



# Alamo Heights High School

## School Profile 2019-2020



### 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 30,000 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 4,965 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 receives 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, and Spanish IV*. We have also partnered with The University of Texas at Austin to provide our students with an OnRamps Physics dual-enrollment class. The school year consists of two 18-week semesters. The daily school schedule is comprised of nine classes, eight 45-minute long academic classes (including a lunch period), and one 30-minute study hall/advisory period.

### Grading and Ranking System

**GPA/Rank Calculation.** For students who started high school before 2015-16 school year, rank in class shall be determined by grade averaging, which includes grades earned in all credit courses taken in grades 9-12, excluding PE/PE substitutions, night classes, correspondence courses, summer school courses taken outside AHISD, grades made through credit by exam, grades earned outside the U.S.A., and courses receiving a pass/fail grade. 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 from the Alamo Heights HS grading guidelines.



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AHHS Enrollment:  
1659

Seniors: 383  
Sophomores: 418

Juniors: 421  
Freshmen: 437



## 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 Vergil
Chemistry	Physics	Govt. & Pol.	
Economics	Psychology	Computer Sci.	

### Advanced Placement Scholar Awards 559 AHHS Students took 1,030 AP Exams in 2019

Year	National AP Scholars	AP Scholars with Distinction	AP Scholars with Honor	AP Scholars
2019	13	64	40	79

### 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.

### National Merit Scholarship Program

Year	Finalists	Semi-Finalists	Commended	Hispanic-Scholars
2019	-	-	5	5

### SAT

Year	ERW Mean		Math Mean		# Tested
	AHHS	Texas	AHHS	Texas	
2019	574	515	576	507	310

### ACT Average Composite Scores

Year	AHHS	Texas	National	# Tested
2019	24.3	20.5	20.7	189

### Affiliations

- Texas Education Agency
- Texas Association for College Admission Counseling (TACAC)
- Texas Counseling Association (TCA)

### Grading Scale

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

Class of 2020

10%=100.71 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr.=96.98 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr.=92.46 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr.=87.87

### Profile of a Learner

Alamo Heights ISD developed the profile of a learner so that we can visualize what a student will become as a result of the experiences we offer in our district.

Employ Skills for Life

Think Critically and Creatively

Seek Knowledge and Understanding

Engage Socially and Globally

Communicate and Collaborate

Develop a Healthy Sense of Self



## College Attendance



### 2019 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 years.

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### -Student Voices-

*"The relationships I've made with teachers and friends here at Alamo Heights HS have greatly shaped me. I know I will cherish them for the rest of my life as they are people who have helped me grow into who I am. They have helped me discover who I want to be."—Emma Ramos*

*"One of the best things about Alamo Heights HS is found in the care the faculty takes with students. Our opinions are almost always taken into account and teachers go above and beyond to support us academically and personally. It's cool to see how this level of encouragement can create such an engaging atmosphere."—Catherine Rhame*

*"I started attending Alamo Heights ISD schools in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. I have always been impressed by how much teachers care and how much they want to see us succeed. My time at Alamo Heights HS has been such an amazing experience and I owe a lot to AHISD."—Miles Wenrich*