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Vision Statement

Rockhurst High School will be sought out and recognized for its ability to educate men-for-others. Rockhurst High School will, in the Jesuit tradition, foster lifelong friendships based on enduring principles and Ignatian values. It will be nationally and locally recognized as the best value-added education because of its success in developing community leaders for an increasingly diverse world.

Accreditation Information and Memberships

- AdvancED/North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement
- Associated Member with the National Consortium of Secondary STEM Schools (NCSSS)
- College Board
- Great Plains Association of College Admission Counseling
- Jesuit Schools Network
- Missouri Association of College Admission Counseling
- National Association for College Admission Counseling and its Missouri and Great Plain affiliates
- North Central Education Association of Independent College Preparatory Schools

Men Distinguished by their Competence, Conscience and Compassion

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History

Rockhurst draws upon a tradition of education in continuous practice for more than 475 years. Founded in 1910, The Academy of Rockhurst College graduated its first students in 1917. In 1923, The Academy became Rockhurst High School.

School Environment

Rockhurst High School is the only Jesuit Catholic private college preparatory school for boys in grades 9 – 12 in the Kansas City area. It is located in the southern residential portion of Kansas City, Missouri, a metropolitan area of more than 2-million people. The economy of the Kansas City metropolitan area is anchored in Kansas City, Missouri, which is the largest city in Missouri and the 37th largest city in the United States. Kansas City is home to such Fortune 1000 companies as Sprint, H & R Block, Hallmark and many others.

Student Composition

Rockhurst draws a student body that is ethnically and socio-economically diverse from **95** different zip codes, **56** in Missouri and **39** in Kansas. The current freshman class entered from **32** private and **29** public middle schools. The entire student body represents more than **115** elementary and junior high schools from the metropolitan area, with **21%** who are self-identified students of color.

Rockhurst High School's financial commitment enables student attendance from diverse socio-economic backgrounds. In the **2016-17** school year, **42%** of students received **\$2.2** million in financial aid.

Rockhurst High School, through its various programs and activities, aids in the total development of its students. While academic excellence is the hallmark of the school, Rockhurst is equally committed to provide an experience of excellence through student activities. Rockhurst's programs of athletics, intramurals, clubs and activities, aim to be truly co-curricular, i.e., equal partners to academic course work that support and advance the goals of a Jesuit education:

- 99% of graduates attend a 4-year college or university;
- More than 45 co-curricular activities are offered in addition to 12 varsity athletic teams (in the past 10 years, teams have won 31 Missouri titles and 70 district championships);
- Students hold positions on key decision-making panels that affect the school climate (i.e. Student Government Association, Student Life Committee);
- High quality acting, vocal and instrumental programs have enabled students to participate in community events and win awards in state band and orchestra competitions;
- Students write for the nationally recognized award-winning publications: Prep News, the Quarry Yearbook, the Quarterly, and the Rockhurst Collection Literary Magazine;
- Students participate in the "Total Ignatian Experience," an immersion program, in and out of Kansas City, and internationally, each year. These trips are built on the four pillars of service, community, simplicity, and prayer;
- National Honor Society and select students tutor weekly in the Counseling Department's Student Success Center; and
- Each year funding efforts led by student-leaders raise over \$50,000 for local and international aid organizations, emphasizing the school's mission of being compassionate to those in need.
- Students present at National Education Conferences (International Society for Technology in Education);
- Students are recognized on a yearly basis through the National Merit Foundation Scholarship Program.
- Five students were selected as the 2017 National Catholic Forensic League Grand National Tournament Qualifier
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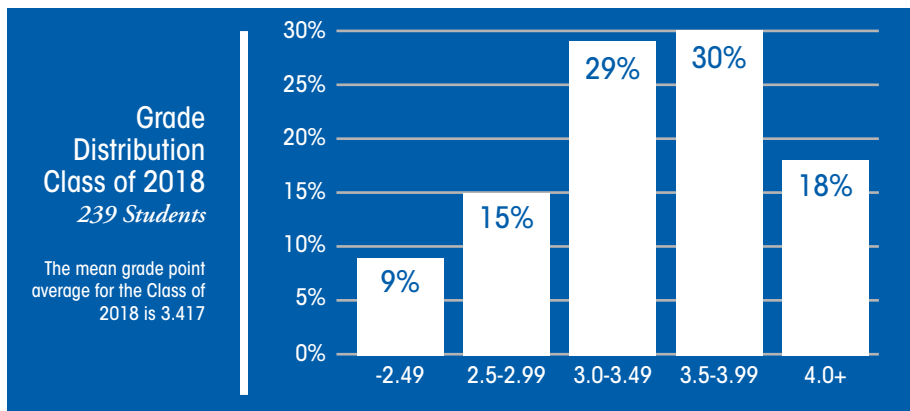
Class of 2017:

