



## VISION

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All students will graduate college-ready, empowered with the knowledge, skills and passion to positively impact their own lives, their community and the global society.

## OVERVIEW

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- **Founding year:** 2001
- **Accreditation:** Western Association of Schools and Colleges
- **Student enrollment:** 320
- **Grades:** 9 thru 12
- **Tuition:** Free
- **Admission:** Open to all students in the Sequoia Union High School District on a first-come, first-served basis through the district's open enrollment process
- **Featured on TV:** On NOVA's "School of the Future" (2016)
- **A model school to visiting educators from around the world**

## STUDENTS

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- **Annual Graduation Rate last 5 years:** 95%
- **College-bound rate:** 97% of Class of 2016 bound to either 4-year college or 2-year college
- **A diverse set of students residing in East Palo Alto and eastern Menlo Park:**
  - 80% Latino/a;
  - 10% African-American;
  - 8% Pacific Islander
  - 2% Asian, Filipino, White, and American Indian
- **First-generation high school graduates:** 65%
- **First-generation college-bound:** 87%

## FACULTY

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Award-winning and exceptionally dedicated faculty and staff

- **Principal:** Amika Maria Maran Guillaume
- **Number of teachers:** 25
- **Number of teachers with a Master's degree +30:** 19
- **Average years in teaching:** 7

## CAMPUS

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EPAA is located in a state-of-the-art facility in the heart of East Palo Alto, and features:

- **Library**
- **College and Career Center**
- **Music Lab**
- **Science labs**
- **Computer lab and laptop computers to use in all classrooms**
- **New Gymnasium** (built 2016)
- **MakerSpace ("Dream Lab"),** a creative hub to design and craft hands-on projects with technology including a laser cutter, a 3-D printer, and Computer-Aided Design.

## COLLEGE READINESS SUPPORT AND ACADEMICS

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- **The College Team of professionals** earned Board of Trustees Recognition in 2016
- **College and Career Center** hosts visits from college representatives throughout the school year
- **Annual field trips to colleges**
- **Free Early College Program:** Cañada College courses taught by Cañada professors for college credit, offered for free on campus through the Early College program



- **College Scholarships:** In 2017–18, 45 EPAA seniors and graduates earned **\$500,000 in college scholarships** from an education foundation dedicated to EPAA and its graduates. Over **\$2.4 million awarded** since 2007.
- **College Admission:** EPAA graduates regularly admitted to UCs, CSUs, and prestigious private colleges
- **Advisory program for all students** (social-emotional learning, college readiness support, academic monitoring).
- **Small class sizes** allowing for personal attention
- **Personalized college coaching and advice**  
**Free SAT preparation**
- **Career Day**
- **Summer Bridge** for incoming 9th grade students.
- **College-bound curriculum** aligned with the Common Core State Standards and the UC/CSU A-G requirements, including English, history, language, mathematics, laboratory science and fine arts.
- **Electives** include Introduction to Acting, Mobile Apps Development, Spanish, Spanish for Native Speakers, AP Spanish, AP Statistics, Creative Writing, Yearbook, Student Leadership, and Drama.
- **Academic support from teachers and tutors outside of school hours.**

## SPORTS AND CLUBS

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- **School sports:** Soccer, volleyball and basketball (boys' teams and girls' teams)
- **Clubs:** 14 student clubs, including Coding, Debate, Hip-Hop, Martial Arts & Boxing, Music, Outdoor & Environment Club, and FLY Leadership Club

## ON-SITE HEALTH SERVICES

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- **On-site counselors and a fully licensed psychiatrist from Stanford University.**
- **Restorative justice coordinator**
- **The Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Teen Health Van every two weeks.**

## FAMILIES AND THE COMMUNITY

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Families and the community are valued partners in promoting academic and personal achievement at EPAA.

- **Outstanding parent community** who plan events like holiday celebrations for Dia de los Muertos and Winter Celebration "La Posada"
- **Parents involved in school and District leadership**
- **Monthly Principal & Parent Coffees ("Cafecitos") with the Principal**
- **Student Led Conferences**
- **Parent education program**
- **Community partnerships:** Dozens of community organizations partner with EPAA, including A-Learn, Boys & Girls Club of the Peninsula, Silicon Valley Urban Debate League, IMPACT: Teen Drivers, Live in Peace, College Track, Foundation for a College Education, Catholic Charities, College Spring: SAT Test Prep, and Youth Community Service.
- **Community service:** 25 hours of community service per student per year
- **A foundation dedicated to the school and its graduates: The East Palo Alto Academy Foundation (EPAAF).** EPAAF is an educational foundation dedicated solely to the success of EPAA and its graduates. It raises funds for EPAA's programs and for college scholarships ([www.epaaf.org](http://www.epaaf.org)).