

# SMOKY HILL HIGH SCHOOL



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## SCHOOL PROFILE 2024-2025

### COMMUNITY

The Cherry Creek School District, celebrating over 50 years of excellence, is in the southeast metro-Denver area. Our district boundaries include the cities of Aurora, Centennial, Littleton, Englewood, the incorporated communities of Greenwood Village and Glendale and a large unincorporated area of Arapahoe County. The student population is approximately 52,000 students.

### SMOKY HILL HIGH SCHOOL

Smoky Hill High School is a public, comprehensive, suburban, college-oriented high school with a student enrollment of approximately 2,342 students in grades 9-12 and is one of six high schools in the district. The school calendar is 180 days in length and is comprised of two eighteen-week sessions. The schedule consists of eight 90-minute instructional blocks arranged on a 4-period alternating day rotation. The school is accredited by both the Colorado State Department of Education and the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. In 2013 Smoky Hill High School was recognized as one of the top high schools in America by both Newsweek and the Washington Post.

### ETHNIC PROFILE

The school ethnic profile shows a student population of 34% White, 18% Black or African American, 6% Asian, 31% Hispanic, <1% American Indian, 13% Multi-racial. Of these students, 13% are Multi-Language Learners (MLL).

### FACULTY/STAFF

The Smoky Hill faculty and staff are well educated and qualified. There are 182 staff members that work with Smoky Hill students and of those, 132 are certified teachers. Four deans and nine counselors provide students with support services.

### POST GRADUATE PLACEMENT

47% of graduates attended 4-year college, 13% attended 2-year college. Of those attending college, 44% attend in-state colleges and 18% attend out-of-state colleges. 4% apprenticeship, 8% employment, 5% attend career/trade school, 2% entered military services, 12% undecided and 9% gap year.

### CURRICULUM

The high school curriculum is comprehensive, ranging in scope from fundamental to advanced courses in English, social studies, science, and mathematics, to foreign language, music, fine arts, commercial arts, computer technology and vocational education.



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## PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS AND TEST RESULTS

### ■ **ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP)**

Smoky Hill High School offers Advanced Placement courses. Students in AP classes participate in rigorous curriculum preparing them for AP exams and potential college credit.

- Advanced Placement courses and exams are offered in 22 subject areas.
- In 2024, 317 students took 436 exams, with 58% scoring 3 or better.

### ■ **ADVANCEMENT VIA INDIVIDUAL DETERMINATION (AVID)**

AVID students are enrolled in a rigorous college preparatory curriculum as well as an elective AVID class that provides academic instruction, tutorial support and motivational activities.

### ■ **ONLINE LEARNING**

Online courses are offered through the District to give students' flexibility. These interactive, standards-based courses will provide rigorous classwork and meet graduation requirements.

### ■ **INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB)**

In 2024, 50% of the IB students earned an IB diploma.

#### **The Middle Years Program**

The IB Middle Years Program provides a framework of academic challenge that encourages students to embrace and understand the connections between traditional subjects and the real world and become critical and reflective thinkers. The curriculum consists of eight subject groups including Language and Literature, Language Acquisition, Individuals and Societies, Sciences, Mathematics, Art, Physical and Health Education, and Design. The program is designed to prepare students for the IB Diploma Program.

#### **The Diploma Program**

The Diploma Program is a comprehensive and rigorous two-year curriculum that provides students with a balanced education and preparation for examinations which result in an internationally recognized high school diploma.

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## 2024 MEAN SAT SCORES

**ERW**  
**486**

**Math**  
**462**

**Composite**  
**948**

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## **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS/GRADING SYSTEM**

High school is considered a four-year course of study. Graduation requirements are based upon units of credit earned in grades 9 through 12. A minimum of 22 credits must be earned to meet graduation requirements.

