



Woodside High School

Sequoia Union High School District

2021-2022 School Profile

School and Community

Woodside High School is a fully accredited four-year comprehensive secondary school that has been serving the communities of the mid-peninsula since its opening in 1958. The 34-acre campus lies just east of the Santa Cruz Mountains and is one of four comprehensive campuses in the Sequoia Union High School District. The District's total student population is approximately 8,900.

Woodside has approximately 1,760 students (492 seniors) who come from the surrounding communities of Redwood City, Woodside, and Portola Valley. Our school community reflects the cultural and socio-economic makeup of California. The mid-peninsula is an area of great economic diversity containing some of the most affluent and the most economically deprived communities in the state. Just north of Silicon Valley and Stanford University, Woodside High School is influenced greatly by the rapidly evolving business and cultural interests of the region. Students follow a rotating block schedule with classes meeting 39 weeks a year and are 90 minutes in length. Most students are enrolled in six classes. The student to teacher ratio is 26:1. Of the certificated staff of 134, seventy percent have Master's degrees. Woodside teachers mentor student teachers from Stanford University. The Woodside High School challenge is to provide opportunity that matches privilege. Over the past half-century, Woodside High School has emerged as one of the most dynamic and diverse comprehensive high schools on the San Francisco peninsula. We have been listed in *Newsweek* Magazine's list of top high schools, and offer one of the most rigorous advanced placement college preparatory programs in the region.

COVID-19: Due to a mandated shelter-in-place, the SUHSD changed our grading system to Pass/No Pass for Spring and Summer of 2020. In addition, for the 2020-2021 school year, students had the option to change letter grades to Pass/No Pass.

Ethnic Distribution (as of September 2021)

African American	1%	Pacific Islander	1%
Asian American	4%	Two or more Races	2%
Hispanic	47%	White	43%

Additional information: National School Lunch Program (2020-2021 SY): 32%; English Learners: 12%

AP/Honors Courses (weighted)

ENGLISH

Honors: AS English I, AS English II
AP: English Language & Composition, English Literature & Composition

SCIENCE:

Honors: AS Chemistry
AP: AP Biology, AP Environmental Science
AP Physics C: Mechanics

SOCIAL SCIENCE

AP: AP European History, AP US History

MATHEMATICS

Honors: Algebra III/ Trigonometry
AP: AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, AP Statistics

WORLD LANGUAGE

AP: AP French Language & Culture, AP Latin Language & Culture, AP Mandarin Language & Culture, AP Spanish Language & Culture, AP Spanish Literature & Culture

ELECTIVES

AP: AP Art Studio 2D, AP Art Studio 3D, AP Computer Science A: Java, AP Computer Science Principle

College Courses (offered on campus-rotating by semester)

- MATH 253 Analytic Geo and Calculus II
- MATH 275 Ordinary Differential Equations
- MATH 270 Linear Algebra

Testing

Advanced Placement Scores

	Spring '19	Spring '20	Spring '21
Number of students tested	404	448	390
Number of tests	761	903	801
Percentage scoring 3 or higher	77%	86%	71%

Median SAT Scores

	SAT 2018-2019	SAT 2019-2020	SAT 2020-2021
Critical Reading	Mean Score- 1133 (out of 1600)	Mean Score- 1156 (out of 1600)	Mean Score- 1203 (out of 1600)
Mathematics	Math- 573 (out of 800)	Math- 576 (out of 800)	Math- 603 (out of 800)
Writing	Evidence Based Reading/Writing-560 (out of 800)	Evidence Based Reading/Writing-570 (out of 800)	Evidence Based Reading/Writing-600 (out of 800)

WHS

Mission Statement:

"All Students Can and Will Learn"

Awarded a six-year accreditation by the Western Association of Schools & Colleges

