



8th Grade and New Student Information

Please note that all of this information and more can be found on the Sequoia HS website. Visit us at www.sequoiahs.org

Section 1 - Get to Know Sequoia

Shadowing Program (September 2016 - January 2017)

- Visiting students pair with a current SEQ student
- Spend the day visiting classes and getting a feel for your future school
- Open to 8th grade students and prospective transfers
- Sign up online and register
 - www.sequoiahs.org > Parents and Community > 8th Grade Shadowing Program
 - or use this link directly: <http://sequoiahs.org/?id=1003>

8th Grade Information Night (October 26, 2016)

- Parents and Students are welcome to come check out some of the reasons Sequoia is such an excellent place to spend your high school years
- Come early to see a performance by our band and orchestra
- Visit our beautiful auditorium, Carrington Hall to hear from students and alumni about their experiences and to see a scene from Sequoia's fall musical production
- Pick from a list of workshops that will introduce you to some of the curriculums and programs that most interest you! Visit with department chairs, extra-curricular leaders, athletic coaches and more!

Sample 8th Grade Information Workshops

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| <input type="checkbox"/> IB (International Baccalaureate Program) | <input type="checkbox"/> Core Curriculum Areas |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art Showcase | <input type="checkbox"/> Sequoia Digital Arts Academy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Music/Drama/Dance | <input type="checkbox"/> Woodshop and Vocational Training |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Athletics | <input type="checkbox"/> World Languages |

Campus Tours *(November 2016 / January 2017)*

- Open to all prospective students and parents (all ages)
- Led by current SEQ Leadership students and accompanied by PTSA Parent Volunteers
- Designed to highlight points of interest on campus
- Excellent opportunity to have your questions about Sequoia answered from both the student and parent perspective
- Tours will last approximately 30 minutes
- Meet at the main entrance of the school
- *No Pre-signups necessary*

International Baccalaureate (IB) Informational Meeting *(January 2016)*


- Presentation from IB Program Coordinator
- Compare IB to AP or other advanced tracks
- See sample course loads for each year of high school

Additional Info Online

- www.sequoiahs.org > Parents and Community > IB Programme
- or use this link directly: <http://sequoiahs.org/?id=1037>

Open House *(March 16, 2017)*

- Current and Prospective students and families are invited to campus for another showcase of Sequoia's programs and the excellent work done in and outside of our classrooms



Section 2 - Enroll Your Student

How to Enroll

- Visit www.sequoiahs.org > Parents and Community > Enrolling in SHS
- At this page:
 - Receive additional updated information on enrollment
 - Complete necessary forms online

Open Enrollment

- Incoming 9th grade students may request a high school that is different than their assigned school
- You **must** complete an online *Open Enrollment Transfer Application* to be eligible

Open Enrollment Key Dates	
Open Enrollment Opens	October 1, 2016
Open Enrollment Closes (<i>No Late Exceptions</i>)	February 19, 2017

Course Planning and Placement

- Visit www.sequoiahs.org > Department > Guidance
- At this Page:
 - See sample *Sequence of Courses* for core academic subjects
 - See complete list of *Elective Courses* offered at Sequoia
 - Contact information for all guidance counselors
 - Downloadable PowerPoint Presentations and Videos in both English and Spanish
 - What to look for in a college
 - The College Application Process
 - Tools for Success
 - Additional online resources for enrolled students

Available Electives at Sequoia		
Visual and Performing Arts	Career Technical Education	Miscellaneous
Band (Multiple Levels) Choir (Multiple Levels) Guitar Orchestra Piano Art Ceramics (Multiple Levels) Digital Photography Drawing and Painting IB Visual Arts Dance (Multiple Levels) Stagecraft	Foods (Multiple Levels) Woodshop Journalism Biotech Health Professions Medical Clinical Mobile Apps Design JAVA Programming IB ITGS Computer Animation Computer Graphics Video Production BUILD Entrepreneurship Engineering Robotics	IB Business Management IB Psychology IB Theory of Knowledge Leadership/ASB Creative Writing PE/Weight Training AVID (Multiple Year Program)

Section 3 - Curriculum Information

Summer Reading

- Most English classes at Sequoia will require Summer Reading
- Visit www.sequoiahs.org > Department > English for a complete list of current Summer Reading Options

Athletics

- Sequoia offers a variety of competitive sports options throughout the school year
- Visit www.sequoiahs.org > Student Life > Athletics for additional information about due dates for athletics clearance paperwork.

