



# Alamo Heights High School

## School Profile 2018-2019



### District & Community

AHISD serves the communities of Alamo Heights, Olmos Park, Terrell Hills, and a portion of north San Antonio. The district was founded in 1909 as a rural school district and became an independent school district in 1923. Approximately 29,750 people currently live in the district, which covers an area of 9.4 square miles. One early childhood center, two elementary schools, one junior high school, and one senior high school accommodate the district's current enrollment of 4,883 students. The district has a diverse economic base, with much of the student body coming from upper-middle class homes, while approximately 25% percent of the students are economically disadvantaged. Alamo Heights ISD was named the Best Small School District in Texas in 2017 in the HEB Excellence in Education Awards.

### Our School

AHHS is a traditional four-year public high school that is known for its commitment to academic excellence with a curriculum that is primarily college preparatory. AHHS consistently ranks in the Top 1% in the nation for college preparation, according to *The Washington Post* and *Newsweek*. AHHS athletics and other extracurricular programs are consistently ranked in the Top 10 in Texas and receive many national awards as well.

### Curriculum

AHHS has designed programs to meet the needs of students at several levels: Dual Credit, AP, Pre- AP, and grade level. Courses that carry the title "AP" follow the College Board's AP curriculum (listed on page 2). Currently, dual credit enrollment courses are offered through the Alamo Community College District for the following courses: *English III, English IV, Spanish IV, Statistics, and Biology*. The school year consists of two 18-week semesters. The daily school schedule is comprised of seven 50-minute class periods.

### Grading and Ranking System

**GPA/Rank Calculation.** For students entering high school in the 2015-16 school year and beyond, rank in class shall be determined by grade averaging, which includes grades earned in all credit courses taken in grades 9-12, including PE/PE substitution, but excluding night classes, correspondence courses, summer school courses taken outside AHISD, grades made through credit by exam, grades earned outside the U.S.A., and pass/fail grades.

**Weighting.** Grades of 70 and above in GT, Pre-AP/AP, and DC courses earn extra points based on a 1.1 multiplier. The weighted grades are used in computing grade point averages and class rank; however, numerical grades for individual courses on a student's transcript do not reflect the added points.

**Failing Grades.** If a student takes a course and fails it, the failing grade is included in his/her cumulative grade point average. If the student takes the course again, the second grade (whether passing or failing) is also included in the cumulative grade point average.

**Transfers from Other High Schools.** Students who transfer from out-of-district are treated as follows:

- \* AHHS will accept enriched, honors, Pre-AP/AP/DC, and any courses designated as such on the official transcript from an accredited school.
- \* Weighted points will not be awarded for enriched, honors, and Pre-AP/AP courses not offered at AHHS
- \* Transfer grades are recorded using the numerical equivalent on the grade conversion scale of the sending school.

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**CEEB & ACT Code**

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AHHS Enrollment: 1603

Seniors: 369

Juniors: 397

Sophomores: 408

Freshmen: 429



## Advanced Placement & National Merit Scholarship Program

|               |             |                 |               |
|---------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------|
| English Lang. | Calculus AB | World History   | Spanish Lang. |
| English Lit   | Calculus BC | US History      | Spanish Lit.  |
| 2D Studio Art | Statistics  | Human Geog.     | French Lang.  |
| Music Theory  | Biology     | European Hist.  | Latin         |
| Chemistry     | Physics     | US Govt. & Pol. | Comp. Govt.   |
| Econ (Macro)  | Psychology  | ---             |               |

### Advanced Placement Scholar Awards 510 AHHS Students took 880 AP Exams in 2018

| Year | National AP Scholars | AP Scholars w/ Distinction | AP Scholars w/ Honor | AP Scholars |
|------|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| 2018 | 10                   | 60                         | 29                   | 68          |

### Advanced Placement Award Descriptions

- National AP Scholar--Student receiving a 4 on all exams taken, and grades of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams.
- AP Scholar with distinction--Student receiving a 3.5 on all exams taken, and a grade of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.
- AP Scholar with honor--Student receiving a 3.25 on all exams taken, and a grade of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.
- AP Scholar--Student receiving a grade of 3 or higher on three or more exams.
- The percentage of total AHHS AP students with scores of 3+ is higher than the percentage in Texas and globally, as reported by College Board (2010-2014).

