



South Pasadena High School

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South Pasadena High School is a public, coeducational, 4-year institution located in a relatively small community of approximately 25,959 people, 10 minutes from downtown Los Angeles. The community prides itself on a close supportive relationship with its schools. Both encourage diversity, high academic achievement, and the enhancement of the talents and achievements of individual members. The school maintains a traditional 2 semester calendar, as well as a varied and well-attended summer school offering. The co-curricular program is extensive, ranging from athletics to theater, music, community projects, and numerous clubs of interest. Over three-fourths of the student body participates in at least one co-curricular program. The school uses an alternating day block schedule with 100-minute periods to provide teachers and students with time to engage deeply in academic and technical subjects. The school continues to meet on the same site since its founding in 1907. The current enrollment is approximately 1,528 students. This year's senior class is approximately 346 students. The school is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and has maintained an outstanding record of accreditation throughout the school's existence. South Pasadena High School continues to pursue opportunities that will take our students "deep into the 21st Century".

Graduation Requirements

Graduates must complete 220 credits, including the following courses:

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| a. English Literature and Composition | 4 years |
| b. Mathematics | 2 years |
| c. Science | 2 years |
| d. Additional complete year of mathematics or science | 1 year |
| e. Social Studies | 3 years |
| f. Fine Arts or Foreign Language | 1 year |
| g. Physical Education (includes 1 semester of Health) | 2.5 years |
| h. Personal Skills (including Practical Arts) | 1 year |

Additionally, students must complete 45 hours of community service.

Grading and the Calculation of GPA: non-weighted

Grading is done on a traditional letter grade system. Grades in all courses are unweighted, an A=4, B=3, C=2, etc. There is no percent equivalent used for these grades. We do not rank students. Academic grade point average on the transcript includes only work completed at South Pasadena High School. Work completed at another high school needs to be added in and recalculated.

Honors Courses

English: English 10H, English 11H
Social Studies: World History H, US History H
Mathematics: Advanced Algebra H, Math Analysis H
Spanish: Spanish 3-4H, Spanish 5-6H
French: French 3-4H, French 5-6H, French 7-8H
Chinese: Chinese 3-4H, Chinese 5-6H, Chinese 7-8H
Science: Chemistry H

Advanced Placement

English Literature and Composition
English Language and Composition
U.S. History
Government and Political Science
Calculus AB/BC
Statistics
Biology
Chemistry
Environmental Science
Physics Course 1
Microeconomics
Macroeconomics
Computer Science A
Studio Art
Spanish Language
French Language
Chinese Language

In 2015, 441 candidates took 976 Advanced Placement tests, with 85.7% scoring 3 or better. The number of Advanced Placement enrollments continues to increase while the mean score of 3.67 continues to be above the state, national and global comparable groups. As a school, we consider that three Advanced Placement classes, within an overall academic and co-curricular program, to be “most rigorous.”

College Test Scores: CEEB Code: 053410

SAT (14-15): (all students taking the SAT I)	Writing	563	Verbal (Critical Reading)	565	Math	608	Number of Test-Takers: 290
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SAT (13-14): (all students taking the SAT I)	Writing	562	Verbal (Critical Reading)	566	Math	595	Number of Test-takers: 292
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SAT (12-13): (all students taking the SAT I)	Writing	575	Verbal (Critical Reading)	574	Math	612	Number of Test-takers: 269
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National Merit

The class of 2016 has 8 National Merit Semifinalists and 31 Commended Scholars. The Class of 2015 had 8 National Merit Semifinalists and 24 Commended Scholars. The Class of 2014 had 11 National Merit Semifinalists and 23 Commended Scholars. The Class of 2013 had 6 National Merit Semifinalists and 25 Commended Scholars.

College Attendance of Graduates

Graduates of South Pasadena High School strive to further their education. Seventy-six percent of graduates with the Class of 2015 completed their A-G requirements. More than 71% of the Class of 2015 planned to attend 4-year colleges and universities immediately after high school. Another 28% planned to attend community colleges, vocational training schools, or join the military. Less than 1 percent of the graduates indicate that they would be working or taking a gap year before resuming further formal schooling.