

SCHOOL PROFILE



Leadership

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Mission Statement

Laurel Springs School's mission 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.



About the School

For more than 30 years, Laurel Springs School has pioneered excellence in online K-12 education. As an accredited online private school for K-12 students and postgraduates, our students are individually challenged and supported by qualified, passionate teachers and staff. Since 1991, Laurel Springs School has successfully graduated more than 5,500 students and continues to expand its global reach, working with families in more than 100 countries.



Programs at Laurel Springs

- Lower School
- Middle School
- Upper School
- The Academy at Laurel Springs
- AP Capstone Diploma™
- Dual Enrollment
- Gap Year Program
- Summer Program



The Academy at Laurel Springs

The Academy at Laurel Springs is an academic program for intellectually curious scholars in grades 6-12 who are driven by a passion for learning. This selective college-prep program is designed to inspire and challenge students, preparing them and their like-minded peers to meet their personal and academic goals in higher education, future career plans, and beyond.



Dual Enrollment

Eligible Upper School Laurel Springs' students have the opportunity to participate in the dual enrollment program through partnerships with Baylor University and Syracuse University.



The Gap Year Program

The Gap Year Program at Laurel Springs offers recent graduates the opportunity to infuse the transitional time between high school and college with purpose. This fully-customizable program is designed for students who wish to distinguish themselves academically, discover and nurture their passions, or acquire comprehensive tools to better prepare for higher education.



Student Body

3,213	2022 Total Enrollment (at time of affidavit)
625	Class of 2024 Graduating Seniors
80%	Full-Time Students
20%	Part-Time Students
50	U.S. States Represented
100+	International Countries Represented

Student Life

Laurel Springs' vibrant social community offers 30+ clubs, supervised hangouts, monthly in-person and virtual field trips and meet-ups, and travel learning opportunities. Additionally, Laurel Springs students are able to participate in academic competitions such as Academic Decathlon, Future City and more.

Academic Awards & Student Outcomes

Our students are recognized for achieving high levels of academic success and demonstrate college readiness.

PSAT/NMSQT AWARDS




Annual Semi-Finalists and Finalists and National Recognition Program Awardees

AP® AWARDS

- AP Scholar
- AP Scholar with Honors
- AP Scholar with Distinction

86% of students score 3 or higher on AP exams

Class of 2023 Outcomes

 <p>91%</p> <p>of students graduating in the Class of 2023 are college-bound</p>	 <p>77%</p> <p>of our Class of 2023 graduates who applied to college were offered admission to their first-choice school</p>	 <p>\$10.2M +</p> <p>in Reported Scholarships. The Average scholarship total per Class of 2023 graduate was more than \$95k per student.</p>
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Class of 2023 Average SAT/ACT Scores

	Laurel Springs	California	U.S.
SAT Reasoning	623	546	520
SAT Math	597	536	508
ACT Composite	25	25.7	19.5

Teaching Staff

Laurel Springs has 180 educators on staff, handpicked for their profound expertise in their respective academic fields and their adeptness at online teaching. A majority hold master's degrees or higher qualifications. They hail from across the United States and various international countries.

Laurel Springs School Curriculum

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. We provide challenging academic courses and diverse elective options, including experiential and social-emotional learning opportunities. Each semester-long College Prep, Honors, and AP course delivers a half credit and consists of 20 weeks of work with a minimum of five study hours per week. Eligible students enrolled in grades 11-12, The Academy Upper School, and The Gap Year Program may also enroll in college-level courses offered through Laurel Springs' Dual Enrollment program with select university partners.

Upper School Curriculum

233	College Prep Courses
36	Honors Courses
24	AP Courses
86	World Language Courses
309	UC a-g Approved Courses
169	NCAA Approved Courses



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	0.70	1.20	1.70
F	4 59.4	0.00	0.00	0.00

Laurel Springs School does not rank its students.

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 Credit	Health 0.5 Credit
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 year of the same non-native language

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

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 Social Studies & Social Sciences •

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

Honors Mathematics

- Algebra 1
- Algebra 2
- Geometry
- Pre-Calculus

Honors Science

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

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

AP® Course Offerings

AP Capstone Diploma™ Program

- AP Seminar
- AP Research (beginning in fall 2023)

AP English

- English Language & Composition
- English Literature & Composition

AP Fine Arts

- Art History

AP Mathematics & Computer Science

- Calculus AB
- Calculus BC
- Computer Science A
- Computer Science Principles
- Statistics

AP Science

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Environmental Science
- Physics 1

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





College Matriculations

Each year, Laurel Springs students are accepted for admission at more than 500 colleges and universities around the world. Below is a partial list of colleges and universities to which Laurel Springs' students enrolled from 2020 through 2023.

