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School Overview

Santa Rosa High School is part of the Santa Rosa City Schools which serves approximately 16,000 students with an elementary district serving 4,000 students in grades K-6, and a high school district serving 12,000 students in grades 7-12. There is a common administration district with one Board of Education and District administration for 26 schools: 11 K- 6 elementary schools, 5 7-8 middle schools, 3 small necessary small schools, and 5 comprehensive 9-12 high schools, including Santa Rosa High School. Established in 1874, the oldest of the district's high schools and the 8th chartered in California, Santa Rosa High School maintains a tradition as the area's "school of choice" – 40% of its present student body is comprised of students from outside its attendance district. Santa Rosa High School is home to the award-winning and unique ArtQuest program, a wide selection of vocational programs, the district DHH program, and a Special Education program recently recognized by the Sonoma County Office of Education with the "Spirit of Education" award.

The attendance district covers low, middle and upper- middle class central Santa Rosa and Mark West district. The City of Santa Rosa has a population of approximately 150,000, a median family income of \$45, 000, and a median home price of \$615, 000. The median home in the Santa Rosa High School attendance area is \$600,000.

Santa Rosa High School is a comprehensive high school that serves students in grades 9 – 12 in graceful, gothic-revival buildings on 45 acres, immediately adjacent to the highly esteemed Santa Rosa Junior College. The campus' seven-year remodel and expansion to its current "Ivy League" look, was funded by a voter-approved school construction bond. Class sizes average 24.03% in core classes.

Approximately 60% of the high school District's student population is white with the Latino ethnic group representing approximately one-third of the total enrollment. Santa Rosa High School's enrollment has grown significantly in the past 6 years from a low of 1379, to the current 2030. The ethnic makeup is 69% white, 21% Hispanic, 4.4% Asian, and 10% others. Approximately 12% of students are designated English Language Learners (20 languages are represented among our student body). The Free and Reduced Meal rate is 15%. Approximately 9% are designated as Special Education or 504 students. 24% of students are designated GATE. The school's reported average parent education level for the last three years of API was 3.32 (1 = no high school diploma, 2 = high school diploma, 3 = some college, 4 = college BA/BS, 5 = graduate school).

Attendance rates are an average rate of 92.17 for 2002-2003, 93.08 for 2003-2004, 93.09 for 2004-2005, and 93.14 for 2005-2006. The one-year CBEDS dropout rate is 1.2%. The mobility rates over the last four years has been 27%, 26%, 30%, and 27% respectively.

The campus culture and routines are well established. During 2005-2006, 564 suspensions were served and 37 student expelled. Technology is available to all staff and students through the Digital High School grant that supplemented existing equipment in classrooms and labs. The student-to-computer ratio is 4.7, with all classrooms having Internet access and cable TV service.

The staff is made up of 74.2 full-time equivalent (FTE) teachers, 8.2 FTE Special Education teachers, 1.6 FTE ROP teachers, 4 administrators, 4 counselors, and a 0.8 FTE librarian. 100% of Santa Rosa High School's teachers are full credential holders with a mean of 11.7 years of teaching experience. 59% have a B.A + 30 and 22% hold M.A.'s. All meet NCLB standards. Eight are 1st year teachers and six are 2nd year teachers. The school's counseling services serve the academic needs of students for both high school and college entrance planning. Classified staff include 1 full time and 6 part time para-professionals, 7 full time and 1 part time office/clerical, and 5 full time and 1 part time custodial staff. 69 staff are CLAD certified. The principal has remained consistent over the last three years, a former assistant principal of 3 years, was recently promoted to the vice-principal position. Both of the assistant principals have fewer than 2 months of service to the high school.

Parents and the community are supportive of the students, staff and school programs. Parents serve and participate on the School Site Council, English Learners Advisory Committee, Student/Teacher/Parent Club, many boosters groups: Athletic, Friends of ArtQuest, Vocal and Instrumental, Agriculture, and the Santa Rosa High School Foundation. The school has an enormous variety of extra-curricular clubs and activities for students, an active student government program, a full athletic program, and nationally award-winning arts and music programs.

Academic programs exist for students of varying abilities and interests including Special Education, vocational/ROP education, and honors/AP.

In the parent, student and staff surveys administered as part of the self-study process, the majority of student and parent responses supported the fact that the school was doing a good job educating students, and the majority of parents and students felt the school was a safe and orderly place to learn.

Discipline is handled efficiently and effectively through the efforts of the teachers, counselors, and administrators. Major discipline issues are not a regular occurrence on the campus.

Student Performance Data