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# RANCHO SOLANO PREPARATORY SCHOOL PROFILE 2019 - 2020



## ABOUT US

Rancho Solano Preparatory School (RSPS) is a PK-12 international learning community for high-achieving students. In an education landscape where crowded classrooms and sterile curricula are commonplace, Rancho Solano stands apart from other Arizona schools. Since 1954, Rancho Solano's small class sizes, highly trained and passionate teachers, personalized academic curricula, and wide range of course offerings at all levels have helped students develop the character and competitive edge they need to excel in college and beyond. Our stimulating educational environment is strengthened through its diverse and vibrant student community, specialized academic and enrichment programs, and state-of-the-art facilities and technology.

## INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

RSPS is the only private school in the greater Phoenix area to receive IB authorization. The IB Diploma Programme is recognized worldwide for its academic rigor and holistic approach to education. The average acceptance rate of IB students into university/college is 22 percentage points higher than the average rate of the total population. In the IB Diploma Programme, 11th and 12th grade students study six courses at both standard level (SL) and high level (HL).

Subjects include English, world languages, social studies, experimental sciences, and mathematics. The sixth subject is an IB elective which often includes the arts. Few students follow the same path, as class selection is tailored to individual student strengths and interests.

## MISSION STATEMENT

We cultivate in our students the ingenuity to thrive in a global society and to be architects of their future.

## ACCREDITATIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

International Baccalaureate  
Programme (IB)

AdvancED Accreditation  
Commission by North  
Central Association  
& Commission on  
Accreditation & School  
Improvement

National Independent  
Private Schools Association  
(NIPSA)

National Association  
for College Admission  
Counseling (NACAC)

Rocky Mountain Association  
for College Admission  
Counseling (RMACAC)

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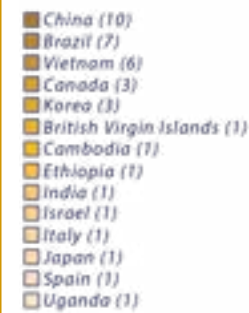
READY FOR THE WORLD...

## STUDENT BODY

The Upper School, established in 2008, has 145 students in grades 9-12. The Class of 2020 is comprised of 33 students. The student-teacher ratio is 8:1. 96.7% of our students, over the last five years, have been accepted to a 4-year college or university, with 100% of 2019 graduates attending college.

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT BODY

25% of our students are international students from 14 countries around the world.



## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The Rancho Solano Preparatory School Diploma requires a minimum of 20.5 credits among the various academic disciplines named below. Students pursuing the IB Diploma will have additional requirements outlined by the International Baccalaureate Organization.

Subject Area	Credits Required
English	4
Mathematics	4
Science	3
Social Studies, including U.S. History	3
World Language	3
Fine Arts	1
Technology	0.5 (1 semester)
Physical Education & Health	2

## BLOCK SCHEDULE

Rancho Solano Preparatory School is on a block schedule, consisting of alternating A and B days. Students may enroll in up to eight courses per semester, but take no fewer than seven courses. Each class is 80 minutes in duration.

## GRADING AND RANK

Grades are weighted .5 for IB Standard Level and 1 point for IB Higher Level courses. Reported cumulative GPAs include all graded courses. RSPS assigns letter grades and uses a 4.0 system. Letter and point correlations:

A	4.0	C	2.0
A-	3.7	C-	1.7
B+	3.3	D+	1.3
B	3.0	D	1.0
B-	2.7	D-	0.7
C+	2.3	F	0.0

RSPS does not rank students. We believe class rank is an unreliable indicator of performance for students close in ability.

## GPA DISTRIBUTION

Graduating Classes 2015 - 2019

Cumulative GPA	Percentage of Students
4.0 and Above	27%
3.75 - 3.99	18%
3.5-3.74	15%
3.0-3.49	26%
2.99 and Below	14%

## CLASS OF 2015 - 2019 TEST SCORES

	RSPS Median Range	RSPS Average Score	National Mean
ACT	22 - 29	25	20.8*
SAT	1100 - 1310	1214	1002*

\*Scores reported by CollegeBoard & ACT of students entering college fall 2016

## IB FACTS

Since 2012, 47 of our graduates have been awarded the International Baccalaureate Diploma in addition to the Rancho Solano Preparatory High School Diploma.

