

Located in one of Silicon Valley's loveliest residential neighborhoods and supported by a local community that places the highest premium on quality public education, Menlo-Atherton High School offers its 2,050 students a highly regarded blend of rigorous academics and student enrichment activities. Menlo-Atherton is a California Distinguished School, an honor reserved for a small number of California's "exemplary and inspiring" public schools. On a range of standardized tests, students at Menlo-Atherton consistently perform better than their peers in the county and the state.

FACILITY & TECHNOLOGY ENHANCEMENTS

Local community support of bonds benefitting the Sequoia Union High School District has made possible many recent and upcoming enhancements to facilities and technology at Menlo-Atherton.

- **Academic areas:** three new buildings with new classrooms, additional remodeled classrooms and science rooms, and new teacher work center
- **Athletic programs:** new athletic fields, gym and pool
- **Performing arts:** 482-seat performing arts center with 250-capacity multiuse space (slated for completion in mid-2009)
- **Student support:** new state-of-the-art library and campus security system

ACADEMIC INNOVATIONS & SPECIALTIES

Menlo-Atherton is renowned for the depth and breadth of the school's academic program and enrichment opportunities, some of which are highlighted below.

- **Career pathways/magnet programs:** opportunity to identify and explore college majors and career interests through magnet programs – in web design & art and consumer & family studies – or a pathway of the student's own choosing
- **College preparatory focus:** a full range of college preparatory classes and more than 20 advanced standing-honors and advanced placement-honors courses, award-winning college preparatory program for students "in the middle," and guidance counseling, college advising, SAT preparation and other free resources to assist with planning for and applying to college (*NOTE: 95% of Menlo-Atherton's 2007-08 graduates went on to college, choosing schools locally and top-tier universities across the country and abroad*)
- **Computer Academy:** a small-learning community (a "school-within-a-school") providing academic and technical skills training to strengthen a student's academic status, skills and career potential

- **Special support:** diverse offerings, ranging from one-on-one and small-group tutoring/study hall and skill-building classes for students below grade level in reading and math to academic planning, coursework and support for English learners and students with special education needs
- **Visual and performing arts:** vast number of excellent opportunities available (*please see details below*)
- **World languages:** classes in French, Latin and Spanish

CHAMPIONSHIP ATHLETIC PROGRAM

- **Boys:** badminton, baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, gymnastics, lacrosse, soccer, swimming, tennis, track & field, water polo and wrestling
- **Girls:** badminton, basketball, cross country, golf, gymnastics, lacrosse, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, track & field, volleyball and water polo

DYNAMIC VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS OFFERINGS

- **Dance program:** encompassing performances and productions, for beginners through advanced dancers
- **Drama department:** opportunities for on-stage or backstage roles in professional productions
- **Music department:** performing musical groups including advanced band, beginning and advanced jazz band, choir, drumming and jazz ensemble, and classes in guitar and piano
- **Visual arts:** classes in ceramics, digital photography, drawing and web-based design

OTHER STUDENT ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

- **Clubs:** over 35 clubs, open to all students, focusing on academics, culture, entertainment, sports and other common interests among students
- **Events:** assemblies, dances, games, rallies, sports activities and other student events
- **Much more:** opportunities to participate in community service projects, student leadership, student exchange programs and teacher-supervised student travel abroad