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 percent of Albany residents are foreign born, and 74% have completed a bachelor’s or graduate degree. Many families are attracted to Albany because of its strong support for education.

Albany High School is the only comprehensive high school in the Albany Unified School District. It has 1154 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.

The school has a diverse racial, ethnic, and cultural population, composed of about 16.5% Hispanic/Latino, 35% White, 29% Asian/Pacific Islander, 3% African-American, and 14% multi-ethnic. We have 5.6% English Learners and 28% fluent-English proficient students. At least 21.7% of students qualify for the Free/Reduced Price Lunch Program. The graduation rate is 93%.

Faculty and Staff The teaching faculty includes 67 classroom teachers (49 full-time and 18 part-time), 38 of whom hold graduate degrees. The pupil-teacher ratio is 20 to 1. There are 3 administrators and 5 guidance counselors, 2 of whom work part time.

Graduation Requirements

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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.

Mid-year reports include 7th semester grades. The highest GPA (9th-11th grade) for the class of 2019 is 4.40 weighted and the median is 3.49. We do not provide class rank.

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.

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 Visual 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 11th and 12th grade including an internship component.

**Advanced Placement**  
This past school year ’18-'19, 254 students participated in the AP testing with 521 individual scores reported. 82% of students earned scores of 3 or above with 28% 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 11th 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 2025. We were awarded the Civic Learning Award of Distinction in 2013 for outstanding civic engagement. The class of 2019 included 17 National Merit Commended Students and 5 National Merit Finalists. Our Instrumental and Vocal Music Ensembles, Debate, Science Bowl, Math Club, Robotics and Model U.N. teams, service clubs, and athletic teams are consistently awarded for outstanding performance and academic achievement. On the 2018-19 SBAC, 81% of students met or exceeded standards in English and 71% in math.

**College Placement 2019**  
Of last year’s graduating class, 89% reported plans to attend college directly after graduation, 56% at four-year colleges and 33% at community colleges or vocational programs. Following is a partial list of institutions to which the class of 2019 was accepted:

- Arizona State University
- University of Arizona
- Bard College
- Berkeley City College
- Berklee College of Music
- Biola University
- Boston University
- University of British Columbia
- Bryn Mawr College
- California State Universities (19 campuses)
- California Institute of Technology
- University of California (all 9 campuses)
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Case Western Reserve University
- Chapman University
- Clark University
- Colby College
- College of Marin
- University of Colorado
- Colorado College
- Cornell University
- Contra Costa College
- Dartmouth College
- DePaul University
- Diablo Valley College
- Drexel University
- Emerson College
- Fashion Institute of Technology
- Fordham University
- Georgetown University
- Gonzaga University
- Goucher College
- Harvard College
- Howard University
- University of Illinois
- Illinois Institute of Technology
- King’s College London
- Laney College
- Lewis & Clark College
- Loyola Marymount University
- Macalester College
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- University of Maryland
- University of Michigan
- University of Montana
- Mount Holyoke College
- The New School
- New York University
- Northeastern University
- Oberlin College
- Occidental College
- University of Oregon
- University of Oxford
- University of the Pacific
- University of Pennsylvania
- Pitzer College
- University of Portland
- Pratt Institute
- University of Puget Sound
- Princeton University
- Purdue University
- Reed College
- Rice University
- University of San Francisco
- University of San Diego
- Santa Clara University
- Sarah Lawrence College
- Savannah College of Art and Design
- Scripps College
- Seattle University
- Smith College
- University of Southern California
- Southern Oregon University
- St. Mary’s College of California
- Vassar College
- University of Washington
- Washington State University
- Whitman College
- Whittier College
- Willamette University
- Williams College

**SAT**  
194 senior students in the class of 2019 took the SAT Reasoning Test at some point in their high school careers. This number includes Non-English Speaking and Limited English Speaking Students. *Note CA and total means from 2018 (latest available).*

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