



# Sunset High School

## 2020-2021 School Profile

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"A challenging educational community promoting life-long learning, social responsibility and respect for diversity."



### SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

Sunset High School is a comprehensive public high school with approximately 2200 students, grades 9-12. Located in a suburban area of Portland, Oregon, Sunset is accredited by AdvancED and the Oregon State Department of Education. The socio-economic level is diverse, with most parents having a college education. However, our students range from being homeless to upper class. 43% of our students are minority. 19% of our students qualify for free or reduced lunch. About 30% of our students qualify as talented and gifted. 88% of our faculty holds masters or doctorate degrees.

Starting in fall 2006, classes meet on an A/B block schedule. There are seven class periods and each class meets two or three times on alternating weeks for 90 minutes. The school year is divided into two semesters of 18 weeks each. Grades are updated on line, but only final semester grades are recorded on the student's transcript. Average class size in the 5 major core subject areas is about 38 with an average teacher load of 170 students in those areas.

**Due to the Covid epidemic, the second semester of the 2019-20 school year, students finished online and all grades for the State of Oregon were Pass/Incomplete. For 2020-21 school year we moved to a 4x4 schedule, continuing online until specific criteria is met to move to a hybrid model. Year-long classes are completed in a semester, while semester courses are completed in a quarter. Classes are 70 minutes long. Students take up 4 classes a quarter. Grades are posted at the end of each quarter.**

### ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Sunset High School is known as a "school of excellence." It is noted for its academic climate, offering a comprehensive array of advanced classes in all subject areas as well as a variety of dual credit courses in several academic areas. In the 2013-2014 school year, Sunset began offering an Honors Diploma in addition to our International Baccalaureate and Standard diplomas. Our first Honors Diploma graduating class was the class of 2015 with 89 Honor Diplomas granted. For the class of 2020 there were 85 Honor Diplomas granted.

Sunset High School has been an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School since 2003. The IB program offers a rigorous academic curriculum for motivated, ambitious students. Students may choose to complete the full IB Diploma by taking IB courses and completing exams across six subject areas (including a second language), completing the Theory of Knowledge class, writing a 4,000 word Extended Essay, and

two years' engagement in Creativity, Activity & Service (CAS) experiential learning. Students may also choose to take exams in individual subjects as IB Certificate candidates. For the 2019-20 school year we had 26 full Senior Diploma Candidates and 42 full Junior Diploma Candidates. Sunset's first IB class had nine diploma candidates of which eight earned their IB diploma.

### INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE COURSES

IB courses include: IB Art and Design SL, IB Art and Design HL I/II, IB Biology HL I/II, IB Business and Management HL I, IB Chemistry SL, IB Chemistry HL I/II, IB Economics SL, IB English SL I/II, IB English HL I/II, IB Film Literature HL I/II, IB French SL, IB History SL, IB History HL I/II, IB Japanese SL, IB Math SL I/II, IB Math HL I/II, IB Math Studies SL I/II, IB Music SL, IB Physics SL, IB Physics HL I/II, IB Psychology SL, IB Social Anthropology SL, IB Spanish SL, IB Sports Exercise and Health Science SL, IB Theater SL, and IB Theory of Knowledge.

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Graduation requirements include credits in the following areas: 4 Language Arts, 3 Math, 3 Social Science, 3 Lab Sciences, 1 Health, 1 PE, 3 Applied Arts, Fine Arts, World Language or Business Education, .5 Career Education, and 5.5 Electives. A half credit (.5) is granted for satisfactory completion of a subject over a semester, with a total of 24 credits needed to graduate. Additionally, students must pass State of Oregon exams in reading, writing and math. They must also complete a senior project.

### GRADING SYSTEM

A	4.0 grade points
B	3.0 grade points
C	2.0 grade points
D	1.0 grade point
F	0.0 grade point
W/F	0.0 grade point
H	after a grade designates an Honors course

Sunset High School lists both an unweighted cumulative GPA and weighted cumulative GPA on student transcripts.

Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and dual credit courses (which are transferable to 4-year colleges or universities and are either taught at the high school or are part of a sequence which is not available within the home high school) will be weighted. Weighted courses are designated with an "I," "A," "W," or "D" in front of the title of the class.

Grades of A, B, and C earned in weighted classes will earn and extra grade point. Starting the 2016-2017 school year, the Beaverton School District eliminated class rank and percentile rank on the student's transcript. The student with the highest weighted gpa at the end of the 8<sup>th</sup> semester is our Valedictorian.

## **TESTING INFORMATION**

**I.B. Program:** In the 2019-20 school year, 231 students registered for 476 exams in a wide variety of IB subject areas. Of the 26 Full IB Diploma Candidates, 23 earned the Diploma, with an average of 33 points. The highest Diploma points awarded was 38. The average exam score for all test takers was 5.01. The average exam score for Diploma Candidates was 5.27. 129 students earned scores of 6 or 7 on their IB Exams.

**A.P. Program:** Starting in 2019-20 we no longer offer A.P. courses

### **Average SAT Scores for the Class of 2019:**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>EBRW</b>	<b>Math</b>
District average:	1228	611	617
Oregon average:	1114	562	550
Sunset High School:	Not available yet		

### **Average ACT Scores for the Class of 2019:**

National Composite	21
State Composite	21.3
Sunset High School Composite	23.7*

\* Of the graduating class of 2019 434 students took the ACT with writing their junior year.

**\*\* Due to the Covid Epidemic, I do not have an accurate representation of scores for the ACT or SAT exams for the class of 2020.**

## **NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNITION**

In the class of 2021, Sunset has 18 commended students and 21 National Merit Semi-Finalist. For the class of 2020 Sunset had 37 commended students and 15 students recognized as National Merit Semi-Finalists.

## **CLASS OF 2020 UNIVERSITY MATRICULATION**

Of our 461 graduating seniors, 62% went to a four year institution and 18% went to a two year institution. These numbers are based on final transcript requests and an end of the year survey. Sunset's 2020 graduates matriculated to the following four-year colleges and universities:

American University  
Arizona State University  
Augustana College  
Azusa Pacific University  
Belmont Abbey College  
Bentley University  
Boise University  
Boston University  
Brandeis University  
Brigham Young University  
California Polytechnic State University  
Case Western University  
Chapman University  
Chapman University  
Colorado School of the Mines  
Colorado State University  
Columbia University-Chicago

Cornell University  
Cornell University  
Dartmouth College  
DePaul University  
Dickinson College  
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University  
Florida Tech  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
Gonzaga University  
Grand Canyon University  
Illinois Institute of Technology  
Lafayette College  
Linfield College  
Loyola Marymount University  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Northwestern University  
Northeastern University  
Occidental College  
Oregon Institute of Technology  
Oregon State University and Honors College  
Pacific University  
Parsons School of Design  
Portland State University and Honors College  
Purdue University  
Rocky Mountain College  
Santa Clara University  
Smith College  
Southern Utah University  
St. Olaf College  
Texas Christian University  
The College of Saint Rose  
UC Leuven Limburg  
University of Arizona  
University of Alabama  
University of British Columbia  
University of California Berkeley  
University of California Davis  
University of California Irvine  
University of California Los Angeles  
University of California San Diego  
University of Denver  
University of Hawaii at Manoa  
University of Minnesota  
University of Mississippi  
University of North Carolina  
University of Oregon and Clarks Honor College  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Portland  
University of San Francisco  
University of Southern California  
University of Texas at Austin  
University of Washington  
University of Wisconsin-Madison  
University Park Maryland  
Vanderbilt University  
Washington State University  
West Point  
Western Oregon University  
Western Washington University  
Westminster College  
Wheaton College  
Willamette University