- American University (4)
- Amherst College (2)
- Amsterdam Fashion Institute
- Arizona State University (22)
- Auburn University (11)
- Babson College (3)
- Bard College (3)
- Bates College
- Baylor University (13)
- Belmont University (8)
- Berklee College of Music (7)
- Boston College (2)
- Boston Conservatory at Berklee (4)
- Boston University (7)
- Brandeis University (2)
- Brown University (8)
- Bucknell University (3)
- California Institute of Technology
- California Polytechnic State University, All Campuses (9)
- California State University: Channel Islands (1), Chico (1), East Bay (1), Fresno (2), Fullerton (1), Long Beach (5), Monterey Bay (1), Northridge (3), Sacramento (2)
- Carnegie Mellon University (6)
- Chapman University (9)
- Claremont McKenna College
- Clark University (4)
- Colgate University
- College of Charleston (7)
- Colorado School of Mines (3)
- Colorado State University (5)
- Columbia University (8)
- Cornell University (13)
- CUNY Hunter College
- Dartmouth College (2)
- Davidson College
- Denison University (3)
- Dickinson College
- Drexel University
- Duke University (10)
- Elon University (9)
- Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (7)
- Emerson College (3)
- Emory University
- ESSEC Business School
- Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising (2)
- Fashion Institute of Technology
- Florida State University (4)
- Fordham University (10)
- George Washington University (5)
- Georgetown University (3)
- Georgia Institute of Technology (4)
- Hamilton University
- Harvard University (5)
- Harvey Mudd College
- Hobart William Smith Colleges
- Hofstra University (3)
- Howard University (5)
- IE University (3)
- Indiana University-Bloomington (10)
- Ithaca College (2)
- James Madison University (3)
- Johns Hopkins University
- Keio University
- Lafayette College (2)
- Lehigh University (2)
- London Contemporary Dance School
- Loyola Marymount University (8)
- Macalester College
- Manhattan School of Music
- McGill University (2)
- Miami University (3)
- Montana State University (4)
- New York School of Interior Design
- New York University (33)
- North Carolina State University (7)
- Northeastern University (10)
- Northwestern University (3)
- Oberlin College
- Occidental College
- Ohio State University (6)
- Oregon State University (5)
- Otis College of Art and Design (2)
- Pace University (6)
- Pennsylvania State University (15)
- Pepperdine University (8)
- Point Park University (2)
- Polimoda International Institute of Design and Marketing
- Pomona College
- Princeton University (6)
- Purdue University (7)
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Rice University (2)
- Rollins College (2)
- Rutgers University (2)
- San Diego State University (7)
- San Francisco State University (2)
- San Jose State University (3)
- Santa Clara University (4)
- Sarah Lawrence College
- Savannah College of Art & Design (11)
- Skidmore College (3)
- Smith College (2)
- Sonoma State University
- Sophia University (2)
- Southern Methodist University (9)
- Southwestern University (4)
- Stanford University (28)
- Stellenbosch University
- Stevens Institute of Technology
- Stony Brook University (3)
- Suffolk University
- SUNY at Purchase College
- Swarthmore College
- Syracuse University (3)
- Texas A&M University (11)
- Texas Christian University (12)
- Texas Tech University (2)
- The American College of Greece
- The American University of Paris (2)
- The Juilliard School (3)
- The New England Conservatory of Music
- The New School (8)
- The University of the South (3)
- Toronto Metropolitan University (2)
- Trinity College Dublin
- Tsinghua University
- Tufts University
- Tulane University (3)
- United States Coast Guard Academy (2)
- United States Military Academy
- United States Naval Academy
- Universidad de Navarra
- University of Alabama (9)
- University of Arizona (14)
- University of British Columbia (5)
- University of California: Berkeley (17), Davis (8), Irvine (7), Los Angeles (18), Merced (2), Riverside (5), San Diego (9), Santa Barbara (5), Santa Cruz (8)
- University of Central Florida
- University of Chicago (2)
- University of Colorado (10)
- University of Connecticut (4)
- University of Debrecen
- University of Delaware (2)
- University of Denver (6)
- University of Edinburgh
- University of Florida (4)
- University of Georgia (8)
- University of Hawaii at Manoa (3)
- University of Iowa (6)
- University of Kentucky (4)
- University of Maryland (5)
- University of Massachusetts (4)
- University of Miami (13)
- University of Michigan (5)
- University of New Mexico (4)
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (12)
- University of Notre Dame (2)
- University of Pennsylvania (4)
- University of Richmond
- University of San Diego (4)
- University of San Francisco (3)
- University of Sheffield (2)
- University of South Carolina (1-)
- University of South Florida (2)
- University of Southern California (9)
- University of Tampa (2)
- University of Tennessee (6)
- University of Texas (13)
- University of the Bahamas
- University of Toronto (3)
- University of Utah (8)
- University of Vermont (5)
- University of Virginia (6)
- University of Washington (8)
- University of Westminster (2)
- University of Wisconsin-Madison (5)
- Vanderbilt University
- Vassar College (4)
- Villanova University
- Virginia Tech (10)
- Wake Forest University (3)
- Washington University in St Louis (2)
- Wesleyan University
- William & Mary (8)
- Williams College
- Yale University (2)

