



Archbishop Riordan High School

2021-2022 School Profile

Riordan is now a co-educational institution!

Mission Statement

Archbishop Riordan High School, an Archdiocesan Catholic High School in the Maranist tradition, prepares young men and women for leadership and lifelong success by providing education imbued with Catholic Marianist values of faith, community, inclusivity, service and justice through its rigorous college preparatory curriculum, house system, and co-curricular activities.

Curriculum

Archbishop Riordan High School is committed to 21st century learning that includes leading curricular innovation and exploring alternative instruction and assessment. Our dedicated, knowledgeable, and compassionate faculty is trained to help all types of learners reach their academic and personal potential.

Standards-Based Grading System | In Fall 2019, Riordan began utilizing a Standards-Based Grading system to help our students master the skills needed to succeed after graduation. The school no longer uses "F". An "I" grade reflects "Insufficient Evidence" and registers as 0.00 for GPA purposes.

4x4 Block Schedule & Distanced/Hybrid Class Schedule | In the 2021 school year, Riordan held classes in an online and hybrid format as the SF Department of Health allowed. In 2020-2021, Riordan returned to a 4x4 block schedule to help protect our community's health and provide the best educational experience for our students and teachers. For this academic year, we returned to full in-person instruction in the 4x4 block schedule. In this schedule, students can take up to eight classes. With longer periods meeting every day, a one-semester 10-unit class is equal to a full-year in a traditional schedule. Students take a maximum of only four classes at a time.

Engineering and Biomedical Sciences Programs

Riordan strives to offer academic opportunities to prepare students for the challenges of tomorrow. A four-year honors Engineering Program creates future engineers and programmers. The Biomedical Sciences Program bridges coursework in science, ethics, and human systems. Both programs are supported by curriculum from Project Lead the Way, a national leader in curriculum development.

Athletics and Activities

Riordan fields over 40 teams in the following sports: baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, lacrosse, soccer, swimming and diving, tennis, track and field, volleyball, and wrestling. More than 30 extracurricular clubs and activities and Campus Ministry programs support the personal growth of students.

Visual and Performing Arts

The Visual and Performing Arts Department strives to engage students in productive and analytical arts experiences. Archbishop Riordan offers courses in Drama, Dance, Music and the Visual Arts. The Riordan Marching Band, as ambassadors of San Francisco, performs at events throughout California and abroad. The Drama Department produces an annual fall play and spring musical, and visual art students explore the traditional mediums of drawing, painting, ceramics, and sculpture.

Learning Support

The Resource Specialist Program (RSP) offers a three-tiered program for students to receive the individual attention appropriate to their needs. Students receive services including in-class accommodations, smaller English classes, a study skills class, personalized tutoring, and testing assistance. With the support of the RSP, students with learning differences can and do succeed in a mainstream college preparatory curriculum.

Boarding Program

Riordan operates one of the few boarding programs in a major city. The program accommodates 39 students from 18 countries: Brazil, Chile, China, Denmark, France, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Montenegro, Nepal, South Korea, Spain, Taiwan, Turkey, Ukraine, US and Vietnam.

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Honors and AP Courses

Algebra 1 Honors
 AP Biology
 AP Calculus AB
 AP Computer Science
 AP Chemistry
 AP Chinese

AP Economics
 AP English Language
 AP English Literature
 AP Environmental Science
 AP Government
 Intro to Literature Honors
 Modern Geometry Honors

AP Physics C
 AP Spanish Language
 AP Statistics
 AP U.S. History
 AP World History
 World Literature Honors

It is recommended that students take no more than three honors/advanced placement courses per school year, however upon approval students are permitted to take a maximum of four honors/advanced placement courses.

Graduation Requirements for the Class of 2021

English - 4 courses (40 credits)
 Laboratory Science - 2 courses (20 credits)
 Mathematics - 4 courses (40 credits)
 Modern Language - 2 courses (20 credits)
 Physical Education - 1 course (10 credits)

Social Science - 3 courses (30 credits)
 Theology - 4 courses (40 credits)
 Visual & Performing Arts - 1 course (10 credits)
 Electives - 5 courses (50 credits)

Enrollment

Seniors 2022	222
Juniors 2023	214
Sophomores 2024	270
Freshmen 2025	279
Total Enrollment:	985

Student Body Demographics

Ethnicity	
African American	5%
Asian/Pacific Islander	25%
Caucasian	24%
Hispanic	21%
Multiethnic	15%
Other/Unclassified	10%

The school awards \$5.1 million in tuition assistance to 53% of the student body.

Class of 2021 Matriculation Summary

Four Year College	74%
Two Year College	20%
Gap Year - Prep School, Trade School, or Work	5%
No Reported Plans	1%

Class of 2021 Statistics

Class size: 180

Average Weighted GPA: 3.14

Average Unweighted GPA: 3.07

Due to COVID 19, many local ACT and SAT test centers had limited capacity, and colleges temporarily waived standardized test requirements. As a result, less than 1% of the Class of 2021 chose to take either of the tests.

Class of 2021 College Matriculation List

Academy of Art University
 University of Arizona
 Arizona State University
 Azusa Pacific University
 Berkeley City College
 Boise State University
 The University of California, Berkeley
 The University of California, Davis
 The University of California, Irvine
 The University of California, Los Angeles
 The University of California, Merced
 The University of California, Riverside
 The University of California, San Diego
 The University of California, Santa Cruz
 California Polytechnic University,
 • Pomona
 • San Luis Obispo
 California State University, Chico
 California State University, East Bay
 California State University, Fresno
 California State University, Los Angeles

California State University, Monterey Bay
 California State University, San Francisco
 California State University, San Jose
 California State University, San Marcos
 California State University, Sonoma State
 City College of San Francisco
 College of San Mateo
 Colorado State University, Fort Collins
 DeAnza Community College
 Diablo Valley College
 Dominican University of California
 Emmanuel College
 Gettysburg College
 Lane Community College
 Gustavus Adolphus College
 The University of Hawaii at Manoa
 Holy Names University
 Macalester College
 College of Marin
 Marist College

Menlo College
 University of Miami
 University of Nevada, Reno
 New York University
 Oberlin College
 Orange Coast College
 University of Portland
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
 Saint Mary's College of California
 Santa Monica City College
 Santa Clara University
 School of the Visual Arts
 Seattle University
 Skyline College
 University of Southern California
 St. Olaf College
 Syracuse University
 Texas Christian University
 University of San Francisco
 University of Wisconsin, Madison
 Xavier University