

Rowland Hall

EXTRAORDINARY LEARNING

2020-2021 SCHOOL PROFILE



SETTING THE
STANDARD
FOR TEACHING
AND LEARNING
EXCELLENCE IN
UTAH

Rowland Hall is an independent school in Salt Lake City serving students in preschool through twelfth grade. Driven by our vision of inspiring students who make a difference, Rowland Hall sets the standard for teaching and learning excellence in a warm, inclusive environment where students form meaningful relationships that cultivate confidence and self-discovery.

Rowland Hall is accredited by the Northwest Association of Independent Schools (NWAIS). There are **65** students in the Class of 2021

880 STUDENTS
PreK-Grade 12

ROWLAND HALL STUDENTS

27%

REPRESENT RACIAL
AND ETHNIC DIVERSITY

70%

PARTICIPATE IN
SCHOOL SPORTS

22%

RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS
OR FINANCIAL AID

CLASS OF 2021 GPA

4.38

HIGHEST GPA

3.83

MEDIAN GPA

2.56

LOWEST GPA

ACADEMICS

15

AVERAGE CLASS SIZE

19

ADVANCED PLACEMENT/
ADVANCED TOPIC COURSES OFFERED

STUDENT BODY

UPPER SCHOOL

286

GRADES 9-12

MIDDLE SCHOOL

213

GRADES 6-8

LOWER SCHOOL

376

GRADES 3PreK-5



UTAH'S ONLY
MALONE FAMILY
FOUNDATION SCHOOL

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
HOURS GIVEN ANNUALLY
BY OUR STUDENTS

16,815

HIGH SCHOOL
INTERNSHIPS
PLACED ANNUALLY

15

ADVANCED COURSES

Rowland Hall offers 9 AP courses and 11 Advanced Topics courses. Students who take an AP course are required to take the corresponding AP exam. Our Advanced Topics courses are designed by our faculty and are as rigorous as—or more rigorous than—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 and field studies and trips, as well as collaboration between departments.

AP COURSES OFFERED THIS YEAR

Calculus AB · Calculus BC · Computer Science A ·
Computer Science Principles · English Language &
Composition · English Literature & Composition ·
Psychology · Spanish Language & Culture · Studio Art

ADVANCED TOPICS COURSES OFFERED THIS YEAR

Biology · Chemistry · European History · French IV ·
French V · Chinese · Music Theory · Physics · Precalculus ·
Statistics · US History

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

TOTAL: 20 CREDITS*

4

ENGLISH

3

SOCIAL
SCIENCE

3

LAB
SCIENCE

3

MATHEMATICS

2

WORLD
LANGUAGE

1 $\frac{1}{3}$

ARTS

1 $\frac{1}{3}$

PHYSICAL
EDUCATION

$\frac{2}{3}$

HEALTH

$\frac{1}{3}$

ETHICS

$\frac{1}{3}$

WORLD
RELIGIONS

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

SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

Debate: Rowland Hall is the only Utah school to be designated by the NSDA as a *Debate School of Excellence* and to have won the State title four years in a row. In the last five years, Rowland Hall Debate has produced six State Champions, 18 National Qualifiers, and 14 Academic All-Americans, and sent dozens of students to college on scholarships. The high school team is made up of approximately 50 debaters who participate in a variety of events, styles, and divisions. Our most competitive students attend 10-12 tournaments a year and can travel all over the country, while others stay committed to regional or local competitions.

Interim: Each spring, our weeklong experiential program, Interim, lets students participate in a variety of in-town and out-of-town experiences. All Interims intersect with the school's mission and core values. Examples of experiences include backpacking in Southern Utah and exploring ancient ruins and artifacts, canoeing on the Missouri River along the route of Lewis and Clark, hiking Highway 12, filmmaking in Telluride, participating in the Navajo Nation partnership on the reservation, and learning to fly fish.

Internship Program: Rowland Hall's Internship Program, established in 2014, offers a wide variety of summer internships to rising juniors and seniors. Partner organizations include multiple University of Utah science laboratories, private medical and law practices, Huntsman Cancer Institute, Alliance for a Better Utah, Intermountain Healthcare; and Salt Lake County government. When students' interests fall outside the published listings, the internship coordinator helps them locate professional contacts and design their own internships.

Rowmark Ski Academy: Twenty-three Upper School students train for competitive alpine skiing as part of Rowmark Ski Academy. Rowmark Ski Academy students are limited to taking four academic courses per year to allow for a full afternoon of local dryland training or training at Park City Mountain Resort. Rowmark-specific supplement is included with transcripts for Rowmark students.

ACADEMIC POLICIES

This year, to comply with our COVID-19 safety protocols, we created a hybrid schedule to reduce in-person classroom capacity which resulted in the elimination of some of our courses and/or course sections. Some students were impacted either in the overall number of courses or course level they could enroll in.

- Rowland Hall does not calculate class rank.
- Academic work completed at institutions other than Rowland Hall will not appear on the transcript and will not be included in the calculation of students' Cumulative GPA.
- Rowland Hall does not award an A+ for any class, but AP courses and AT (Advanced Topics) courses are weighted and add one extra point per class to the GPA. As a result, students may earn a Cumulative GPA of greater than 4.0.
- Personal Fitness, Physical Education, Athletic Teams, Rowmark, and Student Council are non-GPA bearing courses.
- Rowmark students are limited to taking four core courses in school and supplement their coursework by taking approved online courses.

DISCIPLINARY DISCLOSURE POLICY

In keeping with NACAC's Guide to Ethical Practices in College Counseling, the college counselors will report to colleges and universities all disciplinary actions taken during grades nine through twelve resulting in a student's suspension or dismissal from the school.

COLLEGE COUNSELORS

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VALUES

THINK DEEPLY. Educational excellence happens when we embrace ideas and wrestle with complexity. We encourage our students—in age appropriate ways—to ask why, think critically, and dive deep.

LEARN FOR LIFE. We believe that education doesn't have a finish line. It's a joyful journey. We nurture our students' journey from playing with building blocks to constructing complex mathematical proofs so they become critical thinkers for life.

WELCOME EVERYONE. We believe that everyone deserves respect and a place in our community. It is a community for belonging and support. We know that educational excellence is possible when all members of our community have a voice and feel safe to be their true self.

LIVE WITH PURPOSE. We hold all members of our community to high ethical standards and we prize good character. We believe that our students' success—now and in the future—depends on how they engage with the world around them and how they treat others with respect and understanding.

RELATIONSHIPS MATTER. Relationships between students and teachers, among faculty, and between teachers and parents instills confidence, builds trust, propels growth. We know that students do their best when they are known, challenged, and have fun.