

# 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. Sac High is divided into four small learning communities (**Law & Public Service**, **Math, Engineering & Health Sciences**, **School of the Arts**, **Business & Communications**) each adhering to the same college-focused principles. The small learning communities afford students the opportunity to pursue individual career interests through specialized internships and classes.

<p><b>Five Pillars</b></p> <p>High Expectations Choice &amp; Commitment More Time Focus on Results Power to Lead</p>
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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 October 2017)

Total enrollment	756
Class of 2018	162

#### Racial and ethnic breakdown:

African-American	57.8%
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.8%
Asian	1.7%
Filipino	0.1%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.5%
Hispanic/Latino	28.1%
White	1.4%
Multiple	9.5%
Socioeconomically disadvantaged (qualify for free/reduced lunch)	74.6%
English Learners	3.8%
Special Education	10%

### 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 2017)

Total faculty	48
Student to faculty ratio	16:1

### Partnerships

Each small learning community 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 UC Davis.

Students can also enroll in vocational internships and classes like Computer Graphics and Visual Communications through the Sacramento County Regional Occupational Program (ROP).

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## The School

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### School Schedule

The 2017-2018 school year runs from August 9, 2017 to June 7, 2018 and is broken into 2 terms: August 9 - December 20 and January 10 - June 7.

Students take five academic courses (75-80 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 class schedules until January 2018.

### Clubs

Students at Sac High have the option to join a variety of clubs including MECHA, Key Club, and many more.

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 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 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.

## 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.

## Advanced Placement (AP)

AP classes offered from 2005-06 onwards:

Biology offered ...	2005-06, 2007-12, 2013-16, 2017-18
Calculus AB	2005-09, 2010-18
Calculus BC	2005-07
Chemistry	2005-09
Comparative Studio Art	2006-07, 2011-12, 2013-15
Computer Science A	2005-06
English Lang and Comp	2005-15, 2016-18
English Lit & Comp	2005-14, 2015-16, 2017-18
Government	2005-06, 2007-18
Microeconomics	2012-13
Spanish	2005-09, 2010-11, 2017-18
United States History	2005-18
World History	2005-06, 2007-18

35.2% of the current seniors (class of 2018) have taken or are currently taking at least one AP class. 21.6% have taken or are currently taking three or more AP classes.

In 2016-17, 101 Sac High students took 160 AP exams. There were 43 passing scores (3 or higher).

## The Class of 2017

139 Graduates in 2017

100% A-G eligible

### College Admissions Testing

SAT Averages (117 took the exam)	
Mean Critical Reading SAT (range)	502 (300-670)
Mean Mathematics SAT (range)	485 (350-690)
ACT (129 took the exam)	
Mean Composite Score (range)	18.2 (12-28)

### Class of 2017 College Acceptances

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

### Members of the Class of 2017 were accepted into the following four-year institutions:

Alabama A&M University	Grambling State University	Savannah State University
Alcorn State University	Grand Canyon University	Sonoma State University
Arizona State University	Hampton University	Southern University and A& M College
Benedict College	Harris-Stowe University	Southern University at New Orleans
Bennett College	Hawaii Pacific University	Spelman College
Bethune-Cookman University	Holy Names University	Stanford University
Boise State University	Howard University	Talladega College
California Baptist University	Humboldt State University	Texas Southern University
California Maritime Academy	Huston-Tillotson University	Tougaloo College
Cal State Poly Univ, Pomona	Jefferson College of Health Sciences	Tuskegee University
Cal State Poly Univ, San Luis Obispo	Johnson C. Smith University	University of California, Berkeley
California State University, Bakersfield	Langston University	University of California, Davis
California State Univ, Channel Islands	Livingstone University	University of California, Irvine
California State University, Chico	Menlo College	University of California, Los Angeles
California State Univ, Dominguez Hills	Mississippi State University	University of California, Merced
California State University, East Bay	Mississippi Valley State University	University of California, Riverside
California State University, Fresno	Morehouse College	University of California, San Diego
California State University, Fullerton	Morgan State University	University of California, Santa Barbara
California State University, Long Beach	Mount Saint Mary's University	University of California, Santa Cruz
California State University, Los Angeles	New York University	University of Nevada, Las Vegas
California State Univer, Monterey Bay	Norfolk State University	University of Nevada, Reno
California State University, Northridge	Notre Dame de Namur University	University of Redlands
California State University, Sacramento	Oklahoma City University	University of San Francisco
California State Univ, San Bernardino	Oregon State University	University of Southern California
California State University, Stanislaus	Pepperdine University	University of the Pacific
Central State University	Philander Smith College	University of Virginia
Clark Atlanta University	Providence Christian College	Virginia Commonwealth University
Dillard University	Roanoke College	Virginia State University
Florida A& M University	Saint Mary's College of California	West Virginia State University
Florida Memorial University	San Diego State University	Wilberforce University
Florida Southern University	San Francisco State University	Wiley College
George Mason University	San Jose State University	Xavier University of Louisiana

## The Class of 2018

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

162 Seniors (as of October 2017)

Cumulative Un-weighted GPA	Number of Students	%
4.00	0	0.0%
3.99 - 3.50	20	12.3%
3.49 - 3.00	37	22.8%
2.99 - 2.50	45	27.8%
2.49 - 2.00	35	21.6%
Below 2.0	25	15.4%

### 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%	3.76+
10%	3.58+
20%	3.28+