polytech - 1 Washington Univ St. Louis - 5 West Virginia Univ - 2 Western Washington - 1 Whitman College - 3 Whitworth - 1 Williams College - 1 Worcester Polytech - 1 Yale Univ - 2 | | |
| California State University - 152 Cal Poly, Pomona - 5 Cal Poly, SLO - 25 Chico - 9 East Bay - 3 Fresno - 1 Fullerton - 3 Humboldt - 5 Los Angeles - 1 | | | Monterey Bay - 2 Northridge - 3 Sacramento - 3 San Diego - 4 San Francisco - 38 San Jose - 42 Sonoma - 7 Stanislaus - 1 | | | University of Calif - 196 Berkeley - 32 Davis - 29 Irvine - 4 Los Angeles - 33 Merced - 7 Riverside - 8 San Diego - 24 Santa Barbara - 27 Santa Cruz - 32 | | | | | | | California Private - 114 Biola Univ - 1 Cal Tech - 2 Claremont McKenna - 1 Chapman Univ - 8 Dominican Univ of CA - 3 Harvey Mudd - 2 Loyola Marymount - 6 Mills College - 1 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 | | |
| Institutes of Art & Design CA - 6 CA College of Arts - 1 Laguna College of Art - 1 Otis College of Art - 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |