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# Albany High School

## School Profile 2016-17

**Community** Albany is an urban residential town of approximately one square mile, located in the San Francisco/East Bay Area. For a small community, Albany has a diverse population, due in part to the fact that UC Berkeley's family housing complex is located within Albany USD. Thirty-two percent of Albany residents are foreign born, and 69% have completed a bachelor's or graduate degree. Many families are attracted to Albany because of its strong support for education.

**School** Albany High School is the only comprehensive high school in the Albany Unified School District. It has 1177 students in grades 9 through 12. The school offers seven periods per day, two semesters per academic year. Each semester is a minimum of 18 weeks. We use a modified block schedule with all classes meeting on Monday for 51 minutes, odd periods meeting Tues/Thurs and even periods meeting on Wed/Fri. Block schedule periods are 94 minutes long.

**Students** The school has a diverse racial, ethnic, and cultural population, composed of approximately 37% White, 30% Asian/Pacific Islander, 4% African-American, 17% Hispanic/Latino, and 10% 2 or more races. We have 9% English Learners and 25% fluent-English proficient students. At least 18% of students qualify for the Free/Reduced Price Lunch Program. The graduation rate is 94%.

**Faculty and Staff** The teaching faculty includes 68 classroom teachers (58 full-time and 10 part-time), 37 of whom hold graduate degrees. The pupil-teacher ratio is 20 to 1. There are 4 administrators and 5 guidance counselors, 2 of whom work part time.

### Graduation Requirements

English	4 Years/40 credits
Social Studies	3 Years/30 credits
Math	2 Years/20 credits
Life Science	1 Year/10 credits
Physical Science	1 Year/10 credits
Physical Ed.	2 Years/20 credits
Fine Arts	1 Year/10 credits
Applied Arts	1 Year/10 credits

Total Credits: 220

### Grade Point Average

AHS grades on a 4.0 scale: A=4.0, B=3.0, C=2.0, D=1.0, F=0.0. Total GPA (9-12) includes all grades; Academic GPA includes grades for all UC/CSU "a-g" approved college prep courses.

Grade Point Averages are weighted. AP and Honors courses are assigned an extra grade point: A=5.0, B=4.0, C=3.0. D grades are not assigned the extra grade point. We provide class rank by decile. Mid-year reports include 7th semester grades. The highest GPA (9th-11<sup>th</sup> grade) for the class of 2017 is 4.45 weighted and the median is 3.42.

**Please note:** Courses taken outside of Albany High School, including community college courses, are not listed on our transcript or counted in the AHS GPA or class rank.

*College recommending marks are A, B and C.*

### Honor Roll/Principal's List

Students qualify for the Honor Roll each semester they earn a 3.0-3.49 total GPA, and for the Principal's List each semester with 3.5 and above.

**Curriculum** Advanced Placement courses are offered in English Lit., French, Mandarin, Spanish, Calculus AB & BC, Statistics, Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Physics, Art History, Studio Art, Computer Science, and Comparative Government. Honors courses are offered in English 3, Pre-Calculus and Art. Advanced courses are offered in Art, Instrumental Music, Vocal Music, Photography, and Journalism. Special programs include EDSET (Environmental Design, Society, English, and Technology), a two-year program for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade; Venture, a small school business and design academy for 10<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade; and Design + Build, a physics and CAD curriculum that includes fieldwork in a college fab lab. EDSET and Venture both include internship experiences.

**Advanced Placement** This past school year '15-'16, 278 students participated in the AP testing with 590 individual scores reported. 85% of students earned scores of 3 or above with 26% earning a score of 5. Students are strongly encouraged to limit their course selection to a maximum of three AP and/or honors courses during any one year. With very limited exceptions, no AP courses are available to students before 11<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Recognition** Albany High School was named a California Distinguished School in 2011 and a Gold Ribbon School in 2015. We are accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges through 2019. We were awarded the Civic Learning Award of Distinction in 2013 for outstanding civic engagement. The class of 2016 included 23 National Merit Commended Students and 2 National Merit Finalists. Our Instrumental and Vocal Music Ensembles, Debate, Science Bowl, Robotics, Technovation and Model U.N. teams, service clubs, and athletic teams are consistently awarded for outstanding performance and academic achievement. On the 2016 SBAC, 83% of students met or exceeded standards in English and 76% in math.

**College Placement 2016**

Of last year's graduating class, 91% were planning to attend college directly after graduation, 53% at four-year colleges and 38% at community colleges or vocational programs. Following is a partial list of institutions to which the class of 2016 was accepted:

- Allegheny College
- American University
- Arizona State University
- Bard College

- Barnard College
- Baylor University
- Boston University
- Bowdoin College
- Brandeis University
- California State Universities
- California Institute of the Arts
- Case Western Reserve University
- Chapman University
- Clark University
- Colby College
- Colorado College
- Columbia University
- Cornell College
- Creighton University
- Dartmouth College
- Denison University
- Emory University
- The Evergreen State University
- Florida Institute of Technology
- Fordham University
- The George Washington University
- Gonzaga University
- Indiana University
- Ithaca College
- Johns Hopkins University
- Lawrence University
- Lewis & Clark College
- Linfield College
- Loyola Marymount University
- Macalester College
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Mills College
- Montana State University
- New York University
- Northeastern University
- Oberlin College
- Occidental College
- Pennsylvania State University
- Pratt Institute
- Purdue University
- Reed College
- Santa Clara University
- Savannah College of Art and Design
- School of the Art Institute of Chicago
- Seattle University
- Spelman College
- St. Mary's College of California
- Stanford University
- Syracuse University
- Temple University
- Tufts University
- Tulane University
- University of British Columbia
- University of California (all 9 campuses)
- University of Chicago
- University of Colorado
- University of Edinburgh
- University of Michigan
- University of Minnesota
- University of Oregon
- University of Puget Sound
- University of Redlands
- University of Rochester
- University of San Francisco
- University of Southern California
- University of Tennessee
- University of Washington
- University of Wisconsin
- Vanderbilt University
- Vassar College
- Washington State University
- Washington University in St. Louis
- Wesleyan University
- Whitman University
- Whittier College
- Willamette University

**SAT Reasoning Test**

178 senior students in the class of 2015 took the SAT Reasoning Test at some point in their high school careers. This number includes Non-English Speaking and Limited English Speaking Students.

	Mean Score	California Mean	Total Mean
Critical Reading	585	491	494
Mathematics	607	500	508
Writing	575	485	482

**SAT Subject Tests**

	# tested	Mean Score
English Literature	16	687
Math Level 2	54	698
Biology – E	8	710
Biology – M	6	768
Chemistry	25	668
Physics	15	669
French	5	722
US History	9	590