

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 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 4,000 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 microcourses and experiential learning opportunities. Each semester-long College Prep, Honors, and AP course earns a 0.5 credit and consists of 20 weeks of work with a minimum of 5 hours of study per week. 234 of our courses are University of California (UC) a-g approved and 93 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

25 Honors Courses

22 AP Courses

65 World Language Courses

234 UC a-g Approved Courses

93 NCAA Approved Courses



ACCREDITATION

Western Association of Schools
and Colleges (WASC)
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OUR TEACHERS

225 Teachers

40 States

2 Countries

9 Time Zones



FACULTY EDUCATION

88% Masters' Degrees

12% 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 4.0 Credits	English 4.0 Credits
Mathematics* 3.0 Credits	Mathematics* 3.0 Credits
Science 2.0 Credits	Science 3.0 Credits
Social Studies 4.0 Credits	Social Studies 3.0 Credits
World Language** 2.0 Credits	World Language** 2.0 Credits
Fine Art 1.0 Credit	Fine Art 1.0 Credit
Physical Education 2.0 Credits	Physical Education 2.0 Credits
Health 0.5 Credits	Health 0.5 Credits
Electives*** 5.0 Credits	Elective or Additional Fine Art 1.0 Credit
	Additional Credits*** 4.0 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 2.0 credits)



ACADEMIC AWARDS

STUDENT ACCOLADES

U.S. Presidential Scholars Program: Candidates, Semi-Finalist, and Finalist
High School Academic All-American
AJGA Scholastic Junior All-American

PSAT/NMSQT AWARDS

National Merit Scholarship Program; Annual Semi-Finalists, Finalists, and National Hispanic Scholars

AP AWARDS

AP Scholars
AP Scholars with Honors
AP Scholars with Distinction
National AP Scholars

OVER 75% OF STUDENTS score 3 or higher on AP exams

LSS IS IN THE TOP 10% GLOBALLY

for students scoring a 3 or higher on AP exams

REPORTED SCHOLARSHIPS

Class of 2020 reported **\$12,236,882** in merit scholarships



CLASS OF 2020 AVERAGE SAT/ACT SCORES

	LSS	CA	NATIONAL
SAT Reasoning	609	527	528
SAT Math	574	522	523
ACT Composite	24.8	23.3	20.6



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

English Fundamentals
World Literature
American Literature
British Literature
Shakespearean Literature
Drama Literature

HONORS MATHEMATICS

Algebra 1
Geometry
Algebra 2
Pre-Calculus

HONORS SCIENCE

Earth Science
Physical Science
Biology
Chemistry
Physics
Marine Science
Anatomy and Physiology

HONORS SOCIAL STUDIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES

World Cultures
World History
American History
Government
Economics
Philosophy and Ethics

HONORS WORLD LANGUAGE

Spanish 6

AP COURSE OFFERINGS

AP ENGLISH

English Language and Composition
English Literature and 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 and Politics
U.S. History
World History

AP WORLD LANGUAGES

French Language and Culture
Spanish Language and 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 have matriculated between 2018-2020.

- American University
- Amherst College
- Arizona State University
- Auburn University
- Barnard College
- Baylor University
- Belmont University
- Berklee College of Music
- Boston College
- Boston University
- Brandeis University
- Brown University
- Bryn Mawr College
- Bucknell University
- Butler University
- CSU: Fresno, Long Beach, & Sacramento
- 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
- Dartmouth College
- Drexel University
- Duke University
- Elon University
- Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- Emerson College
- Emory University
- Florida International University
- Florida State University
- Franklin University Switzerland
- George Washington University
- Georgetown University
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Gonzaga University
- Harvard University
- Hawaii Pacific University
- High Point University
- Hunter College
- Indiana University
- ISC Paris Business School
- Jacobs University Bremen
- James Madison University
- Johns Hopkins University
- King's College London
- Lehigh University
- Louisiana State University
- Loyola Marymount University
- Macalester College
- McGill University
- Miami University
- Middlebury College
- New England Conservatory of Music
- New York Film Academy
- New York University
- North Carolina State University
- Northeastern University
- Northwestern University
- Ohio State University
- Oregon State University
- Otis College of Art & 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 Francisco Conservatory of Music
- San Diego State University
- San Jose State University
- Savannah College of Art & Design
- School of Visual Arts
- Scripps College
- Sewanee: The University of the South
- Skidmore College
- Smith College
- Southern Methodist University
- Stanford University
- Suffolk University
- SUNY Albany
- SUNY Binghamton
- 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
- U.S. Air Force Academy
- U.S. Naval Academy
- University College London
- University of Alabama
- University of Arizona
- University of British Columbia
- UC: Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Diego, Santa Barbara, & Santa Cruz
- University of Central Florida
- University of Colorado
- University of Connecticut
- University of Delaware
- University of Edinburgh
- University of Florida
- University of Georgia
- University of Hawaii
- University of Kentucky
- University of Miami
- University of Michigan
- University of Mississippi
- 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 South Carolina
- University of South Florida
- University of Southern California
- University of St Andrews
- University of Sydney
- 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 Wisconsin
- Vanderbilt University
- Virginia Tech
- Wake Forest University
- Washington State University
- Wellesley College
- Wesleyan University
- Wheaton College
- Whitman College
- Williams College
- Yale University