ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE, **A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITY**

Rancho Solano Preparatory School
Boarding Experience





Rancho Solano Preparatory School is a PK-12 independent school for high achieving students. Children of all ages thrive within a stimulating and welcoming international learning community that offers a highly individualized education experience. We cultivate in our students a passion to learn and the ingenuity to thrive in a global society.

Our residential students benefit from exceptional and unique opportunities at our boarding campus, including:

A HIGHLY PERSONALIZED EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE
focused on exceptional academic outcomes and the development of healthy, well-rounded students who are prepared to attend the world's finest universities and succeed in today's complex global economy.

FACULTY DEDICATED TO ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
by creating vibrant classroom experiences through the use of effective instructional techniques that motivate students to learn and support their path towards success.

UNIQUE PROGRAM OFFERINGS
and travel opportunities, in addition to culturally enriching and engaging educational excursions during school holidays.

A VARIETY OF CLUBS AND COMPETITIVE SPORTS
that allow students to explore their talents and interests, as well as chaperoned evening and weekend social activities with classmates and other boarding students.

A GLOBAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT
representing more than 15 countries that provides students with opportunities to interact with classmates from around the world through video conferencing and school-wide programs and events. Our students have the skills required to collaboratively design solutions across cultures and national boundaries. We work globally and locally, determined to make a positive difference in the world.

A rich, diverse curriculum builds critical thinking skills to prepare students for a lifetime of learning.

Rancho Solano offers students the choice of either a general U.S. high school diploma or the International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma programme. Successful performance on IB examinations allows students to earn college credit while in high school.

The IB diploma programme is known the world over as the standard of excellence. When powered by the Rancho Academic Plan (RAP), the IB prepares each student for success through critical thinking skills, high-order reasoning, and creative and complex problem solving. The respected IB credential is highly valued by university admissions officers around the world for its rigorous, global academic standards and its external assessment that validates subject knowledge breadth and depth in the arts, sciences and languages.

FACULTY

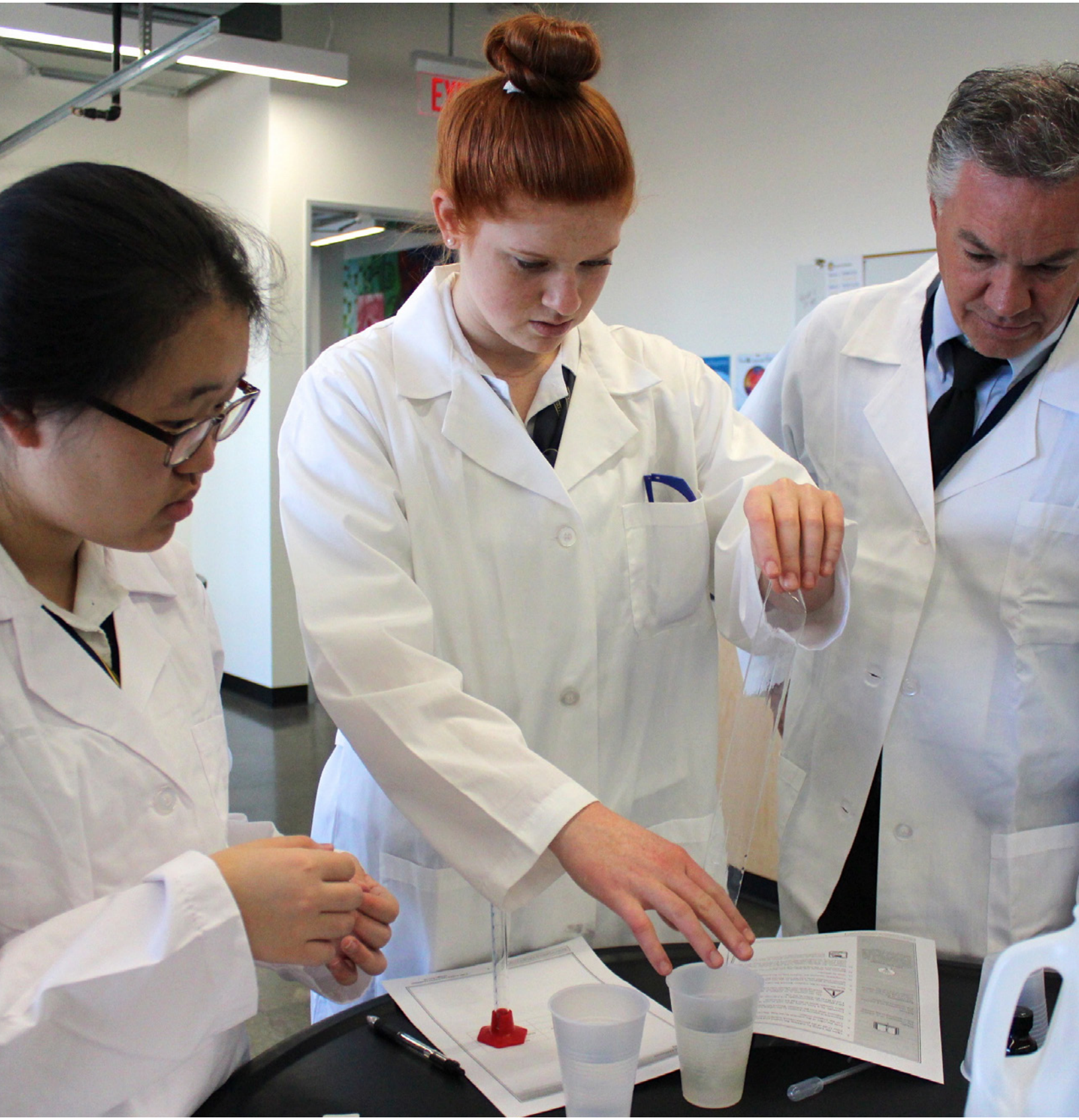
We are a group of world-class teachers who work together with shared goals, passion and intensity of purpose to serve the growth and development of our students. Our highly qualified, caring faculty works closely with students to create customized learning plans that challenge students to build skills and work at advanced levels in specific content areas based on their interests and abilities. Tutoring, individual growth assessments, and other academic support is available year-round, both inside and outside the classroom.