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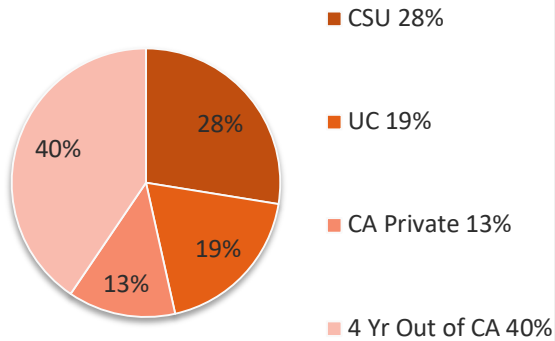
Coordinator

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Post High School Plans - Class of 2021

4 year College	55.4%
2 year College	38.4%
Military	1.2%
Gap Year	2.5%
Work	2.5%

WHS Four Year College Distribution



National Merit Program

Since 1961 there have been 68 National Merit Scholarship winners, 246 Finalists, 630 Commendation winners, and 25 National Hispanic Scholars.

GPA Distribution on a 4.0 scale for the Class of 2021

Individual rank in class is not reported. To assist in evaluating student performance, the following grade distribution chart is provided.

GPA Range	Number of Students (427)
4.2 & Above	36
4.0-4.19	48
3.8-3.99	51
3.6-3.79	35
3.4-3.59	41
3.2-3.39	39
3.0-3.19	30
2.8-2.99	33
2.6-2.79	22
2.4-2.59	20
2.2-2.39	18
2.0-2.19	20
2.0 & Below	34
Average GPA	3.25

Grade Point Average

The GPA computation is based on a grading system of A, B, C, D, and F, with point values of 4, 3, 2, 1, and 0. Advanced Standing and Advanced Placement courses are weighted and assigned point values of 5, 4, and 3. "WP" (withdrew passing) indicates a student withdrew from class while passing. "WF" (withdrew failing) indicates the student was failing the class at the time of withdrawal.

Honor Societies

California Scholarship Federation (CSF)

SUHSD Graduation Requirements

220 credits are required for graduation with five credits earned (per semester) for each course completed with a "D" or better.

- English – 40 (8 semesters)
- Social Studies – 35 (7 semesters)
- Mathematics – 20 (4 semesters)
- Science – 20 (4 semesters)
- Career Technical Education – 10 (2 semesters)
- Life Skills – 2.5 (1 quarter)
- Physical Education – 20 (8 quarters)
- Fine Arts – 10 (2 semesters)
- Electives – 62.5 (12.5 semesters)

Curriculum

Woodside offers a full range of Advanced Placement and advanced standing classes that meet admissions requirements for all top schools. Along with its strong "a-g" college-preparatory focus, Woodside welcomes and supports all students in fulfilling their maximum potential, and particularly those students whose needs are greatest. Specialized support ranges from one-on-one, small group and skill-building classes for students below grade level to academic planning, coursework and support for English Learners and students receiving special education services. Access to the core college preparatory curriculum is provided to all students at Woodside High School. Opportunities are available for students to take courses at local community colleges for enrichment and vocational exploration.

Electives

Woodside offers a broad range of electives. Students have the opportunity to take courses in Art, Music (instrumental and vocal), Ceramics, Computer Science, Engineering, Drama, Fine Art, Digital Filmmaking, Digital Communication & Video, Digital Photography, Digital Music Production, Foods & Nutrition, Digital Journalism, Yearbook, Psychology, and Student Leadership.

Guidance Department

Woodside High School's Guidance Program provides academic planning, personal counseling, and college and career advising for students.

Student Leadership

Our student activities program offers opportunities for students to develop their leadership skills and/or unique interests through one-on-one, small group, classroom and evening events.

Athletics

Woodside High School is a member in good standing of the CIF/CCS and Peninsula Athletic League (PAL).

Fall	Winter	Spring
Football (B)	Basketball (B, G)	Lacrosse (B, G)
Water Polo (B, G)	Soccer (B, G)	Track and Field (C)
Cross-Country (C)	Wrestling (C)	Baseball (B)
Tennis (G)	Dance (C)	Softball (G)
Volleyball (G)	Cheer (C)	Badminton (C)
Dance (C)		Swimming (B, G)
Cheer (C)		Tennis (B)
Golf (G)		Golf (B)

B = Boys G = Girls C = Co Ed