

LAUREL SPRINGS SCHOOL

SCHOOL PROFILE

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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.

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.

Laurel Springs was the first school to offer the **Minerva Baccalaureate** (MBacc) in partnership with the Minerva Project. This transformational program, available to Academy students beginning in grade 9, builds upon contemporary Upper School curricula, exploring topics through an open-ended approach to problem-solving, allowing students to investigate the connections between fields of knowledge. Students complete self-paced coursework, while engaging in live daily, peer-based class time.

Additionally, Academy Upper School students may participate in the **Distinguished Scholars Program**, completing a minimum of six dual enrollment courses offered through Laurel Springs' select university partners. These high-level courses promote discussion, debate, and collaborative problem-solving across live weekly sessions.

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.

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.



LEADERSHIP

Head of School

Megan O'Reilly Palevich, M.Ed.

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Jane Ferris, Ed.D.

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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)
Cognia



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 (including MBacc*), AP, and Distinguished Scholars 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

HONORS ELECTIVE

Quantitative Thinking*

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 WORLD LANGUAGES

French Language and Culture
Spanish Language and Culture

AP SOCIAL STUDIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES

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

AP SCIENCE

Biology
Chemistry
Environmental Science
Physics 1

DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARS 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	Lehigh University	Tulane University
Amherst College	Louisiana State University	U.S. Air Force Academy
Arizona State University	Loyola Marymount University	U.S. Naval Academy
Auburn University	Macalester College	University College London
Barnard College	McGill University	University of Alabama
Baylor University	Miami University	University of Arizona
Belmont University	Middlebury College	University of British Columbia
Berklee College of Music	New England Conservatory of Music	UC: Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Diego, Santa Barbara, & Santa Cruz
Boston College	New York Film Academy	University of Central Florida
Boston University	New York University	University of Colorado
Brandeis University	North Carolina State University	University of Connecticut
Brown University	Northeastern University	University of Delaware
Bryn Mawr College	Northwestern University	University of Denver
Bucknell University	Ohio State University	University of Florida
Butler University	Oregon State University	University of Georgia
CSU: Fresno, Long Beach, & Sacramento	Otis College of Art & Design	University of Hawaii
Carnegie Mellon University	Pace University	University of Kentucky
Chapman University	Pennsylvania State University	University of Miami
Claremont McKenna College	Pepperdine University	University of Michigan
Colgate University	Point Park University	University of Mississippi
College of Charleston	Pomona College	University of North Carolina
College of the Holy Cross	Princeton University	University of North Carolina School of the Arts
College of William & Mary	Purdue University	University of Notre Dame
Colorado College	Queen's University	University of Oklahoma
Colorado School of Mines	Quinnipiac University	University of Pennsylvania
Colorado State University	Reed College	University of Rochester
Columbia College Chicago	Rice University	University of San Diego
Columbia University	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of San Francisco
Cornell University	Royal Holloway University of London	University of South Carolina
Dartmouth College	Rutgers University	University of South Florida
Drexel University	San Francisco Conservatory of Music	University of Southern California
Duke University	San Diego State University	University of Sydney
Elon University	San Jose State University	University of Tampa
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Savannah College of Art & Design	University of Tennessee
Emerson College	School of Visual Arts	University of Texas
Emory University	Scripps College	University of Toronto
Florida International University	Sewanee: The University of the South	University of Utah
Florida State University	Skidmore College	University of Vermont
Franklin University Switzerland	Smith College	University of Virginia
George Washington University	Southern Methodist University	University of Waikato
Georgetown University	Stanford University	University of Washington
Georgia Institute of Technology	Suffolk University	University of Wisconsin
Gonzaga University	SUNY Albany	Vanderbilt University
Harvard University	SUNY Binghamton	Virginia Tech
Hawaii Pacific University	Texas A&M University	Wake Forest University
High Point University	Texas Christian University	Washington State University
Hunter College	Texas Tech University	Wellesley College
Indiana University	The American University of Paris	Wesleyan University
ISC Paris Business School	The Chinese University of Hong Kong	Wheaton College
Jacobs University Bremen	The Citadel	Whitman College
James Madison University	The Juilliard School	Williams College
Johns Hopkins University	The New School	Yale University
King's College London	Tufts University	