



Sonoma Valley High School

2009-10 School Profile

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Accreditation: WASC – Western Association of Schools & Colleges

CEEB Code: 053390

Community

Sonoma Valley is about 18 miles long and 24 square miles wide. The City of Sonoma has a population of approximately 10,000, while the Valley itself exceeds 30,000. The Sonoma Valley Unified School District serves the educational needs of this agricultural community and is a tourism destination, equidistant to San Francisco and Sacramento. The District has a diversified economic base. Currently, the District consists of one comprehensive high school, two middle schools, and 5 elementary schools utilizing a K-5, 6-8, 9-12 grade-level configuration.

Campus

Sonoma Valley High School (SVHS) is a comprehensive four-year public high school staffed by 71 teachers, 2.9 counselors, one librarian and three administrators. The campus includes six computer laboratories, video production and photography laboratories, fine arts facilities, industrial arts shops, an agricultural farm, a theatre, three gymnasiums, four tennis courts, an all-weather track and practice fields. Student enrollment covers a wide spectrum of adolescents and includes high achieving, English Language Learners, special education, at-risk and disadvantaged youths. The school offers an AVID program which targets first-generation college-bound students from low socio-economic backgrounds.

Enrollment	
➤	Four-year comprehensive public high school
➤	Total Enrollment: 1321
➤	Student Demographics: 54% White, 42% Hispanic/Latino, 4% Other
➤	Enrollment by class:
❖	Class of 2010 - 320
❖	Class of 2011 - 289
❖	Class of 2012 - 334
❖	Class of 2013 - 378

Graduation Course Assignments	
➤	4 years English
➤	3 years Social Studies
➤	2 years Mathematics (including Algebra 1)
➤	2 years Science
➤	1 year Foreign Language or Fine Arts
➤	2 years Physical Education
➤	1 semester Introduction to Technology (pass or by exam)
➤	1 semester Living Skills
Graduation requirements also include a Senior Project.	

Extracurricular Program

Sonoma Valley High School offers a wide range of extracurricular activities including more than 20 clubs and 30 interscholastic sports teams. Visual and Performing Arts include Art Design, Advanced Drama, Forensics, Newspaper, Madrigals, Concert and Jazz Bands, Advanced Photography and Advanced Video Productions. The music, yearbook and video productions programs have been recognized, featured and honored at numerous events. SVHS also boasts of an agriculture farm where students have participated in FFA competitions and won more than 52 awards, including 2 State Degrees and 33 Grand and Supreme Champion Awards.

Length of Semester/Day

The 180 day academic year is organized on a modified rotating block schedule with all classes meeting on Mondays. Thirty (30) credits per semester is the standard course load; students take six 95-minute block classes, which meet all year.

Ranking and Grade Distribution

Student class rank is determined based on a weighted academic grade point average (GPA). Beginning with Grade 9, all subjects, whether passed or failed, are included in the computation. A minimum of 220 credits is required for graduation. In addition, each student must complete Senior Project. All Advanced Placement (AP) classes and 3 Honors classes* are weighted by one point. The highest possible GPA at SVHS is a 4.5.

Class of 2009	303 Graduates
4.0+	16
3.5 – 3.99	32
3.0- 3.49	81
2.50 – 2.99	104
2.0 – 2.49	87
less than a 2.0	52

Advanced Placement Courses	
AP Biology	AP English III
AP Chemistry	AP English IV
AP Physics	AP Spanish IV
AP Calculus	AP Spanish Literature
AP Statistics	
*Honors Courses	
Civics*	English III*
Economics	English IV
English I	US History*
English II	World History

Advanced Placement Test Results

In 2009, thirty-three (33) students received AP Scholar Awards and 1 received an AP National Scholar Recognition.

Advanced Placement			
Year	Enrolled	Tests Given	Scored 3 or Higher on All Tests Given
2008-09	171	266	81%

Standardized Test Results

Forty-seven (47) percent of the Class of 2009 took the SAT. The class of 2009 had 5 National Merit Scholarship commended students. The class of 2010 has 2 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists.

SAT Scores	Critical Reading	Math	Writing
Mean/Average	526	531	520
75 th Percentile	590	600	580
50 th Percentile	530	540	520
25 th Percentile	450	460	450

ACT: (73 tested); Composite 24.1 English 23.7; Math 24.7; Reading 24.2 Science 23.1

Post High School Plans (2009)

2009 graduates received upward of \$1.2 million in grants and scholarships.

4 -Year College	2-Year College	All College	Other
35%	55%	90%	10%

College attended by recent SVHS graduates:

Boston College
 Boston University
 Brigham Young University
 Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
 Cal Poly Pomona
 Claremont-McKenna
 Clemson University
 Colorado School of Mines
 Columbia University
 Colorado University
 Cornell University
 Dominican University
 Drexel University
 George Washington University
 Georgetown University
 Harvard University
 Johns Hopkins University

Lehigh University
 Lewis & Clark College
 Northeastern University
 Northwestern University
 Notre Dame College
 Occidental College
 Penn State University
 Pepperdine University
 Pomona College
 Princeton University
 St. Edward's University
 St. John's University
 Trinity College
 University of Arizona
 University of California, Berkeley
 University of California, Davis
 University of California, Los Angeles

University of California, San Diego
 University of California, Santa Barbara
 University of Chicago
 University of Connecticut
 University of Idaho
 University of Miami
 University North Carolina - Charlotte
 University of Oregon
 University of Pennsylvania
 University of Portland
 University of San Francisco
 University of Washington
 Vassar College
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 Wellesley College
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