

LAUREL SPRINGS SCHOOL

SCHOOL PROFILE

LAUREL SPRINGS SCHOOL is an accredited, online private school for students in kindergarten through twelfth grade, including a Postgraduate Program. Our students are fully supported by qualified, caring teachers and staff, and are connected to a global community of learners. Celebrating more than 30 years, Laurel Springs is the school of choice for the college prep student who wishes to grow and excel academically and personally while maintaining a flexible schedule.

Since 1991, Laurel Springs School has successfully graduated more than 4,500 students and continues to expand its global reach, working with families in more than 100 countries. The school actualizes its mission of honoring each student's unique style of learning by providing a personalized, mastery-based approach to education that nurtures students' academic and personal goals. High college acceptance rates and successful career choices by its students attest to Laurel Springs' ongoing commitment to prepare students for college and for life.

OUR MISSION at Laurel Springs School is to engage global learners in an education that values them as individuals, integrate their passions and pursuits into academic and career pathways, and foster inquiry, growth, mastery, purpose, and independence.

THE ACADEMY at Laurel Springs is a rigorous academic program for scholars who are intellectually curious and driven. Students in grades 6-12 are selected to participate. As a part of Academy programming, students have the opportunity to select advanced courses and engage with like-minded peers in interactive academic and social settings.

THE POSTGRADUATE PROGRAM is available to students following graduation and prior to matriculating. Designed to provide tailored semester and full year academic opportunities and support educational goals, this unique, customizable program helps graduates distinguish themselves academically through cultivating and discovering their passions and acquiring comprehensive tools to better prepare for the transition to postsecondary education.

LAUREL SPRINGS CURRICULUM provides challenging academic courses and diverse elective options, including experiential learning opportunities. Each semester-long College Prep, Honors, and AP course earns a half credit and consists of 20 weeks of work with a minimum of five hours of study per week. 292 of our courses are University of California (UC) a-g approved and 168 of our courses are recognized by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) as meeting its eligibility requirements. Eligible students in grades 11-12, The Academy Upper School, and the Postgraduate Program may also enroll in college-level courses offered through Laurel Springs' **Dual Enrollment** program with select university partners.



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UPPER SCHOOL CURRICULUM

233 College Prep Courses

36 Honors Courses

22 AP Courses

65 World Language Courses

292 UC a-g Approved Courses

168 NCAA Approved Courses



ACCREDITATION

Western Association of Schools
and Colleges (WASC)
Cognia



OUR TEACHERS

264 Teachers

41 States

2 Countries

8 Time Zones



FACULTY EDUCATION

87% Masters' Degrees

13% Doctorate Degrees



GRADING SCALE

LETTER GRADE	NUMERIC GRADE	COLLEGE PREP	HONORS	AP/COLLEGE DUAL ENROLLMENT
A+	96.5-100	4.00	4.50	5.00
A	92.5-96.4	4.00	4.50	5.00
A-	89.5-92.4	3.70	4.20	4.70
B+	86.5-89.4	3.30	3.80	4.30
B	82.5-86.4	3.00	3.50	4.00
B-	79.5-82.4	2.70	3.20	3.70
C+	76.5-79.4	2.30	2.80	3.30
C	72.5-76.4	2.00	2.50	3.00
C-	69.5-72.4	1.70	2.20	2.70
D+	66.5-69.4	1.30	1.80	2.30
D	62.5-66.4	1.00	1.50	2.00
D-	59.5-62.4	.70	1.20	1.70
F	59.4 <	0.00	0.00	0.00

Laurel Springs School does not rank its students.



STUDENT BODY

STUDENTS REPRESENT

50 States
100+ Countries

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

30+ K-12 Clubs

ENROLLMENT STATUS

80% Full-Time
20% Part-Time



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

PRIOR TO THE CLASS OF 2023	CLASS OF 2023 & BEYOND
English 4 Credits	English 4 Credits
Mathematics* 3 Credits	Mathematics* 3 Credits
Science 2 Credits	Science 3 Credits
Social Studies 4 Credits	Social Studies 3 Credits
World Language** 2 Credits	World Language** 2 Credits
Fine Art 1 Credit	Fine Art 1 Credit
Physical Education 2 Credits	Physical Education 2 Credits
Health 0.5 Credits	Health 0.5 Credits
Electives*** 5 Credits	Elective or Additional Fine Art 1 Credit
	Additional Credits*** 4 Credits
Total 23.5 Credits	Total 23.5 Credits

*Must include Algebra 2 or higher level of math

**Must be two years of the same non-native language

***Includes Upper School Seminar courses (0.5 to 2 credits)



ACADEMIC AWARDS & STUDENT OUTCOMES

PSAT/NMSQT AWARDS

Annual Semi-Finalists and Finalists, and National Hispanic Scholars

AP AWARDS

AP Scholars
AP Scholars with Honors
AP Scholars with Distinction

MORE THAN 75% OF STUDENTS

score 3 or higher on AP exams

CLASS OF 2021 OUTCOMES

91% OF STUDENTS

graduating in the Class of 2021 are college-bound

Graduates were offered

ADMISSION TO 76%

of U.S. News & World Report's Top 50 schools

REPORTED SCHOLARSHIPS

Class of 2021 reported **\$17,222,874** in merit scholarships



CLASS OF 2021 AVERAGE SAT/ACT SCORES

	LSS	CA	NATIONAL
SAT Reasoning	615	527	533
SAT Math	601	530	558
ACT Composite	25.4	26.1	20.3



ADVANCED COURSES

ADVANCED COURSES are intended for college-bound students seeking a challenging academic curriculum. Using advanced curricula, teacher support, and hands-on learning opportunities, each student fulfills college entrance requirements while pursuing personal interests and individual goals. Honors, AP, and Dual Enrollment courses emphasize vocabulary development, critical thinking, problem-solving, expository writing, and research.

