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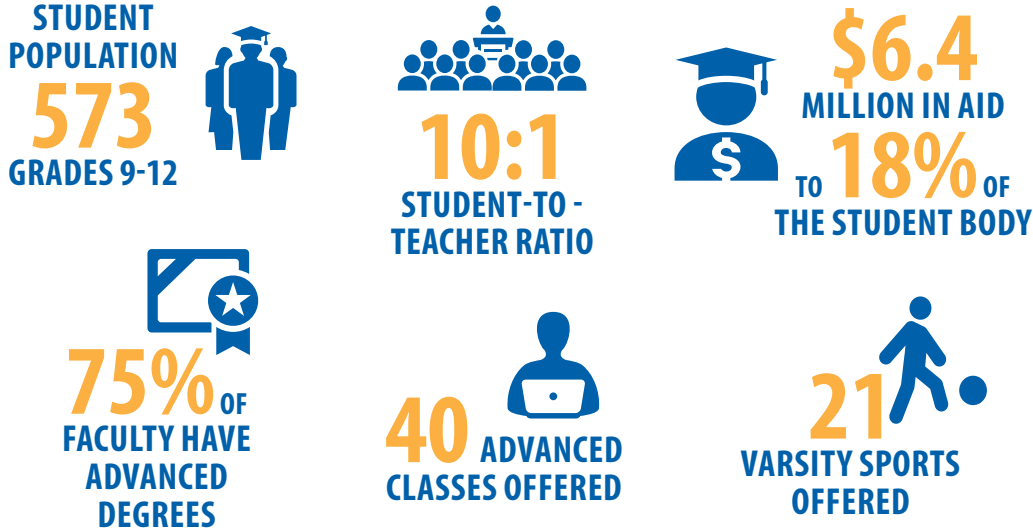
# Menlo School

## PROFILE 2022-2023

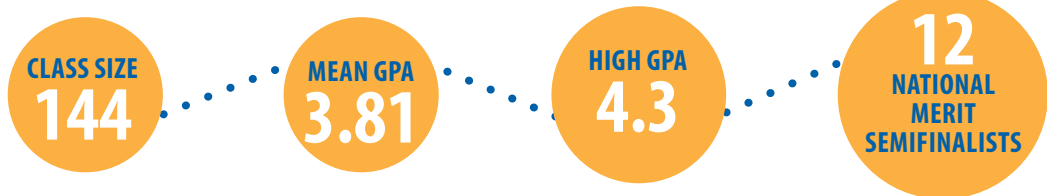
### THE SCHOOL

Menlo School is an independent, coeducational, college preparatory day school situated in the heart of Silicon Valley. Established in 1915, Menlo School is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and is a member of the National and California Associations of Independent Schools. Admission to Menlo is highly selective and the School seeks to attract and enroll a talented and diverse student body. Menlo is dedicated to providing a challenging academic curriculum complemented by outstanding creative arts and athletic programs. The School helps students develop positive values and nurtures character development in a supportive, inclusive environment that upholds the highest moral and ethical standards. Menlo's program encourages students to reach their fullest potential and to develop the skills necessary to respond intelligently and humanely to the complexities of a diverse world.

### MENLO BY THE NUMBERS



### CLASS OF 2023 BY THE NUMBERS



### GRADING AND CLASS RANK

In the Upper School, GPA is cumulative from freshman year using all courses with the exception of Physical Education (PE). Menlo reports year long grades, with the exception a few electives where semester grades are reported on the weighted and cumulative transcript. Plus and minus grades are weighted (e.g. B+ = 3.33, B- = 2.67). **Upper School students receive an extra .5 of credit for each Honors (H), Advanced Placement (AP), or Advanced Topics course, as all three designations are considered equally rigorous.** Students are not ranked.

*When requested by a college or university to which a student has applied, Menlo School will report incidents that occurred in grades 9 through 12 that resulted in the student being dismissed, suspended, or placed on citizenship probation. Menlo School will also report voluntary withdrawals when disciplinary action is possible or pending whenever such information is requested by a college or university.*

# DISTINCTIVE PROGRAMS AND COURSES

## Applied Science Research (ASR)

ASR is a capstone class. Students learn how to design and build something, do experiments, analyze and graph their data, and compute the errors on their experiments. Students work on campus and/or intern at a local university or company under a mentor. At the conclusion of the second semester, each student writes a science or engineering paper, gives a final presentation, and has the opportunity to publish their work in a science or engineering journal.

## BioTech Research

In this course, students learn key lab techniques in molecular biology, protein biochemistry, immunolocalization, and cell culture. They then use these skills to design and carry out an authentic, independent research project, either in our lab or in a local industry or academic lab.