- 7 Finalists
- 7 Semifinalists
- 8 Commended

Grading Policy

Grading periods occur quarterly; but the transcript only records semester grades. Grade point averages are computed on all subjects taken. Weighted points are assigned to the course according to the difficulty level (level I and level II). The grade point average chart below is a three-year cumulative average of the students' six semesters of high school. The GPA is weighted for AP and Honors courses.

| Level I | | Level II (AP and Honors) | |
|---------|-----|--------------------------|-----|
| A+ | 4.3 | A+ | 5.3 |
| A | 4.0 | A | 5.0 |
| A- | 3.7 | A- | 4.7 |
| B+ | 3.3 | B+ | 4.3 |
| B | 3.0 | B | 4.0 |
| B- | 2.7 | B- | 3.7 |
| C+ | 2.3 | | |
| C | 2.0 | | |
| C- | 1.7 | | |
| D+ | 1.3 | | |
| D | 1.0 | | |
| D- | 0.7 | | |



Class Rank

Rockhurst High School offers a college preparatory track to all of our students. However, since all students do not take the same classes, we believe that a ranking system based on weighted or un-weighted grades may not fairly represent a student's achievement. Therefore, we do not rank our students.

Standardized Testing

Students are encouraged to take both the SAT and ACT exams for college admission. However, Rockhurst does **NOT** submit standardized test scores as part of the transcript. It is the student's responsibility to request and send scores directly from the testing agency.

2017 ACT Composite Profile

Representing 99% of the 2017 senior class.

| | Middle 50% | Mean |
|-----------|------------|------|
| English | 24-32 | 27.5 |
| Math | 24-29 | 26.4 |
| Reading | 24-32 | 28.4 |
| Science | 24-30 | 27.1 |
| STEM | 24-30 | 26.7 |
| Composite | 24-31 | 27.0 |

2017 SAT Composite Profile

Representing 12% of the 2017 senior class.

| | Evidence Based Reading/Writing | Math |
|------------|--------------------------------|---------|
| Middle 50% | 625-730 | 590-725 |
| Mean | 660 | 660 |
| Total | 1240-1450 | 1320 |

Disclosure Policy of Rockhurst High School

Rockhurst High School's policy regarding disclosure of disciplinary records is that Rockhurst will not notify colleges/universities that request such information of infractions resulting in probation, suspension or dismissal from this school. Rockhurst will not report disciplinary actions that occurred at previous schools attended. Nor does the school report academic probation to the colleges because those are internal measures students use to improve their performance. When students are asked on college applications about disciplinary actions during their senior years, students are expected to answer truthfully and completely.

Honors and Advanced Placement (AP)

It is our intention to make the best use of students' God-given talents by ensuring that they are presented with the academic challenge and individual attention which has been the hallmark of Jesuit Catholic education at Rockhurst High School. Enrollment in Advanced Placement and Honors courses is determined by faculty recommendation and grade point average performance on specific standardized tests.

Advanced College Credit (ACCP) Programs and High School/College Partnership (HSCP) Programs

Advanced college credit courses are offered for college credit through Rockhurst University and University of Missouri – Kansas City.

