



Sir Francis Drake High School

A California Distinguished School

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School Profile 2017-18

Established 1951, Grades 9-12

Accredited by Western Association of Schools & Colleges

Fall 2017 Enrollment: 1205 CEEB Code: 052770
9th - 330 10th - 327 11th - 316 12th - 232

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 over 1,200 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 9th and 10th 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 our three 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 15 AP courses. 84% of Drake students scored a 3 or higher on the AP tests taken in the past year. 81% of 2017 Drake graduates attended college and 77% 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 12th grade students may choose a traditional curriculum or an integrated, project-based program. The project-based programs are two-year, blended 11th & 12th 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 Assessment of Student Proficiency – SBAC				
Scores for 11 th Grade Students	% Met or Exceeded ELA 2017	% Met or Exceeded ELA 2016	% Met or Exceeded Math 2017	% Met or Exceeded Math 2016
California	60	59	32	33
Marin	69	67	46	47
TUHSD	76	72	60	56
Drake HS	67	80	61	56

SAT 1: Reasoning Test				
2016-17	Grade 12 Enrolled	Number Tested	Evidence Based Reading & Writing	Math Average
Drake	240	128 – 53%	620	602
California	472,260	221,601 - 47%	535	530

Advanced Placement Examinations			
Year	Test Takers	Tests Given	Scored 3 or Higher
2016	289	496	243 - 84%
2017	284	486	237 - 84%

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 50 minutes in length. Tuesdays through Fridays are block days when classes meet for 90 minutes for each block period. Tutorial meets twice on Wednesdays for 40 minutes each.

Advanced Placement and Honors Courses. . . .

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

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

*Only for students in the Environmental Studies Academy.

Post High School Plans ~ Class of 2017. . . .

# of Grads Surveyed	2 Year College	4 Year College	Other
238	22%	59%	19%

Colleges Attended. . . .

Academy of Art University	Indiana University at Bloomington	University of California @
American University	Ithaca College	Berkeley, Davis, Los Angeles,
Arizona State University	Lewis & Clark College	Riverside, Santa Barbara,
Boise State University	Loyola Marymount University	Santa Cruz
Butler University	Loyola University New Orleans	University of Chicago
Butte College	Macalester College	University of Colorado at Boulder
Cabrillo College	New York University	University of Edinburgh
California Institute of the Arts	Northeastern University	University of Hawaii at Manoa
California Lutheran University	Northern Arizona University	University of Maryland, College Park
Carnegie Mellon University	Oberlin College of Arts & Sciences	University of Miami
Central Oregon Community College	Pennsylvania State University	University of Michigan
Chapman University	Pitzer College	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
College of Marin	Princeton University	University of Oregon
Colorado State University @Fort Collins	Reed College	University of Portland
Community College of Denver	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Puget Sound
Cornell University	Saint Mary's College of California	University of Redlands
CSU @ Cal Poly-Pomona, Cal Poly-SLO,	Santa Barbara City College	University of Rochester
Chico, Long Beach, Northridge,	Santa Clara University	University of San Francisco
Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco &	Santa Monica College	University of Texas, Austin
Sonoma	Santa Rosa Junior College	University of Vermont
Cuesta College	Sarah Lawrence College	University of Washington
Dartmouth College	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Emerson College	Tufts University	Vanderbilt University
The Evergreen State College	Tulane University	Western Washington University
Feather River College	United States Air Force Academy	Wheelock College
Gonzaga University	University of Alabama	
Goucher College	University of British Columbia	

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.		



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