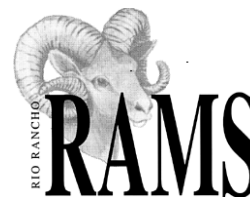


SCHOOL PROFILE 2008-2009

RIO RANCHO HIGH SCHOOL

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Richard VonAncken, Principal, RRHS
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Career Academies	Assistant Principals	Academy Head	Counselors
Business & Entrepreneurship Academy	Pedro Vallejo	Fama Yazzie	Gage Romansky Vicki Valles-Mora
Engineering & Design Academy	Javier Ramos	Paul Stephenson	Jessica Sanchez Joseph Chavez
Fine Arts Academy	Rudy Galindo	Lois Moreno	Georgia Espinoza Kim Mahnke
Humanities Academy	Jacque Monclova	Bruce Simmons	Roseann Cochran Joseph Chavez
SciMatics Academy	Vicky Drumm	Dan Barbour	Vicki Gonzalez Rhoda Bubar
Special Education	Laura Jeffry	Site Specialists: Karen Baisden Gayle Green Robert Shingleton	College/ Career Counselor Roseann Cochran

THE COMMUNITY

Rio Rancho, New Mexico is adjacent to Albuquerque, New Mexico. Rio Rancho has been called an "All American City". In just 10 years the population has doubled to approximately 71,607 to make it the fourth largest city in New Mexico and one of the fastest growing communities in the state and the nation. Rio Rancho has a culturally and economically diverse population.

THE SCHOOL

Rio Rancho High School was built with funding from Intel, Corp. It opened its doors in 1997 with accolades from *Time* magazine as one of the ten most innovative schools in the nation for the development of career academies, block scheduling, integration of technology into every curriculum, innovative teaching strategies, and the highest graduation requirements of any public high school in the state. Rio Rancho Public Schools is viewed as a cutting edge school.

Accreditation - North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and New Mexico Public Education Depart.

Instruction organized around 5 Career Academies – each student selects an academy related to career interest. Career academies are designed to provide students with a career focus but are not restrictive in regards to elective course selections.

Enrollment 2008-09 – 3250 (grades 10 – 12) Largest high school in the state of New Mexico

Ethnic Distribution of School Population- 2008 51% Caucasian, 38.5% Hispanic, 4% Native American, 4% African-American, and 2.5% Asian.

CLASS OF 2008

Post Secondary Plans (Class size -806)

4 year college/university – 59%

2 year degree – 32%

Military service – 5%

National Merit Scholars - 1 Finalist, 5 Hispanic Scholars

TESTING

| Average ACT composite score Class of 2007 – 21.5 (above national and state average)

DISTINCTIVE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSTRUCTION

AP course offerings (16) - AP European History, AP US History, AP Literature, AP English Language, AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Physics, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, AP Art History, AP Studio Art, AP Macroeconomics, AP Psychology, AP Government, AP Music Theory, AP Computer Science

Pre AP/ Enriched course offerings (13) – Pre AP Algebra, Pre AP Integrated Science, Pre AP Geometry, Pre AP Biology, Pre AP Chemistry, Pre AP Physics, Pre AP Trigonometry, Pre AP Physics, Pre AP Geometry, Pre AP Algebra II, Pre AP Math Analysis, Pre AP Pre-Calculus,

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS- CLASS OF 2008

RRHS requires more courses (28 credits) to graduate than any public high school in the state. They include:

- 4 English - English 9, English 10, English 11, English 12
- 3.5 Social Studies - World History, US History, Economics, Government, New Mexico History
- 4 Mathematics -including Algebra I(state requirement is 3 mathematics)
- 4 Science – must include credit in 2 of the following: Biology, Chemistry, Chemistry in the Community, or Physics (state requires 2 science credits including 1 lab science)
- 1 Communications Skills
- 1 Physical Education
- .5 Fine Arts (not state requirement)
- .5Technology (not state requirement)
- 9 Electives

Students must pass all sections of the New Mexico Competency Examination to receive a high school diploma.

GRADE POINT AVERAGE AND CLASS RANK

Each student's class rank is determined by his/her weighted cumulative grade point average. The grade point scale for computing rank in class is as follows.

Regular: course grades:	AP Grades:	Enriched Grades:
A 100-90% = 4	A = 5	A = 4.5
B 89-80% = 3	B = 4	B = 3.5
C 79-70% = 2	C = 3	C = 2.5
D 69-60% = 1	D = 2	D = 1.5
F Below 59% = 0		

WEIGHTED GRADES

Weighted enriched classes are noted with an E and AP courses and an H in front of the course title on the transcript. The grades on the transcript are the actual grades received and do not reflect any weighting. AP and Enriched grades are weighted to compute cumulative GPA. Class ranking is calculated with a weighted GPA.

EXTRA CURRICULAR PROGRAMS

Athletic Programs – 20 programs

Cross Country Boys/Girls, Football, Soccer Boys/Girls, Girls Volleyball, Cheer, Basketball Boys/Girls, Swimming Boys/Girls, Wrestling, Baseball, Softball, Golf Boys/Girls, Tennis Boys/Girls, Track Boys/Girls

Clubs/Activities – 26 organizations

Associated Students (student government), Business Professionals of America, Key Club, La Familia, National Honor Society, Rhythmettes Drill Team, Science Olympiad, Academic Decathlon, Bag Pipe Club, Chess Club, DECA, FCCLA, Mock Trial, National Art Honor Society, National Spanish Honor Society, Photography Club, Wonders of Women, Dance Dance Revolution, Hip Hop, Native American Student Union, Gay Straight Alliance, TUPAC peer mentors, Ceramics Club, Sci-Fi Club, Astronomy Club, National French Honor Society, German Club, Black Student Union