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## 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)

## RANCHO SOLANO PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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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.

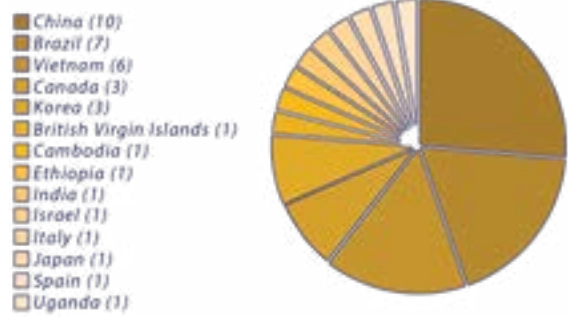
READY FOR THE WORLD...

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*

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.

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

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

# COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES FOR ADMISSION CLASSES 2015 - 2019

**Academy of Art University**  
Allegheny College  
**American University**  
**Arizona State University**  
Auburn University  
Augustana College  
Babson College  
**Bar-Ilan University, Israel**  
Bard College Berlin  
**Barrett, The Honors College**  
Baruch College of the CUNY  
Baylor University  
**Belmont University**  
Beloit College  
**Benedictine University (IL)**  
Bentley University  
Berklee College of Music  
Binghamton University  
Boston College  
Boston University  
**Bournemouth University, UK**  
**Brandeis University**  
Brigham Young University, Idaho  
Brown University  
Bryant University  
Camberwell College of Arts  
Caldwell University  
California College of the Arts  
California Lutheran University  
California Polytechnic State  
University,  
San Luis Obispo  
Pomona  
California State University,  
Fresno  
Fullerton  
Los Angeles  
Northridge  
Case Western Reserve University  
Camberwell College of Arts  
Central Saint Martins College of  
Art and Design  
**Chapman University**  
**Claremont McKenna College**  
Clark University  
College of Saint Benedict  
Colorado School of Mines  
**Colorado State University**  
Cornell University  
Curry College  
**Denison University**  
**DePaul University**  
Dickinson College  
**Drexel University**  
Duke University  
Earlham College  
Elmhurst College  
Emerson College  
**Emory University,**  
**Scholars Program**  
Florida Institute of Technology  
Fordham University  
Fort Lewis College  
**Georgia Institute of Technology**  
**Gonzaga University**  
**Grand Canyon University**

Harvard University  
Hillsdale College  
**Hofstra University**  
Hong Kong University of Science  
and Technology  
**Illinois Institute of Technology**  
Indiana University at  
Bloomington  
Indiana University, South Bend  
Iowa State University  
Juniata College  
Kalamazoo College  
Kenyon College  
Knox College  
**Lafayette College**  
Lake Forest College  
Lawrence University  
Lewis & Clark College  
Loras College  
Loyola Marymount University  
Luther College  
Lynn University  
Maryland Institute College of Art  
Massachusetts College of  
Pharmacy & Health Sciences  
Menlo College  
Mercyhurst University  
Miami University, Oxford  
Michigan State University  
Mississippi State University  
Mount Holyoke College  
New Jersey Institute of  
Technology  
**New York University**  
**Northeastern University**  
**Northern Arizona University**  
**Nova Southeastern University**  
Occidental College  
**Ohio University**  
Ohio Wesleyan University  
Oregon State University  
**Otis College of Art and Design**  
**Ottawa University, Arizona**  
Pacific Lutheran University  
Pacific University  
Pennsylvania State University  
Abington  
**Harrisburg**  
**University Park**  
**Pepperdine University**  
Pitzer College  
Pomona College  
**Princeton University**  
**Purdue University**  
Quest University, Canada  
Randolph-Macon College  
**Rhode Island School of Design**  
Rice University  
**Rochester Institute of**  
**Technology**  
Rosemont College  
Rutgers University  
Camden  
New Brunswick  
Newark  
Saint Louis University

**San Diego State University**  
San Jose State University  
Santa Clara University  
Savannah College of Art and  
Design  
School of the Art Institute of  
Chicago  
**Seattle Pacific University**  
Seattle University, Honors School  
Seton Hall University  
Siena College  
**Smith College**  
Soka University of America  
Southern Virginia University  
Spring Hill College  
St. Lawrence University  
St. Olaf College  
SUNY Albany  
**Stony Brook University**  
SUNY Buffalo State College  
Swarthmore College  
Syracuse University  
Temple University  
Texas A&M University  
Texas Christian University  
**Texas Tech University**  
The Catholic University of  
America  
The College of Wooster  
The Cooper Union for the  
Advancement of Science & Art  
**The George Washington**  
**University, Honors Program**  
**The Ohio State University**  
The University of Alabama  
**The University of Arizona,**  
**Honors College**  
The University of Iowa  
The University of North Carolina  
at Chapel Hill  
The University of Oklahoma  
**Trinity University**  
Tulane University  
Union College (New York)  
United States Air Force Academy  
**Preparatory School Universidad**  
**Pontificia Comillas de Madrid**  
University at Buffalo, SUNY  
University of Alberta University  
of Brighton  
University of British Columbia  
University of California  
Berkeley  
**Davis**  
Irvine  
**Los Angeles**  
Riverside  
**San Diego**  
Santa Barbara  
**Santa Cruz**  
University of Chicago  
University of Cincinnati  
University of Colorado at Boulder  
University of Colorado at Denver  
University of Connecticut  
University of Dallas

University of Denver  
University of Florida  
University of Hawaii at Manoa  
**University of Houston,**  
**Downtown**  
University of Idaho  
**University of Illinois at**  
**Urbana-Champaign**  
**University of Kansas**  
University of Kentucky  
University of La Verne  
University of Maine  
University of Mary Hardin-Baylor  
University of Maryland,  
College Park  
University of Massachusetts,  
**Amherst**  
**Boston**  
Lowell  
**University of Miami**  
University of Minnesota,  
Twin Cities  
University of Nevada, Reno  
University of New Hampshire at  
Durham  
**University of New Mexico**  
University of North Carolina at  
Charlotte  
University of Northern Colorado  
**University of Oregon,**  
**Honors College**  
University of Pittsburgh  
University of Puget Sound  
**University of Redlands**  
**University of Rochester**  
**University of San Diego**  
University of San Francisco  
**University of Southern California**  
**University of South Dakota**  
University of South Florida  
**University of St. Francis**  
University of Vermont  
University of Virginia  
**University of Washington**  
**University of Wisconsin, Madison**  
University of Wyoming  
Vanderbilt University  
Virginia Commonwealth  
University  
Washington and Jefferson  
College  
Washington State University  
**Washington University in**  
**St. Louis**  
Wayne State University  
Western Washington University  
**Whittier College**  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute  
Youngstown State University

\*Bold indicates Matriculation