



Hercules High School

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Accreditation: Western Association of Schools and Colleges

School Profile 2019-2020

CEEB Code Number: 051206

- School Characteristics:** Hercules High School (HHS), which opened in August of 2001, is situated on approximately 75 acres of land. It is one of the six high schools which make up the West Contra Costa Unified School District.
- HHS is a 4-year comprehensive high school. The High School enrollment is 865 including 225 seniors. The school day is seven periods of 58 minutes each. All classes meet five days a week during two 18-week semesters. Hercules High School offers a college preparatory program including 14 AP and 3 Honors courses.
- Student Body:** Hercules High School reflects the community's rich cultural diversity. Our ethnic make up is: 27% African American; 21% Asian; 23% Filipino; 20% Hispanic/Latino; 7% Caucasian. Approximately 9% of our high school students are English Language Learners; 42% qualify for free or reduced lunch. The student/counselor ratio is 433:1.
- Community Characteristics:** The city of Hercules is located in the western portion of Contra Costa County along the I-80 corridor that runs through the San Francisco Bay Area. It is within thirty minutes of San Francisco and sixty minutes from Sacramento. The population of Hercules is 25,500. It continues to grow in population but still maintains an abundance of open space giving it a country/suburban feeling.
- School Programs:**
- Hercules High School students have the opportunity to concurrently enroll in Contra Costa, Diablo Valley, or other Community College courses.
 - Students are encouraged to start or join one or more of the many clubs on campus. Clubs include: Interact, Journalism, GSA, Mock Trial, Robotics, MESA.
 - Hercules High School offers a Publications/yearbook class that has produced our award winning Yearbook.
 - Award winning music programs include: Orchestra and Advanced Orchestra, Symphonic Band and Concert Choir.
 - Hercules High School offers two pathways including Computer Science and Medical Careers. The Computer Science pathway includes courses in Computer Essentials, Computer Programming, and AP Computer Science Principles. The Medical Careers pathway includes courses in Medical Careers, Anatomy and Physiology, and Rehabilitation Therapies/Sports Medicine.
- Athletics:** Competitive Team sports for Boys: Football, Volleyball, Cross-country, Track and Field, Water Polo, Wrestling, Golf, Tennis, Basketball, Swimming, Soccer and Badminton. For Girls: Softball, Volleyball, Cross-country, Track and Field, Water Polo, Wrestling, Golf, Tennis, Basketball, Swimming, Soccer and Badminton.

Graduation Requirements:

Students must earn a minimum of 225 credits, specified by category below. Five units per semester are granted in all courses when a passing grade of D- or above is earned. Seniors at all district high schools must complete a Service Learning Project which includes 20 hours of community service in addition to a written project in order to receive a diploma.

Course Requirements Include:

<i>English</i>	<i>4 years</i>	<i>40 credits</i>
<i>Mathematics</i>	<i>3 years</i>	<i>30 credits</i>
<i>Life Science</i>	<i>1 year</i>	<i>10 credits</i>
<i>Physical Science</i>	<i>1 year</i>	<i>10 credits</i>
<i>US History</i>	<i>1 year</i>	<i>10 credits</i>
<i>Amer Gov't/Economics</i>	<i>1 year</i>	<i>10 credits</i>
<i>World History</i>	<i>1 year</i>	<i>10 credits</i>
<i>Physical Education</i>	<i>2 years</i>	<i>20 credits</i>
<i>Foreign Language</i>	<i>1 year</i>	<i>10 credits</i>
<i>Visual/Performing Arts</i>	<i>1 year</i>	<i>10 credits</i>
<i>Electives</i>		<i>65 credits</i>

Grading:

Letter grades are assigned a numerical value as follows:

A= 4 B=3 C=2 D=1 F=0

Letter grades in Honors and AP Courses are assigned a numerical value of:

A=5 B=4 C=3 D=1 F=0

Letter grades follow the designation:

90 – 100 = A 80 – 89 = B 70 – 79 = C 60 – 69 = D 0 – 59 = F

The lowest passing grade is a D-. The cumulative GPA is the average of all courses since the beginning of the ninth grade, including non-college preparatory classes, such as PE. Honors courses are designated [H] and Advanced Placement courses are designated [AP]. College preparatory courses are indicated on the transcript with a "P" and meet the University of California A-G requirements. Plus and Minus signs appear on the transcript but are not used in computing grade point averages. Final transcripts reflect weighted and unweighted averages. AP, Honors and some community college courses are assigned an extra grade point for C or better work. Class rank is computed by the weighted GPA of 10th-11th grades.

Honors and Advanced Placement

Courses are open to all who meet prerequisites, which may include prior grades, College Board AP Potential data, and/or teacher recommendations. The following courses are offered in 2019-2020

English 3(H)	AP Environmental Science
French 4(H)	AP Government & Politics of the US
Spanish 4(H)	AP Psychology
AP Calculus A/B	AP Spanish Language
AP Chemistry	AP Statistics
AP Computer Science Principles	AP Studio 2D Art
AP English Language and Composition	AP US History
AP English Literature and Composition	AP World History

Post Graduation

Approximately 32% of our graduates go on to attend 4-year colleges, ~60% attend 2-year/community colleges. Our 2017-2019 graduates self reported the following colleges and universities that they will be attending:

*California State University:
Bakersfield, East Bay, Long Beach,
Monterey Bay, Northridge,
Sacramento, San Bernardino, San
Francisco, San Diego, San Luis
Obispo, San Jose
Dillard University
Dominican University of California
Howard University
Loyola Marymount University
Saint Mary's College of California*

*Santa Clara University
Savannah College of Art and Design
Spelman College
The American Musical and Dramatic
Academy
University of California: Berkeley,
Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, Merced,
Riverside, San Diego, Santa Barbara,
Santa Cruz
University of Chicago
University of Hawaii at Mānoa*

*University of Nevada, Las Vegas
University of Pennsylvania
University of San Augustine,
Philippines.
University of San Francisco
University of Pacific
Xavier University of Louisiana
Yale*