EXTRACURRICULAR

Our rigorous academic plan is complemented by a wide range of academic and extracurricular opportunities in the arts, music, and other subjects that cultivate cultural appreciation and creativity. Participation in these activities leads to gains in core academic subjects as students transfer the skills they learn to think about the material in core subjects in a new way.

COLLEGE ADVISING

Our college advising department is composed of an experienced counselor who is familiar with the admissions practices of higher education institutions worldwide. We work individually with students, starting as early as 6th grade, to map out an academic plan, define university goals and assist with the college application process.





Academic excellence is the key to countless doors. Here are some we have opened.

Academy of Art University
Allegheny College
American University
Arizona State University
Arizona State University (Barrett Honors College)
Auburn University
Augustana College
Babson College
Ball State University
Baylor University
Belmont University
Beloit College
Benedictine University, Mesa
Binghamton University
Boston College
Boston University
Bradley University
Brandeis University
Brown University
Buffalo State College of SUNY
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
California State Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo
California State University, Fresno
California State University, Fullerton
California State University, Los Angeles
California State University, Northridge
Case Western Reserve University
Chapman University
Claremont McKenna College
College of Saint Benedict
Colorado State University
Cornell University
Curry College
Denison University
DePaul University
Dickinson College
Drexel University
Earlham College
Eckerd College
Elmhurst College
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University - Prescott
Emerson College
Fitchburg State University
Fordham University
Fort Lewis College
Georgia Institute of Technology
Grand Canyon University
Hampshire College
Harvard University
Hofstra University
Houston Community College
Illinois Institute of Technology
Illinois Wesleyan University
Indiana University at Bloomington
Indiana University South Bend
Iowa State University
Juniata College
Kalamazoo College
Kendall College
Knox College
Lake Forest College
Lawrence University
Lewis & Clark College
Loras College
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Chicago
Luther College
Lycoming College
Lynn University
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences
Menlo College
Mercyhurst University
Miami University, Oxford
Michigan State University
Mississippi State University
Mount Holyoke College
New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology
New York University
Northeastern University
Northern Arizona University
Nova Southeastern University
Occidental College
Ohio University
Ohio Wesleyan University
Oregon State University
Paradise Valley Community College
Pennsylvania State University, Abington
Pennsylvania State University, Harrisburg
Pennsylvania State University, University Park
Pepperdine University
Pine Manor College
Point Loma Nazarene University
Pomona College
Princeton University
Purdue University
Randolph-Macon College
Regis University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhode Island School of Design
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rollins College
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey at Newark
Saint Louis University
San Diego State University
San Jose State University
Santa Clara University
Savannah College of Art and Design
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Scripps College
Seattle University
Seton Hall University
Simmons College
Southern Methodist University
Southwestern University
St. Lawrence University
St. Olaf College
State University of New York at Albany
Stony Brook University
Temple University
Texas A&M University
Texas Christian University
Texas Tech University
The College of Wooster
The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science & Art
The George Washington University
The Hong Kong University of Science & Technology
The University of Alabama
The University of Arizona
The University of Arizona (Honors College)
The University of Iowa
The University of Montana, Missoula
University of British Columbia
University at Buffalo The State University of New York
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Davis
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, Riverside
University of California, San Diego
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of California, Santa Cruz
University of Chicago
University of Cincinnati
University of Colorado at Boulder
University of Colorado at Denver
University of Connecticut
University of Dallas
University of Denver
University of Florida
University of Houston, Downtown
University of Idaho
University of Illinois at Chicago
University of Kansas
University of Kentucky
University of La Verne
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
University of Massachusetts, Boston
University of Massachusetts, Lowell
University of Miami
University of Michigan, Dearborn
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
University of Missouri, Kansas City
University of Nevada, Reno
University of New Hampshire
University of New Mexico
University of North Carolina at Charlotte
University of Northern Colorado
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Redlands
University of Rochester
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of Southern California
University of St. Francis
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin, Madison
University of Wyoming
Washington State University
Washington University in St. Louis
Whittier College
Xavier University

