



2025-26 SCHOOL PROFILE

Founded in 1949, Archbishop Riordan High School - an Archdiocesan Catholic High School in the Ingleside Neighborhood of San Francisco, California - 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.

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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

Riordan utilizes 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. Riordan does not rank its students.

4X4 BLOCK SCHEDULE

In the 4x4 block schedule, students can take up to eight classes a year with longer periods that meet every day. A one-semester, 10-unit class is equal to a full year in a traditional schedule. While many students request eight courses, accommodating these requests is not always possible.

LEARNING SUPPORT

The Resource Specialist Program (RSP) offers a three-tiered program for students to receive the individualized 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. Students must have documentation of a diagnosed learning difference to be a part of the program.

SERVIAM: COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIREMENT

To cultivate a culture of service, the community service program aims to form students to be servant-leaders through various experiential learning opportunities on and off campus.

SPECIAL ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

The four-year Engineering Program trains future engineers and programmers, while the Biomedical Sciences Program bridges coursework in science, ethics, and human systems. Starting with the Class of 2029, Riordan launched our Business Program, which helps students gain practical knowledge in areas such as entrepreneurship, marketing, finance, and leadership. Each program creates opportunities that address the challenges of tomorrow, while being supported by Project Lead the Way, a national leader in curriculum development.

ST. FRANCIS SCHOLARS

St. Francis Scholars are selected based on their exceptional academic achievement, performance on the High School Placement Test (HSPT), and demonstration of good character and citizenship. In addition to other extracurricular opportunities, students are required to take three philosophy courses called the Lyceum. These courses cultivate an entry into deep thinking, a sense of wonder, and a pursuit of truth, beauty, and goodness in the context of the Catholic intellectual tradition.

VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

The Visual and Performing Arts Department engages students in productive and analytical arts experiences. Courses are offered in Drama, Dance, Music and the Visual Arts. The Marching Band, as ambassadors of San Francisco, performs at local and international events. The Drama Department produces an annual fall play and spring musical, and visual art students explore traditional mediums of drawing, painting, ceramics, and sculpture.

COMMUNITY LIFE & HOUSE SYSTEM

Riordan's House System supports all aspects of student life in the Marianist tradition and enhances an inclusive and collaborative community. More than 30 extracurricular clubs, activities, and Campus Ministry programs support the personal growth of students. Riordan fields over 40 teams in the following sports: baseball, basketball, cross country, flag football, football, golf, lacrosse, sailing, soccer, swimming and diving, tennis, track and field, volleyball, and wrestling.

BOARDING PROGRAM

Riordan operates one of the few boarding programs in a major city. The program accommodates 88 students from 22 countries: Brazil, Cambodia, Cameroon, China, Croatia, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Mexico, Russia, Serbia, South Korea, Spain, Thailand, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States, and Vietnam.

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Accreditations: Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and the Western Catholic Educational Association (WCEA)

ENROLLMENT

Seniors: 310
Juniors: 295
Sophomores: 299
Freshmen: 307
Total Enrollment: 1211

STUDENT BODY

DEMOGRAPHICS

African American: 7%
Asian/Pacific Islander: 33%
Caucasian: 25%
Hispanic: 13%
Multiethnic: 18%
Other/Unclassified: 4%

FAST FACTS

- 25% of the Class of 2025 are first-generation-to-college students
- 61% of students received 8.2 million in tuition assistance from Riordan in the 2024-2025 academic school year.

CLASS OF 2025 STATISTICS

Class Size: 280
Avg. Weighted GPA: 3.69
Avg. Unweighted GPA: 3.59

161 students chose to take the SAT.
The middle 50% of their scores are:

- Total Score: 1040-1350
- EBRW: 540-680
- Math: 500-660

MATRICULATION SUMMARY

Four Year: 80%
Two Year: 16%
Returning to Home Country,
Working, Not Specified: 4%

HONORS & AP COURSES

AP Biology	AP English Literature	AP Seminar
AP Calculus AB / BC	AP Environmental Science	AP Spanish Language
Chemistry Honors	AP Government	AP Statistics
AP Chemistry	AP Human Geography	Trigonometry Honors
AP Chinese	Intro to Literature Honors	AP U.S. History
AP Computer Science Principles	Modern Geometry Honors	AP World History
AP Economics	AP Physics	World Literature Honors
AP English Language	AP Precalculus	

Students are permitted to take a maximum of four honors/advanced placement courses per year.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English - 4 courses (40 credits)	Social Science - 3 courses (30 credits)
Laboratory Science - 3 courses (30 credits)	Theology - 4 courses (40 credits)
Mathematics - 3 courses (30 credits)	Visual & Performing Arts - 1 course (10 credits)
Modern Language - 2 courses (20 credits)	Electives - 5 courses (50 credits)

Starting in the Fall of 2025, students are required to do two service opportunities a year. Beginning with the Class of 2028 and 2029, students are required to take one Physical Education Course and 3.5 Elective Courses.

CLASS OF 2025 MATRICULATION LIST

University of Arizona	California State University Maritime Academy	Maastricht University
Barnard College	Chaminade University of Honolulu	Marquette University
Boise State University	Chapman University	University of Miami
Butte College	City College of San Francisco	University of Nevada, Reno
University of British Columbia	College of San Mateo	New York University
University of California	Colorado College	Northeastern University
Berkeley	Colorado Mountain College	Northern Arizona University
Davis	Colorado School of Mines	The Ohio State University
Irvine	Colorado State University, Fort Collins	University of Oregon
Los Angeles	Creighton University	
Merced	DeAnza College	
Riverside	DePaul University	
San Diego	DePauw University	
Santa Barbara	Dominican University of California	
Santa Cruz	Eastern Arizona College	
California College of the Arts	Florida International University	
California Lutheran University	Foothill College	
California State Polytechnic University,	Gonzaga University	
Pomona	Gustavus Adolphus College	
San Luis Obispo	Harvey Mudd College	
California State University,	Hope College	
Chico	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	
Fresno	Indiana University Bloomington	
Fullerton	University of Iowa	
Sacramento	Lawrence University	
San Diego	Lewis and Clark College	
San Francisco	Louisiana State University	
San Jose	University of Louisville	
Sonoma	Loyola Marymount University	

