

# Sacramento Charter High School



## Vision

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

## Mission

To promote self-motivated, industrious and critically-thinking leaders who are passionate about life long learning, committed to serving others, and prepared to graduate from a four-year college.

## 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 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, a historic event made more significant by the recent changes that had 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 completely overhauled the curriculum and culture.

Sac High's college-going culture is designed to give all students the opportunity to be accepted to, attend, and graduate from college.

## Five Pillars

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

## SERVICE FOR OTHERS

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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

**WASC #:** 34 67439 555

**CDS #:** 34 67439 0102038

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## Students, Faculty, & Community

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### Enrollment and Demographics (as of September 2019)

Total enrollment        522  
Class of 2020            119

#### Racial and ethnic breakdown:

African-American	61.4%
American Indian/Alaska Native	2.0%
Asian	2.0%
Filipino	0.4%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1.0%
Hispanic/Latino	27.0%
White	1.2%
Multiple	4.9%
Socioeconomically disadvantaged (qualify for free/reduced lunch)	> 70%
English Learners	3.1%
Special Education	11.4%

### 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 September 2019)

Total faculty                25  
Student to faculty ratio    21:1

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## The School

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### School Schedule

The 2019-20 school year runs from August 7, 2019 to June 4, 2020 and is broken into 2 terms: August 7 - December 18 and January 8 - June 4.

Students take five academic courses (75-80 minutes per class) plus one advisory class (30 minutes) per term. For the class of 2020 and 2021, each term is equal to one year's worth of credit at a standard high school due to Sac High's block system. The class of 2022 and beyond have transitioned to a traditional schedule for credit accumulation.

Many seniors will not finalize their second term class schedules until January 2020.

### Clubs

Students at Sac High have the option to join a variety of clubs.

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. Participation in athletics is contingent upon having a 2.0 GPA in current classes.

#### Varsity Women's Teams

Volleyball  
Golf  
Wrestling  
Basketball  
Soccer  
Softball  
Track & field  
Cross-country  
Cheerleading

#### Varsity Men's Teams

Volleyball  
Football  
Wrestling  
Basketball  
Soccer  
Baseball  
Track & field  
Cross-country  
Cheerleading

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# The Academic Program

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## 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 to graduate.

Graduates (through the class of 2021\*) are required to earn a minimum of 260 credits, 10 for each term class passed with a C or better. Prior to the 2006-07 school year, however, students, were allowed to pass with a D- or better (see below —Grading System).

## Required Credits:

- 30 credits of History/Social Science
- 40 credits of English
- 30 credits of Math, including one Algebra course
- 20 credits of Lab Science, including one Life Science and one Physical Science
- 20 credits of Foreign Language
- 10 credits of Visual and Performing Arts
- 10 credits of a College Prep Elective
- 20 credits of Physical Education
- 20 credits of Advisory [homeroom]
- 60 credits of Electives

## Grading System

### 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	76-74	2.0 grade points
C-	73-70	1.7 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 offers a number of Honors courses (UC Honors). Honors courses taken at other high schools will be weighted according to the AP scale.

## Reading Transcripts

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.

## Honors Courses (UC Honors courses)

Honors US History  
Honors World History  
Honors Chemistry

## Advanced Placement (AP)

AP classes offered from 2005-06 onwards:

Biology offered ...	2005-06, 2007-12, 2013-16, 2017-19
Calculus AB	2005-09, 2010-20
Calculus BC	2005-07
Chemistry	2005-09, 2019-20
Comparative Studio Art	2006-07, 2011-12, 2013- 15
Computer Science A	2005-06
English Lang and Comp	2005-15, 2016-20
English Lit & Comp	2005-14, 2015-16, 2017- 20
Government	2005-06, 2007-20
Microeconomics	2012-13
Spanish	2005-09, 2010-11, 2017- 19
United States History	2005-20
World History	2005-06, 2007-20

71.4% of the current seniors (class of 2020) have taken or are currently taking at least one AP class.  
41.2% have taken or are currently taking three or more AP classes.

