



Rock Canyon High School

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<http://rockcanyonjags.com/>
Accredited: 2009



Our Mission: *To Empower, To Explore, To Encourage and To Excel in Education*
Our Vision: *Our student-centered culture practices collaborative decision making and continuous improvement in a safe, supportive environment*

OUR SCHOOL

Founded: 2003
School Type: A four-year comprehensive public school
Location: Highlands Ranch, southern suburb of Denver
Schedule: Two semester calendar
Accreditation: Colorado Department of Education
Enrollment: 2180
Special Recognition: John Irwin School of Excellence 2005-2014, **Newsweek's** top 500 High Schools and **US News and World Report's** top 300 High Schools
Student Recognition: 5 Boettcher winners

ROCK CANYON ADMINISTRATORS

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FACULTY AND STAFF

118 state certified instructors, counselors, professional staff and administrators. The majority hold masters or doctoral degrees. There are 36 support staff members.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A student must successfully complete a minimum of 24 credits in order to graduate from all Douglas County high schools. One-half credit is equal to one semester.

Language Arts	4.0	Practical Arts	1.0
Social Studies	3.0	Fine Arts	1.0
Mathematics	3.0	Physical Education	1.0
Science	3.0	Elective Credits	8.0

**Community Service requirement of 20 hours.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES and ATHLETICS

Rock Canyon offers 26 varsity sports and is a member of the Continental League. Rock Canyon has over 35 extracurricular activities ranging from service organizations to student-interest clubs. Students can earn an athletic letter, an activities letter, and a community service letter. For a complete list of clubs and activities, please see our website at: <http://rockcanyonjags.com/activities-info/>

GRADING SYSTEM

Grade	Unweighted GPA	Weighted GPA	Grading Scale
A	4.0	5.0	A = 90-100 %
B	3.0	4.0	B = 80-89 %
C	2.0	3.0	C = 70-79%
D	1.0	1.0	D = 60-69%
F	0.0	0.0	F = 0-59%

Weighted grade points are awarded for Advanced Placement classes. Honors classes (8) are not weighted.

Class of 2016

GPA Range	Weighted GPA	Unweighted GPA
Top 10%	4.10	3.89
Top 25%	3.85	3.71
Median GPA	3.48	3.36

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

AP Course Offerings (28 courses):

Biology	European History	Physics II
Calculus AB	French	Physics C
Calculus BC	Human Geography	Psychology
Ceramics	Language	Sculpture
Chemistry	Literature	Spanish
Chinese	Macroeconomics	Statistics
Computer Science	Microeconomics	US Government
Drawing and Painting	Music Theory	US History
Design	Physics I	World History
Environmental Science		

Year	2016	2015	2014	2013
# Students Tested	822	777	716	692
# AP Tests	1488	1429	1313	1246
% of 3 or Higher	767	76	76	70
# AP Scholars	113	107	102	74
# AP Scholars with Honors	57	48	45	45
# AP Scholars with Distinction	104	87	74	69
# AP National Scholars	23	22	16	18

ACT SCORES FROM APRIL 2016 STATE TEST

	RCHS	DCSD	CO
Composite	24.6	22.5	20.6
English	24.8	22.0	20.0
Math	24.3	22.2	20.3
Reading	24.7	22.8	20.9
Science	24.6	22.5	20.9

NATIONAL MERIT

Class of 2016: 3 Commended Scholars, 1 Semi-Finalist
Class of 2015: 10 Commended Scholars, 4 Semi-Finalists
Class of 2014: 5 Commended Scholars, 3 Semi-Finalist

POST SECONDARY PLANS

Class of 2016
Applied to college: 94.2%
Four year college/university: 88.4%
Two year college: 5.8%
Military: 1.2%
Year Off/Undecided/Unknown: 4.6%