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School and Community Description

Fairview High School (FHS) is located in Boulder, Colorado, home of the University of Colorado. Boulder is a scholarly community of 105,000 residents dedicated to education, technology, the arts and recreation. FHS, established in 1960, is a comprehensive four-year public high school with a rich tradition of providing students a rigorous academic program. This is accomplished under the guidance of 120 faculty members, averaging 14 years of teaching experience with 79 masters' and 7 doctoral degrees. Our curriculum is designed to challenge the potential of each student and includes a college preparatory curriculum, and an advanced level curriculum (weighted); details below. FHS also has an extensive program for students with special learning needs.

Fairview is the only IB school in Colorado (of 32) continuously awarded U.S. News' highest ranking (Gold) since the inception of the ranking system. FHS was ranked by the Washington Post as the 4th Best Challenging High School in Colorado and 304th (top 2%) in the nation for 2015.

Students who graduate from FHS are prepared to be highly successful in a globally competitive society. They are accomplished academically and also excel in sports, music and the arts. Our school is home to 25 varsity sports, 8 choirs, 5 bands, 2 orchestras, multiple theater productions and more than 50 clubs. Students routinely win awards and state championships in athletic, artistic and scholarly competitions. At the national level, our students have been selected as U.S. Presidential Scholars and have won titles at the Intel Science Talent Search and National History Day competitions.

Covid-19 Update

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, Fairview High School has been impacted in terms of the delivery of our curriculum, Spring 2019 grading systems, transcripts and scheduling. Our school has adopted a remote learning platform since last March and we are following a quarter system for the Fall semester. However, FHS remains committed to retaining a high quality of education for all students during this unpredictable time. Please refer to the School Information section on Naviance or our school website for additional information.

Enrollment

Boulder Valley School District (BVSD):	30,000 students
FHS Student Body 2020-2021:	2,050 students
FHS Class of 2021:	537 students

Demographics

White:	71%	Asian:	9%	Black:	1%
Hispanic:	11%	Multi-Ethnic:	7%	Other:	1%

* Self-Reported Ethnicities

Students in Free and/or Reduced Lunch Program: 10%

Curriculum

Overview

FHS offers both a college preparatory curriculum and an advanced (weighted) level curriculum that consists of Pre IB, IB, AP, and additional advanced courses. Enrollment in all programs is open to all students.

Advanced (Weighted) Curriculum

IB, AP, and Additional Advanced Courses:

FHS has intentionally woven together the best of the IB and the AP curricula, to create a highly enriched, advanced (weighted) curriculum. Students can choose to pursue the IB diploma, IB certificates in specific subjects and/or AP courses.

Because of the FHS IB/AP curriculum, completion of an IB class may also prepare students for AP tests in the subject without having taken a specific AP course for that subject. For example, a student who completes IB Economics could take the IB Economics SL exam and both the AP Microeconomics and AP Macroeconomics exams. Likewise, upon completion of IB Chemistry 2 SL, students are prepared to take both the IB and AP exam in Chemistry.

BVSD Pre IB (PIB) Courses:

This is a term specific to the Boulder Valley School District (BVSD) and denotes advanced (weighted) level courses in grades 9-10 that prepare students for IB and AP courses in grades 11-12. A PIB course goes beyond the curriculum expectations of a standard college preparatory course by increasing the depth and complexity of the subject. Students in PIB courses are engaged in dynamic, high-level learning, and the pace of the course is more accelerated than that of a standard college preparatory course.

Advanced (Weighted) Curriculum

17 PIB, 18 IB, 12 IB/AP, 8 AP, and 8 Advanced Courses

Language Arts

BVSD PIB Language Arts Gr 9
BVSD PIB Language Arts Gr 10
AP English Language & Comp
IB Language Arts Gr 11
AP English Literature & Comp
IB Language Arts HL Gr 12

Social Sciences

BVSD PIB Geography
BVSD PIB Government
BVSD PIB/AP US History *
AP United States History
IB World History
IB Knowledge
IB/AP Economics SL
IB World History HL Americas

