

Founded in 2014, BASIS Independent Silicon Valley is a co-ed grades 5–12 liberal arts private school with many STEM offerings. We currently have 800 total students with 425 students in high school. Our first graduating class was in spring of 2016. Our campus is located in downtown San Jose and is surrounded by the nation’s thriving tech industry. Our mission is to raise the standards of our students’ learning to the highest international levels.

GRADING POLICY AND GPA CALCULATIONS

Transcripts provide both an unweighted and weighted GPA, and AP exam results are incorporated into final grades for AP courses. The weighted GPA is based on a 4.0 scale, the weighted GPA is computed by adding one point to all Honors and AP courses. We do not rank our students.

CLASS OF 2020 AVERAGE UNWEIGHTED GPA: 3.82

CLASS OF 2020 AVERAGE WEIGHTED GPA: 4.60

MINIMUM GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS SUMMARY

ENGLISH

2 Honors Level: Literature and Language

2 AP Level or 1 AP Level + Honors Level 10

4 credits

SCIENCE

3 Honors level: Biology, Chemistry, & Physics

1 AP level

4 credits

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Chinese, French, Spanish, Latin

3 credits

MATHEMATICS

Including AP Calculus AB

5 credits

SOCIAL SCIENCE

Economics and World History

3 AP level: U.S. Government & Politics, European History, U.S. History

4.17 credits

ELECTIVES

Including AP level science or AP level elective, Fine Art and PE

4 credits

Additional Requirements

College Counseling Seminar

ELECTIVES

Each year, students are required to take an elective. Among others, AP Psychology, Introduction to Business, AP Economics, AP Physics C, AP Statistics, AP Studio Art, AP Art History, Digital Photography, Biotechnology, Photojournalism, AP Music Theory, AP Environmental Science, and Introduction to Organic Chemistry are offered.

ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

CLUBS & SPORTS - 48 clubs and 10 sports are available to high school students. Some of the most popular are DECA, Mock Trial, Speech and Debate, Math Circle, Science Olympiad, Public Speaking, Volleyball, and Basketball.

DISCIPLINARY DISCLOSURE

The school reports student disciplinary violations, which resulted in an out-of-school suspension or expulsion, when requested during the admissions process.

SENIOR YEAR

Students may choose to engage in either a Senior Project or Senior Research Project. Students who successfully complete the Senior Project or Senior Research Project will graduate with High Honors. Key aspects of these projects are outlined below.

SENIOR PROJECT

Requirement for graduating with High Honors

Students work with an internal and external advisor to complete a research project of their choosing.

In the first two trimesters of the senior year, students secure a site placement, develop a research question, create a formal research proposal, abstract and syllabus and defend their goals and preliminary research in a presentation.

In the third trimester, it requires 15+ hours of work at the off-campus site, weekly blog posts, and an end of the year presentation of their project.

SENIOR RESEARCH PROJECT

Requirement for graduating with High Honors

Students receive an AP Capstone Diploma.

Students take a two-year AP sequence (AP Research and AP Seminar), culminating in a research project that is assessed by College Board.

Students work with an external advisor at a minimum of 10+ hours per week of work at on off campus location.

CAPSTONE COURSES

- Highest level courses offered
- Mirror seminar-style, discussion-based classrooms of many colleges
- Focus is on building independent research and lab skills
- Take place in the first two trimesters of the senior year
- Past examples include Quantum Chemistry, Game Theory, Colonial and Post Colonial Studies, Rhetoric and Communication and Roman Drama

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Students begin taking AP® courses and AP Exams as early as grade 8. Students must take at least one AP Exam in grade 9, two in grade 10, and three in grade 11. The externally generated and graded AP Exams also count as final exams for AP courses.

- In the 2018-2019 school year, 461 students took 1,355 AP examinations across 31 AP exams.
- In total they achieved an average score of 4.35, with a pass rate of 97.2%

2019 STANDARDIZED TESTING DATA

SAT SCORES

Section	Average	Median	Range
Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	733	740	540-800
Math	761	785	600-800
Overall	1494	1515	1240-1600

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

23 Semi-finalists

19 Finalists

4 Winners

2019 AP SCHOLARS

AP Scholar: 1

AP Scholar with Honors: 1

AP Scholar Distinction: 38

National AP Scholar: 30

AP Capstone Diploma: 7

CLASS OF 2019 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Academy of Art University	McGill University	UC Irvine
American University	Montana State University, Bozeman	UC LA
Amherst College	Mount Holyoke College	UC Merced
Arizona State University	New York University	UC Riverside
Azusa Pacific University	North Carolina State University	UC San Diego
Baylor University	Northeastern University	UC Santa Barbara
Bentley University	Occidental College	UC Santa Cruz
Boston College	Pennsylvania State University	University of Chicago
Boston University	Pepperdine University	University of Colorado at Boulder
Bowdoin College	Pomona College	University of Hawaii at Manoa
Brandeis University	Pratt Institute	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Brown University	Princeton University	University of Leeds
California Institute of Technology	Purdue University	University of Maryland, College Park
California Northstate University	Reed College	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Massachusetts, Boston
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona	Rice University	University of Miami
California State University, Long Beach	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Michigan
California State University, Los Angeles	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
California State University, Sacramento	Rutgers University-New Brunswick	University of Missouri, Kansas City
Carnegie Mellon University	Saint Louis University	University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Case Western Reserve University	Saint Mary's College of California	University of Notre Dame
Chapman University	San Diego State University	University of Oregon
Columbia University	San Francisco State University	University of Oxford
Concordia University, Irvine	San Jose State University	University of Pennsylvania
Cornell College	Santa Clara University	University of Pittsburgh
Cornell University	Sarah Lawrence College	University of Portland
Dartmouth College	Scripps College	University of Redlands
Davidson College	Southern Methodist University	University of Rochester
DePaul University	St. Andrews University	University of San Diego
Drexel University	Stanford University	University of San Francisco
Duke Kunshan University	Stony Brook University	University of Southern California
Duke University	Texas A&M University	University of St Andrews
Emerson College	The George Washington University	University of the Pacific
Emory University	The King's College	University of Toronto
Florida State University	The Ohio State University	University of Utah
George Mason University	The University of Alabama	University of Virginia
Georgetown University	The University of Arizona	University of Washington
Georgia Institute of Technology	The University of Edinburgh	University of Waterloo
Grinnell College	The University of Iowa	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Harvard College	The University of Montana, Missoula	Vanderbilt University
Harvey Mudd College	The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	Vanguard University of Southern California
Hofstra University	The University of Texas, Austin	Virginia Tech
Indiana University at Bloomington	The University of Texas, Dallas	Wake Forest University
Iowa State University	The University of Warwick	Washington University in St. Louis
Ithaca College	Trinity University	Wesleyan University
Johns Hopkins University	Tulane University	Whittier College
King's College London	University College London	William & Mary
Lehigh University	University of Alabama at Birmingham	Yale University
Loughborough University	University of British Columbia	
Loyola Marymount University	UC Berkeley	
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	UC Davis	