



## Sir Francis Drake High School

A California Distinguished School

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### School Profile 2015-16

Established 1951, Grades 9-12

Accredited by Western Association of Schools & Colleges

Fall 2015 Enrollment: 1078 CEEB Code: 052770

9<sup>th</sup> - 328 10<sup>th</sup> - 263 11<sup>th</sup> - 256 12<sup>th</sup> - 231

Web Site: <http://www.tamdistrict.org/drake>

**Sir Francis Drake High School:** Situated on a 21 acre campus, Drake High School is traversed by two year-round creeks. Drake was the District's second high school to open in 1951 and is located in the Ross Valley, Marin County serving the West Marin communities, Fairfax and San Anselmo. Drake High School has slightly over 1,000 students enrolled in an academically rigorous and innovative curricular program. Sir Francis Drake was a part of a systematic change movement in the 1990's to provide small learning communities (SLCs) for our 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students. We continue this tradition in order to provide a personalized academic and social/emotional approach to learning. All students are placed in one of four SLCs to receive parts of their core academic education. Much of our educational approach involves both a curricular integration of curriculum and project-based learning. Drake High also offers two integrated Academies for students in their junior and senior year who are interested in communication (ComAcad) or environmental studies (SEA-DISC). Drake is also proud to offer a four-year Engineering program, Peer Resource, numerous elective course offerings and 13 AP courses. 81.4% of Drake students scored a 3 or higher on the AP tests taken in the past year. Currently, 80% of Drake students attend college and 75% of our students are UC/CSU eligible.

**Course Offerings:** Drake's curriculum emphasizes a college preparatory program but provides for all levels of ability and interest. Course offerings range from Advanced Placement and Honors classes to academic support for those who need extra help. Eleventh and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students may choose a traditional curriculum or an integrated, project-based program. The project-based programs are two-year, blended 11<sup>th</sup> & 12 graders, in two academies – Communications and Environmental Studies.

**Extracurricular Program:** At Drake High we believe in a strong connection between a student's activities/athletics program and a student's academic success. Athletic teams for girls and boys include soccer, volleyball, football, tennis, water polo, cross-country, basketball, wrestling, track and field, softball, baseball, swimming and diving, golf, lacrosse, mountain biking and sailing. Dance team adds to the great spirit at Drake and an active student government provides a variety of student programs and activities as well as service to the community. Students pursue individual interests in many organized clubs and internships.

### Scholastic Excellence . . . .

California High School Exit Exam				
Year	Tested-Math	Math-Passed	ELA-Tested	ELA-Passed
2013-14	246	230 - 93%	240	226 - 94%

SAT 1: Reasoning Test					
2014-15	Grade 12 Enrolled	Number Tested	Critical Reading	Math Average	Writing Average
Drake	209	134 - 64.11%	576	569	566
California	496901	241553 - 48.6%	495	506	491

Advanced Placement Examinations			
Year	Enrolled	Tests Given	Scored 3 or Higher
2015	236	407	193-81.8%
2014	240	334	286-85.63%

**Length of Semester/Day . . . . .** Drake High School has two semesters and 180 school days. Students are required to take six classes per day and may choose to take seven. Monday classes are 48 minutes in length. Tuesdays through Fridays are block days when classes meet for 90 minutes for each block period. Tutorial meets twice a week for 50 minutes.

**Advanced Placement and Honors Courses**

AP Biology *	AP Environmental Science **	AP US History
AP Calculus AB	AP Spanish Language	Honors Advanced Algebra *
AP Chemistry *	AP Statistics	Honors Geometry
AP Computer Science	AP Studio Art: 2D Design	Honors Photography
AP English Literature Composition	AP Studio Art: 3D Design	Honors Theater Directing
AP English Language Composition	AP Drawing	

AP/Honors classes may have prerequisites that may include course preparation, academic performance, and/or admission examination.

\* May not be offered every year.

\*\*Only for students in the Environmental Studies Academy.

**Post High School Plans ~ Class of 2015**

# of Grads	2 Year College	4 Year College	Other
209	27%	62%	12%

**Colleges Attended**

The Art Institute of California, Los Angeles	Expression College for Digital Arts	University of Colorado at Boulder
Austin Community College	Georgetown University	University of Denver
Barnard College	Gonzaga University	University of Georgia
Belmont University	Lewis & Clark College	University of Miami
Berkeley City College	Marymount Manhattan College	University of Montana, Missoula
Boise State University	Mills College	University of Montana, Western
Boston University	The New School – Eugene Lang College	University of Oregon
Brooks Institute of Photography	New York Conservatory for Dramatic Arts	University of Portland
Cabrillo College	New York University	University of Puget Sound
California Institute of the Arts	Occidental College	University of Redlands
California Lutheran University	Portland State University	University of Rhode Island
Carleton College	Purdue University	University of San Diego
Chapman University	Rhode Island School of Design	University of San Francisco
Colgate University	Saddleback College	University of Southern California
College of Marin	Santa Barbara City College	University of Toronto
CSU @ Bakersfield,	Santa Rosa Junior College	University of Vermont
Cal Poly-Pomona, Cal Poly-SLO, Chico, Humboldt,	Scripps College	University of Virginia
Monterey Bay, Sacramento,	Seton Hall University	University of Westminster
San Bernardino, San Diego,	Southern Oregon University	Vanderbilt University
San Jose, Sonoma	University of Arizona	Warren Wilson College
Cuesta College	University of British Columbia	Washington University in St. Louis
Dominican University of California	University of California @ Berkeley, Davis, San Diego,	Whitman College
Eastern Washington University	Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz	Willamette University
Emily Carr University of Art & Design	University of Chicago	

**Graduation Course Requirements . . . . .**

- 220 units (160 required / 60 elective)
- 4 years English
- 4 years Social Studies
- 3 years Mathematics
- 2 years Integrated Science
- 2 years Physical Education
- 1 year Fine Arts

**Grading System . . . . .**

	<u>Regular</u>	<u>AP/H</u>
A Excellent	4 pts	5 pts
B Above Average	3 pts	4 pts
C Average	2 pts	3 pts
D Passing	1 pt	1 pt
F Failing	0 pts	0 pts
NM = No mark		
CR/NC = Credit/No credit    W = Withdrawal		
GPA's are cumulative, computed each semester.		
A.P. and Honors course grades are weighted.		



**Sir Francis Drake High School**

Principal ~ Liz Seabury ◆ Assistant Principals ~ David Rice & Chad Stuart  
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