

Situated on 40 picturesque acres in the heart of Redwood City, Sequoia High School is a fully accredited comprehensive public high school that promotes academic excellence, respect for international diversity, appreciation of the arts and lifelong learning, and positive contributions to society. Sequoia 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, Sequoia's 1,650 students 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 Sequoia High School.

- **Academic areas:** new 20,000-sq. ft. science and technology building, new and remodeled classrooms equipped with technologically advanced teaching tools, new state-of-the-art woodshop and new ceramic art studio
- **Athletic programs:** new athletic fields, pool and spectator gym (coming in 2009)
- **Performing arts:** renovation of the historic 600-seat Carrington Hall Theater
- **Student support:** new teen service center, teen wellness center (slated for completion in 2008) and campus security system

ACADEMIC INNOVATIONS & SPECIALTIES

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

- **Business Technology 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
- **Career pathways/magnet programs:** opportunity to identify and explore college majors and career interests through magnet programs – in computer science, the arts and (beginning in Fall 2009) science & medicine – 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: 97% of Sequoia's 2007-08 graduates went on to college, choosing schools locally and top-tier universities across the country and abroad*)
- **Freshman transition:** supporting students (and their parents) with focused initiatives aimed at ensuring a smooth transition to high school

- **International Baccalaureate (IB) program:** a rigorous college-level curriculum that prepares students to earn a globally recognized IB diploma
- **International College Advancement Program:** preparatory curriculum for progression to the IB program
- **Small learning communities (“Houses”):** assignment of freshmen and sophomores into supportive “Houses” that promote increased success in the first years of high school
- **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, German and Spanish

CHAMPIONSHIP ATHLETIC PROGRAM

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

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, and skills training for students on a career path in the performing arts
- **Music department:** performing musical groups including chorus, jazz ensemble and string orchestra, and classes in piano and guitar
- **Visual arts:** classes in ceramics, computer-assisted art, drawing, painting and photography

OTHER STUDENT ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

- **Clubs:** over 50 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