



# SCHOOL PROFILE 2018-19

## SCHOOL COMMUNITY AND DESCRIPTION

Santa Monica High School (Samohi), founded in 1891, is located on a twenty-six acre campus in the city of Santa Monica. The school enjoys the strong support of a 7,000 member Alumni Association as well as the citizens of Santa Monica and Malibu. Samohi is divided into five Small Learning Communities, called Houses. Each House is comprised of approximately 600 students, one administrator, and two advisors. The student body of 3,000+ reflects a diverse cultural and socio-economic community consisting of the following ethnic backgrounds: 8% Asian (from various Asian countries), 11% African American, 34% Latino (from various regions of the Americas), 45% Caucasian (of European and Middle Eastern ethnicity), and 1% Other. Some students are of multi-generational American descent; others are first-generation Americans. The families of students at Samohi all levels of socioeconomic status. Thirty-two percent of the student body participate in the federal National School Lunch Program (receive free/reduced meals).

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### ADMINISTRATION

Antonio Shelton, Lead Principal
Hector Medrano, S House Principal
Lisette Bravo, M House Principal
Lauren Paule-Sheahan, O House Principal
Tristan Komlos, H House Principal
Vivian Choi, I House Principal
Catherine Baxter, Dean of Students

### ADVISOR/COUNSELOR

Lisa DeMirjian, S House Advisor
Amy Golden, S House Advisor
Jennifer Flavin, M House Advisor
Maribel Pulido, M House Advisor
Maricela Gonzalez, O House Advisor
Laura Simone, O House Advisor
Jacob Flores (sub), H House Advisor
Virginia Mendoza, H House Advisor
Jessica Garrido, I House Advisor
Yunuen Valencia, I House Advisor
Ernesto Flores, College Counselor
Julie Honda, College Counselor
Rosa Mejia, College Counselor

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Total Required Credits (9-12): **220**  
 English: 40 credits (9-12)  
 Social Studies: 30 credits (9-12)  
 Mathematics: 30 credits (9-12)  
 Science: 20 credits (9-12)  
 Fine Arts/Language: 10 credits  
 Health: 5 credits  
 Physical Education: 20 credits

Class Size: **700**

## FACULTY

Samohi employs 161 certificated staff members, including 10 student support advisors, 3 college counselors, 7 administrators, and 3 school psychologists. The teacher to student ratio is 35 to 1. We are accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). Our spirited faculty is comprised of teachers both newer to the profession and those more experienced. We have a number of faculty members who are Samohi alumni.

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS

The Immersion program allows students to continue their educational experience in a dual-language environment. AVID provides assistance to students who will be the first in their families to attend a college/university. Beginning with the Class of 2018, Samohi will be graduating its first **Project Lead the Way Engineering Pathway** cohort. Students may enroll in Career Technology Education (CTE) courses, including Marketing and Retail, Virtual Business and Entrepreneurship. We offer an extensive Advanced Placement curriculum with 18 courses available. We also offer dual and concurrent enrollment courses for high school and college credit through a partnership with nearby Santa Monica College. These courses are taken on the Samohi campus or the college campus. Other students take classes at UCLA or summer programs like those offered by various colleges. Many Samohi graduates enter college with several college credits. Lastly, we are in the initial stages of establishing a Peer College Counseling program aimed at increasing college awareness schoolwide.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Students earn recognition for outstanding achievement in national testing programs such as National Merit Scholarship Corporation and Advanced Placement exams.
- Local, state, and national recognitions have been awarded to our students, teachers, and groups in the visual/performing arts, including the band, orchestra, and choir.
- All Samohi athletics have been recognized for outstanding achievement, including regional, CIF Division, State Championships, and National Championships.
- ROP/CTE classes have won regional and national competitions over the past 5 years.

## TRANSCRIPT LEGEND

P = College Preparatory    CC = College Class    IM = Immersion Program

HP = Honors Placement    AP = Advanced Placement    SE = Shelter English

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES\*

ENGLISH	MATH**	SCIENCE	SOCIAL SCIENCE	FOREIGN LANG.	ART/MUSIC
English 11	Calculus AB	Biology	Economics (Macro)	Japanese	Studio Art: 2-D
English 12	Calculus BC	Chemistry	Government & Politics	Spanish Language	
	Statistics	Environmental Science	Human Geography	Spanish Literature	
		Physics C	Psychology		
			U.S. History		
			<b>World History</b>		

\*An academically challenging/rigorous curriculum consists of completing 3 or more APs in the 11th and 12th grades.