6-year Average RSPS IB Diploma Award Rate: 70%

# 2019-2020 COURSE OFFERINGS

## English

English I  
English II  
English III  
English IV  
IB Literature SL/HL

## Mathematics

Algebra I-B  
Algebra I  
Geometry  
Algebra II  
Precalculus  
IB Math Studies SL  
IB Math SL/HL

## Science

Biology  
Chemistry  
Physics  
Anatomy & Physiology  
IB Biology SL/HL  
IB Chemistry SL/HL  
IB Physics SL/HL

## Visual Art

Topics in Media: Film  
Topics in Media: Game Design  
Topics in Media: World Building  
Visual Art I  
Visual Art II

*\*IB courses are only available to 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students*

## Student Clubs & Groups

Board Games, Bullet Journaling, Chess, E-Sports, Fantasy Football, Fiber Arts, Gardening Club, Life Skills, Mu Alpha Theta, National Art Honor Society, National Honor Society, Pegasus: Literary Magazine, Pre-Med, Spirit Club, Student Government, Study Skills, Team Sports, Tri-M Club

## Sports

Basketball, Beach Volleyball, Chess, Cross Country, E-Sports, Golf, Pom, Soccer, Tennis, & Volleyball

## EPICS (Engineering Projects in Community Service)

EPICS is an engineering design service learning program that incorporates the engineering and human-centered design processes in providing solutions to real-world problems facing society. RSPS partners with ASU to provide this program. Through a rigorous pitch-funding application process, ASU provides funding for students to complete their projects. Last year, 100% of our projects were funded by ASU.

## Rehema Project

The collaboration between Rancho Solano Prep and the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy to construct a dormitory for the Rehema Children's Home in Kenya is one of the most ambitious missions that we have undertaken in school history.... Over my ten and a half years as a Rancho student, I have realized that my education would be incomplete without the basic principles endorsed by the Rancho 5 and the IB Learner Profile. The dormitory project is a chance to apply our commitment to values such as global-mindedness and being considerate.... This mission is almost half way to its \$35,000 goal, which is needed to build the children's dorm in Rehema.

- Dhruv Khosla, Student Body President, 2018-2019

## Foreign Language

French I  
French II  
Advanced French  
IB French ab Initio SL  
IB French SL  
Mandarin I  
Mandarin II  
IB Mandarin ab Initio SL  
IB Mandarin SL  
Spanish I  
Spanish II  
Spanish III  
IB Spanish ab Initio SL  
IB Spanish SL/HL  
English Language Acquisition

## Social Studies

U.S. History II  
World History  
IB History SL/HL  
IB Economics SL/HL  
Theory of Knowledge I & II

## Physical Education

Health  
Physical Education  
Fitness & Strength Training  
Sports Conditioning  
Advanced Athletic Training

## Technology

Computer Science  
Information Technology  
Podcasting  
Robotics  
Digital Literacy

## Fine Arts

Chamber Orchestra  
Choir  
Dance  
Foundations of Drawing  
Foundations of Sculpture  
Guitar & Ukulele  
IB Music SL/HL  
IB Visual Art SL/HL  
Jazz Band  
Concert Band  
Theatre Lab

## Electives

Creative Writing, Literary Magazine, & Journalism  
EPICS  
Topics In Literature: Sports Writing  
Topics In Literature: Shakespeare  
Yearbook

**66% OF RANCHO SOLANO PREPARATORY SCHOOL TEACHING STAFF HOLD ADVANCED DEGREES IN THE FIELD IN WHICH THEY TEACH.**

Students learn in an engaging environment with personalized instruction and small class sizes

# COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES FOR ADMISSION CLASSES 2015 - 2019

<b>Academy of Art University</b>	Harvard University	<b>San Diego State University</b>	University of Denver
Allegheny College	Hillsdale College	San Jose State University	University of Florida
<b>American University</b>	<b>Hofstra University</b>	Santa Clara University	University of Hawaii at Manoa
<b>Arizona State University</b>	Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	Savannah College of Art and Design	<b>University of Houston, Downtown</b>
Auburn University	<b>Illinois Institute of Technology</b>	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	University of Idaho
Augustana College	Indiana University at Bloomington	<b>Seattle Pacific University</b>	<b>University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign</b>
Babson College	Indiana University, South Bend	Seattle University, Honors School	<b>University of Kansas</b>
<b>Bar-Ilan University, Israel</b>	Iowa State University	Seton Hall University	University of Kentucky
Bard College Berlin	Juniata College	Siena College	University of La Verne
<b>Barrett, The Honors College</b>	Kalamazoo College	<b>Smith College</b>	University of Maine
Baruch College of the CUNY	Kenyon College	Soka University of America	University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
Baylor University	Knox College	Southern Virginia University	University of Maryland, College Park
<b>Belmont University</b>	<b>Lafayette College</b>	Spring Hill College	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Beloit College	Lake Forest College	St. Lawrence University	<b>Boston</b>
<b>Benedictine University (IL)</b>	Lawrence University	St. Olaf College	Lowell
Bentley University	Lewis & Clark College	SUNY Albany	<b>University of Miami</b>
Berklee College of Music	Loras College	<b>Stony Brook University</b>	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Binghamton University	Loyola Marymount University	SUNY Buffalo State College	University of Nevada, Reno
Boston College	Luther College	Swarthmore College	University of New Hampshire at Durham
Boston University	Lynn University	Syracuse University	<b>University of New Mexico</b>
<b>Bournemouth University, UK</b>	Maryland Institute College of Art	Temple University	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
<b>Brandeis University</b>	Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences	Texas A&M University	University of Northern Colorado
Brigham Young University, Idaho	Menlo College	Texas Christian University	<b>University of Oregon, Honors College</b>
Brown University	Mercyhurst University	<b>Texas Tech University</b>	University of Pittsburgh
Bryant University	Miami University, Oxford	The Catholic University of America	University of Puget Sound
Camberwell College of Arts	Michigan State University	The College of Wooster	<b>University of Redlands</b>
Caldwell University	Mississippi State University	The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science & Art	<b>University of Rochester</b>
California College of the Arts	Mount Holyoke College	<b>The George Washington University, Honors Program</b>	<b>University of San Diego</b>
California Lutheran University	New Jersey Institute of Technology	<b>The Ohio State University</b>	University of San Francisco
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo	<b>New York University</b>	The University of Alabama	<b>University of Southern California</b>
Pomona	<b>Northeastern University</b>	<b>The University of Arizona, Honors College</b>	<b>University of South Dakota</b>
California State University, Fresno	<b>Northern Arizona University</b>	The University of Iowa	University of South Florida
Fullerton	<b>Nova Southeastern University</b>	The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	<b>University of St. Francis</b>
Los Angeles	Occidental College	The University of Oklahoma	University of Vermont
Northridge	<b>Ohio University</b>	Trinity University	University of Virginia
Case Western Reserve University	Ohio Wesleyan University	Tulane University	<b>University of Washington</b>
Camberwell College of Arts	Oregon State University	Union College (New York)	<b>University of Wisconsin, Madison</b>
Central Saint Martins College of Art and Design	<b>Otis College of Art and Design</b>	United States Air Force Academy	University of Wyoming
<b>Chapman University</b>	<b>Ottawa University, Arizona</b>	<b>Preparatory School Universidad Pontificia Comillas de Madrid</b>	Vanderbilt University
<b>Claremont McKenna College</b>	Pacific Lutheran University	University at Buffalo, SUNY	Virginia Commonwealth University
Clark University	Pacific University	University of Alberta University of Brighton	Washington and Jefferson College
College of Saint Benedict	Pennsylvania State University Abington	University of British Columbia	Washington State University
Colorado School of Mines	<b>Harrisburg University Park</b>	University of California Berkeley	<b>Washington University in St. Louis</b>
<b>Colorado State University</b>	<b>Pepperdine University</b>	<b>Davis</b>	Wayne State University
Cornell University	Pitzer College	Irvine	Western Washington University
Curry College	Pomona College	<b>Los Angeles</b>	<b>Whittier College</b>
<b>Denison University</b>	<b>Princeton University</b>	Riverside	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
<b>DePaul University</b>	<b>Purdue University</b>	<b>San Diego</b>	Youngstown State University
Dickinson College	Quest University, Canada	Santa Barbara	
<b>Drexel University</b>	Randolph-Macon College	<b>Santa Cruz</b>	
Duke University	<b>Rhode Island School of Design</b>	University of Chicago	
Earlham College	Rice University	University of Cincinnati	
Elmhurst College	<b>Rochester Institute of Technology</b>	University of Colorado at Boulder	
Emerson College	Rosemont College	University of Colorado at Denver	
<b>Emory University, Scholars Program</b>	Rutgers University Camden	University of Connecticut	
Florida Institute of Technology	New Brunswick	University of Dallas	
Fordham University	Newark		
Fort Lewis College	Saint Louis University		
<b>Georgia Institute of Technology</b>			
<b>Gonzaga University</b>			
<b>Grand Canyon University</b>			

\*Bold indicates Matriculation