



LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL

PROFILE 2014-2015

School and Community

Lowell High School, founded in 1856, is the oldest public high school west of the Mississippi. Located in the southwestern area of San Francisco, surrounded by a lush landscape of trees and greenery, the 26-acre campus is home to the Lowell Cardinals. Lowell is a four-year college preparatory high school with a culturally diverse student body population of 2,738. Lowell has 40.69 % of students whom are eligible for free or reduced meals.

Lowell is ranked as one of the highest performing public high schools in California. Lowell has been ranked 10/10 in both Statewide Ranks & Similar School Ranks since 2007. *US News & World Report* ranked Lowell in the top 50 high schools. We are the only high school over 2,500 students with this ranking. Lowell has been recognized four times as a National Blue Ribbon School (1982-1983, 1994-1995, 2001-2002, 2012-2013), honored eight times as a California Distinguished School (1986, 1990, 1992, 1994, 2001, 2005, 2009, and 2013), and presented with the 2013 Exemplary Visual and Performing Arts State Recognition award in its inaugural year. Lowell received the California Gold Ribbon Award 2015 for our model program *Imagine, Believe, and Achieve*. Lowell has been consistently ranked #1 in the Western region for the number of Advanced Placement exams given.

Although known for its academic excellence, extracurricular activities play a vital part in Lowell's culture as well. Lowell has over 80 active clubs, service organizations and 18 out of 23 sports teams have won Varsity City Championships. A Wellness Program supports the entire student body, including ELL and Special Education students. Lowell's PTSA and Alumni are a vital part in maintaining Lowell's excellence.

Ethnic Distribution

African American	2.2 %
Asian	57.4 %
Filipino	7.5 %
Pacific Islander	0.6 %
Latino/Hispanic	10.4 %
American Indian	0.3 %
Two or more Races	1.9 %
Caucasian/White	14.2 %
Not Reported	3.5 %

National Merit and Achievement Awards

6	National Merit Scholars
15	National Merit Finalists
15	National Merit Semifinalists
64	National Merit Commended Students

Academic Information

Lowell has a very competitive admissions process and a rigorous college preparatory program; a cumulative ranking based on *GPA does not adequately represent* a student's actual achievements. Lowell High School *does not rank* its students.

The GPA is based on all courses on a 4.0 scale between the summer before 9th grade to the Spring of 12th grade. The Weighted GPA, which uses the same grades as the Un-weighted GPA, is computed by adding one additional grade point to all Honors and Advanced Placement courses with a grade of A, B, or C.

Average Un-weighted GPA earned was 3.44 and 3.57 Weighted.

Top Un-weighted GPA earned was 4.0 and 4.62 Weighted.

31.6 % of the seniors in the class of 2015 had a Weighted GPA above 4.0.

College Enrollment

Of the 649 graduates 587 completed the self-reported Senior Class Survey. Survey results reported:

95.80 %	Plan to attend College or University
82.60 %	4-year colleges
55.50 %	-University of California (UC)
17.80 %	-California State University (CSU)
28.20 %	-Other Private or Public Colleges and Universities
14.70 %	Community Colleges
2.70 %	Work / Military / Trade School / Gap Year

Advanced Placement (2013-2014 Data)

Advanced Placement (AP) courses are offered in 31 of the 34 AP subjects available. 1,501 Lowell students took 3,653 AP Exams, receiving 3,250 scores of 3 or above. Update will be available in Fall.

Percentage of total students with scores 3 or above:
Lowell = 89 % CA = 64.3 % Global = 61.3 %

Lowell AP scores distribution
5 = 37 % 4 = 33 % 3 = 19 %