\* Starting with the class of 2022, students will earn 5 credits per term. Credit totals will be adjusted as necessary pending Board of Directors approval.

In 2018-19, 202 Sac High students took 321 AP exams. There were 44 passing scores (3 or higher).

## The Class of 2019

115 Graduates in 2019

100% A-G eligible

### College Admissions Testing

SAT (86 took the exam)

Met/Exceeded EBRW 38% (avg. score 473)

Met/Exceeded Math 19% (avg. score 463)

ACT (144 exams) - Mean Score:

Composite 16.9

English 16.0

Math 17.1

### Class of 2019 College Acceptances

- Vast majority of students are first-generation college attendees
- 95% acceptance rate into 4 year institutions

### Members of the Class of 2019 were accepted into the following four-year institutions:

Alabama A&M University  
 Alcorn State University  
 Allen university  
 Arizona State University  
 Avila University  
 Benedict College  
 Bennett College  
 Bowie State University  
 California Lutheran University  
 Cal State Poly Univ, Pomona  
 Cal State Poly Univ, San Luis Obispo  
 California State Univ, Channel Islands  
 California State University, Chico  
 California State Univ, Dominguez Hills  
 California State University, East Bay  
 California State University, Fresno  
 California State University, Fullerton  
 California State University, Long Beach  
 California State University, Los Angeles  
 California State University, Maritime  
 California State University, Monterey Bay  
 California State University, Northridge  
 California State University, Sacramento  
 California State Univ, San Bernardino  
 California State University, Stanislaus  
 Clark Atlanta University  
 College of William and Mary  
 Concordia University—Irvine  
 Dean College  
 Delaware State University  
 Dillard University  
 Emory University  
 Florida A& M University  
 Florida Memorial University  
 Fort Valley State University  
 Grambling State University  
 Hampton University  
 Harris-Stowe University  
 Hofstra University  
 Howard University  
 Humboldt State University  
 Huston-Tillotson University  
 Johnson C. Smith University  
 Lane University  
 Langston University  
 Lincoln University  
 Livingstone University  
 Loyola Marymount University  
 Menlo College  
 Morehouse College  
 Morgan State University  
 Mount Saint Mary's University  
 New York University  
 Nichols College  
 Norfolk State University  
 Northwestern University

## The Class of 2020

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

119 Seniors (as of October 2019)

Cumulative Un-weighted GPA	Number of Students	%
4.00	0	0.0%
3.99 - 3.50	26	21.8%
3.49 - 3.00	39	32.8%
2.99 - 2.50	26	21.8%
2.49 - 2.00	19	15.9%
Below 2.0	9	7.6%

### 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%	3.94+
5%	3.87+
10%	3.68+
20%	3.56+

Oklahoma City University  
 Oregon State University  
 Paine College  
 Philander Smith College  
 Prairie View A&M University  
 Saint Mary's College of California  
 San Diego State University  
 San Francisco State University  
 San Jose State University  
 Shaw University  
 Sonoma State University  
 Southern University and A& M College  
 Southern University at New Orleans  
 Spelman College  
 Talladega College  
 Tennessee State university  
 Texas Southern University  
 Tulane College  
 Tuskegee University  
 United States Military Academy—Army  
 University of Arizona  
 University of California, Berkeley  
 University of California, Davis  
 University of California, Irvine  
 University of California, Los Angeles  
 University of California, Merced  
 University of California, Riverside  
 University of California, San Diego  
 University of California, Santa Barbara  
 University of California, Santa Cruz  
 University of Hawaii, Manoa  
 University of Miami  
 University of Nevada, Las Vegas  
 University of New Mexico  
 University of New Orleans  
 University of Oregon  
 University of Portland  
 University of San Diego  
 University of San Francisco  
 University of Tampa  
 University of Texas, Arlington  
 University of the Pacific  
 University of Virginia  
 Virginia State University  
 Wells College  
 Western Oregon University  
 Wilberforce University  
 Wiley College  
 Willamette University  
 Xavier University of Louisiana