



Sacramento Charter High School 2011-2012 School Profile

Service for Others

Vision

To create one of the finest urban high schools in America.

Mission

Sacramento Charter High School (Sac High) will graduate self-motivated, industrious, critically thinking student leaders who are prepared to attend a four-year college, committed to serving others and passionate about lifelong learning.

History

Established in 1856, Sac High is the second oldest high school west of the Mississippi River and one with a rich, storied history. In 2006, Sac High celebrated its 150th anniversary, a historic event made more significant by the recent changes that had taken place on campus.

Years of low student achievement, high dropout rates, and small percentages of students enrolling in 4-year colleges and universities led to the complete shut down of the school at the end of the 2002-2003 school year. Through massive communitywide organization efforts that summer, the school reopened in September 2003 as a public charter school under the leadership of St. HOPE Public Schools. St. HOPE completely overhauled the curriculum and culture.

Sac High's college-going culture is designed to give all students the opportunity to be accepted to, attend, and graduate from college. Under the new model, Sac High is divided into four small learning communities, each adhering to the same college-focused principles. The small learning communities afford students the opportunity to pursue individual career interests through specialized internships and classes.

Small Learning Communities

West Wing:

Law & Public Service
Math, Engineering &
Health Sciences

East Wing:

School of the Arts
**Business &
Communications**

Academic Highlights

- Sac High's API increases to 786 - setting another school record - based on increasing test scores in all areas
- Sac High receives a full 6-year accreditation from WASC
- Sac High meets AYP

*API is a single number, ranging from a low of 200 to a high of 1000, that reflects a school's, an LEA's, or a subgroup's performance level, based on the results of statewide testing. Its purpose is to measure the academic performance and growth of schools.

Five Pillars

High Expectations
Choice & Commitment
More Time
Focus on Results
Power to Lead



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Accreditation & Membership

Sac High is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and is a member of WACAC and NACAC.

CEEB Code: 052735
CES School ID: 063384011190

The Students, Faculty, and Community

Enrollment and Demographics (as of October 2011)

Total population	849
Class of 2011	179

Racial and ethnic breakdown:

African-American	58.1%
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.4%
Asian	3.4%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.9%
Hispanic/Latino	26.4%
White	3.1%
Multiple	7.8%
Socioeconomically disadvantaged (qualify for free/reduced lunch)	71.6%
English Learners	8.5%
Special Education (IEP or 504 plan)	9.9%

Admissions

Sac High is a public, independent charter school that is open to all students regardless of district of residence, race, color, national or ethnic origin, primary language, gender, disability or achievement level.

No selection criteria are employed for admissions.

Faculty (as of October 2011)

Total faculty	41
Student to faculty ratio	21:1

Partnerships

Each small learning community at Sac High has forged partnerships with local organizations and corporations. Examples include a mentor program linking Business and Communications students with Wells Fargo employees and a partnership between the School of Math, Engineering, & Health Sciences with the NSF Center for Biophotonics at UC Davis, where a number of students do investigative research with Davis faculty.

High achieving students campus-wide are offered the opportunity to enroll in classes at **Sacramento City College** and **California State University, Sacramento** and receive either high school or college credit.

Students can also enroll in vocational internships and classes like Virtual Enterprise, Computer Graphics, and Visual Communications through the **Sacramento County Regional Occupational Program (ROP)**. These courses will be listed under the heading "Sacramento County Office of Education" on the transcript.

The School

School Schedule

The 2011-2012 school year runs from August 1, 2011 to May 25, 2012 and is broken into 2 terms: Aug. 1 - Dec. 16 and Jan. 9 - May 25.

Students take five academic courses (77 minutes per class) plus one advisory class (30 minutes) per term. Each term is equal to one year's worth of credit at a standard high school due to Sac High's block system.

Many seniors will not finalize their second term classes until January 2012.

Clubs

Students at Sac High have the option to join a variety of clubs including MECHA, Key Club, the Sac High Breakers and many more.