Specific requirements are listed below:

English .....	4.0 credits
Social Studies.....	1.5 credits
U.S. History.....	1.0 credits
American Government.....	5 credits
Mathematics .....	3.0 credits
Science.....	3.0 credits
Physical Education .....	1.5 credits
Health .....	5 credits
Fine Arts .....	1.5 credits
Electives .....	5.5 credits

The Cherry Creek School District offers students and parents the opportunity for an official transcript that reflects a weighted grade point average. Weighted grades are given in those courses designated as either Honors, Advanced Placement, or International Baccalaureate. The difference between weighted and unweighted grades in terms of grade point value is as follows:

### **UNWEIGHTED**

**A** = 4 grade points  
**B** = 3 grade points  
**C** = 2 grade points  
**D** = 1 grade point  
**F** = 0 grade points

### **WEIGHTED**

**A** = 5 grade points  
**B** = 4 grade points  
**C** = 3 grade points  
**D** = 1 grade point  
**F** = 0 grade points

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## **AP, IB, MYP, CE AND HONORS COURSES**

### **ENGLISH**

AP English Language  
AP English Literature  
IB English 11  
IB English 12  
MYP English 9  
MYP English 10  
English 9 Honors  
English 10 Honors  
American Lit Honors  
CE English Comp  
CE Intro to Literature

### **SOCIAL STUDIES**

AP Human Geography  
AP/IB European History  
AP/IB Psychology  
AP United States History  
IB/MYP History of the Americas  
IB Contemporary World  
AP African American History  
AP US Government & Politics  
IB History of Americas  
MYP World Geography  
CE American Government  
CE General Psychology I  
CE Psychology II  
CE Intro to Political Science

### **MATHEMATICS**

AP Calculus AB  
IB Calculus HL1  
IB Calculus SL2  
IB Applications  
AP Statistics  
Algebra II Honors  
Geometry Honors  
Pre-Calculus Honors  
Trigonometry Honors  
CE College Algebra  
CE College Trigonometry

### **SCIENCE**

IB Biology  
IB Chemistry  
AP Physics  
IB Environmental Science  
IB Sports, Exercise & Health Sciences  
Anatomy & Physiology Honors  
Biology Honors  
Chemistry Honors  
Physics Honors  
Earth & Physical Science Honors  
Integrated Sciences Honors

### **FOREIGN LANGUAGE**

IB/MYP Latin I & II Honors  
IB Latin III & IV Honors  
IB/MYP Spanish I & II  
IB/MYP Spanish I & II  
IB Spanish III & IV  
IB/MYP Japanese I & II Honors  
IB Japanese Honors III & IV  
IB Japanese V Honors  
AP Spanish Language & Culture  
AP Spanish Literature & Culture

### **OTHER COURSES**

IB Computer Science IB Music  
IB Art History  
IB/MYP Visual Arts  
IB Theory of Knowledge  
IB Business Management  
Advanced Studio Honors  
IB Advanced Acting/Theater  
IB Advanced Video/Production  
IB Creativity, Action, Service (CAS)  
IB Extended Essay (EE)  
IB Personal Project (PP)  
IB Digital Arts  
CE Into to Business  
CE Automotive Tech II & III  
CE Criminal Justice and Law I & II  
CE ProStart 1 & 2

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# CO-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

Co-curricular activities play an integral role in the climate of SHHS. When students are involved in a co-curricular activity, they develop stronger and more positive connections to the school, the adults, and their peers. There are approximately 60 co-curricular activities available at Smoky Hill.

- ACE Engineering Club
- Ambassadors of SHHS
- Animal Rescue Connection
- Anime Club
- Art Club and National Art Honor Society
- Brotherhood
- Buffalo Traders
- Clay Club
- Debate/Forensics
- Digital Evolution
- Environmental Action Club
- FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America)
- FCCLA (Family Career Community Leaders of America)
- First Priority (Bible Study)
- Gay/Straight Alliance
- Girl Up
- Greenhouse/Biology Club
- Habesha Leadership Club
- Hip Hop Dance Club
- Latino World Alliance
- Math Club
- Mock Trial
- Model United Nations
- Muslim Student Association
- Next Generation Voices
- Philosophy Club
- Poetry Club
- Science Club/Bowl
- SHUFA (Smoky Hill Unites for Africa)
- Strategic Board Games
- STRIVE
- Yogioh Club
- Japanese Club
- Junior Classical League-Latin
- Le Club Francais
- Spanish Club
- Chamber Music Club
- Dance Showcase
- Drama/Thespians
- Improv (Spontaneous Combustion)
- Jazz Choir
- Marching Band
- Step Team
- Symphonic Choir
- Amnesty International
- Key Club
- LINK
- National English Honor Society
- National Honor Society
- SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions)
- DECA (An Association of Marketing Students)
- Environmental Actions Club
- Jazz Band
- Newspaper
- ProStart (Culinary)
- Skills USA (AUTO)
- Student Government
- Yearbook