HONORS COURSE OFFERINGS

HONORS ENGLISH

Drama Literature
English 1
English 2
English 3
English 4
Shakespearean Literature

HONORS MATHEMATICS

Algebra 1
Algebra 2
Geometry
Pre-Calculus

HONORS WORLD LANGUAGE

Arabic 6
ASL 6
Chinese 6
French 6
German 6
Greek 6
Hebrew 6
Italian 6
Japanese 6
Korean 6
Portuguese 6
Russian 6
Spanish 6

HONORS SCIENCE

Biology Chemistry
Earth Science
Human Anatomy & Physiology
Marine Science
Physical Science
Physics 1

HONORS SOCIAL STUDIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES

American Government
American History
Economics
Philosophy & Ethics
World Cultures
World History

AP COURSE OFFERINGS

AP ENGLISH

English Language & Composition
English Literature & Composition

AP MATHEMATICS & COMPUTER SCIENCE

Calculus AB
Calculus BC
Computer Science A
Computer Science Principles
Statistics

AP FINE ARTS

Art History

AP SOCIAL STUDIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES

European History
Human Geography
Macroeconomics
Microeconomics
Psychology
U.S. Government & Politics
U.S. History
World History

AP WORLD LANGUAGES

French Language & Culture
Spanish Language & Culture

AP SCIENCE

Biology
Chemistry
Environmental Science
Physics 1

DUAL ENROLLMENT OFFERINGS

College-level dual enrollment courses vary based on offerings provided by Laurel Springs' university partners.



COLLEGE MATRICULATIONS

This is a partial list of colleges and universities to which Laurel Springs' students matriculated between 2018-2021.

- American University
- Amherst College
- Amsterdam Fashion Institute
- Arizona State University
- Auburn University
- Barnard College
- Baylor University
- Belmont University
- Berklee College of Music
- Binghamton University
- Boston College
- Boston Conservatory at Berklee
- Boston University
- Brandeis University
- Brown University
- Bryn Mawr College
- Bucknell University
- Butler University
- Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Chapman University
- Claremont McKenna College
- Colgate University
- College of Charleston
- College of the Holy Cross
- College of William & Mary
- Colorado College
- Colorado School of Mines
- Colorado State University
- Columbia College Chicago
- Columbia University
- Cornell University
- CSU: Channel Islands, Chico, East Bay, Fresno, Fullerton, Long Beach, Northridge & Sacramento
- Dartmouth College
- DePaul University
- Drexel University
- Duke University
- Elon University
- Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- Emerson College
- Emory University
- FIDM-Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising
- Florida International University
- Florida State University
- Fordham University
- Franklin University Switzerland
- George Washington University
- Georgetown University
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Gonzaga University
- Harvard University
- High Point University
- Hofstra University
- Hunter College
- IE University
- Indiana University
- ISC Paris Business School
- Ithaca College
- Jacobs University Bremen
- James Madison University
- Johns Hopkins University
- Keio University
- King's College London
- Lehigh University
- Louisiana State University
- Loyola Marymount University
- Macalester College
- McGill University
- Miami University
- Middlebury College
- Montana State University
- New England Conservatory of Music
- New York University
- North Carolina State University
- Northeastern University
- Northwestern University
- Oberlin College
- Ohio State University
- Oregon State University
- Otis College of Art and Design
- Pace University
- Pennsylvania State University
- Pepperdine University
- Point Park University
- Pomona College
- Princeton University
- Purdue University
- Queen's University
- Quinnipiac University
- Reed College
- Rice University
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- Royal Holloway University of London
- Rutgers University
- San Diego State University
- San Francisco Conservatory of Music
- San Jose State University
- Sarah Lawrence College
- Savannah College of Art and Design
- School of Visual Arts
- Scripps College
- Sewanee: The University of the South
- Skidmore College
- Smith College
- Sophia University
- Southern Methodist University
- Stanford University
- Stellenbosch University
- Suffolk University
- Swarthmore College
- Syracuse University
- Texas A&M University
- Texas Christian University
- Texas Tech University
- The American University of Paris
- The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- The Citadel
- The Juilliard School
- The New School
- Tufts University
- Tulane University
- United States Air Force Academy
- United States Naval Academy
- University College London
- University of Alabama
- University of Arizona
- University of Bristol
- University of British Columbia
- University of California, All Campuses
- University of Central Florida
- University of Colorado
- University of Connecticut
- University of Debrecen
- University of Delaware
- University of Denver
- University of Florida
- University of Georgia
- University of Greenwich
- University of Hawaii
- University of Iowa
- University of Kentucky
- University of Massachusetts
- University of Miami
- University of Michigan
- University of North Carolina
- University of North Carolina School of the Arts
- University of Notre Dame
- University of Oklahoma
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Rochester
- University of San Diego
- University of San Francisco
- University of Sheffield
- University of South Carolina
- University of South Florida
- University of Southern California
- University of St. Andrews
- University of Sydney
- University of Tampa
- University of Tennessee
- University of Texas
- University of Toronto
- University of Utah
- University of Vermont
- University of Virginia
- University of Waikato
- University of Washington
- University of Westminster
- University of Wisconsin
- Vanderbilt University
- Vassar College
- Virginia Tech
- Wake Forest University
- Washington State University
- Washington University in St. Louis
- Wellesley College
- Wesleyan University
- Whitman College
- Williams College
- Yale University