

LOS GATOS HIGH SCHOOL

LOS GATOS SARATOGA UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL PROFILE 2019 - 2020

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The School

Los Gatos High School is a comprehensive public high school on the tip of Silicon Valley. The current enrollment is approximately 2170 students. Nearly 20% of our students speak a language other than English and 10% were born outside the US. The LGHS strategic focus goals include three major areas: relevant and engaging learning experiences; student wellness, balance and belonging; and creating a culture of collaboration and innovation. LGHS reflects the traditions, values and philosophies of its community and is proud of its robust course pathways, including honors and Advanced Placement as well as project-based, STEM-related classes. Students participate in over 70 academic, athletic and community service activities that annually raise over \$100,000 for charities and non-profit organizations. Los Gatos High School has been recognized as a California Distinguished School and is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

65% OF STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN AT LEAST ONE ATHLETIC TEAM

200+ STUDENTS IN LEADERSHIP OR PEER-TO-PEER ORGANIZATIONS

65 GRADUATING SENIORS EARN BI-LITERACY DESIGNATION.

76% OF STUDENTS GRADUATE MEETING OR EXCEEDING THE UC OR CSU REQUIREMENTS

375+ STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN JOB SHADOW PROGRAM LAST YEAR

Academic Programs

LGHS offers academically challenging courses. While 72% of LGHS students have taken at least one AP course, our students value balance and creative curriculum. LGHS offers approximately 85 electives options, three world language programs, and a variety of specialized pathways highlighted below:

LEAD (New Tech Program)

An interdisciplinary 4-year pathway emphasizing student-driven inquiry and guided exploration. LEAD students work individually and in groups to solve real world problems. LEAD classes have embedded honors options in history, science and English courses.

Elective Pathways

Students can elect to follow an elective pathway in Visual, Spatial, Media, Culinary or Performing Arts by completing 5 elective courses and a culminating portfolio. Each year, approximately 20 graduating students complete this pathway and 20% complete the highest level in a single elective.

Advanced Science Research

ASR offers a unique opportunity for participating students to conduct individual research projects and compete in the Synopsys Science Fair, most taking home awards. Second and third year students can enroll in AP Research, beginning with the 2019-2020 school year.

Partner & CTE Programs

Each year dozens of our students participate in Middle College and College Advantage in partnership with West Valley College, and in the half-day technical education programs at the Silicon Valley Career Technical Education campus.

School Structure

Classes meet for 90-minute periods on alternating block days. Students may take up to six classes with a seventh period available for athletics and some elective course options. Five units are awarded for each semester class. Grades and units are assigned in December and June. During each 18-week semester, students may take a maximum of 35 units.

Grading

Academic weighted, four-point system, grade point average:

**A = 4 B = 3 C = 2
D = 1 F = 0**

- Includes all courses in grades 9-12, except PE/Sports and Teacher/Office Assistant.
- One extra point is given for each 9th-12th grade Honors/Advanced Placement course with a C- or higher grade.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

SUBJECT AREA	# OF UNITS
English	40
Social Studies	30
Mathematics	20
Science	20
Physical Education	20
Visual Performing Arts OR World Language	10
Applied Arts	5
Electives (Additional Credits)	75
Total Required Units	220

Ranking

Los Gatos High School does not rank students.

Honors & AP Courses

ENGLISH

Honors: English 9, English 10,
Honors LEAD Courses: English 9, English 10, English 11, English 12
AP: English Language & Composition, English Literature & Composition

SOCIAL STUDIES

Honors: Economics
Honors LEAD Courses: World History, US History, US Government, Economics
AP: European History, US History, Psychology, US Government & Politics

MATHEMATICS

Honors: Pre-Calculus/Trigonometry
AP: Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics

SCIENCE

Honors: Biology
Honors LEAD Courses: Biology
AP: Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Physics 1, Physics C: Mechanics

WORLD LANGUAGE

Honors: French 4, Japanese 3, Spanish 4
AP: French Lang, Japanese Lang, Spanish Lang

ELECTIVES

Honors: Art 4, Orchestra, Chambers Singers, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble, Creative Writing
AP: Computer Science, Music Theory, Research

DATA: GPA DISTRIBUTION, POST HIGH SCHOOL PLANS, STANDARDIZED TESTING

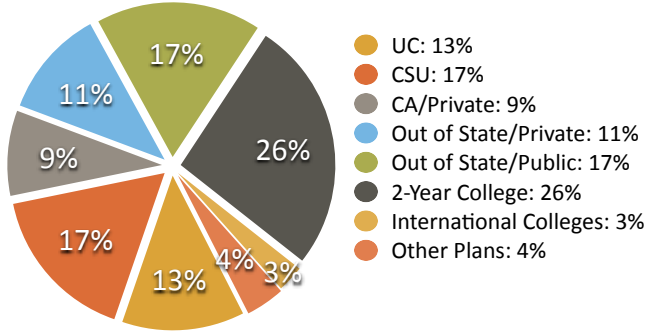
College Choice

By Year of Graduation

	2017	2018	2019
2-Year Colleges	22%	25%	26%
4-Year Colleges	65%	71%	70%
Total College	87%	96%	96%