\*\*Multivariable Calculus is our highest level math course

## HONORS COURSES

ENGLISH	MATH	SCIENCE	FOREIGN LANG.
English 9	Algebra II	Biology	French Genre
English 10	Geometry	Chemistry	French Ideas
	Pre Calc/Cal		Japanese 4
			Latin 5

## ACT & SAT TEST RESULTS

ACT	English	Math	Reading	Science	Composite
<b>Samohi</b>	26.2	25.1	26.4	25.1	25.8
<b>State</b>	22.5	22.5	23.0	22.1	22.7

  

SAT		Reading	Math
<b>Samohi (average)</b>		606	608
<b>State (mean)</b>		531	524

## GRADING SYSTEM & CLASS RANK

Samohi reports an unweighted, cumulative GPA determined by all courses and grades except physical education (PE) and teacher assistant (TA). The GPA is computed using a 4-point scale (A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, F=0; plus and minus grades are neutral). If a course is repeated, the grades are averaged. In compliance with district policy, class rank is not computed; but, upon request, a GPA percentile range can be provided for colleges/universities to determine approximate ranking.

## COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Over 88% of graduates enter higher education institutions. Below is a partial list of four-year institutions attended by 2014-18 graduates.

Academy of Art University	Colorado College	Indiana University, Bloomington	Pennsylvania State University	Temple University	University of Redlands
Alabama State University	Colorado Mesa University	Ithaca College	Pitzer College	Texas A&M International University	University of Richmond
AMDIA - College and Conservatory of the Performing Arts	Colorado State University	Johns Hopkins University	Point Loma Nazarene University	Texas A&M University	University of San Diego
American Jewish University	Columbia University	Juniata College	Pomona College	The Juilliard School	University of San Francisco
American University	Concordia University	Kalamazoo College	Portland State University	The New School - Eugene Lang College	University of Southern California
Amherst College	Coppin State University	Keio University	Pratt Institute	Towson University	University of St. Andrews
Arizona State University	Corban University	Kenyon College	Princeton University	Tulane University	University of Texas, Austin
Art Center College of Design	Cornell University	Lewis & Clark College	Purdue University	University at Buffalo The State University of New York	University of the Pacific
Art Institute of CA Los Angeles	Cornish College of the Arts	Linfield College	Queen's University	University of Alabama	University of Utah
Auburn University	Dartmouth College	London College of Fashion	Reed College	University of Arizona	University of Virginia
Azusa Pacific University	Davidson College	Loyola Marymount University	Rensselaer Polytech Institute	University of British Columbia	University of Washington
Babson College	DePaul University	Loyola University New Orleans	Rhode Island School of Design	University of Chicago	University of Wisconsin Madison
Bard College	Dickinson College	Macalester College	Rice University	University of Colorado at Colorado Springs	University of Wyoming
Barnard College	Duke University	Marist College	Roosevelt University	University of Colorado Boulder	Utah Valley University
Barnard College	Embry-Riddle Aero University	Maryland Institute College of Art	Rutgers University-New Brunswick	University of Delaware	Valparaiso University
Barry University	Emerson College	Marymount California University	Saint Mary's College of California	University of Denver	Vanderbilt University
Bates College	Emory University	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	San Francisco Art Institute	University of Finland	Vanguard University of Southern CA
Baylor University	Eugene Lang College	McGill University	Santa Clara University	University of Florida	Vassar College
Bennington College	Fashion Institute of Technology	Michigan State University	Sarah Lawrence College	University of Hawaii at Manoa	Walsh University
Berklee College of Music	Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising	Miles College	Savannah College of Art & Design	University of Houston	Washington State University
Biola University	Florida A&M University	Mississippi State University	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	University of Illinois, Chicago	Washington University in St Louis
Boise State University	Florida State University	Montana State University	School of the Museum of Fine Arts	University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign	Wellesley College
Boston University	Fordham University	Morehouse College	School of Visual Arts	University of Iowa	Wesleyan University
Bowdoin College	Fu Jen Catholic University	Mount Saint Mary's University	Scripps College	University of Kansas	Western New Mexico University
Brooks Institute of Photography	George Wash University	New Mexico State University	Seattle University	University of Kentucky	Western State Colorado University
Brown University	Georgetown University	New York University	Seton Hall University	University of La Verne	Western Washington University
Bryn Mawr College	Georgia Institute of Technology	Northeastern University	Skidmore College	University of Massachusetts, Amherst	Westmont College
Canisius College	Grambling State University	Northern Arizona University	Smith College	University of Miami	Whitman College
Cardiff University	Grinnell College	Northwestern University	Soka University of America	University of Michigan	Willamette University
Carleton College	Hampshire College	Notre Dame de Namur University	Southern Methodist University	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities	Williams College
Carnegie Mellon University	Hampton University	Oberlin College	Southern Oregon University	University of Nevada Las Vegas	Xavier University of Louisiana
Case Western Reserve University	Harvard University	Occidental College	St. John's University	University of Nevada Reno	Yale University
Chapman University	Harvey Mudd College	Oklahoma State University	Stanford University	University of North Carolina Chapel Hill	Yale-NUS College
Claremont McKenna College	Hawaii Pacific University	Oregon State University	Stonehill College	University of Oregon	
Clark Atlanta University	Howard University	Otis College of Art & Design	SUNY Binghamton	University of Pennsylvania	
Clark University	Humboldt State University	Pace University	SUNY Environmental Science and Forestry	University of Puget Sound	
College of Charleston	Idaho State University	Pacific University	Syracuse University		