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# 2024-2025 SCHOOL PROFILE

Rowland Hall is an independent school in Salt Lake City serving students in preschool through twelfth grade. Driven by our vision of developing people the world needs, we believe in a transformational education that gives students agency and purpose, connects them to their global community, and empowers them to make the world a better place for all.

ROWLAND HALL STUDENTS

992

35%

Upper School Total Enrollment K-12

Grades 9-12

Represent Racial and Ethnic Diversity Scholarships and Financial Aid ACADEMICS

Highest GPA

Median GPA

Lowest GPA

\*There are 79 students in the Class of 2025

\*Class of 2025 weighted GPAs

#### ADVANCED COURSES

Rowland Hall offers 14 AP courses, 7 Advanced Topics (AT), and 5 Advanced Research (AR) courses. Students who take an AP course are required to take the corresponding AP exam. Our AT courses are designed by our faculty and are as rigorous as AP courses, focusing on inquiry-based learning. AT courses provide the opportunity to tackle real-world problems, dig deeper into topics of interest to students and teachers, and provide more hands-on practice, like frequent lab work, field studies, and trips, as well as collaboration between departments. Advanced Research (AR) courses are designed to engage students beyond the AP/AT curriculum with an opportunity to learn college-level research skills in a particular discipline, develop an original thesis, and conduct research under the guidance of an expert in a particular field. Some AR courses offer the opportunity to present at a conference, publish original work, and/or work with a university professor.

## AP COURSES OFFERED THIS YEAR

Art History Calculus AB Calculus BC Computer Science A Computer Science Principles English Language & Composition English Literature & Composition **European History** 

**Psychology** Spanish Statistics Studio Art **US History** World History

## AT COURSES OFFERED THIS YEAR

Biology Music Theory Chemistry Physics French V Precalculus Chinese

# AR COURSES OFFERED THIS YEAR

Humanities Computational & Mathematical Biology Debate Sciences Chemistry

- AP. AT. and AR courses are weighted and add 1.0 point per class to the GPA.
- Rowland Hall does not award an A+ for any class.
- AR courses are the only courses that have AP/AT prerequisites, making them the most rigorous courses available.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

\*Minimum Total Credits: 21.5

**ENGLISH** 

HISTORY

**SCIENCE** 

**MATH** 

ART

**ETHICS** 

**HEALTH** 

\*The average four-year high school student takes courses beyond the requirements. Exceeding the minimum total credits is highly encouraged.

## ACADEMIC POLICIES

- In 2023 2024, trimesters were eliminated. All courses are on a semester or year-long schedule.
- · Rowland Hall does not calculate class rank.
- · Academic work completed at other institutions will not appear here, nor be included in cumulative GPA.
- · Advanced Research (AR) Courses: AR Chemistry, AR Biology, AR Computational & Mathematical Science & AR Humanities are the only courses that have AP/AT prerequisites, making them the most rigorous courses in their disciplines. AR Debate is designed for elite debaters committed to comprehensive, in-depth research, and highly competitive tournaments.
- · AP courses, AT (Advanced Topics), and AR courses are weighted & add one extra point per class to the GPA.
- · Personal Fitness, Physical Education, Athletic Teams, and Rowmark are non-GPA bearing courses.
- In 2022 2023, Rowland Hall removed the 4 core course limit for Rowmark student-athletes.

# CURRICULUM UPDATES FOR THE CLASS OF 2025

## Integrated Science I and II: Biology, Chemistry, Physics

- In the fall of 2022, Rowland Hall implemented a two-year Integrated Science course sequence that incorporates content from biology, chemistry, and physics into each of the student's required science classes in lieu of teaching them separately in grades 9 and 10.
- Members of the class of 2025, took biology in the 9th grade and Integrated Science II in the 10th grade.
- This sequence allows students to take a 2-year advanced sequence (AP/AT/AR) in the 11th & 12th grades.
- · Students learn Integrated Science content through laboratory experiments, demonstrations, simulations, and lectures, and conduct lab investigations in which they collect and analyze data, and then use data to support scientific claims.

#### Advanced Research (AR)

- Rowland Hall is dedicated to further expanding research opportunities through AR experiences, opening the door for more students to build a strong foundation for research, critical-reading skills, and a sound understanding of scientific writing.
- · AR classes emulate the methods, practices and scholarship students will be immersed in when they go to college.
- · Most recently, students traveled to San Diego to present their findings at the American Association of Cancer Research's annual meeting. They were also part of a group (including City of Hope researchers) that was accepted for publication in the journal "Cancers" as a feature paper in the Cancer Biomarkers section.
- · Admission to any course with an advanced designation or to AP, AT, and AR courses is made on the basis of departmental and/or teacher recommendation and an assessment of the student's overall course load. Some classes may require prerequisite coursework, a minimum grade threshold, and/or a placement exam.

#### VALUES

## Think Deeply

Rowland Hall students learn how to think, not what to think. They develop the tools to ask questions, think critically, take risks, and solve problems creatively.

# Learn for Life

Students are led on a joyful educational journey that culminates with intellectual, social, and emotional empowerment—giving them the understanding, perspective, and confidence to thrive in a dynamic world.

#### Welcome Everyone

Our culture promotes kindness and inclusion. Unified by our understanding of and appreciation for each other, we see diversity as a strength and an opportunity to expand our perspectives and enhance our community.

## Live with Purpose

We inspire students to find and use their own unique voices —literally and figuratively. Whether through public speaking, artistic expression, or service learning, our students engage with their community and build self-awareness. They don't just develop as intellectuals, they flourish as people.

# **Relationships Matter**

Teachers cultivate meaningful, trusting relationships with students, because relationships are an essential ingredient for learning. We know what makes each student tick and we challenge and support them in ways unique to their learning, personality, and motivations.

# DISCIPLINARY DISCLOSURE POLICY

Rowland Hall's expectation is that students will comply with college reporting requirements and will answer questions about their disciplinary history honestly. Our college counselors are available to assist students in this process.