## National Merit Scholarship Program

| Year | Finalists | Semi-Finalists | Commended | Hispanic-Scholars |
|------|-----------|----------------|-----------|-------------------|
| 2018 | -         | -              | 8         | 7                 |

## SAT

| Year | EBRW Mean |       | Math Mean |       | # Tested |
|------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|----------|
|      | AHHS      | Texas | AHHS      | Texas |          |
| 2018 | 575       | 520   | 572       | 512   | 317      |

## ACT Mean Composite Scores

| Year | AHHS | Texas | National | # Tested |
|------|------|-------|----------|----------|
| 2018 | 23.9 | 20.6  | 20.8     | 201      |

## Affiliations

- Texas Education Agency
- Texas Association for College Admission Counseling (TACAC)
- National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC), College Board

## Grading Scale

A= 90-100 B=80-89 C=70-79 F=69-below

Class of 2019

10%=100.15 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr.= 96.29 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr.= 91.16 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr.= 85.72

## Code of Character

*We understand that how we act, what we say, and what we display reflect our character and the values of the Alamo Heights community. We will show integrity in all of these areas.*



## College Attendance



### 2018 Graduates College Profile

93% of graduates attend college

74% attend 4-year colleges

26% attend 2-year junior/community colleges

Below is an abbreviated list of the colleges attended over the past 5 yrs.

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|--------------------------------------|---|
| • Abilene Christian University-TX    | • Millsaps College-MS                       |
| • Univ. of Alabama                   | • Mount Holyoke College-MA                  |
| • Univ. of Alabama--Birmingham       | • University of North Texas-TX              |
| • American University-DC             | • University of Pennsylvania                |
| • American University of Paris-FR    | • New York University                       |
| • Arizona State University-AZ        | • Occidental College-CA                     |
| • Auburn University-AL               | • University of Oklahoma                    |
| • Augustana College-IL               | • Oklahoma State University                 |
| • Augustana University-ND            | • Olin College of Engineering-MA            |
| • Barnard College-NY                 | • Pepperdine University-CA                  |
| • Baylor University-TX               | • Princeton University-NJ                   |
| • Belmont University-TN              | • University of the Redlands-CA             |
| • Brandeis University-MA             | • Rhodes College-TN                         |
| • Brown University-RI                | • Rice University-TX                        |
| • Bryn Mawr College-PA               | • St. Mary's University-TX                  |
| • California Polytechnic State Univ. | • University of San Diego-CA                |
| • Univ. of California-Los Angeles    | • Savannah College of Art & Design-GA       |
| • Univ. of California-San Diego      | • School of the Art Institute of Chicago-IL |
| • University of Chicago-IL           | • Sewanee University-TN                     |
| • Claremont McKenna College-CA       | • Skidmore College-NY                       |
| • Colorado State University          | • Southern Methodist Univ.-TX               |
| • Univ. of Colorado-Boulder          | • Southwestern University-TX                |
| • Colgate University-NY              | • Swarthmore College-PA                     |
| • College of Charleston-SC           | • Syracuse University-NY                    |
| • Cornell University-NY              | • Texas A&M University                      |
| • Davidson College-NC                | • Texas Christian University-TX             |
| • DePaul University-IL               | • Texas Tech University-TX                  |
| • Duke University-NC                 | • University of Texas---Austin              |
| • Eckerd College-FL                  | • University of Texas---Dallas              |
| • Embry Riddle Aeronautical-FL       | • University of the Incarnate Word-TX       |
| • Emerson College-MA                 | • Trinity University-TX                     |
| • University of Georgia              | • Tulane University-LA                      |
| • The George Washington U.-DC        | • University of Tulsa--OK                   |
| • Georgetown University-DC           | • U.S. Military Academy-WestPoint, NY       |
| • Georgia Institute of Technology    | • Vanderbilt University-TN                  |
| • High Point University-NC           | • University of Houston-TX                  |
| • Indiana University-Bloomington     | • University of Virginia                    |
| • Johns Hopkins University-MD        | • Wake Forest University-NC                 |
| • University of Kansas               | • Washington U. in St. Louis-MO             |
| • Lewis & Clark College-OR           | • Wellesley College-MA                      |
| • Louisiana State University-LA      | • Western State Colorado U.                 |
| • Loyola University-Chicago-IL       | • Wofford College-NC                        |
| • Loyola University-New Orleans      | • Yale University-CT                        |
| • Marquette University               |   |
| • Massachusetts Institute of Tech.   |   |

## -Student Voices-

*"I've been attending Alamo Heights schools since first grade and I've always been amazed by the passion of the faculty. Alamo Heights has always done its best to offer a variety of courses for the different interests of its students. The culture is very inclusive and it's hard not to find your clique."—Spencer O'Neill*

*"What's great about Alamo Heights is the incredible dedication of the district to constantly improve. The student body is academically driven and strives for success in the classroom, and in athletics."—Ava Steindl*

*"The best thing about Alamo Heights is definitely the staff and how amazing they are. From the teachers, counselors, coaches, and custodial staff, everyone is so supportive and has amazing school spirit."—Caiya Wiltshire*