



West Contra Costa Unified School District

## **EL CERRITO HIGH SCHOOL**

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### **School Profile 2020-2021**

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Accreditation: Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)

CEEB School Code #050815

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#### **El Cerrito High School and the Community**

This semi-urban school of 1,601 students in grades 9-12 is located in San Francisco's East Bay just north of Berkeley. One of six comprehensive high schools in the West Contra Costa Unified School District, El Cerrito High School draws students from the communities of El Cerrito, Richmond, and Kensington. The 2020 graduating class was over 90%.

Our student body is diverse, including 18% African American, 31% Caucasian, 22% Asian American and Pacific Islander, and 29% of Hispanic origins. Approximately 195 students are Limited English Proficient, 116 are in Resource Specialist programs, and 43% of our students qualify for the Free/Reduced Lunch program. Approximately 77 students are severely or non-severely handicapped. The student-to-counselor ratio is 550:1.

#### **Special Programs**

**Block Schedule:** Until the 1997-98 school year ECHS followed a traditional high school schedule. In September 1997, a Block Schedule program began. The usual student program under this schedule is seven courses per year. As in previous years, each course (most of which now last 18 weeks) earns a total of 10 credits, with five credits earned each term. Students attend class five days per week. Instructional minutes are 100 minutes daily for most courses. Student transcripts therefore reflect three to four courses per term, earning five credits per 90-minute. Marks and credits are posted every nine weeks.

#### **Special Academies**

El Cerrito High offers a four-year college preparatory education. In addition, there are three Special Academies: Information Technology, and Media Academy.

## Extracurricular Activities

ECHS students participate in a full co-curricular program of 14 competitive sports (B=boys, G=girls): Football (B), Softball (G), Badminton (B), Basketball (B&G), Baseball (B) Volleyball (B&G), Tennis (B&G), Swimming (B&G), Golf (B&G), Water Polo (B &G), Lacrosse (B&G), and Wrestling (B&G), There are over 49 clubs for students to develop skills and explore interests including Interact, Amnesty International, Queer Straight Alliance, African American, Asian American, and Latino Student Union, etc.

## College and Career Prep Programs

ECHS has several collaborative programs with UC Berkeley's EAOP (Early Academic Outreach Program) & DCAC (Destination College Advising Corps) often collaborates with our site to strengthen the college-going culture and make college a viable option for all students. She advises students one-on-one, hosts workshops, conducts classroom presentations and organizes school-wide events. Other programs includes Upward Bound, Educational Talent Search, African American Male Pipeline, Rising Scholars and One Goal. In addition, college admission officers are invited to speak to our students about their school.

## Advanced Placement (AP) and Honors Classes

AP classes offered this year include English Language and Composition, English Literature, World History (10<sup>th</sup>), U.S. History (11<sup>th</sup>), U.S. Government and Politics (12<sup>th</sup>), Calculus AB and BC, Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, French Language, Japanese Language, Spanish Language, AP Computer Science, AP Compute Science Principles and AP Psychology. Last year, all student who took an AP course were automatically eligible to participate in AP exam.

We offer Honors classes in French Language 4, Spanish Language 4, Japanese Language 4, Pre-calculus and Physics.

## Testing Profile

In school year 2018-19, El Cerrito High juniors and seniors took the SAT.

2018-19 SAT (mean scores)

Subject	ECHS	National
Critical Reading	560	542
Math	561	542
Writing	560	542

## Post-graduation Plans

Approximately 40% of ECHS graduates go directly to four-year colleges and another 50% to two-year colleges. We are a significant feeder source for UC Berkeley's freshman classes and are among the top California schools preparing under-represented students for four-year colleges.

The following is a partial list of the colleges and universities that accepted our 2017 graduates:

American University	Oberlin College
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Arizona State University	Occidental College
Brigham Young University-Hawaii	Seattle University
Berklee College of Music	Spelman College
Brown University	Saint Mary's College
Boston University	Texas A&M
<b>California State University (All campuses)</b>	Tufts University
Clark University	University of Arizona
University Cornell	<b>University of California (9 campuses)</b>
University Dartmouth	University of Colorado (Boulder)
College Emerson	University of La Verne
College Ex'pression	
College for Digital Arts	<b>University of Oregon</b>
Hampton University	<b>University of Pennsylvania</b>
Howard University	University of Washington
Macalester College	<b>University of Southern California</b>
Mills College	Washington University (St. Louis)
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Willamette University
Morehouse College	Xavier University
New York University	
North Western University	



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2018-19 Graduation Requirements

### Course Credits and Curriculum

Students must earn a minimum of 225 course credits to graduate. Five credits are granted for courses that meet five days a week for the 18-week semester, with the following allocation of credits and their semester and year equivalents:

Subject	Credits	Semesters	Years
English	40	8	4
Mathematics	30	6	3
Life Science	10	2	1
Physical Science	10	2	1
U.S. History	10	2	1
World History	10	2	1
American Government	5	1	½
Economics	5	1	½

Physical Education	20	2	2
Fine Arts	10	2	1
Foreign Language	10	2	1
Electives	65	Varies	Varies

### **Marking System, Transcripts, Grade Point Average (GPA), and Class Rank**

Students are graded on a scale of A-F: A, B and C are college recommending marks, D is passing with credit and F is failing.

Transcripts are electronically generated through the PowerSchool computer system using the common 0.00-4.0 numerical mark equivalents:

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Equivalent</b>
A	4.0
B	3.0
C	2.0
D	1.0
F	0.0
P	Pass
Honors/AP: A	5.0
Honors/AP: B	4.0
Honors/AP: C	3.0

The transcript GPA includes credit earned in all courses, designating weighted GPA and un-weighted GPA. Weighted GPA includes an additional point for Honors (H), Advanced Placement (AP), and approved college level courses (P) with grades of C or better. The State GPA listed in the transcript excludes freshman grades and physical education grades Class rank includes all courses and is determined by the weight GPA for grade 10-12.