

# SCHOOL PROFILE 2017-2018

## RIO RANCHO HIGH SCHOOL

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## THE COMMUNITY

Rio Rancho, New Mexico is adjacent to Albuquerque, New Mexico. Rio Rancho is known as the “City of Vision” and is the economic hub of [Sandoval County](#). It is currently New Mexico’s third-largest city and one of the fastest growing communities in New Mexico. In 2013, Rio Rancho had a population of 92,000. Rio Rancho claims 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. In response to changing times and to maintain the robust curriculum RRHS is noted for, RRHS introduced a seven period day during the 2008-2009 school year. Rio Rancho High School is viewed as a cutting edge school and is currently a “B rated” school by the New Mexico Public Education Department.

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

**Enrollment** 2017-18 Enrollment 9 - 12: 2,615

**Ethnic Distribution of School Population** – 53%, Hispanic, 34.7% Caucasian, 3.9% African-American, 4.7% Native American, 3.1% Asian, and <1% Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian.

**US Presidential Scholar** - 1 Class of 2003 & 1 Class of 2009

**National Merit Finalists** - 1 Class of 2014, 1 Class of 2017

**National Merit Scholar Semi-Finalists** - 1 Class of 2012, 1 Class of 2013, 1 Class of 2015, 3 Class of 2018

**National Hispanic Scholars** - 2 Class of 2011, 1 Class of 2012, 4 Class of 2017, 5 Class of 2018

**National Achievement Scholars** - 1 Class of 2012

**National AP Scholars** - 2 Class of 2011, 4 Class of 2012, 4 Class of 2013, 4 Class of 2014, 2 Class of 2015, 3 Class of 2016, 3 Class of 2017

**National Merit Commended** - 5 Class of 2014, 4 Class of 2015

**New Mexico State Bilingual Seal**- 2 Class of 2016

## CLASS OF 2017

Post Secondary Plans

4 year college/university –52%      2 year degree –30%      Military service –1%

## TESTING

Average ACT composite score Class of 2017 – 21.4 (above national and state average)

2010 - RRHS received ACT College Readiness Recognition for having significant increases in the number of students taking the ACT and significant increases in the students' level of achievement for college readiness over the past 5 years.

## DISTINCTIVE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSTRUCTION

**AP course offerings (21)** AP US History, AP Literature and Composition, AP English Language and Composition, AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Physics 1 & 2, AP Physics C Mechanics, AP Physics C Elec. Magnet, AP Environmental Science, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, AP Macroeconomics, AP Psychology, AP French, AP Government, AP Spanish Language, AP Statistics, AP Human Geography, AP World History

**Pre AP course offerings (7)** – Pre AP Conceptual Physics & Pre AP Earth & Space Science, Pre AP Geometry, Pre AP Algebra II, Pre AP Pre-Calculus, Pre AP English 9 and 10

## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS- CLASS OF 2018

RRHS exceeds the NM Public Education Department's graduation requirements in several areas. We require two additional credits to graduate (26) as well as additional requirements in Science, Fine Arts, and Technology. They include:

4 English - English 9, English 10, English 11, English 12

4 Social Studies - World History, US History, Economics .5, Government .5, New Mexico History .5, Geography .5.

4 Mathematics -including Algebra I & Algebra 2

4 Science – must include credit in 2 of the following: Biology, Chemistry, Chemistry in the Community, or Physics (state requires 3 science credits including 2 lab science)

1 Physical Education

1 World Languages or Career Cluster or Workplace Readiness

.5 Fine Arts (not a state requirement)

.5 Technology (not a state requirement)

6.5 Electives

Students must earn 1 credit in an Advanced Placement, Dual credit or Distance learning course (state requirement).

Students must also satisfy the New Mexico Public Education Department's proficiency standards in Reading, Math, Science, Social Studies and Writing.

## 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:

A 100-90% = 4

B 89-80% = 3

C 79-70% = 2

D 69-60% = 1

F Below 59% = 0

AP Grades:

A = 5

B = 4

C = 3

D = 2

## WEIGHTED GRADES

AP courses are weighted an additional point. Cumulative GPA and Class Ranking are calculated with a weighted GPA.

## EXTRA CURRICULAR PROGRAMS

**Athletic Programs** – 21 programs

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

**Clubs/Activities** – 30 programs

Associated Students (student council), AVID, Key Club (Kiwanis), Best Buddies, National Honor Society, Science Olympiad, Bowling Club, Chess Club, DECA, National Art Honor Society, National History Day Club, Native American Student Union, Gay/Straight Alliance, Thespians, RRPS Student Research EXPO, Yearbook, Robo Rave, Video Gaming Club, ROTC, Tree Stewards, FCCLA-Pro-Start, Cyber Patriot Club, International Club, Photography Club, Art Club, Marching Band, Jazz Band, Concert Band, Choir, Orchestra.