Computer Science

AP Computer Science Principles
IB/AP Computer Science

Business

IB Business & Management

Mathematics

BVSD PIB Geometry Honors
Algebra 2 Advanced
BVSD PIB Algebra 2 & 3
Pre-Calculus Advanced
IB/AP Elementary Functions
IB/AP Calculus 1
AP Calculus AB
IB Math SL
AP Calculus BC
AP Statistics
IB Math HL
Calculus 2 (Further Single
Variable Topics)
Calculus 3 (Multivariable)

Science

BVSD PIB Chemistry/Physics 1
BVSD PIB Biology 1
IB Chemistry 1
HS Physics Advanced
IB Physics 1
IB/AP Environmental Science
IB/AP Biology 2 HL
IB/AP Biochemistry HL
IB/AP Chemistry 2
IB/AP Physics 2
Research Seminar in Science

World Languages

BVSD PIB Spanish 2
BVSD PIB Spanish 3
Spanish 4
IB Spanish 4
IB/AP Spanish 5 HL
BVSD PIB French 2
BVSD PIB French 3
IB French 4
IB/AP French 5 HL
BVSD PIB Latin 2
BVSD PIB Latin 3
Latin 4
IB Latin 4
AP Latin 5
IB Latin 5 HL

Film/Art

IB Visual Arts SL/HL
IB Film SL
IB Film HL

* AP US History Exam and National History Day participation required

Graduation Requirements

In the Boulder Valley School District a student must successfully complete a minimum of 220 credits in grades 9-12, and 100 of these credits must be earned in grades 11-12. Ten credits are equivalent to one full year of study in a specific subject. Completion of coursework in Money Management and Personal Finance is also required.

Language Arts	40 credits	Physical Ed	15 credits
Social Studies	30 credits	Health	5 credits
Math	30 credits	Fine Arts	5 credits
Science	20 credits	Practical Arts	5 credits
World Language	10 credits	Electives	75 credits

Academic Year and Schedule

Fairview is on a 2-semester system with an 8-period day, and a semi-block schedule is used on Wednesday and Thursday.

GPA / Class Rank

- FHS offers both unweighted (max of 4.0 GPA value) and weighted (max of 5.0 GPA value) courses.
- Weighted courses consist of PIB, IB, AP, and additional advanced courses.
- All courses in grades 9-12 with a letter grade of A-F are used in computing the student's GPA.
- The GPA that appears on the transcript is weighted (BVSD policy) and calculated based on the average of the grades from all unweighted and weighted courses.
- It is important to note that many electives taken by FHS students for personal interest and challenge are not weighted; even a high grade in these classes may lower a student's weighted GPA.
- Class rank is not reported per BVSD policy.

Class of 2019	Weighted	Unweighted
Highest GPA	4.90	4.0
Average GPA	3.962	3.58

AP and IB Program Results

Traditionally over 80% of FHS seniors take AP and/or IB courses. Approximately 15% of FHS seniors are IB diploma candidates, and over 95% of these students successfully complete the IB diploma.

AP STATISTICS

Class of	Students Taking AP Exams	Total Exams Taken	AP Subjects Offered by FHS	AP Scholars Overall*
2017	755	1,264	18	223
2018	729	1,250	23	239
2019	754	1,393	21	231

* Represents total of all levels including AP Scholar with Honor, AP Scholar with Distinction and AP National Scholar.

IB STATISTICS

Class of	Students Taking Exams	IB Subjects Offered by FHS	IB Diploma Candidates	Earned IB Diploma	Highest Points (Diploma)
2017	266	23	48	44	41
2018	346	28	61	58	44
2019	248	25	56	56	44

National Merit Program Results

Fairview has a long tradition of producing National Merit Scholars, with approximately 5% of each class becoming National Merit Finalists.

