



Sir Francis Drake High School

A California Distinguished School

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School Profile 2008-09

Established 1951, Grades 9-12

Accredited by Western Association of Schools & Colleges

Fall 2008 Enrollment: 1,049 CEEB Code: 052770

9th - 294 10th - 264 11th - 256 12th - 235

Web Site: <http://www.drakehs.org>

Campus Drake High School is situated on a 21 acre campus, traversed by two year-round creeks. Drake was the District's second high school to open in 1951 and is located on the former Cordone Gardens property. A \$21 million dollar school bond which passed in 2001 modernized infrastructures, classrooms, computer labs, locker rooms, and athletic fields. Recently completed facilities include photography, ceramics and drawing studios, engineering classroom, and computer labs. Athletic fields were improved in the summer of 2004 and new swimming pool opened in 2008. New science classrooms have been added to meet increased demand. Every classroom has at least one networked computer available for student and teacher use. Specialized facilities include a theater, video production studio, and five computer labs. A spacious, modern library provides extensive text and computer resources.

Extracurricular Program At Drake High we believe in a strong connection between a student's activities/athletics program and a student's academic success. Athletic teams for girls and boys include soccer, volleyball, football, tennis, water polo, cross-country, basketball, wrestling, track and field, softball, baseball, swimming and diving, golf, lacrosse, mountain biking and sailing. Spirit leaders and dance troupe add to the great spirit at Drake and an active student government provides a variety of student programs and activities as well as service to the community. Students pursue individual interests in many organized clubs and internships.

Course Offerings Drake's curriculum emphasizes a college preparatory program but provides for all levels of ability and interest. Course offerings range from Advanced Placement and Honors classes to academic support for those who need extra help. All 9th & 10th graders are enrolled in small learning communities. Eleventh and 12th grade students may choose a traditional curriculum or an integrated, project-based program. Drake offers four integrated academies – Communications, Engineering, Environmental Science and Global Voices and Visions.

Scholastic Excellence

California High School Exit Exam				
Year	Tested-Math	Math-Passed	ELA-Tested	ELA-Passed
2007-08	256	245 - 96%	256	250 - 98%

SAT 1: Reasoning Test					
	Grade 12 Enrolled	Number Tested	Verbal Average	Math Average	Writing Average
Drake	234	188 – 80.34%	562	551	556
California	441,198	162,786 – 36.90%	493	513	491

Advanced Placement Examinations			
Year	Enrolled	Tests Given	Scored 3 or Higher
2008	206	311	240 - 77%
2007	187	269	216 - 80%

The Class of 2008 had one National Merit Finalist and four Commended students.

Length of Semester/Day Drake High School has two semesters and 180 school days. Students are required to take six classes per day and may choose to take seven. Monday classes are 48 minutes in length. Tuesday through Friday are block days when classes meet for 90 minutes for each block period.

Advanced Placement and Honors Courses

AP Biology	AP Spanish Language	Honors Advanced Algebra *
AP Calculus AB	AP Statistics	Honors Chemistry
AP Computer Science A	AP Studio Art :2D Design	Honors Geometry
AP English Language Composition	AP Studio Art: 3D Design	Honors Photography
AP English Literature Composition	AP U. S. History	Honors Pre-Calculus *
AP Environmental Science	AP Chemistry	Honors Theater Directing
AP French *		Honors Spanish

AP/Honors classes may have prerequisites that may include course preparation, academic performance, and/or admission examination. * May not be offered every year.

Post High School Plans ~ Class of 2008

# of Grads	2 Year College	4 Year College	Other
258	23%	71%	6%

Colleges Attended – Partial List

American University	Expressions College for Digital Arts	The Evergreen State University
Amherst College	Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising-San Diego	University of Arizona
Arizona State University	Gonzaga University	Trinity College-Ireland
Art Institute of Chicago	Indiana University	University of California at Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, Merced, San Diego, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz
Azusa Pacific University	Kenyon College	University of Colorado at Boulder
Boston College –WL	Marymount Manhattan College	University of Oregon
Bowdoin College	Michigan State University	University of Rochester
Bowling Green State University	Mount Holyoke College	University of San Diego
Brandeis University	New York University	University of Southern California
Brown University	Newbury College	University of Toronto
California College of Art	Northeastern University	University of Utah
CSU Maritime Academy	Norwich University	University of Vermont
CSU @ Cal Poly-SLO, Channel Islands, Chico, Fullerton, Humboldt, Long Beach, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, San Jose, Sonoma,	Oberlin College	University of Washington
Clark University	Oregon State University	University of Wisconsin
College of Marin	Pacific Northwest College of Art	Warren Wilson College
Colorado College	Portland State University	Wellesley College
Colorado College of Chicago	Saint Mary’s College	Wesleyan University
Columbia College of Cabrillo, College of Marin, San Francisco, Santa Barabara, Sierra	Santa Clara University	Whitman College
	Santa Rosa Junior College	Whittier College
	Sarah Lawrence College	
	Savannah College of Art & Design	
	Seattle University	
	Stanford University	

Graduation Course Requirements

- 220 units (160 required / 60 elective)
- 4 years English
- 4 years Social Studies
- 3 years Mathematics
- 2 years Integrated Science
- 2 years Physical Education
- 1 year Fine Arts
- 1 semester Introduction to Computers
(or pass District exam)

Grading System

	<u>Regular</u>	<u>AP/H</u>
A Excellent	4 pts	5 pts
B Above Average	3 pts	4 pts
C Average	2 pts	3 pts
D Passing	1 pt	1 pt
F Failing	0 pts	0 pts
NM = No mark		
CR/NC = Credit/No credit W = Withdrawal		
GPA's are cumulative, computed each semester.		
A.P. and Honors course grades are weighted.		



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