

# South Anchorage High School – School Profile 2017/2018

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**Mission Statement** *South Anchorage High School is a dynamic learning community with high expectations, encouraging everyone to learn, achieve and succeed.*

As South Anchorage High School (SAHS) enters its fourteenth year as a comprehensive high school in the Anchorage School District, students, staff, parents, and community members praise the school for the high levels of academic achievement that our students have realized thus far. The school has an exceptional academic program with a full complement of advanced placement classes in all curricular areas. We also offer honors language arts and social studies classes at the ninth and tenth grade levels, four world languages and specialized fine arts, music and career technology courses. In addition, SAHS students have numerous interscholastic athletic opportunities, as well as a host of clubs and other programs that are available to them to help broaden their educational experience. We have an outstanding faculty, and the yearly turnover rate is very low.

We have doubled the number of students who are taking AP classes compared to the number of students enrolled in AP classes in our very first year. Our teachers consistently work to ensure that all of their instructional activities are standards-based, rigorous, and relevant. The staff at SAHS is committed to helping each student achieve his or her unique academic potential in a safe, welcoming learning environment.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Language Arts	4 credits
Social Studies	4 credits
Science	3 credits
Mathematics	3 credits
Physical Education	1.5 credits
General Electives	7 credits

TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED 22.5 credits

## MARKING SYSTEM

<b>A</b>	Superior	4.0
<b>B</b>	Above Average	3.0
<b>C</b>	Average	2.0
<b>D</b>	Below Average	1.0
<b>F</b>	Failing	0.0
<b>W/F</b>	Withdraw Failing	
<b>W/P</b>	Withdraw Passing	
<b>K</b>	Waiver of P.E. credit	
<b>J</b>	Audit	

## TRANSCRIPTING NOTES

AP courses are weighted (A=5.0 points on a 4.0 scale), with the exception of F.

Class rank and grade point average are computed at the end of each semester. All courses on a transcript are used to determine rank and GPA.

## SAHS NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS

2006-07	3 Semifinalists, 2 Finalists
2007-08	9 Semifinalists
2008-09	3 Semifinalists
2009-10	6 Semifinalists
2010-11	6 Semifinalists
2011-12	2 Semifinalists
2012-13	2 Semifinalists
2013-14	3 Semifinalists
2014-15	4 Semifinalists, 1 Finalist
2015-16	5 Semifinalists
2016-17	7 Semifinalists, 3 Finalists

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Physics 1
AP Psychology
AP Economics Macro & Micro
AP U.S. Government and Politics
AP World History
AP U.S. History
AP Computer Science
AP Literature and Composition
AP Language and Composition
AP Spanish
AP Statistics
AP German
AP French
AP Capstone

## ATHLETICS (4A DIVISION)

Baseball
Basketball
Bowling
Cheerleading
Cross-Country Running
Cross-Country Skiing
Flag Football
Football
Gymnastics
Ice Hockey
Riflery
Soccer
Softball
Swimming/Diving
Tennis
Track & Field
Volleyball
Wrestling

## AK MEASURES OF PERFORMANCE

	South	State
SAT 15/16		
Writing	498	460
Reading	513	485
Math	519	479
ACT 16/17		
English	21.7	18.7
Reading	23.2	20.4
Math	22.4	19.8
Science	22.0	19.9

## WORLD LANGUAGES

French  
 German  
 Spanish

## NUMBER OF 2017 GRADUATES

349



**PRINCIPAL** – Wendy Pondolfino  
**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, CURRICULUM** – Lisa Mounds-Craft  
**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, ACTIVITIES** – Vernon Lindo  
**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, STUDENT SERVICES** – Rick Stone