San Mateo High School

Peace, Passion, Pride

At San Mateo High School, staff and students unite around academic rigor and an unrivalled tradition of school spirit. Our school stands out, even in the state of California, as a place of valued diversity. Coming from the full range of socio-economic backgrounds and over thirty ethnic groups, our students reside in Burlingame, San Mateo, Foster City and Hillsborough, and include members of the Caucasian, Latino, Asian, Pacific Islander, African-American and Filipino communities. We work to create a cohesive whole, giving our students opportunities to create lasting memories with people from a vast array of backgrounds.

San Mateo High School is a passionate place, and our quad bustles with the energy of a college campus. Our students, intensely spirited, strive to meet our school's potential and to better our rivals. Our staff members, highly-qualified, serve at once as academic and community activists. Our parents, highly involved, dedicate time to supporting our budding ambitions. We seek greater truths, in our classrooms and in understanding who we are as individuals and as a school. We work to put words into action; we reach toward rising expectations; we focus on what is possible rather than on what is not.

Our goal is to serve the needs of all of our students. We excel in advanced placement and specialized courses, visual and performing arts, student leadership and government, and athletics. We work at integrating the latest technology into our new school facilities. While striving to prepare our students for both college and the working world, we maintain a commitment to community service and volunteerism. We recognize that our students have a wide array of needs, from acquiring a foundation of academic skills, to learning at an accelerated pace, to developing language, to overcoming disabilities. We expect our students to develop socially and academically, becoming responsible members of the community as well as productive and successful members of society.