



MIRAMONTE HIGH SCHOOL

A California Distinguished School



SCHOOL PROFILE 2016-17

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SCHOOL CHARACTERISTICS

Miramonte High School was founded in 1955 by the Acalanes Union High School District as a comprehensive public high school serving grades 9-12. With an enrollment of **1280** students, Miramonte offers a wide variety of academic and elective courses to encourage students to explore diverse avenues of learning. In addition to a strong college preparatory curriculum, we offer a broad spectrum of Advanced Placement and Honors classes to challenge students and prepare them for college. The school year consists of two 18-week semesters. The school day is 7 periods with classes meeting for 50 minutes, five days a week. Our student body reflects the bay area's rich ethnic and cultural diversity with the following ethnic makeup: 2.6% African American, 1.3% American Indian or Alaskan, 19% Asian, 59% Caucasian, 9% Hispanic or Latino, .5% Pacific Islander, 6% 2 or more races and 1.1% not reported.

COMMUNITY CHARACTERISTICS

Located 20 miles east of San Francisco, Orinda is a family-oriented suburban community of 17,600 on the east side of the Oakland/Berkeley hills. Demonstrating a strong commitment to education, the community and parents continue to give significant financial support to the academic and extracurricular programs at Miramonte. Three parent organizations work together to enhance the high school experience for all students by conducting fundraising activities and recruiting volunteers to support student programs and activities that otherwise would not be available. The Educational Foundation of Orinda also makes a substantial yearly contribution to many school wide programs. The Rotary Club of Orinda sponsors a yearly Career Night for students to explore career options.

ACCREDITATION, AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Currently working on 6 year accreditation through the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), Miramonte has three major areas of focus: Excellent Teaching, Student Support, and Safe and Healthy Climate. In line with our emphasis on technology integration, every freshman is provided with an iPad to use in class, and sophomores either bring their own device or are loaned a device for use at school. We strive to reduce student stress through Stanford's Challenge Success Program. Miramonte ranks in the top 5% of comprehensive public high schools in California and has been recognized as a California Distinguished and a Blue Ribbon School. We are routinely acknowledged by US News and World Report in their ranking of the Best High Schools in the country and our school appears on the Gold Medal List of Best California High Schools.

FACULTY AND STAFF

The Miramonte teaching staff is comprised of 53 full-time and 12 part-time fully qualified teachers, 4 counselors, 3 administrators, a librarian, school psychologist, 2 intervention specialists, 9 instructional assistants, 10 classified support staff, a part time nurse, and a College and Career Center Advisor. The counseling caseload is approximately 335:1. Master's Degrees are held by 37 faculty and staff, and 1 faculty member has a Doctorate.

ATHLETICS

Miramonte is a member of the Diablo Athletic League (DAL) under the North Coast Section of the California Interscholastic Federation.

The school offers over 20 competitive sports for both boys and girls. Our teams regularly compete in NCS finals, often bringing home league championships. Our award winning Cheerleading team is now recognized as a CIF sport.

STUDENT PROGRAMS

Miramonte offers a wide variety of award-winning extra and co-curricular programs including: Public Speaking, Instrumental and Vocal Music, Theatre Productions, Mock Trial and Model UN. Students have the opportunity to develop their leadership skills in Student Government, Link Crew and campus clubs. Our Latin Club is our largest and most active club often hosting the Annual Latin Convention. Students are recognized for their high academic achievement through the California Scholastic Federation (CSF) and for participation in six or more Visual or Performing Arts courses with the Arts Distinction Award. A high percentage of our students are involved in community service and receive the Presidential Award at the end of the year. The *Acalanes Gifted and Talented Education* (AGATE) program is a unique experience offered to a select group of students who conduct interdisciplinary research and attend a three day hands-on exploration, and prepare a culminating project and presentation in creative, non-traditional formats. Vocational (ROP) classes give students hands-on job training in sports medicine, architectural design and environmental science.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

240 credits are required to graduate. 5 credits granted per semester in all courses that are passed. Course Requirements include:

English	4 years
World History	1 year
US History	1 year
Government/Economics	1 year
Mathematics (1 yr. Alg. & 1 yr. beyond)	2 years
Biological Science	1 year
Physical Science	1 year
Physical Education/Health	2 years
1 year in 2 subjects: World Lang, VPA, Tech Ed	2 years
Elective	90 credits

Seniors may take **WISE** (Wise Individualized Senior Experience), a class that allows them to design their own course of study emphasizing real world, out-of-the-class experiences which prepare them to excel and contribute in the global community.

GRADING AND TRANSCRIPT NOTATIONS

Grading scale: 90-100 = A, 80-89 = B, 70-79 = C, 60-69 = D. D- is a passing grade. Letter grades are assigned a numerical value for GPA calculation: A = 4, B = 3, C = 2 and D = 1. The cumulative GPA is the average of all courses taken since the beginning of 9th grade. Final transcripts include both weighted and unweighted GPAs.

- (P)** College Prep courses
- (H)** Honors courses
- (AP)** Advanced Placement courses
- (n)** Non college prep
- (m)** Indicates a modified course (These courses do not fulfill the UC "a-g" subject requirement)

Miramonte does not report class rank by order of the school board and due to the concern with the inequities which occur when reporting specific rank in a high achieving student body.

HONORS AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT

- 9 Honors and 19 Advancement Placement courses.
- 82% of juniors and seniors take at least 1 AP course.
- 175 seniors took at least 1 AP class last year
- No limit to the number of AP/ Honors classes a student may take
- 'Open Enrollment' policy allows any student to take an Honors or AP Class if they meet the pre-requisites.