Students are encouraged to organize and lead teams of students in forming clubs as their interests diversify. Participation in clubs is contingent upon having a 2.0 GPA in current classes.

Athletics

Sac High is a member of the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Sac-Joaquin Section and Metropolitan Conference.

Varsity Women's Teams

Volleyball
Weightlifting
Golf
Wrestling
Basketball
Soccer
Softball
Track & field
Cross-country
Cheerleading

Varsity Men's Teams

Volleyball
Weightlifting
Football
Wrestling
Basketball
Soccer
Baseball
Track & field
Cross-country
Cheerleading

The Academic Program

Graduation Requirements

The program of study is designed to fulfill all state requirements for accreditation. All students from the class of 2009 onward must complete the "A-G" course requirements for admission into the University of California and California State University systems. In addition, every Sac High student must pass the California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE).

Class of 2012 graduates are required to earn a minimum of 260 credits, 10 for each term class passed with a C or better. During the 2005-6 school year, however, students, were allowed to pass with a D- or better (see right—Grading System).

Required credits:

- 30 credits of History/Social Science
- 40 credits of English
- 30 credits of Math, including one Algebra course
- 20 credits of Lab Science, including one Life Science and one Physical Science
- 20 credits of Foreign Language
- 10 credits of Visual and Performing Arts
- 10 credits of a College Prep Elective
- 20 credits of Physical Education
- 20 credits of Advisory [homeroom]
- 60 credits of Electives

Advanced Placement (AP)

AP classes offered from 2005-06 onwards:

Biology offered	2005-06, 2007-12
Calculus AB	2005-09, 2010-12
Calculus BC	2005-07
Chemistry	2005-09
Comparative Studio Art	2006-07, 2011-12
Computer Science A	2005-06
English 11 (Language)	2005-12
English 12 (Literature & Composition)	2005-12
Government	2005-06, 2007-12
Spanish	2005-09, 2010-11
United States History	2005-12
World History	2005-06, 2007-12

37% of the current seniors (class of 2012) have taken or are currently taking at least one AP class. 26% have taken or are currently taking more than one AP class.

In 2010-11, 137 Sac High sophomores, juniors and seniors took 179 AP exams. There were seven scores of five, 19 scores of four and 37 scores of three.

Grading System

Prior to the 2006-2007 school year

A+	100	4.0 grade points
A	99-95	4.0 grade points
A-	94-90	3.7 grade points
B+	89-87	3.3 grade points
B	86-84	3.0 grade points
B-	83-80	2.7 grade points
C+	79-77	2.3 grade points
C	76-74	2.0 grade points
C-	73-70	1.7 grade points
D+	69-67	1.3 grade points
D	66-6	1.0 grade points
D-	63-60	0.7 grade points
F	Below 60	0.0 grade points

Current (2006-2007 school year onward)

A+	100-99	4.0 grade points
A	99-95	4.0 grade points
A	94-90	3.7 grade points
B+	89-87	3.3 grade points
B	86-84	3.0 grade points
B-	83-80	2.7 grade points
C+	79-77	2.3 grade points
C	76-70	2.0 grade points
No Credit (NCR)	Below 70	no grade points

Grade Weights

AP classes receive an extra grade point for grades of A (+/-), B (+/-), and C (+/-) on the weighted GPA only. Sac High has offered one honors course, Honors Chemistry, as a prerequisite for AP Chemistry (when offered). Honors courses taken at other high schools will be weighted according to the AP scale.

Transcript Legend

The codes MSE, MEHS, ARTS, PUB SER, JOURNALISM, HEALTH, and BUSINESS in front of a course or next to the year indicate the Small Learning Communities in which the student took the course. The content is the same across Small Learning Communities. Sac High students will have courses listed under Term 1 (fall) or Term 2 (spring). Students who transfer in from other schools using a semester calendar will have courses listed under Sem 1 (fall) or Sem 2 (spring). Courses taken at a community college will be listed under a separate heading. The credit summary on the right hand side of the transcript does not necessarily reflect the correct amount of credits students have earned in each category.

