



LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL

PROFILE 2009-2010

School and Community

Lowell High School, founded in 1856, is the oldest public high school west of the Mississippi. Located in the southwestern area of San Francisco, surrounded by a lush landscape of trees and greenery, the 26 acre campus is "Home of the Lowell Cardinals." Lowell is a four-year college preparatory high school with a socio-economically diverse student body population of 2,601. Thirty percent of our students are eligible for free and reduced meals. With an outstanding Academic Performance Index score of 949, Lowell is the number one urban public high school in California.

Consistently ranked in the top 100 high schools by *US News & World Report* and by *Newsweek Magazine*, Lowell has been recognized three times as a National Blue Ribbon School (1982-1983, 1994-1996, 2001-2002) and honored as a California Distinguished School seven times (1986, 1990, 1992, 1994, 2001, 2005 and 2009). Lowell is ranked #1 in the Western Region and 3rd in the world for the number of Advanced Placement Exams given.

Extra-curricular activities play a vital part of Lowell's vision, with 86 active clubs and service organizations. Additionally, there are 27 sports teams which have won more city championships than any public high school in San Francisco.

Ethnic Distribution (Fall 2010 SFUSD)

African American	2.4 %
Chinese	51.1 %
Filipino	6.2 %
Japanese	1.4 %
Korean	1.5 %
Latino	8.0 %
Native American	0.2 %
Other Non-White	14.7 %
Other White	14.5 %

College Plans for the Class of 2010

Of the 655 graduates, 97% planned to attend college

82%	4-year colleges
45%	-University of California
13%	-California State University
24%	-Other 4-year colleges
15%	Community Colleges
3%	Military / Trade School / Gap Year

Academic Information and Advanced Placement

Class Rank / GPA

Lowell has a very competitive admissions process and a rigorous college preparatory program; a cumulative ranking based on *GPA does not adequately represent* a student's actual achievement. Lowell High School *does not rank* its students.

GPA

The GPA is based on academic grades on a 4.0 scale in subjects taken in the 10th and 11th grades and in summer sessions after 9th, 10th, and 11th grades. The Weighted GPA, which uses the same grades as the Un-weighted GPA, is computed by adding one point to each Honors and Advanced Placement score of A, B, or C received.

Average GPA earned is 3.25 Un-weighted, 3.57 weighted.

Top GPA earned is 4.0 Un-weighted, 4.71 weighted.

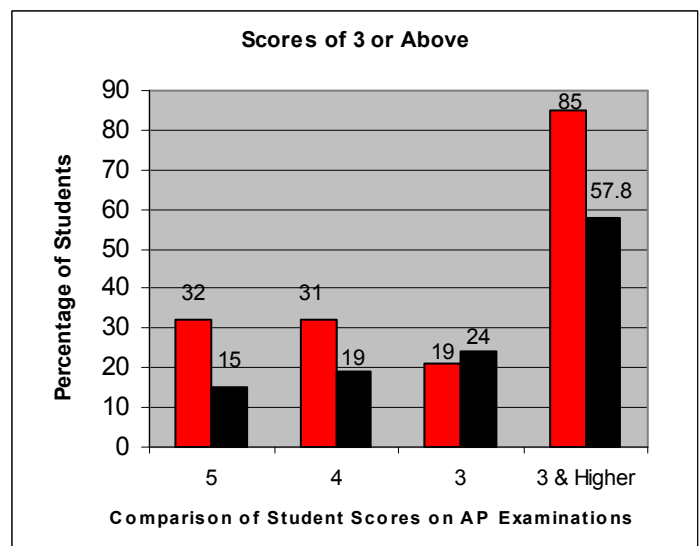
25% of the seniors in the class of 2010 have a Weighted GPA above 4.0.

2009-10 AP Examinations were offered in 30 of the 37 AP subject areas available. 1,532 Lowell students took 3,682 AP Examinations, receiving 3,123 grades of 3, 4, or 5.

Lowell Distribution: 5 = 32% 4 = 32% 3 = 21%

Global Distribution: 5= 15.12% 4= 19.47% 3= 23.35%

Percentage of 3 or Higher: Lowell = 85%
Global Scores=58.9%



Lowell High School Advanced Course Offerings

<u>English</u>	<u>Science</u>	<u>Language</u>	<u>Social Studies</u>	<u>Mathematics</u>
9th Grade Eng. 1H,2H	AP Biology 1,2	Chinese 5H-6H	AP European History 1,2	Accelerated Math 1H,2H
10th Grade Eng. 1H,2H	Chemistry 1H,2H	AP Chinese Language 1-2	AP World History 1,2	Geometry 1H, 2H
AP English Literature	AP Chemistry 1,2	French 5H-6H	AP US History 1,2	Pre-Calculus 1H, 2H
AP English Language	AP Environ Science 1,2	AP French Language 1-2	AP Economics 1,2	AP Calculus 1AB,2AB
	Physics 1H,2H	Italian 5H-8H	AP U.S. Government	AP Calculus 1BC,2BC
<u>Visual & Performing</u>	AP Physics B (Algebra)	Japanese 5H-6H	AP Comparative/Government	AP Statistics 1,2
AP Music Theory 1,2	AP Physics C (Calculus)	AP Japanese Language 1,2	AP Psychology 1,2	AP Computer Science 1,2
AP Studio Art 1,2		AP Latin 1,2		
		Spanish 5H-6H		
		AP Spanish Language 1,2		

***NOTE:** Although Lowell offers many AP and Honors courses, not every qualified student may enroll in them due to strenuous prerequisites, scheduling conflicts, and limitations due to budget constraints. Once enrolled students are required to complete the one year course.*

National Merit and Achievement Awards The 670 graduates of 2010 include:

1	National Merit Scholarship
1	Finalist in the National Achievement Program
9	National Merit Finalists
9	National Merit Semifinalists
59	National Merit Commended Students
2	National Hispanic Scholars
2	Outstanding Participant National Achievement

ACT Scores

264 Lowell students in the Class of 2010 took the ACT. The average scores for the State of California are: English=21.7, Math=22.9, Reading=22.3, Science 21.5, Composite= 22.2. The average scores for Lowell students scored:
 English: 27.4 Reading: 27.1 Science 26.0
 Mathematics : 29.0 Composite: 27.5

SAT Subject Tests Data

99% (673) of the students in the Class of 2010 took the SAT, most of them in their senior year. Overall mean scores: CR = 587, M = 640, and W = 599. The SAT mean scores for California were CR = 501, M = 516, W = 500.

The 2010 mean scores were:

English Literature	593	Chinese-Listening	743
U.S. History	626	French	527
World History	665	French-Listening	638
Math I	598	Italian	565
Math II	664	Japanese-Listening	657
Chemistry	651	Latin	710
Physics	649	Spanish	629
Biology-E	601	Spanish-Listening	608
Biology-M	620		

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