

PROFILE 2016-2017
“Working Together ...To Make a Difference”

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COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

Amador Valley High School is one of two comprehensive high schools in Pleasanton Unified School District located in Pleasanton, California. Pleasanton is a community about forty miles east of San Francisco with a population of 74,000 people. Amador Valley High School’s honors include: 2004 National School of Character, a California Distinguished School (1994, 2001, and 2005), a California Golden Bell Award Winner, an AVID National Demonstration School (2007), and a National Blue Ribbon School (2002, 2006).

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Amador Valley High School serves 2650 students with 175 staff members. The school is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and our College Board Code is 052495.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Amador Valley High School supports the mission of the Pleasanton Unified School District.

PLEASANTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Our students will make a better world.

AMADOR VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL:

Our mission is to promote and enhance the intellectual and personal growth of our students.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Five units of credit are earned for each class in an eighteen-week semester with 230 units needed for graduation. The following basic competencies must be passed to qualify for graduation: Speech. Required courses and units are listed below:

English	40
Mathematics	20
Social Studies	35
Life Science	10
Physical Science	10
Physical Education	20
Health	5
Fine Arts or Foreign Language	10

GRADING SYSTEM

Permanent grades are earned each semester or one-half year. A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, F=0. AP (Advanced Placement) course grades are weighted according to the following: A=5, B=4, C=3. The overall GPA begins in the ninth grade and includes all courses. The accumulated GPA in this category appears on the transcript. District policy eliminated class rank beginning with the Class of 2014.

Honors classes are offered in the following departments: English, mathematics, and history. College preparatory classes are designated by a (P) at the end of the course. Classes are fifty-six minutes long with each class meeting everyday. Students can take six or seven periods*.

The following AP classes are offered: biology, chemistry, computer science, macro economics, English language and literature composition, French language, Spanish language and literature, Japanese language, government and politics, United States history, human geography, world history, calculus AB, calculus BC, statistics, physics, psychology, music theory and studio art (drawing, 2D & 3D).

CLASS OF 2016

Class Size: 625

National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT)

Finalist	34
Semifinalist	34
Commended	95

ACT Mean Scores

English	28.7
Math	28.9
Reading	28.8
Science	27.5
Composite	28.6

College Board SAT

Mean Scores	1243
Critical Reading/Writing	608
Math	635

Advanced Placement Results

996 students took 2386 exams	
2228 Scored 3 or higher	93.4%
1841 Scored 4 or higher	77.2%
1045 Scored 5 or higher	43.8%

College Attendance

Percent attending college	95%
Percent attending 4 year college	71%
Percent attending 2 year college	24%

*Due to the current state budget, a majority of Amador students are limited to taking 6 classes during the school day. There is a selected group of students who are allowed to enroll in 7 periods this school year. Student enrolled in wind ensemble (grades 10-12), freshmen symphonic band and orchestra have all been allowed to enroll in a 7 period day.