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## 2022-2023 COLLEGE ADMISSIONS PROFILE

Head-Royce is a nonsectarian college preparatory day school with co-educational classes from kindergarten through 12th grade. Founded in 1887 in Berkeley, California as the Anna Head School for Girls, it was relocated in 1964 and now occupies a 22-acre campus in a residential area of Oakland. The School has been fully co-educational since 1979. The Head-Royce curriculum reflects the diversity, globalism, environmental awareness and innovation of Oakland and the Bay Area. Through its rigorous and challenging courses, the School seeks to inspire in students a lifelong love of learning and commitment to academic excellence, a respect for the diversity that makes our society strong, a passion for constructive and responsible global citizenship and a facility for creative, collaborative critical thinking.

### Head-Royce by the Numbers



**394**

students in the  
Upper School



**63%**

students of color  
in our population



**\$6.7m**

tuition assistance  
awarded



**63%**

of faculty have  
advanced degrees



**59**

league  
championships  
in 10 years



**43**

D1/D3 athletes  
in past 5 years



**27**

interscholastic  
teams



**19**

years average  
tenure of faculty

# Our Academic Program

At Head-Royce, we encourage students to appreciate diverse ideas, to become engaged participants in their community and to develop into thoughtful, caring and enthusiastic citizens of the world. Courses are designed to provide learning opportunities in which students develop critical thinking skills, take intellectual risks, work in collaborative settings, engage in creative and imaginative learning and practice ethical decision making.

Students typically take five academic subjects each semester and most take an elective as well. Our current Advanced Placement (AP) coursework is designed for junior and seniors and is concentrated in STEM and World Language subjects. In 2019, Head-Royce decided to phase out AP courses with the Class of 2024. In large part, this means shifting away from AP classes towards honors and advanced curriculum, which is both in keeping with our educational philosophy and in logistical alignment with the UC accreditation system. For instance, all of our semester-long senior English and History electives resemble college seminars in content, style and expectations and require a significant amount of reading and analytical writing. We consider the following courses as rigorous, if not more so, than their AP equivalents: Neurobiology, Molecular Genetics, Economics, Advanced Computer Science: Data Structures, Engineering, French Cinema and Literature, Latin V and all senior English and History courses.

## Program Highlights

**The I-Search:** In the 9th grade all students complete the I-Search, an extensive research project in which they investigate a contemporary topic through personal interviews and research. In addition to submitting a 7–10 page paper, students prepare a five-minute presentation summarizing their project.

**Junior Honors Humanities Curriculum:** Together, English 11 and History 11 explore the canonical literature and history of the West. Students analyze primary sources and explore themes through seminar-style discussions and frequent analytical writing.

**Senior Year Curriculum:** Seniors can craft an academically rigorous fourth-year curriculum that allows them to make deep connections to topics that inspire them. When scheduling allows, many choose to double up in language, math, science or history. In May, all seniors participate in structured internships to explore an area of personal, academic or professional interest.

**Global Online Academy (GOA):** Students may take courses through the Global Online Academy, a consortium of leading independent schools from around the world whose mission is to translate into online classrooms the intellectually rigorous programs and excellent teaching that are hallmarks of its member schools.

**Community Engagement:** The Center for Community Engagement provides students with opportunities to explore civic engagement on a personal level with internships and summer opportunities. The center helps students form authentic partnerships with organizations that promote social change and encourage leadership training.

**Other opportunities:** Students also take advantage of a **four-year computer science curriculum, competitive debate program** and **study abroad program with global partner schools.**

## Class of 2023



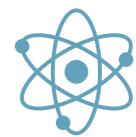
**4.69**  
High GPA



**90**  
Class size



**5**  
National Merit  
Semifinalists



**55**  
AP & Honors  
classes

# Head-Royce College Admission: 2018–2022

The following is a partial list of colleges and universities that have offered admission to graduates of Head-Royce, followed by the number of students enrolling in those colleges over the past five years.

**Members of the Class of 2022 will attend the colleges in bold type.**

## COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

American University (3)  
**Amherst College (4)**  
Babson College (2)  
**Barnard College (2)**  
**Boston College (2)**  
**Boston University (4)**  
**Bowdoin College (3)**  
Brigham Young University (1)  
**Brown University (12)**  
Bryn Mawr College (2)  
Bucknell University (1)  
**Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo (4)**  
**Carleton College (5)**  
Carnegie Mellon University (2)  
Case Western Reserve University (2)  
**Chapman University (1)**  
**Claremont McKenna College (10)**  
Colby College (4)  
Colgate University (5)  
College of the Atlantic (1)  
College of William and Mary (1)  
**Colorado College (5)**  
Columbia College (Chicago) (1)  
**Columbia University (3)**  
**Cornell University (5)**  
**Dartmouth College (2)**  
Denison University (1)  
**Drexel University (2)**  
**Duke Kunshan University (2)**  
Duke University (4)  
Elon University (1)  
**Emory University (7)**