*Bold indicates Matriculation

Boarding residences at Rancho Solano Preparatory School provide students a welcoming and safe environment that builds a sense of independence.

Through a combination of informal and formal structures and guidance, boarding students quickly establish friendships that span the globe and last a lifetime. Even before school starts, they take part in language classes (as appropriate), orientation programs and activities that help them make friends and adapt quickly.

RESIDENCE FACILITIES

Rancho Solano residences offer comfortable dormitory-style rooms. Most students are housed in rooms that accommodate between 2–4 students per room.

Boarding facilities are typically equipped with:

- Cable & satellite television
- Internet access & phones
- Quiet study spaces
- Laundry facilities
- Kitchens & common areas
- Access to fitness & athletic facilities

MEALS

Meals are provided for all boarding students—either at school or in-residence. Boarding students generally have dinner together, buffet style, with the Boarding Director, Dorm Parent or a faculty guest. We also provide opportunities for boarding students to dine out occasionally as part of regularly scheduled social activities. Residential life chefs and caterers are able to accommodate a wide range of dietary needs.

SAFETY

The safety of our students is always paramount. Each student residence facility has an experienced, adult staff member who lives in-residence and is available to support the social and emotional well-being of the students. Parents will always be able to reach a member of our staff 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Schools prioritize safety as evidenced through professional security and access to registered nurses, school counselors, and outside physicians to address student health concerns.

We provide airport pickup and transfer service for our boarding students. All new boarding students are welcomed at the airport and brought directly to the school campus.

ACTIVITIES

Once classes have ended for the school day, our boarding students make use of our facilities to partake in their preferred fine arts, digital media, clubs or sports-related activities.

Weekend programs include excursions that allow students to experience the community and culture around the school. These outings are planned to align with students' interests and provide an engaging, supervised opportunity to interact with their classmates, so that every student has the opportunity to socialize, experience community life, and pursue personal interests.


WELCOME
BIENVENIDOS
WILLKOMMEN
RSPS

RANCHO SOLANO
PREPARATORY SCHOOL



MISSION STATEMENT

We cultivate in our students the ingenuity to thrive in a global society and to be the architects of their future.

TOTAL STUDENTS
550

STUDENT-FACULTY RATIO
6:1

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
80

BOARDING STUDENTS
37

Figures as of 2015

RANCHO SOLANO PREPARATORY SCHOOL

www.ranchosolano.com

Rancho Solano Preparatory School is a PK–12 international learning community for high-achieving students. Since 1954, Rancho Solano's small class sizes, highly trained and passionate teachers, personalized academic curricula, and wide range of course offerings at all levels have helped students develop the character and competitive edge they need to excel in college and beyond.









CAMPUS

Students in grades 6–12 enjoy the cutting-edge, state-of-the-art facilities and classroom technology at our Middle and Upper High School campus in Scottsdale.

STUDENT LIVING

Boarding students at Rancho Solano Preparatory School live in dormitory style housing near the school campus. Students share comfortably furnished bedrooms, typically 2–4 students to a room.

ACCREDITATIONS

Advancing Excellence in Education Worldwide (AdvancED)

National Independent Private School Association (NIPSA)

International Baccalaureate (IB) World School

This school is authorized under federal law to enroll non-immigrant students.