Courses offered through Rockhurst University (ACCP):

- Honors Spanish III
- Honors Spanish IV
- Honors French III
- Advanced Placement French 4
- Pre-Calculus

Courses offered through the University of Missouri – Kansas City (HSCP):

- Honors Chemistry
- Multivariable Calculus

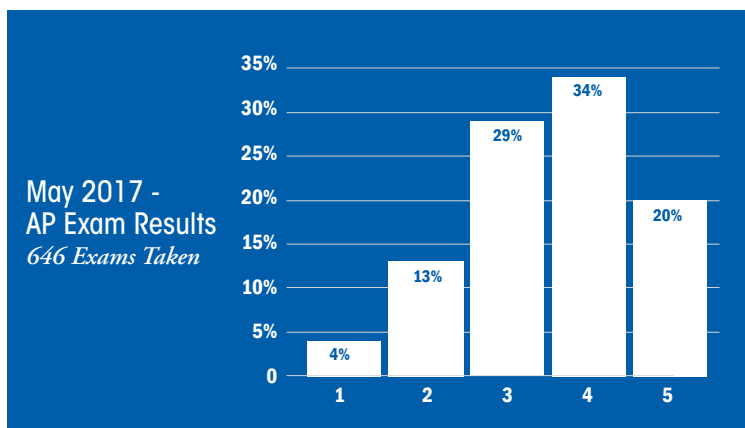
Rockhurst STEAM Initiative

The Rockhurst High School STEAM initiative serves the school by ensuring that every student has the skills, knowledge, and thinking strategies that prepare them to be innovative, creative, and systematic problem-solvers in STEAM fields of study and work. Rockhurst High School has been approved as an Associated Member with the National Consortium of Secondary STEM Schools (NCSSSS). This made Rockhurst just the 80th school in the nation, and the first in Missouri and Kansas, to earn this AdvancED designation



Advanced Placement Program – May 2017

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Biology | Latin |
| Calculus AB | Physics C - E & M |
| Calculus BC | Physics C - Mechanics |
| Chemistry | Spanish Language |
| Comparative Government and Politics | Statistics |
| Computer Science A | Studio Art |
| Computer Science Principles | U.S. Government |
| English III (Language/Composition) | U.S. History |
| English III (Literature/Composition) | World History |
| European History | |
| French Language | |



Faith and Service Leadership

Faith and Service are at the heart of our mission at Rockhurst High School. The pastoral ministry office organizes student retreats, school Masses, and prayer services. Rooted in the Roman Catholic tradition, all programs offered at Rockhurst foster a deeper relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ; this includes students, faculty, parents, trustees and alumni. Students are invited to take an active role in our pastoral program. In particular, juniors and seniors take on leadership roles for retreats and other spiritual events. Program offerings are listed below:

- Class Retreats
- Masses, prayer services, and daily morning prayer
- Sophomore Family Conversation Program
- Mission Week and the Harvest Food Drive
- Service Trips to Tijuana, Belize, Guatemala, Urban Kansas City, Tennessee and more.

The Ignatian service program at Rockhurst provides our students with the opportunity to publicly demonstrate their commitment to being men of competence, conscience, and compassion. Christian service is an integral part of the Ignatian, Jesuit educational experience and is sewn into the fabric of our community. Students of all grades participate in year-round service opportunities, as individuals and as small groups. All students are required to complete over 100 hours to graduate. In the 2017 school year, Rockhurst students completed more than 40,000 hours of service.

Rockhurst offers many opportunities for service including immersion experiences in urban Kansas City, Guatemala, Tijuana, and Appalachia.

Theology is an integral part of the Rockhurst High School education. During their four years of high school, students also undertake a rigorous academic study of Christianity, social justice, moral issues, comparative religions and scripture. These courses draw upon many authors and texts including Plato, Aristotle, Saint Thomas Aquinas, Papal Encyclicals, Dorothy Day, and the New American Bible.