## Menlo Interdisciplinary and Personalized Scholars Program

### (Menlo IP)

Menlo IP is designed to allow interested students to shape a deep and personalized approach to their studies, which we believe will help them to create more meaningful learning explorations and chart new paths of distinction. The program offers three "Fields of Study," similar to a college concentration:

- **Arts & Letters** – teaches students to interpret creative works, grounds them in the history, theory, and context of their chosen genre, and supports them in creating their own original work or producing original scholarly criticism

- **Citizenship & Leadership** – helps students become problem solvers of local public policy challenges
- **Community Engagement & Impact** – provides an opportunity for students to examine the root causes of a societal problem or inequity and become problem solvers who envision possible solutions to community challenges.
- **Global Scholars** – fosters global competency and dispositions of global engagement

## M Term

M Term has two interrelated and primary purposes: to find new ways to foster joy in learning and engagement and to honor student interest and initiative by providing experiences and opportunities that may not routinely exist in the Menlo School curricula. During the last two weeks of the school year, regular classes are suspended, and students partake in immersive M Term experiential courses designed to get student out into our local and global communities while fostering awareness, empathy, and citizenship.

## Global Online Academy

Students may take online classes through the Global Online Academy, a consortium of domestic and international independent schools. Students receive Menlo credit for the courses, and the course grade is calculated into the student's GPA.

## COLLEGE MATRICULATION FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE CLASSES OF 2019-2022

American University (1)	Emerson College (1)	Rose Hulman Institute of Technology (1)	University of Chicago (10)
Amherst College (2)	Emory University (4)	Saint Mary's College of California (1)	University of Cincinnati (1)
Art Center of Art and Design (1)	Foothill College (1)	San Diego Christian College (1)	University of Colorado at Boulder (5)
Babson College (1)	Fordham University (1)	Santa Clara University (7)	University of Denver (1)
Bates College (4)	Franklin and Marshall College (1)	Santa Monica College (2)	University of Maryland (2)
Baylor University (1)	Georgetown University (5)	Sarah Lawrence College (2)	University of Michigan (11)
Belmont College (1)	Gonzaga University (2)	Scripps College (3)	University of Oregon (1)
Boston College (8)	Harvard College (6)	Seattle University (1)	University of Pennsylvania (6)
Boston University (3)	Harvey Mudd College (1)	Skidmore College (2)	University of Redlands (2)
Bowdoin College (1)		Sonoma State University (1)	University of Richmond (2)
Brandeis University (1)	Haverford College (1)	Southern Methodist University (4)	University of Rochester (1)
Brigham Young University (2)	Indiana University (1)	Stanford University (23)	University of San Diego (1)
Brown University (7)	Johns Hopkins University (5)	Syracuse University (1)	University of Southern California (5)
Bucknell University (2)	Lafayette College (2)	Texas Christian University (1)	University of St. Andrews (1)
California Polytechnic Institute, Pomona (2)	Lehigh University (4)	The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (1)	University of Tennessee (1)
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo (5)	Marquette University (2)	The University of Notre Dame (6)	University of Texas, Austin (3)
Cañada College (1)	Massachusetts Institute of Technology (3)	Trinity College (2)	University of Toronto (1)
Carleton College (3)	Middlebury College (3)	Tufts University (6)	University of Utah (3)
Carnegie Mellon University (5)	New York University (5)	Tulane University (11)	University of Virginia (3)
Case Western Reserve (3)	Northeastern University (1)	United States Air Force Academy (1)	University of Washington (2)
Claremont McKenna College (4)	Northern Arizona University (1)	United States Military Academy (2)	University of Wisconsin, Madison (12)
Colby College (2)	Northwestern University (10)	University of Arizona (2)	Utah Valley University (1)
Colgate University (1)	Occidental College (1)	University of British Columbia (1)	Vanderbilt University (5)
College of San Mateo (1)	Pace University (1)	University of California, Berkeley (15)	Vassar College (1)
Colorado College (2)	Parsons School of Design (1)	University of California, Davis (2)	Villanova University (4)
Columbia University (5)	Pomona College (6)	University of California, Irvine (1)	Wake Forest University (6)
Cornell University (10)	Princeton University (5)	University of California, Los Angeles (11)	Washington and Lee University (1)
Dartmouth College (9)	Purdue University (6)	University of California, Riverside (4)	Washington University in St. Louis (9)
Davidson College (2)	Reed College (1)	University of California, San Diego (3)	Wellesley College (2)
Denison University (3)	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (1)	University of California, Santa Barbara (3)	Whitman College (1)
Duke University (12)	Rhode Island College of Art and Design (1)	University of Cambridge (1)	Williams College (3)
	Rice University (1)		Yale University (5)



# UPPER SCHOOL COURSE OFFERINGS

## ENGLISH (4 years required)

English 1  
English 2  
English 3 (Rebels)  
AP English Language\*  
AP English Literature\*  
*(\*Students may only take AP English Language or AP English Literature, not both.)*