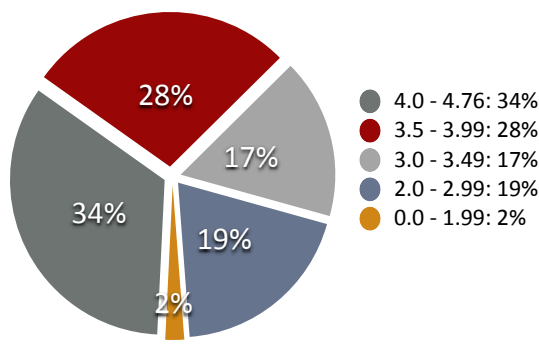
Post High School Plans

Class of 2019



Cumulative Grade Point Distribution

Class of 2020



SAT Reasoning Data

Number Tested/Mean Score

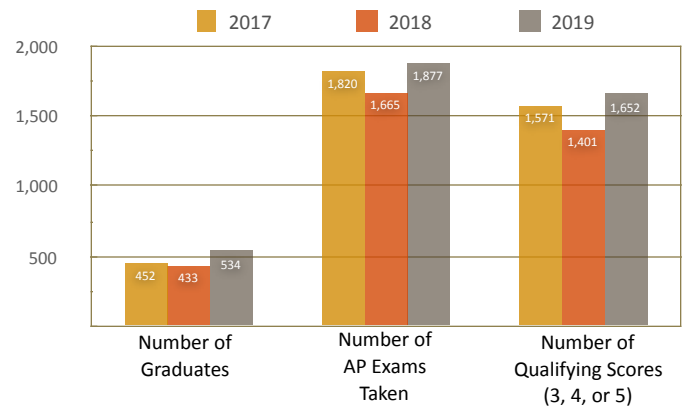
	2017	2018	2019
Critical Reading/ Evidence Based Writing	348/634	333/630	392/631
Math	348/642	333/641	392/643

ACT Data

Number Tested/Mean Score

Exam Subject	2017	2018	2019
English	247/27.8	183/27.5	192/28.6
Math	247/27.8	183/27.4	192/27.9
Reading	247/27.6	183/27.3	192/28.5
Science	247/26.8	183/26.7	192/27.7
Composite	247/27.6	183/27.3	192/28.2

AP Exam Data



COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES ATTENDANCE (Class of 2019)

University of California (69)

Berkeley (19)
Davis (13)
Irvine (2)
Los Angeles (8)
Merced (1)
Riverside (4)
San Diego (6)
Santa Barbara (10)
Santa Cruz (5)

California State University (89)

Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo (40)
Cal Poly - Pomona (3)
Chico (6)
Long Beach (3)
Los Angeles (1)
Monterey Bay (1)
Northridge (1)
Sacramento (1)
San Diego State (12)
San Francisco (3)
San Jose (15)
Sonoma (3)

California - Private (48)

Biola University (3)
California Lutheran University (1)
Chapman University (10)
Claremont McKenna College (1)
Loyola Marymount University (3)
Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising, San Francisco (1)
Mills College (1)
Otis College of Art and Design (1)
Pepperdine University (1)

Point Loma Nazarene University (1)

Saint Mary's College of California (1)
Santa Clara University (10)
Stanford University (5)
University of San Diego (1)
University of San Francisco (2)
University of Southern California (2)
University of the Pacific (3)
Westmont College (2)

Out of State - Private (61)

Belmont University (1)
Boston College (1)
Boston University (1)
Brigham Young University (1)
Colorado College (1)
Columbia University (1)
Cornell University (2)
Dartmouth College (1)
Dickinson College (1)
Duke University (1)
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University - Prescott (1)
Emerson College (2)
Fairfield University (1)
Haverford College (1)
Howard University (1)
Johns Hopkins University (2)
Johnson & Wales University - Denver (2)
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1)
Northeastern University (2)
Pace University, New York City (1)
Reed College (2)
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (1)

Rice University (2)
Rochester Institute of Technology (2)
Savannah College of Art and Design (1)
Seattle University (2)
Southern Methodist University (1)
St. Lawrence University (1)
Syracuse University (2)
Texas Christian University (5)
Texas Woman's University (1)
The George Washington University (3)
The Juilliard School (1)
The New School - All Divisions (1)
Tufts University (1)
Tulane University (1)
University of Chicago (1)
University of Pennsylvania (1)
University of Puget Sound (1)
Villanova University (1)
Wagner College (1)
Washington University in St. Louis (1)
Whitman College (1)
Worcester Polytechnic Institute (1)

Out of State - Public (93)

Arizona State University (4)
Colorado School of Mines (1)
Colorado State University (11)
Indiana University at Bloomington (1)
Louisiana State University (1)
Miami University, Oxford (1)
Michigan State University (1)
Montana State University, Bozeman (5)
Northern Arizona University (1)
Oregon State University (3)
Purdue University (2)

The Ohio State University (1)
The University of Alabama (1)
The University of Arizona (2)
The University of Texas, Austin (1)
United States Air Force Academy (1)
United States Naval Academy (1)
University of Colorado at Boulder (10)
University of Hawaii at Manoa (1)
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (4)
University of Kansas (1)
University of Michigan (5)
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities (2)
University of Nevada, Reno (1)
University of Oregon (12)
University of South Carolina - Columbia (1)
University of Utah (5)
University of Washington (9)
University of Wisconsin, Madison (3)
Washington State University (1)

International Colleges (15)

College in Germany (1)
College in Mexico (1)
Dalhousie University (1)
Franklin University Switzerland (1)
Johannes Kepler University - Linz (1)
John Cabot University (1)
King's College London (1)
McGill University (2)
University College Venlo - Maastricht University (1)
University of Bristol (1)
University of British Columbia (2)
University of Tsukuba (2)

2-Year College (142)

Cabrillo College (7)
Columbia College (2)
Cuesta College (2)
De Anza College (43)
Folsom Lake College (1)
Foothill College (4)
Fullerton College (1)
Mesa Community College (1)
Mission College (1)
Ohlone College (1)
Orange Coast College (1)
San Jose City College (3)
Santa Barbara City College (7)
West Valley College (68)

Other (20)

Gap Year (9)
Military (4)
Trade School (4)
Work (3)