Sports Offered at Sequoia (By Season)		
Fall	Winter	Spring
Football Cross Country (Coed) Cheer Water Polo - Girls Water Polo - Boys Golf - Girls Tennis - Girls	Basketball - Boys Basketball - Girls Wrestling (Boys and Girls) Soccer - Boys Soccer - Girls Cheer	Cheer Track and Field (Coed) Lacrosse - Boys Lacrosse - Girls Baseball Softball Swimming (Coed) Golf - Boys Tennis - Boys Badminton

Section 4 - Get Involved

The Sequoia Website is the best place to find a number of resources related to specific organizations and programs. Visit www.sequoiahs.org and explore!!

Additional Resources Available Online (see school and PTSA websites for instructions on how to subscribe)

- Sequoia 101** - Additional essential information for new families and students
- Sentinel Newsletter** - Subscribe to the PTSA newsletter to stay abreast of goings-on
- SEQ Daily Bulletin** - Subscribe to the student/staff daily PA announcements

Sequoia HS Education Foundation

- The foundation raises funds for many of the essentials and extras that allow Sequoia to continue operating as one of the premier high schools on the Peninsula

Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA)

- Combined group of stakeholders at Sequoia that helps to produce and run a number of events on campus throughout the school year

SEQ Athletic Boosters

- Organization of parents of student-athletes that raises money to support Sequoia's athletic programs and celebrates athletic accomplishments at awards ceremonies catered to each season

Visual and Performing Arts (VPA) Boosters

- Organization of parents that promotes and supports Sequoia's Visual and Performing Arts Programs

Special Welcome Dates	
Sequoia HS Education Foundation Welcome	April, 2017
PTSA Welcome @ International Festival	April, 2017
Freshman Orientation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Distribution of Class Schedules ➤ Campus Tours 	August 16, 2016

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ School Photos ➤ Welcome Presentation for Parents ➤ BBQ Lunch for Students and Parents 	
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Section 5 - Bell Schedule

Type of Day	Bell Schedule
Mondays	All classes meet, 50 minute periods
Tuesday/Thursday	A-day: 1st (100 minute block) 3rd (100 minute block) 5th (100 minute block) 7th (50 minute)
Wednesday/Friday	B-day: 2nd (100 minute block) 4th (100 minute block) 6th (100 minute block) 7th (50 minute)

Important Acronyms at Sequoia	
AD	Athletic Director
ASB	Associated Student Body
AVID	Advancement via Individual Determination
AVP	Administrative Vice Principal
BUILD	an Entrepreneurial and college support program
CAS	Creativity, Activity and Science
CCS	Central Coast Section (Governing body for Athletics)
CSF	California Scholarship Federation
DAA	Digital Arts Academy

EAA	Electronic Arts Academy
EE	Extended Essay (IB Programme Task)
ELAC	English Learner Advisory Council
ELL	English Language Learner
FOA	Further Oral Activity (IB Programme Task)
HCA	Health Careers Academy
IA	Internal Assessment (IB Programme Task)
IB	International Baccalaureate
IB HL	International Baccalaureate Higher Level
IB SL	International Baccalaureate Standard Level
ICAP	International College Advancement Program
IEP	Individualized Education Plan
IOC	Independent Oral Commentary (IB Program Task)
IVP	Instructional Vice Principal
LCAP	Local Control and Accountability Plan
MPR	Multi-Purpose Room
PAL	Peninsula Athletic League
PTSA	Parent Teacher Student Association
SAFE	Sequoia After-school Focused Enrichment
SHSEF	Sequoia High School Education Foundation
SLT	Sequoia Leadership Team
SPED	Special Education
SRO	School Resource Officer
STARS	a specific special education class
SUHSD	Sequoia Union High School District

TOK	Theory of Knowledge (IB Programme Course Offering)
VPA	Visual and Performing Arts