Honors Algebra 2/Trig	AP Computer Science A
Honors English 3	AP Comp. Sci. Principles
Honors French 4	AP English Literature
Honors Geometry	AP Environmental Science
Honors Mandarin 4	AP European History
Honors Law 2	AP French 5
Honors Spanish 4	AP Latin 4
Honors Latin 3	AP Chinese Culture/Lang.
Advanced Art Honors	AP Music Theory
AP Biology	AP Physics C
AP Calculus AB	AP Spanish 5
AP Calculus BC	AP Statistics
AP Chemistry	AP Studio Art
AP Comparative Government	AP US History

SENIOR CLASS PROFILE

280 students
 Median unweighted total GPA = 3.55
 Highest unweighted total GPA = 4.00 (23 students)
 Highest weighted total GPA = 4.5 (1 student)

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

CLASS OF 2017

Semi Finalists	12
Commended Students	n/a

CLASS OF 2016

Finalists	5
Commended Students	26

STANDARDIZED TEST RESULTS

SAT Mean Scores	2016	75th%ile	50th%ile
Critical Reading	599	680	600
Math	610	680	610
Writing	609	690	620
Total	1818	2050	1830

80% of seniors took the SAT

ACT Mean Scores 2016

English	28.8
Math	28.0
Reading	28.9
Science	27.4
Composite	28.4

2016 ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Total AP tests given	842
Total Students	405
Passing Test Scores	95%
• Score of 3	19%
• Score of 4	34%
• Score of 5	42%

COUNSELING STAFF

Counselors:	Linda Fore	(A-Fi)	Ext. 3307
	Ellen Connors	(FI-K)	Ext. 3306
	Erika Vasquez	(L-Sa)	Ext. 3317
Head Counselor:	Lois Halls	(Sc-Z)	Ext. 3308
Registrar:	Drue Kendell		Ext. 3301
College/Career Advisor	Samantha Stuber		Ext. 3102

ADMINISTRATION

Principal:	Julie Parks	Ext. 3102
Associate Principal:	Jan Carlson	Ext. 3207
Associate Principal:	Zach Pinkerton	Ext. 3206
Athletic Director:	Vince Dell'Aquila	Ext. 3451

COLLEGE PLACEMENT & ENROLLMENT

CLASS OF 2016

- 265 graduates
- 97% attending college
- 86% enrolled in a 4 year college
 - 24% University of California
 - 14% CSU Campuses
 - 7% California private colleges
 - 38% Out-of-state private and public
- 14% enrolled in a 2 year college
- 2% undecided, travel, military or gap year

COLLEGE MATRICULATION IN RECENT YEARS:

4 YEAR COLLEGES:

American University	University of Nevada, Reno
Arizona State University	New York University
University of Arizona	University of Northern Colorado
Belmont University	Northern Arizona
Boston College	Northwestern University
Boston University	Occidental College
Bowdoin	Ohio State
Brandeis	Ohio Wesleyan
Brown	University of Oregon
Brigham Young University	Oregon State
BYU-Idaho	Pace NYC
Bucknell	University of the Pacific(CA)
California College of the Arts	University of Pennsylvania
Calif. Institute of Technology	Pepperdine University
Univ. of California: all campuses	Pitzer
California State Univ.: Channel Is.,	Pomona
Chico, East Bay, Humboldt, Long	Pratt Institute
Beach, Cal Maritime, Northridge,	Princeton University
Sacramento, San Diego, SF State, San	University of Puget Sound
Jose, Sonoma, Cal Poly Pomona &SLO	Rice
Carnegie Mellon	University of San Diego
Catholic University of America	University of San Francisco
Chapman University	Saint Mary's College
University of Charleston	Santa Clara University
University of Chicago	Seattle Pacific University
Claremont McKenna	Seattle University
Colorado College	School of the Art Inst., Chicago
Colorado State	Southern Oregon
University of Colorado, Boulder	University of South Carolina
Colorado School of Mines	Univ. of South Carolina, Aiken
Columbia College Chicago	Univ. of Southern California
Columbia University	Stanford University
Cornell University	Steven's Institute of Technology
Cornish College of the Arts	St. John's Queens
Dartmouth University	Texas Christian University
University of Denver	University of Texas, Austin
Duke University	Texas A & M
Eastern Washington	Washington U. of St. Louis
Emory University	University of Washington
George Washington University	Washington State
Georgetown University	Wesleyan University
Gonzaga University	Western Washington University
Harvard University	Westmont College
Hofstra University	Whitman College
Indiana University, Bloomington	Whitworth
Johns Hopkins University	Willamette
University of Kansas	University of Wisconsin
University of Kentucky	Utah Valley State
Lewis & Clark College	Yale University
Loyola Marymount University	2 YEAR COLLEGES:
Loyola University, Chicago	Berkeley City College, Contra
Massachusetts Inst. of Tech.	Costa College, Cuesta, Diablo
University of Mass., Amherst	Valley College, Laney College,
Merrimack College	Moorpark, Saddleback, Santa
University of Michigan	Barbara City College, Kauai CC,
Michigan State	Johnson Co CC, Emory U, Oxford
Middlebury	OUT OF COUNTRY:
University of Minnesota	Richmond- The Amer. Int'l.
University of Missouri	College, London
University of Mississippi	Univ. of Groningen, Netherlands
Montana State	Univ. of Western England,
	Hartpury Campus