



## Hercules High School

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Accreditation: Western Association of Schools and Colleges

### School Profile 2021-2022

CEEB Code Number: 051206

#### **School Characteristics:**

Hercules High School is located at 1900 Refugio Valley Road in Hercules, California. The location is shared with a middle school and a high school with the administrative complex and library separating the two sides. The school was originally established in August, 2001 as a 6-12 educational institution. In June, 2013, the WCCUSD Board approved Hercules High School as a 4 year comprehensive high school serving 9 - 12th grades separate from the grades 6-8 middle school.

The current school enrollment is 760 which includes 179 seniors. Hercules High School offers a college preparatory program including 14 AP and 2 Honors courses.

#### **Student Body:**

Hercules High School reflects the community's rich cultural diversity. The gender makeup of the student body is 53% male, 46% female. The student ethnicity make up is: 22% African American; 21% Asian; 28% Filipino; 22% Hispanic/Latino; 5.5% Caucasian, and the remaining 1.5% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, Am. Indian/Alaskan, or declined to choose.

Approximately 2% of our high school students are English Language Learners; 42% qualify for free or reduced lunch. The student/counselor ratio is 300:1.

#### **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. The city of Hercules is within twenty five miles east of San Francisco, ten miles north of Berkeley, and sixty-five miles West of Sacramento. The current population of Hercules is 27,600. The city continues to expand with additional housing units and a new grocery store/gas station complex completed during the pandemic. As the city expands, it 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, Kiwanis, JSA, BSU, GSA, Mock Trial, Robotics, MESA.
- Award winning music programs include: Orchestra and Advanced Orchestra, Symphonic Band and Concert Choir.
- Hercules High School offers two Career Technical Education (CTE) pathways including Computer Science and Biotechnology. The Computer Science pathway includes courses in Computer Programming Essentials, Cyber Security, AP Computer Science Principles, and AP Computer Science A. The Biotechnology pathway includes courses in Biotechnology, Biomedical Science, and Biotechnology Independent Research as a capstone course.
- HHS offers 14 Advanced Placement (AP) courses that expand over all core departments; AP courses are college-level courses that follow CollegeBoard curriculum.

#### **Athletics:**

All athletic teams participate in the CIF, North Coast Section Tri-County Athletic League (TCAL). Team/Individual sports include: Badminton (B/G), Basketball (B/G), Cross-country (B/G), Football (B), Golf (B/G), Soccer (B/G), Swimming (B/G), Water Polo (B/G), Volleyball (B/G), Tennis (B/G), Track and Field B/G, and Wrestling (B/G).

## COVID-19:

\*\*\*Due to COVID-19, instruction for the 2020-2021 year was 100% remote Distance Learning. The 2021-2022 school year is back to 100% in person.

\*\*\*Due to COVID-19 the grading scale for Spring 2020 was Pass/NoMark, with Pass indicating the equivalent of a C- or higher and the NoMark indicating the equivalent of a D+ or lower. Grading for the 2020-21 school year returned to the traditional A-F grading scale except for students who applied to have grades of F or D changed to NP due to California Assembly Bill 104.

## 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.

### Graduation Requirements:

English	4 years	40 credits
Mathematics	3 years	30 credits
Life Science	1 year	10 credits
Physical Science	1 year	10 credits
US History	1 year	10 credits
Amer Gov't/Economics	1 year	10 credits
World History	1 year	10 credits
Physical Education	2 years	20 credits
World Language*	1 year	10 credits
Visual/Performing Arts*	1 year	10 credits
Electives		65 credits
TOTAL		225 credits

### Grading: 4 Point Scale

Letter grades are assigned a numerical value:  
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

\*Beginning in the 2019-2020 school year, students may qualify for graduation by completing a year of CTE instead of either one year of World Language OR one year of Visual/Performing Arts.

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 (UC) and California State University (CSU) 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 and Honors 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 with some courses utilizing a combination of prerequisites, prior grades, College Board AP Potential data, and/or teacher recommendations. The following courses are offered in 2021-2022:

French 4(H)	AP English Literature and Composition
Spanish 4(H)	AP Environmental Science
AP Calculus A/B	AP Government & Politics of the US
AP Calculus B/C	AP Psychology
AP Chemistry	AP Spanish Language
AP Computer Science Principles	AP Studio 2D Art
AP Computer Science A	AP US History
AP English Language 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 previous graduates self reported the following colleges and universities that they will be attending:

California State University (multiple campuses)	Loyola Marymount University	University of Pennsylvania
Dominican University	Saint Mary's College of California	University of California (most campuses)
Grambling University	Santa Clara University	University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Howard University	Spelman College	Xavier University of Louisiana
	Stanford University	