**All Seniors take English Seminars.**

### English Seminar Topics:

The Art of the Essay  
Cafe Society  
Ralph Waldo Emerson  
Dystopian Fiction & Film  
Fairy Tales  
East Asian Pop Culture  
Global Mythologies  
Gothic South (H)  
Investigations  
Lyric & Lifeline  
Medicine and Narrative  
Modernist Poetry Workshop (H)  
Delight: Celebrating Small Wonders  
Poetry Writing Workshop

## HISTORY AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

(3 years required)  
Modern World History  
U.S. History  
AP U.S. History

### Core History Classes: \*

AP European History  
AP Government & Politics  
Current Affairs & Civil Discourse  
History of CA Immigration  
Contemporary American Issues  
AP Microeconomics  
AP Macroeconomics  
Global Issues for Global Citizens  
Global Scholars Research  
Ethnic Studies 1, 2  
Modern Political Rhetoric  
Swords & Ploughshares  
Humanities 1, 2  
The Pursuit of Happiness  
World Economy Since 1700  
War and Peace: Middle East  
Leadership Case Studies  
The United States Since 2000  
Philosophy  
*(\*History core classes have an Honors option.)*

## MATHEMATICS

(3 years required)  
Integrated Geometry & Algebra  
Analytic Geometry & Algebra  
Analytic Geometry & Algebra (H)  
Algebra 2 Foundations  
Algebra 2 with Trigonometry  
Algebra 2 with Trigonometry (H)  
Principles of Pre-Calculus  
Pre-Calculus  
Pre-Calculus (H)  
Advanced Pre-Calculus  
Calculus  
AP Calculus AB  
AP Calculus BC  
Statistics  
AP Statistics  
Advanced Topics in Math (H)

## SCIENCE (3 years required)

Conceptual Physics  
Physics 1  
Conceptual Chemistry  
Accelerated Chemistry (H)  
AP Chemistry  
Biology  
AP Physics 2  
Advanced Topics in Biology (H)  
Advanced Topics in Physics:  
Quantum Mechanics  
Advanced Topics in Physics:  
Electromagnetism and Relativity  
Anatomy & Physiology  
Environmental Science  
Applied Entrepreneurship  
Applied Science Research (H)  
Biotechnology Research (H)  
Mechanical Engineering  
Electrical Engineering  
Neuroscience  
Design & Architecture  
Sustainable Earth Engineering  
Experimental Archaeology

## WORLD LANGUAGE

(2 or 3 years required, based on starting placement)  
French Foundations 1, 2  
Intermediate French  
Upper Intermediate French (H)  
Adv. Seminar Topics French  
AP French Language & Culture  
Latin 1, 2, 3, 3(H), 4  
AP Latin Vergil  
Post AP Latin (H)

Foundations Mandarin 2  
Intermediate Mandarin  
Upper Intermediate Mandarin (H)  
AP Chinese Language & Culture  
Spanish Foundations 1, 2  
Intermediate Spanish  
Upper Intermediate Spanish (H)  
AP Spanish Language & Culture  
Advanced Seminar Topics in Spanish  
AP Spanish Literature

## CREATIVE ARTS

(1½ years required)  
How Music Works  
Art  
Advanced Art  
AP Studio Art (2D & 3D)  
Topics in Fine Arts  
Select Mixed Chorus  
Women's Chorus  
Chamber Choir  
AP Music Theory  
Jazz Band  
Chamber Orchestra  
Making Music  
Beginning Piano Lab  
Dance 1, 2, 3  
Drama 1, 2  
Stage Production  
Moviemaking 1, 2  
Stage Fight Choreography  
Photography 1, 2, 3  
Intro to Digital Animation  
Yearbook: Publication  
Design 1, 2, & Leadership

## COMPUTER SCIENCE

Computer Science 1\*, 2  
Advanced Topics in Computer Science (H)  
App Development  
*(\*CS1 is Pass/Fail only.)*

## JOURNALISM

Introduction to Journalism  
Advanced Journalism  
Journalism Leadership (H)

## INTERDISCIPLINARY AND PERSONALIZED (IP) SCHOLARS

Arts & Letters  
Citizenship Leadership  
Community Engagement & Impact  
Global Scholars

## FRESHMAN SEMINAR PROGRAM (required)

## ADDITIONAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

M Term  
Senior Project  
Community Engagement  
Physical Education

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## ATHLETICS

Baseball  
Basketball  
Cross Country  
Football  
Golf  
Lacrosse  
Soccer  
Swimming  
Tennis  
Track  
Volleyball  
Water Polo  
Wellness (fitness, pilates, yoga)

*(H) = Honors Course or Honors Option*