College Counseling Office

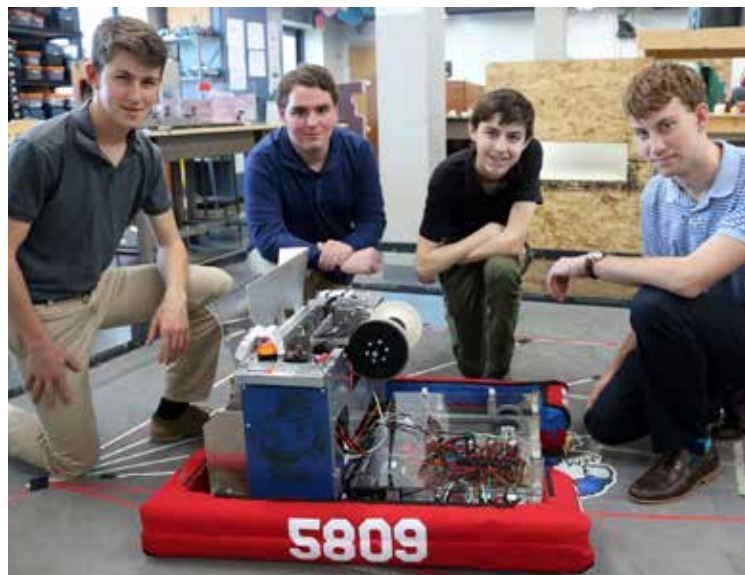
At Rockhurst High School, the College Counseling Office is dedicated to making the transition from high school to college a smooth and enjoyable experience. The primary goal of the office is to:

- work closely with students from the freshman year through the senior year; and
- provide guidance and support through evening programs, use of Naviance, classroom and individual meetings.

Guidance Counseling

This department has five guidance counselors who help students meet the following goals:

- design academic plans; and
- coordinate the use of services available to students.



List of Courses by Department

One full unit of credit unless indicated

Rockhurst has been one of only 17 schools chosen in the country to receive the prestigious ACT Red Quill Award for its curriculum and student preparation.

English (4 units required)

English 1, 2, 3, 4
Creative Writing: Fiction (.5)
Advanced English 1, 2
AP English 3 (Comp and Lang)
AP English 4 (Comp and Lit)

Math and Computer Programming

(4 units required)

Algebra 1
Advanced Algebra 1
Geometry/Algebra 2
Advanced Geometry/Algebra 2
Algebra 2/Trigonometry
Honors Pre-AP Math
Intro to College Algebra
Precalculus
AP Calculus 1
AP Calculus 2
AP Calculus 1 & 2
Multivariable Calculus
Computer Management (.5)
Web Page Design (.5)
AP Statistics
AP Computer Science A
AP Computer Science Principles
Intro. To Computer Science (.5)
Software Application Development (.5)

Science (3 units lab required)

Biology
Honors Biology
AP Biology
Chemistry
Honors Chemistry
AP Chemistry
Human Physiology
Earth Science
Honors Physics
Physics
AP Physics
Intro to Robotic Engineering (.5)
Robotic Engineering I
Robotic Engineering II
Astronomy (.5)
Principles of Engineering

Modern & Classical Languages

(2 units required)

Honors Greek 1, 2
Latin 1 and 2
Honors Latin 3
AP Latin 4
Mandarin Chinese 1, 2, 3
Honors Mandarin Chinese 4
Spanish 1, 2, 3, 4
Advanced Spanish 1, 2
Honors Spanish 3
Honors Spanish 4
AP Spanish 4
French 1, 2
Honors French 3
AP French 4
Honors French 5

Theology (4 units required)

Systematic Theology 1, 2
Scripture 1, 2
Philosophical Foundations of Catholic Faith 1, 2

Catholic Faith in Practice 1, 2

Social Studies (3 units required)

Ancient Civilizations (.5)
Modern World History
AP Modern World History
History of Kansas City Region (.5)
U.S. History
AP U.S. History
Economics (.5)
U.S. Government (.5)
Honors U.S. Government
AP European History
AP Comparative Government & Politics
AP U.S. Government
African American Studies (.5)

Physical Ed. (.5 unit required)

Physical Education (.5)
Physical Fitness (.5)
Lifetime Sports (.5)

Communication Arts

(.5 unit required)

Public Speaking (.5)
Competition Speech (.5)
Competition Debate (.5)
Intro to Mass Media (.5)
Photography (.5)
Yearbook
Newspaper 1
Honors Newspaper 2
Intro to Broadcasting (.5)
Business Law (.5)
Automated Accounting (.5)
Intro to Movie Making & Editing
Advanced Filmmaking & Editing (.5)
Advanced Competition Speech & Debate 1 (.5)
Broadcasting II (.5)
Intro to Graphic Design (.5)
Entrepreneurship for Others (.5)

Visual & Performing Arts

(.5 unit required)

