



SUNSET HIGH SCHOOL
2009-10 SCHOOL PROFILE
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"A Challenging educational community promoting life-long learning, social responsibility and respect for diversity."

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

Sunset High School is a comprehensive public school with about 1800 students, grades 9-12. Located in a suburban area of Portland, Oregon, Sunset is accredited by the Northwest Association of Secondary Schools and the Oregon State Department of Education. The predominant socio-economic level is middle to upper middle class, with most parents having a college education. However, our students range from being homeless to upper class. 35% of our students are minority. 25% of our students qualify for free or reduced lunch. 21% of our students qualify as talented and gifted. 84% of our faculty hold masters or doctorate degrees.

Starting in fall 2006, classes meet on an A/B block schedule. There are seven class periods and each class meets two or three times on alternating weeks for 90 minutes. The school year is divided into two semesters of 18 weeks each. Grades are reported to parents every nine weeks, but only a final semester grade is recorded on the student's transcript. Average class size in the 5 major core subject areas is 36 with an average teacher load of 160 students in those areas.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Sunset High School is known as a "school of excellence." It is noted for its academic climate, offering a comprehensive array of advanced classes in areas of fine arts, English, world languages, math, science, and social sciences.

Sunset High School offers the International Baccalaureate program. This program offers a rigorous academic curriculum for motivated and ambitious students. The graduating class of 2003 was the first group of students with the opportunity to earn the Full International Baccalaureate Diploma. Students earn the diploma by passing six internationally set and graded exams, completion of a 4000 word extended essay, the Theory of Knowledge course and 150 community service hours. Students may also receive IB certificates by passing individual exams. Sunset's first IB class had nine diploma candidates of which eight earned their IB diploma. This year Sunset has 36 diploma candidates.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE COURSES

IB courses include: IB English I HL, IB English II HL, IB Film Literature I HL, IB Film Literature II HL, IB Math Studies SL, IB Computer Science, IB Calculus SL, IB Calculus HL, IB Biology I HL, IB Biology II HL, IB Chemistry SL, IB Physics SL, IB Physics HL, IB Economics SL, IB History of the Americas HL, IB 20th Century Topics HL, IB Psychology SL, IB Social Anthropology, IB Spanish SL, IB Spanish HL, IB French SL, IB Japanese SL, IB Art and Design SL, IB Art and Design HL, IB Music SL, IB Theater SL, and IB Theory of Knowledge. In 2008/09, approximately 47% of the junior class and 65% of the senior class were enrolled in at least one IB course. Of the total students in IB courses approximately 75% were enrolled in two or more. We have a record 40 full Diploma candidates this year.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Graduation requirements include credits in the following areas: 4 English, 3 Math, 3 Social Science, 2 Lab Sciences, 1 Health, 1 PE, 1 Applied Arts, Fine Arts, World Language or Business Education, .5 Career Education, and 8.5 Electives. A half credit (.5) is granted for satisfactory completion of a subject over a semester, with a total of 24 credits needed to graduate.

GRADING SYSTEM

A	4.0 grade points
B	3.0 grade points
C	2.0 grade points
D	1.0 grade point
F	0.0 grade point
W/F	0.0 grade point
H	after a grade designates an Honors course

Sunset High School has both an unweighted GPA and Rank in Class and a weighted GPA and Rank in Class. Both scales are noted on the transcript. Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and dual credit courses, which are transferable to 4-year colleges or universities and are either taught at the high school or are part of a sequence, which is not available/attainable within the home high school, will be weighted. Weighted courses appear on the transcript in bold. Grades of A, B, and C earned in weighted classes will earn an extra grade point.

GRADE DISTRIBUTION FOR 2009 SENIORS

Based on 487 students

	<u>Unweighted</u>	<u>Weighted</u>	
Upper	2% 4.0	10% 4.08-4.55	
	5% 3.95 – 4.0	15% 3.98-4.07	
	10% 3.86 – 4.0	20% 3.87-3.97	
	20% 3.70 – 4.0	25% 3.76-3.86	
	40% 3.39 – 4.0	40% 3.48-3.75	
	60% 2.98 – 4.0	60% 3.06-3.47	
Avg. Unweighted GPA	3.14	Avg. Weighted GPA	3.14

TESTING INFORMATION

I.B. Program: In 2009, 27 out of 37 IB Diploma candidates earned their diploma. The average score was 29 with a high score of 34. 146 students registered for 480 tests in 22 subject areas. The average score earned was 4.71 with a score range from 2 to 7.

A.P. Program: 44 students took 11 different A.P. exams for 64 tests. 71% scored three or higher with 46% scoring a 4 or higher.

A.P. Scholar: 3 or higher on 3 or more AP Exams: 3 students

A.P. Scholar with Honor:

3 or higher on 4 or more AP exams: 3 students

Average SAT Scores for Sunset High students:

70% of the 2009 seniors took an SAT exam

06/07	CR 551	Math 554	WR 530
07/08	CR 557	Math 570	WR 530
08/09	CR 551	Math 559	WR 536
District average:	CR 542	Math 562	WR 526
Oregon average:	CR 523	Math 525	WR 499
National average:	CR 501	Math 515	WR 493

Average ACT Scores for Sunset High School:

National Composite	21.1
State Composite	21.4
Sunset High School Composite	22.2*

* The entire graduating class of 2009 took the ACT with writing their junior year.

NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNITION

In 2009-10, Sunset has 8 National Merit Semi-finalists and 10 Commended Students.

CLASS OF 2009 UNIVERSITY MATRICULATION

Of our 487 graduating seniors, 67% requested final transcripts be sent to four-year colleges or universities 25% reported attending a 2-year college, vocational school or entered the military, 8% are unknown. Sunset 2009 graduates matriculated to the following four-year colleges and universities:

American University
Azusa Pacific University
Bard College
Binghamton University
Brigham Young University
California State University Chico
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Claremont McKenna College

Cornell University
Cotley College
DePauw University
Duke University
Drexel University
Embry Riddle Aeronautical University
Emerson University
Gonzaga University
Knox College
Linfield College
Loyola University New Orleans
Macalester College
Marquette University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Montana State University
Navy
Northeastern University
Northern Arizona University
Northwestern University
Oberlin College
Oklahoma City University
Oregon Institute of Technology
Oregon State University
Oregon State Honors College
Pacific Lutheran University
Pacific University
Portland State University
Pratt University
Rice University
Santa Clara University
Savannah College of Art and Design
Scripps College
Seattle Pacific University
Seattle University
Smith College
Southern Oregon University
St. Catherine's University
St. Louis University
Stanford University
University of Arizona
University of British Columbia
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, San Diego
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of Chicago
University of Colorado, Boulder
University of Houston
University of Louisville
University of Montana
University of North Dakota
University of Oregon
University of Oregon Honors College
University of Pennsylvania
University of Portland
University of Redlands
University of San Diego
University of St. Thomas, Minnesota
University of Texas, Austin
University of Victoria
University of Washington
US Air Force Academy Prep School
Vanderbilt University
Warner Pacific University
Washington State University
Western Nevada College
Western Oregon University
Willamette University
William Jessup University
Williams College