



# Roland Park Country School

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Founded in 1894, RPCS is an independent day school for girls in kindergarten through grade twelve. The school is located in Roland Park, a residential neighborhood in northern Baltimore City, on a 21-acre campus. The college preparatory curriculum emphasizes the intellectual, aesthetic, physical and moral development of the students. RPCS welcomes applicants of all races, religions and ethnic origins and does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, sexual orientation or ethnic origins in the administration of its policies and programs. RPCS is accredited by the Association of Independent Maryland Schools and is a member of the National Association of Independent Schools. The School is the first girls' school in Maryland to be awarded a chapter in the Cum Laude Society.

### ENROLLMENT and FACULTY

Total: 595  
 Upper School: 274  
 Senior Class: 80

Upper School Faculty: 48 (83% hold post-bachelor's degrees)  
 Upper School Student/Faculty Ratio: 6:1

### PHILOSOPHY

Roland Park Country School, a college preparatory school for girls, is dedicated to the intellectual and moral development of its students. We cultivate creativity, independence of thought, tenacity of purpose, self-discipline, and emotional, physical, and spiritual well-being. We maintain high academic standards, uphold tradition, and promote innovation. We nurture a cooperative, resilient spirit within an atmosphere of mutual trust and respect. In a diverse, inclusive, and joyful community, Roland Park Country School strives to instill in its students a lifelong love of learning, as well as the responsibility to look within and beyond themselves to contribute to and serve as stewards and leaders of their communities.

## SCHOOL PROFILE 2021 - 2022

### ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS and CURRICULUM

RPCS offers a rigorous college preparatory curriculum. The standard and expected academic load of every student is five "major" courses each year. To satisfy graduation requirements, a student must complete:

English - 4 years  
 Math - 4 years (minimum of Precalculus)  
 Laboratory Science - 3 years (to include Physics, Chemistry and Biology)  
 History - 3 years (to include None-Western World, European and United States)  
 Foreign Language - 3 years of the same language

Courses in art, music, theater and physical education are also required.

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

RPCS places emphasis on the developmental ideals associated with helping others. Every student is required to devote a minimum of 60 hours to community service, 40 of which must be at one location. Due to COVID-19, this requirement was adjusted to 30 total hours.

### STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Leadership positions are limited to as follows: In any one year, a student may be the sole President of one or more organizations and Co-President of two. In addition, a student may repeat as class President only from junior year into senior year.

### COVID-19 RESPONSE

RPCS closed campus and moved to distance learning March 2020 through the end of the school year. Courses continued with the same level of rigor through virtual engagement and students continued to earn numerical grades.

### SCHEDULE

Prior to 2020- 2021: 10-day cycle  
 1 Credit: 80 minutes, 5/10 days, full year  
 0.5 Credit: 80 minutes, 5/10, one semester  
 0.25 Credit: 200 minutes, one semester

### 2020 - 2022: weekly cycle

1 Credit: 80 minutes, every other day, full year  
 0.5 Credit: 80 minutes, every other day, one semester  
 0.25 Credit: 100 minutes, one semester

### GRADING:

A	100-90
B	89-80
C	79-70
D	69-65
F	Below 65

Honor roll recognizes students who have attained an average of 87% or higher.

### CLASS OF 2021 CUMULATIVE GPA:

Grades are weighted with an additional five points given to AP, four points for Honors and three points for Accelerated Classes.

Full Range of Class: 100.19-79.42  
 Mean: 91.84

### CLASS RANK

Roland Park Country School policy prohibits specific ranking; therefore we use no form of class rank.

### MOST ADVANCED COURSE OFFERINGS:

In addition to standard College Preparatory (CP) sections, our curriculum offers Accelerated (A), Honors (H) and Advanced Placement (AP) sections as follows:

	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
English	H	H	CP	AP
Foreign Language	H	H	AP	AP
Mathematics	A, H	A, H	A, H	H, AP
History	H	AP	AP	H, AP
Science	H	H	H	AP

• **ADVANCED PLACEMENT:** In 2021, 140 students sat for 243 AP examinations. Advanced Placement courses are offered in the following:

- Biology
- English Literature
- Physics
- AB and BC Calculus
- Environmental Science
- Psychology
- Chemistry
- European History
- Spanish Language
- Chinese Language
- French Language
- Spanish Literature
- Comparative Government
- Government
- Statistics
- Computer Science A
- History of Art
- Studio Art
- Computer Science Principles
- Latin
- US History
- Economics
- Photography

• Students are limited to taking no more than three AP classes a year without permission from the Upper School Head.

AP Scholars

27

AP Scholars with Honors

5

AP Scholars with Distinction

13

## CLASS OF 2021

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Roland Park students did not have access to a traditional offering of standardized testing opportunities during the 2020 -2021 school year. Due to this abnormality, the testing averages available are not representative of a normal testing cycle. Please contact RPCS College Counseling if you would like more information.

