



Sir Francis Drake High School

A California Distinguished School

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School Profile 2016-17

Established 1951, Grades 9-12

Accredited by Western Association of Schools & Colleges

Fall 2016 Enrollment: 1143 CEEB Code: 052770

9th - 333 10th - 330 11th - 238 12th - 241

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 1,100 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 13 AP courses. 85% of Drake students scored a 3 or higher on the AP tests taken in the past year. Currently, 88% of Drake students attend college and 80% 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 & 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 Assessment of Student Proficiency – SBAC				
Scores for 11 th Grade Students	% Met or Exceeded ELA 2015	% Met or Exceeded ELA 2016	% Met or Exceeded Math 2015	% Met or Exceeded Math 2016
California	56	59	29	33
Marin	70	67	48	47
TUHSD	79	72	61	56
Drake HS	79	80	65	56

SAT 1: Reasoning Test					
2015-16	Grade 12 Enrolled	Number Tested	Critical Reading	Math Average	Writing Average
Drake	221	114 – 51.35%	572	560	559
California	492,835	241,589 - 49.02%	491	500	485

Advanced Placement Examinations			
Year	Enrolled	Tests Given	Scored 3 or Higher
2015	236	407	193-81.8%
2016	221	449	380-85%

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 & BC	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.

*Only for students in the Environmental Studies Academy.

Post High School Plans ~ Class of 2016.

# of Grads	2 Year College	4 Year College	Other
221	23%	65%	12%

Colleges Attended.

American University	Grinnell College	Tufts University
Baylor University	Hofstra University	Tulane University
Bennington College	Lewis & Clark College	University of Arizona
Berkeley City College	Michigan State University	University of British Columbia –
Brown University	Middlebury College	Okanagan Campus
Chapman University	Mills College	University of California @
Claremont McKenna College	Montana State University, Bozeman	Berkeley, Davis, Los Angeles,
Colgate University	Muhlenberg College	Riverside, San Diego, Santa
College of Marin	Napa Valley College	Barbara, Santa Cruz
Colorado College	New York University	University of Colorado at Boulder
Colorado Mesa University	Northeastern University	University of Denver
Colorado State University @Fort Collins	Oberlin College of Arts & Sciences	University of Edinburgh
Columbia College	Occidental College	University of Hawaii at Manoa
Columbia College Chicago	Ohio Wesleyan University	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Connecticut College	Orange Coast College	University of Michigan
CSU @ Cal Poly-SLO, Chico, Humboldt,	Oregon State University	University of Montana, Missoula
Long Beach, San Diego, & Sonoma	Pepperdine University	University of Nevada, Reno
The Culinary Institute of America (CA)	Portland Community College	University of Oregon
DePaul University	Portland State University	University of Portland
Dickinson College	Salve Regina University	University of Puget Sound
Duke University	Santa Barbara City College	University of Redlands
Eastern Washington University	Santa Rosa Junior College	University of San Francisco
Elon University	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	University of Southern California
The Evergreen State College	Scripps College	University of Virginia
Gallatin College at Montana State U	Seattle University	University of Washington
Gonzaga University	Stanford University	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Goucher College	Texas A&M University	Vanderbilt University

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		
GPAs are cumulative, computed each semester.		
A.P. and Honors course grades are weighted.		



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