**Fashion Institute of Technology (1)**  
**George Washington University (1)**  
**Georgetown University (1)**  
Georgia Institute of Technology (3)  
Hamilton College (1)  
Harvard University (1)  
**Harvey Mudd College (3)**  
**Haverford College (4)**  
**Howard University (6)**  
Indiana University–Bloomington (1)  
Kenyon College (2)  
Lehigh University (2)  
Lewis & Clark College (1)  
**Loyola Marymount University (4)**  
Macalester College (1)  
**Massachusetts Institute of Technology (3)**  
Merced College (1)  
**Middlebury College (4)**  
Mount Holyoke College (1)  
New College of Florida (1)  
New York University (9)  
**Northeastern University (14)**  
**Northwestern University (5)**  
NYU Shanghai (1)  
Oberlin College (2)  
**Occidental College (7)**  
Pacific Lutheran University (1)  
**Pitzer College (6)**  
**Pomona College (5)**  
**Princeton University (6)**  
**Purdue University (2)**

Reed College (1)  
Rice University (3)  
**Santa Clara University (2)**  
Sarah Lawrence College (1)  
**Scripps College (2)**  
Seton Hall University (1)  
**Skidmore College (2)**  
**Smith College (1)**  
**Southern Methodist University (4)**  
Spelman College (2)  
**Stanford University (6)**  
Swarthmore College (2)  
Syracuse University (2)  
**Texas Christian University (1)**  
The New School (1)  
The Ohio State University (1)  
**Trinity College Dublin (1)**  
**Tufts University (10)**  
**Tulane University (12)**  
**University of British Columbia (2)**  
**University of California, Berkeley (18)**  
**University of California, Davis (3)**  
University of California, Irvine (2)  
**University of California, Los Angeles (17)**  
University of California, Riverside (1)  
University of California, San Diego (4)  
University of California, Santa Barbara (2)  
**University of California, Santa Cruz (12)**  
**University of Chicago (8)**  
University of Colorado at Boulder (2)  
University of Denver (1)  
**University of Illinois (3)**

University of Maryland (2)  
University of Massachusetts (1)  
University of Miami (2)  
**University of Michigan (6)**  
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities (1)  
University of Notre Dame (2)  
**University of Oregon (4)**  
**University of Pennsylvania (8)**  
University of Puget Sound (1)  
University of Richmond (2)  
University of Rochester (2)  
University of San Diego (1)  
University of San Francisco (1)  
**University of Southern California (13)**  
**University of St. Andrews (2)**  
University of Toronto (1)  
University of Utah (1)  
University of Victoria (4)  
**University of Washington (7)**  
University of Wisconsin, Madison (1)  
**Vanderbilt University (4)**  
**Vassar College (4)**  
**Wake Forest University (4)**  
**Washington University in St. Louis (8)**  
**Wellesley College (3)**  
**Wesleyan University (7)**  
**Whitman College (2)**  
Willamette University (1)  
**Williams College (4)**  
**Yale University (2)**

Subject Requirements	Required Courses <i>Grades 9-11</i>	Upper Division Courses	
<b>English</b> <i>Four years required</i>	English 9 English 10 English 11 (H)	<b>Senior Electives</b> Invisible Man** American Fiction and Poetry** The Black Body, Voice and Identity** Postcolonial Literature: Thought and Theory** Queer Literature** Memoir: What Does it Mean to Be an American Today?** Literature and Film** Detective and Crime Fiction** English 12: Poetry** Modern Drama Popular Music Studies: Lyrical Resistance** Shakespeare**	
<b>History</b> <i>Three years required</i>	History 9 U.S. History (H) History 11 (H)	Asia Rising** Civil Society and American Democracy+ Comparative Politics** Democracy in Action: Issues to Action** Oakland Through Many Lenses**	Activism Around the Globe** Ethical Issues** History of the Holocaust** Living History, Empowering Voices** Race Relations** The Bay Area**
<b>Science</b> <i>Three years required</i>	Physics Chemistry (H) Biology Biology (H) <i>formerly AP Biology</i>	AP Environmental Science AP Physics C Principles of Engineering Science Issues*	Organic Chemistry* Molecular Genetics** Neurobiology**
<b>Mathematics</b> <i>Three years required</i>	Geometry Geometry (H) Algebra 2 Algebra 2 (H) Precalculus Precalculus (H)	Calculus Data Sciences	AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC

World Languages				
<b>World Languages</b> <i>Three years required; Students must complete Level 3 of one language</i>	Chinese 1 Chinese 2 Chinese 3 Chinese 4 (H) Chinese 5 (H) AP Chinese Chinese Cinema and Literature (H)	French 1 French 2 French 3 French 4 (H) AP French Language French Cinema and Literature (H)+	Latin 1 Latin 2 Latin 3 Latin 4 (H) Latin 5 (H)+ Advanced Latin Seminar (H)+ AP Latin	Spanish 1 Spanish 2 Spanish 3 Spanish 4 (H) Spanish 5 (H) Advanced Spanish Seminar (H) AP Spanish Language

Arts Electives			
<b>Visual and Performing Arts</b> <i>One year of Advanced Art required</i>	<b>Introductory Courses</b> 2D Art 3D Art Dance 1 Drama 1 Photography 1 Tech Theater Theater Production	<b>Advanced Courses</b> Advanced 2D Art Advanced 3D Art Studio Art Portfolio (H) Advanced Dance Dance Production (H) Chorus Colla Voce Drama 2 Drama 3 Graphic Design	Jazz Band 1 Advanced Jazz Band 2 Orchestra Photography 2 Photography 3 Photography Portfolio (H) Filmmaking Filmmaking: Advanced Projects

Other Electives		
<b>Computer Science</b>	Intro to Computer Science and Engineering Algorithms and the Internet Mobile and Object-Oriented Design (H)	Advanced Computer Science: Data Structures+ Advanced Topics in Computer Science+
<b>Humanities</b>	Expository Writing Speech and Debate 1 Speech and Debate 2	
<b>Global Online Academy (GOA)</b>	Head-Royce is a founding member of GOA, a consortium of leading independent schools from around the world whose mission is to translate into online classrooms the intellectually rigorous programs and excellent teaching that are hallmarks of its member schools.	

**LEGEND**

(H) indicates honors curriculum

\* Semester-long senior elective

+ Designates courses considered as AP equivalents, including all senior English and History courses. We currently offer a total of eight AP courses in math, science, foreign language and the arts

# Junior Year Grade Distribution

# Grading

HEAD-ROYCE CLASS OF 2023

Courses	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-
2D Art	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3D Art	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adv. Chem:Qualitative Analysis	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adv. CS: Data Structures (H)	15	6	1	0	0	0	0	0
Adv. Topics in CS (H)	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Advanced 3D Art	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Advanced Jazz Band 2	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AP Biology	56	18	12	3	4	1	0	0
AP Calculus AB	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0
AP Calculus BC	5	10	7	1	2	0	1	0
AP Chinese	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AP French Language	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0
AP Latin	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AP Physics C	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
AP Spanish Language	43	12	3	0	0	0	0	0
Biology	24	26	13	10	5	0	0	0
Chinese Cinema & Literature A (H)	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colla Voce	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drama 2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eng: Popular Music Studies: Lyrical Resistance	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Expository Writing	25	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Filmmaking	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Graphic Design	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hist: African Consciousness and the Political Economy of Slavery	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hist: Comparative Politics	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hist: Democracy in Action: Issues to Action	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hon Adv Spanish Seminar	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hon Dance Production	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Honors Chinese 5	19	1	3	3	1	1	0	0
Honors English 11	26	60	52	22	11	2	2	1
Honors French 4	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0
Honors French Cinema and Literature	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
Honors History 11	111	34	15	12	1	1	1	0
Honors Latin 4	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Honors Latin 5	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Honors Precalculus	41	17	21	5	4	0	3	0
Honors Spanish 4	6	12	2	2	0	0	0	0
Honors Spanish 5	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Honors Studio Art Portfolio	19	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Latin 3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Organic Chemistry	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Photo 2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Photo 3	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Precalculus	30	18	3	2	1	0	0	1
Principles of Engineering	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spanish 2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spanish 3	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Speech/Debate 2	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Theater Production	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Please note that Head-Royce School reports grades by semester. Transcripts show both an unweighted and weighted GPA, cumulative by semester from 9th grade, including an additional point for each Honors and AP course. Courses taken at other institutions are not included in the Head-Royce School GPA. Head-Royce does not calculate rank for individual students.

On average, our seniors graduate having taken three AP courses. While we offer eight APs, primarily in world languages, math and science, we limit the number students can take. The AP curriculum will be phased out with the Class of 2024.

## Number of Students in Class of '23: 90

## Weighted GPA Range (# of Students)

Distribution of GPA for Class of '23 (through June 2022)

4.69-4.44	(20)
4.42-4.32	(19)
4.30-4.21	(19)
4.20-4.01	(19)
3.99 and below	(14)

## Grading System and GPA Equivalent

A	93-100	4.0	C+	77-79	2.3
A-	90-92	3.7	C	73-76	2.0
B+	87-89	3.3	C-	70-72	1.7
B	83-86	3.0	D+	67-69	1.3
B-	80-82	2.7	D/F	<66	1.0

## Class of '22 Standardized Test Averages

### SAT Middle 50%

Reading and Writing	700-770
Math	750-790

### ACT Middle 50%

Composite Score 30-34