### THE INTEGRATED MATH PROGRAM:

The Integrated Math Program at Roland Park Country School is a three year sequence intended to prepare students to study college-level mathematics as seniors. The sequence provides learning experiences equivalent to traditional courses in Geometry, Algebra II, Trigonometry, and Precalculus. In addition, it provides students with significant experience in Probability, Statistics and Data Analysis and includes technology and writing components. At the end of the sequence, students choose from AP Calculus (AB or BC), AP Statistics, or a wide variety of rigorous non-AP options.

### THE STEM INSTITUTE AT ROLAND PARK:

The STEM Institute at Roland Park strives to foster the confidence, passion, persistence and curiosity to explore the empirical world and to develop innovative habits of mind. Participants will develop the necessary ethical, analytical and creative reasoning skills to pursue interests and prepare for careers in STEM disciplines. To earn Certification, students must complete a set, rigorous curriculum in math and science and a series of semester-long research apprenticeships, as well as a research project during a summer internship.

### THE WORLD LANGUAGE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM:

The World Language Certificate recognizes students who demonstrate a commitment to global citizenship by concentrating their academic program in foreign language. To earn Certification, students must formally study two languages beyond the beginning level and must complete an experience that extends language study to other areas of the student's life in order to demonstrate the relevance of language acquisition in today's global society. Two of the following languages may be chosen: Ancient Greek, Arabic, Chinese, French, Latin, Russian or Spanish.

### THE GORE LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE:

The Gore Leadership Institute equips our students with the tools to innovate and create positive change in the world of today and tomorrow. Through academic engagement, community outreach and personal reflection, the program cultivates one's ability to lead change for the good of the community. With an emphasis on ethical leadership, experiences foster creative problem solving, wellness and diversity, equity, and inclusion—all of which are integrated into our Upper School leadership curriculum.

### THE SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM:

The RPCS Summer Internship Program connects rising seniors with professional internship experiences in a wide range of career fields including medicine, law, computer science, social work, finance and many more. This program speaks to our vision for an RPCS education that connects classrooms to communities and equips our students with the future directed skills that enable their success at RPCS and beyond into their professional journeys.

### ROLAND PARK COUNTRY SCHOOL CURRICULUM GUIDE:

For more information about our programs and courses, please see our Curriculum Guide: <https://www.rpcs.org/academics/upper-school/upper-school-curriculum>

## FOUR-YEAR SURVEY OF COLLEGE MATRICULATIONS

Colleges in red are the selections of the Class of 2021. Typically, 100% of RPCS graduates matriculate to four-year colleges and universities. The Class of 2021 applied to an average of 8 colleges each.

American University	Ohio State University
Amherst College	Pace University
Arizona State University	Pennsylvania State University
Bates College	Princeton University
Baylor University	Quinnipiac University
Belmont University	Rhodes College
Boston College	Roanoke College
Boston University	Rochester Institute of Technology
Bowie State University	Rollins College
Bryant University	Salisbury University
Bucknell University	San Diego State University
Chowan University	Savannah College of Art and Design
The Citadel	Spelman College
Clemson University	St John's University
Colgate University	St. Mary's College of Maryland
College of Charleston	Syracuse University
College of Wooster	Temple University
Colorado College	Texas Christian University
Davidson College	Towson University
Delaware State University	Trinity College
Denison University	Tufts University
Dickinson College	Tulane University
Drexel University	Union College
Duke University	United States Naval Academy
Eckerd College	University of Alabama
Elon University	University of Arizona
Emerson College	UCLA
Emory University	University of California-San Diego
Florida Gulf Coast University	University of Chicago
Fordham University	University of Colorado Boulder
Franklin and Marshall College	University of Connecticut
Furman University	University of Delaware
George Washington University	University of Denver
Georgetown University	University of Edinburgh
Gettysburg College	University of Kentucky
Goucher College	UMBC
Harvey Mudd College	University of Maryland-College Park
High Point University	University of Miami
Hiram College	University of Michigan
Hofstra University	University of Mississippi
Howard University	Univ. of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
Indiana University	University of Pennsylvania
Jacksonville University	University of Richmond
James Madison University	University of San Francisco
Johns Hopkins University	University of South Carolina
Kent State University	University of Southern California
Lafayette College	University of Tampa
Lehigh University	University of Tulsa
Loyola University Maryland	University of Vermont
Loyola University New Orleans	University of Virginia
Lynn University	University of Washington
Manhattan College	University of Wisconsin
McDaniel College	Vanderbilt University
Miami University	Villanova University
Middlebury College	Virginia Commonwealth University
Morgan State University	Virginia Tech
Mount Holyoke College	Wake Forest University
Mount St. Mary's University	Washington and Lee University
Muhlenberg College	Washington University in St Louis
New School	West Virginia University
New York University	Western Connecticut State Univ.
Northeastern University	Xavier University of Louisiana
Northwestern University	Yale University
Notre Dame of Maryland University	York College of Pennsylvania