Theatre Technology (.5)
Theater Technology II (.5)
Theatre 1, 2, 3 (.5)
Intro to Piano (.5)
Intro to Guitar (.5)
Music in the Humanities (.5)
Music Theory (.5)
Freshman Choir
Rockhurst Choir (.5)
Advanced Choir
Concert Choir
Percussion Fundamentals (.5)
Intro to Band Fundamentals (.5)
Orchestra
Jazz Ensemble
Painting (.5)
Drawing (.5)
Advanced Drawing (.5)
Intro to Dance (.5)
Drawing and Design for Industry (.5)
Visual Arts Foundations (.5)
Hand Pottery (.5)
Advanced Hand Pottery (.5)
Wheel Pottery
AP Studio Art
Music Tech & Production (.5)

Colleges/Universities Accepting Members of the Class of 2017

* Colleges/Universities members are attending

Arizona State University*
Auburn University
Avila University
Babson College
Belmont University
Benedictine College*
Bethany College*
Boston College*
Boston University*
Bowling Green State University
Buena Vista University
Butler University
California Polytechnic State University*
Carthage College*
Case Western Reserve University*
Chapman University
Chicago State University
Clark Atlanta University
Clemson University
Coe College
College of the Holy Cross
College of William and Mary
Colorado School of Mines*
Columbia College, Chicago*
Cowley Community College*
Creighton University*
Davidson College
DePaul University*
Drake University
Drury University
Duke University
Elon University
Emory University
Florida State University
Fordham University*
Furman University
Georgia Southern University
Georgia State University
Gonzaga University
Goucher College
Grinnell College
Gustavus Adolphus College
Hamilton College
Highland Community College*
Howard University*
Illinois Institute of Technology
Indiana University, Bloomington*
Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis*
Iowa State University*
Johnson County Community College*
Kansas City Kansas Community College*
Kansas State University*
Kenyon College*
Lafayette College
Lehigh University
Lewis and Clark College
Lindenwood University*
Longview Community College
Louisiana State University
Loyola Marymount University*
Loyola University, Chicago*
Loyola University, Maryland
Loyola University, New Orleans
Marquette University*
Maryville University
Miami University, Oxford*
Missouri State University*
Missouri University of Science and Technology*
Murray State University
New York University
Northeastern University
Northwest Missouri State University
Northwestern University*
Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences
Occidental College*
Ohio University
Oklahoma State University*
Oxford College of Emory University
Pittsburg State University*
Pomona College
Providence College
Purdue University
Regis University*
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rice University
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rockhurst University*
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Saint Louis University*
Savannah College of Art and Design*
Seton Hall University*
Sewanee, University of the South
Southern Illinois University, Carbondale
Southern Methodist University*
St. Olaf College*
Syracuse University
Temple University
Texas A & M University
Texas Christian University*
The George Washington University*
The University of Alabama
The University of Alabama at Birmingham
The University of Arizona
The University of Georgia
The University of Oklahoma*
The University of Tampa
The University of Texas, Dallas*
Truman State University*
Tulane University*
United States Air Force Academy*
United States Military Academy*
University of Arkansas, Fayetteville*
University of California, San Diego*
University of California, Santa Cruz
University of Central Florida
University of Central Missouri*
University of Central Oklahoma*
University of Colorado, Boulder*
University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
University of Connecticut
University of Dayton*
University of Denver*
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
University of Kansas*
University of Kentucky
University of Maryland, Baltimore County
University of Maryland, College Park
University of Massachusetts, Amherst*
University of Michigan*
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities*
University of Mississippi
University of Missouri, Columbia*
University of Missouri, Kansas City*
University of Nebraska, Lincoln*
University of North Dakota
University of Notre Dame*
University of Pittsburgh
University of Portland
University of Rochester
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco*
University of South Carolina*
University of Southern California*
University of St. Andrews, Scotland
University of Tulsa*
University of Utah*
University of Washington*
University of Wisconsin, Madison
Vanderbilt University
Villanova University*
Wake Forest University*
Washburn University*
Washington and Lee University*
Washington University in St. Louis*
Western Michigan University*
Westminster College*
Wichita State University
William Jewell College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Xavier University*