The Class of 2012

Distribution of Cumulative Un-weighted Grade Point Averages

179 Seniors (as of October 2011)

Cumulative Un-weighted GPA	Number of Students	%
4.00	0	0.0%
3.99 - 3.50	20	11.1%
3.49 - 3.00	40	22.3%
2.99 - 2.50	34	19.0%
2.49 - 2.00	38	21.2%
Below 2.0	47	26.3%

Class Rank

Rank is reported by percentiles (upon request), and is calculated using the un-weighted cumulative academic GPA reported on official transcripts.

Top % of Seniors	Un-weighted GPA
1%	3.92+
5%	3.84+
10%	3.60+
20%	3.28+

The Class of 2011

177 Graduates in 2011

92.7% A-G eligible

College Admissions Testing

SAT I

% of Seniors taking SAT	82.9%
Mean Critical Reading SAT (high range)	409 (600-690)
Mean Mathematics SAT (high range)	404 (600-690)
Mean Writing SAT (high range)	408 (600-690)

SAT Subject Tests

	Bio-E	Bio-M	Chem	Phys	Math I	Math II
Mean	na	478	455	na	na	462

	Lit	US His	W. His	Spanish	Span w/List
Mean	441	485	na	na	na

na - <5 students took this test; mean score not available

ACT

% of Seniors taking ACT	87.1%
Mean Composite Score (high)	16.9 (25)

College Acceptance

- Vast majority of students are first-generation college attendees
- Over 70% acceptance rate into 4 year institutions
- One student was awarded the Gates Millennium Scholarship

Members of the Class of 2011 were accepted into the following four-year institutions:

Alabama A&M University	Hampton University
Alabama State University	Hawaii Pacific University
Arizona State University	Humboldt State University
Benedict College	Johnson & Wales University
Bennett College	Johnson C. Smith University
University of California at Berkeley	Kentucky State University
University of California at Davis	Langston University
University of California at Irvine	Lincoln University
University of California at Los Angeles	Loyola Marymount University
University of California at Merced	Marymount College
University of California at Riverside	Menlo College
University of California at San Diego	Mills College
University of California at Santa Barbara	Morgan State University
University of California at Santa Cruz	Mount St. Mary's College (Chalon)
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona	University of Nevada, Reno
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo	Norfolk State University
California State University, Bakersfield	Northern Arizona University
California State University, Channel Islands	Notre Dame de Namur University
California State University, Chico	Occidental College
California State University, Dominguez Hills	University of Oregon
California State University, East Bay	University of the Pacific
California State University, Fresno	Paine College
California State University, Fullerton	Point Loma Nazarene University
California State University, Long Beach	Saint Louis University
California State University, Los Angeles	Saint Mary's College of California
California State University, Monterey Bay	San Diego State University
California State University, Northridge	San Francisco State University
California State University, Sacramento	University of San Francisco
California State University, San Bernardino	San Jose State University
California State University, Stanislaus	Santa Clara University
Carleton College	Scripps College
Chatham University	Seattle Pacific University
University of Cincinnati Raymond Walters College	Sonoma State University
Clafin University	South Carolina State University
Clark Atlanta University	University of Southern California
Columbia College	St. John's University - Manhattan Campus
Concordia University - Portland	St. John's University - Queens
DePaul University	Stanford University
Dillard University	Swarthmore College
Dominican University of California	Texas Southern University
Drexel University	Tuskegee University
Duke University	Virginia State University
Emerson College	Wesleyan University
Emmanuel College	Westminster College
Fisk University	Whitman College
Fort Valley State University	Whittier College
George Fox University	Wilberforce University
Georgia State University	Wiley College
Grambling State University	Willamette University
	Winston-Salem State University
	Wittenberg University
	Xavier University of Louisiana