



Sonoma Valley High School

2011-12 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 70 teachers, 3.4 counselors, .8 librarian and 3.6 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: 1345
➤	Student Demographics: 46% White, 44% Hispanic/Latino, 10% Other
➤	Enrollment by class:
❖	Class of 2012 - 293
❖	Class of 2013 - 326
❖	Class of 2014 - 363
❖	Class of 2015 - 363

Graduation Course Requirements Classes of 2012-14	
➤	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
➤	1 semester Living Skills
➤	4 semesters Career Education Electives
Graduation requirements also include a Senior Project and passage of the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE).	

Extracurricular Program

Sonoma Valley High School offers a wide range of extracurricular activities including more than 15 clubs and 30 interscholastic sports teams. Visual and Performing Arts include Art Design, Advanced Drama, Forensics, Newspaper, Yearbook, Madrigals, Concert and Jazz Bands, Advanced Photography and Advanced Video Arts. The music, yearbook, forensics, culinary arts and video arts 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 awards, including State Degrees and 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 Wednesdays. 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 2 Honors classes* are weighted by one point.

Class of 2011	231 Graduates
4.0+	8
3.5 – 3.99	29
3.0- 3.49	64
2.50 – 2.99	71
2.0 – 2.49	44
less than a 2.0	15

Advanced Placement Courses	
AP Biology	AP English Language and Composition
AP Chemistry	AP English Literature and Composition
AP Physics B	AP Spanish Language
AP Calculus AB	AP Spanish Literature
AP Statistics	AP US History
AP Computer Science A	AP World History
*Honors Courses	
Civics	English III*
Economics	English IV
English I	US History*
English II	World History

Advanced Placement Test Results

In 2011, twenty-six (26) students received AP Scholar Awards and 2 received an AP National Scholar Recognition.

Advanced Placement			
Year	Enrolled	Tests Given	Scored 3 or Higher on All Tests Given
2010-11	196	313	61%

Standardized Test Results

The class of 2011 had 2 National Merit Scholarship commended students and 2 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists.

SAT Scores	Critical Reading	Math	Writing
Mean/Average	509	546	511
75 th Percentile	570	610	570
50 th Percentile	510	550	490
25 th Percentile	430	470	440

ACT: (84 tested); Composite 22.9 English 22.2; Math 24.3; Reading 22.8; Science 22.0

Post High School Plans (2010)

2011 graduates received upward of \$2.4 million in grants and scholarships.

4 –Year College	2-Year College	All College	Other
43%	52%	95%	5%

Colleges attended by recent SVHS graduates:

American University	Hampshire College	University of California, Berkeley
Boston College	Harvard University	University of California, Davis
Boston University	Johns Hopkins University	University of California, Los Angeles
Brigham Young University	Lehigh University	University of California, San Diego
Butler University	Lewis & Clark College	University of California, Santa Barbara
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo	Macalaster College	University of Chicago
Claremont-McKenna	Middlebury College	University of Connecticut
Clemson University	New York University	University of Oregon
Colgate College	Northeastern University	University of Pennsylvania
Columbia University	Northwestern University	University of Southern California
Cornell University	Notre Dame College	University of Washington
Dartmouth College	Occidental College	Vassar College
Dominican University	Pepperdine University	Washington University (St. Louis)
Drexel University	Pomona College	Wellesley College
Fordham University	Princeton University	Wesleyan University
George Washington University	Syracuse University	Whitman College
Georgetown University	Tulane University	Yale University

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