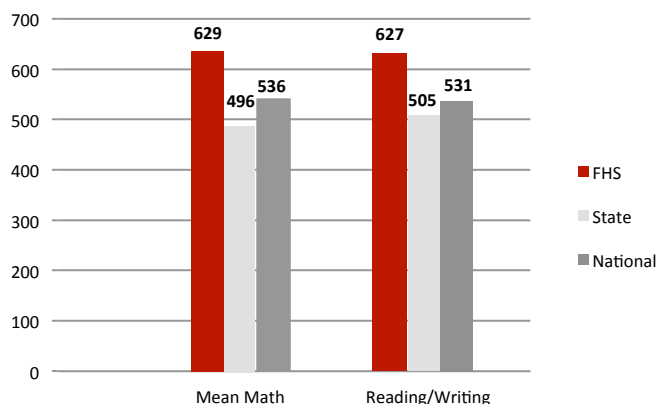
NATIONAL MERIT STATISTICS

Class of	Class Size	Commended	Semi-Finalists	Finalists
2018	550	29 (5.3%)	22 (4.0%)	20 (3.6%)
2019	554	53 (9.6%)	16 (2.9%)	16 (2.9%)
2020	540	TBD	28 (2.9%)	TBD

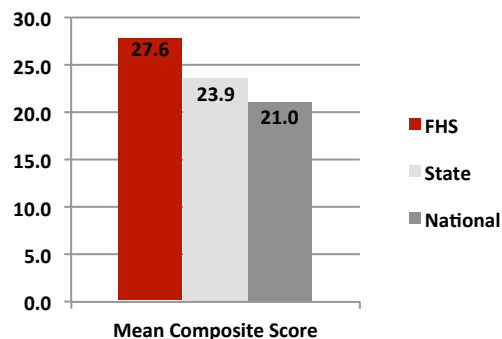
SAT® I and ACT Results

Fairview students achieve SAT and ACT scores well above the state and national averages.

CLASS OF 2019 SAT STATISTICS



CLASS OF 2019 ACT STATISTICS



FHS College Statistics*

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Number of colleges where FHS seniors received acceptance	300
Number of colleges attended in US, Canada & UK	130
Percent of students attending	
4-year colleges	85%
2-year colleges	7%
In state colleges	55%
Out of state colleges	45%

* Table does not reflect students who enlist in the military, take a gap year, or attend vocational institutions.

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COVID_19 Updates

Fairview High School has made the following updates due to COVID-19. In the spring semester of 2020, Fairview High School went to a remote learning program beginning in mid-March through the end of the year, May 21, 2020. During that time, students were expected to continue working on their course work through remote instruction, but teachers were limited to giving them instruction/assignments that would take them no more than 30 minutes to complete. Students were granted a default letter grade, but were also given more freedom to elect a grade of a "P" or Pass. This means that they earned credit in the class. Some students also earned an "NG," No Grade, if they were failing a class prior to entering remote learning and did not participate during remote learning. Additionally, the state-sponsored SAT for the class of 2021 was canceled due to COVID-19. This is a test that most of our juniors rely on to use for their college admissions, and many of our students have still not had the opportunity to take college admissions tests due to limited availability in our regional area.

Fairview High School continues to provide education in a remote setting for the Fall of 2020 with the possibility of returning to hybrid or in-person learning. The schedule has been amended to a quarter system during which students can take 3 classes in 90 minute block periods, which are offered Tuesday - Friday, with asynchronous learning on Mondays. At the end of Quarter 1 (October 16th), students will have completed a full semester of coursework. Quarter 2 classes begin on October 19th and will mirror the structure of Quarter 1 classes. There are 21 classes (choirs, bands, orchestras, journalism, yearbook, newspaper, student council, and support classes) offered during our 4th period block, that last for 45 minutes and continue for the entire semester. At the end of the semester, we anticipate that all full-time students will have earned a minimum of 25 credits (completion of 5 semester-long courses) and up to 40 credits (completing 8 semester long classes, these cases will be rare). The majority of students will have completed 30 credits this semester and about 25-30% will have completed 35 credits.

Fairview High School has not yet decided what the semester 2 schedule will be; it will depend on district protocols concerning COVID-19. It is possible we will be back to our normal modified block schedule and in-person classes as described on our school profile, or that we would continue in some version of a Quarter system with remote, hybrid, or in-person learning. Please feel free to reach out to the counseling office, if you have any questions or need additional information.