FACILITY

2 campuses in the Phoenix, Scottsdale area

CURRICULUM

American High School Diploma

Honors Courses

International Baccalaureate (IB)

LANGUAGES

French

Mandarin

Spanish

EXTRACURRICULAR

Drama Club

Entrepreneur Club

Key Club

Math Club

Medical Club

Movie Appreciation Club

National Honor Society

Photography

Recycling Club

Student Government

ATHLETICS

Basketball

Chess

Cross Country

Football

Golf

Lacrosse

Sand Volleyball

Tennis

Volleyball



Rancho Solano Preparatory School is located in Scottsdale, bordered by Phoenix to the west and the McDowell Mountains to the east. The Phoenix-Scottsdale area is the fifth most populous metro area nationally and Scottsdale is annually rated among the USA's most desirable communities to live in, visit and do business.

NEAREST AIRPORT

Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport (PHX)
26 km/16 mi from campus

POPULATION

223,514 (Scottsdale)

4.5 million (Phoenix metro)

VISITORS PER YEAR

16 million

ATHLETICS

The area is home to

Arizona Cardinals (NFL)

Arizona Diamondbacks (MLB)

Phoenix Coyotes (NHL)

Phoenix Suns (NBA)

WEATHER

Sunny days, majority of the year

AVERAGE TEMPERATURE

22°C/72°F

ATTRACTIONS

Arizona Science Center

ASU Gammage, *famous troupe of performing artists*

Fashion Square Mall, *one of the largest shopping malls in the U.S.*

Phoenix Zoo

KEY INDUSTRIES

Construction

High-tech Manufacturing

Tourism

DID YOU KNOW?

- Phoenix is home to North America's largest municipal park, South Mountain Park, covering more than 16,500 acres.
- 22 Native American tribes reside in Arizona.
- Scottsdale hosts Major League Baseball's Cactus League for Spring Training.
- Arizona Science Center offers hands-on fun with more than 300 interactive exhibits, a state-of-the-art planetarium, a five-story giant-screen theater, live demonstrations and more.





View of Scottsdale, Arizona

WHEREVER THE JOURNEY BEGINS, **THERE IS A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITIES AT ITS END.**

CLASS OR 2018



"IB music will broaden your horizons if you are interested in learning music or even choosing it as your major in college. The environment for studying is very comfortable and the teachers are helpful and friendly! At Rancho Solano, you will find the place where you fit in. The dorm life is honestly one of the most amazing experiences of my life. Although you leave your parents, you will never be alone because the people here will become your second family."

Hongming, 16
China
IB Student

CLASS OF 2019



"Rancho Solano Preparatory School has provided me with many opportunities including academic, athletic, and social. In the dorm, I am able to become more familiar with other cultures including Chinese, Turkish, Spanish, Mexican, Vietnamese, and many more. Rancho Solano offers higher-level classes and the small teacher to student ratios gives me the support of every subject I choose to take. Although my classes are challenging, I have many people around me in school and in the dorm that provide assistance to help me succeed. The Rancho Solano community is one big family that is ready to help and aid anyone to strive to be the best student and person they can be."

Colton, 15
USA
Athlete

CLASS OF 2015



"English Language Acquisition was one of my favorite subjects. As an international student, English Language Acquisition helped me a lot in English skills and helped me to communicate with my friends who come from many different countries."

Nhi, 18
Vietnam
Alumni

Rancho Solano Preparatory School offers academic excellence and international opportunities that prepare your student for the world. Apply now.

We welcome your interest in admission to our school.
Follow the three easy steps below to apply.

APPLICATION FOR RANCHO SOLANO PREPARATORY SCHOOL

1. COMPLETE APPLICATION

Complete the Rancho Solano Preparatory School Application Form (in English) and include:

- School transcripts for current and previous two years
- Official translated copy of transcripts (in English)
- Official standardized English test score (TOEFL, TOEFL Jr, IELTS or Oxford Online Placement Test)
- Head of School and teacher recommendations
- Copy of Student's current valid passport
- Bank statement or proof of financial support

Applications can be completed electronically or downloaded online at **ranchosolano.com/boarding**

2. SUBMIT APPLICATION

Submit the completed application form, along with all required documents and items, directly to Rancho Solano Preparatory School or through your local educational specialist and/or agency.

Apply online at
ranchosolano.com/boarding

Send via email to
boarding@ranchosolano.com

OR

Send in the mail to:
Rancho Solano Preparatory School
Boarding Application
9180 East Via de Ventura
Scottsdale, Arizona 85258 USA

3. PREPARE FOR INTERVIEW

Once the application has been received in full and reviewed, an interview with the applicant will be arranged either in person, by phone or by video conference.

Most admissions decisions are communicated within two days after completion of the interview.

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