It is with great pride and confidence that I invite you, the members of our community and all prospective El Rancho families, to explore the rich depth and breadth of what an El Rancho education actively offers our valued students. At El Rancho, there are numerous opportunities, whether in academics, athletics, or the arts, for every student to begin building the foundation of a promising future. Our efforts in academic achievement have earned us the recognition of the state through both the Golden Ribbon and Title 1 Academic Achievement awards.

El Rancho’s commitment to building strong, thoroughly educated leaders extends to every facet of our school’s curriculum from our championship winning athletics department to our award winning Academic Decathlon team. Our tradition of college and career readiness is most visible in our career-driven pathways, A-G completion rate, and thriving AVID program. There is a budding scholar, athlete, and artist in every student. El Rancho’s mission is to help these students break through the surface of their potential and seize bright futures via rigorous coursework, athletic scouting opportunities for the collegiate level, and a well developed visual and performing arts curriculum. These efforts have yielded a robust college-going culture we continue to cultivate for the benefit of our students and the betterment of our community.

So, just where does this unwavering drive come from? What motivates us, the staff, to continue to take up the monumental responsibility of preparing young minds for the rigors of the modern world? The short answer would be our passion for education and the deep love we have for our students.

Jessica Kwek, Ed.D.
Principal El Rancho High School
El Rancho High School is committed to cultivating the globally conscious leaders and scholars of tomorrow through an academic environment that is rigorous, engaging, and innovative. Our incredible staff, along with parents and the community embody our mission of ensuring that our students are fully prepared for the educational and professional demands of the 21st century.

**I**mprove literacy and writing skills through a shift to the Common Core Standards and complex texts

**D**evelop the skills to become productive members of the global community

**E**mphasize graduating college and career ready, having met the A-G requirements, with the goal of entering and graduating from a 4-year university

**A**cquire 21st Century skills, including critical thinking and evidence-based analysis, technological, collaborative and communication skills
HONORS & AP COURSES

English
- English 9 Honors
- English 10 Honors
- AP English Language & Composition (11)
- AP English Literature (12)

Math
- Geometry
- Integrated II Honors
- Algebra II Honors
- Precalculus Honors
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Statistics

Science
- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Computer Science
- AP Physics

Social Science
- AP Human Geography
- AP World History
- AP US History
- AP US Government & Politics
- AP Psychology

World Languages
- AP Spanish Language
- AP Spanish Literature
- AP French Language & Culture

VAPA
- Visual and Performing Arts
- AP Studio Art
- AP Art History
TAKING COLLEGE PREP TO THE NEXT LEVEL

AVID is a regularly scheduled elective class based on WICOR Strategies and tools which include assistance and support in the areas of writing, inquiry, collaborative teaming, organization, and critical reading. The three main components of the program include academic instruction, tutorial support, and motivational activities.

AVID is a four-year program at ERHS that prepares students in the academic middle for admission to a four-year college or university. Students take an AVID elective course throughout high school that includes tutorial sessions led by college students and peer tutors who support their success in the academically rigorous curriculum.

Additionally, the AVID class provides access to information about colleges and universities through field trips, guest speakers, college tutors, scholarship opportunities and college admission workshops.

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ACADEMIC SUPPORT

We are a college going culture that prepares students to enter and graduate from 4-year universities through a diverse selection of A.P courses and college preparatory programs such as Project Lead the Way and Upward Bound.

Our curriculum builds and consistently encourages the intellectual and academic characteristics essential to success in higher education: critical thinking and evidence-based analysis, technological, collaborative and communication skills.

At the Ranch, the most important lesson students learn is to thrive and reach for ever higher levels of learning.

Academic Support is offered at El Rancho High School in many forms. College Tutors provide academic assistance, Monday-Friday. In addition, many teachers offer Saturday enrichment sessions throughout the year.

WHO ARE ERHS AVID STUDENTS?

ERHS AVID recruits students who are motivated to do well and who are serious about their academic future.

Students with Academic Potential
Average to High Test Scores
2.0 - 3.5 GPA
College Potential with Support
Strong Desire and Determination
First to Attend College
Historically Underserved in 4-year Colleges
Low Income
Special Circumstances
VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS


Not only does our school pride itself on a comprehensive visual and performing arts curriculum, but our Dons have also gone digital. Web Design, Digital Photography, and Animation: through these courses students develop their artistic talents for an increasingly digital age. In fact, within this curriculum, interested students have the option of pursuing the Digital Arts Pathway which is a set of digital animation courses designed to give students significant exposure to the world of digital arts.

Along with opportunities for instruction in digital arts, students also have access to more traditional arts courses such as drama, choir, and video production.
VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

Fine Art
Calligraphy
AP Studio Art
Web Design
Digital Imaging
Digital Animation
Advanced Digital Animation
Advanced Digital Animation 2 & 3
Digital Photography

DIGITAL ARTS PATHWAY

Digital Imaging
Digital Animation
Advanced Digital Animation
Advanced Digital Animation 2
Advanced Digital Animation 3

Beginning Drama
Advanced Drama
Choir
Marching Band
Video Production
Concert Band
Pageant
and Drum
Concert Choir

Music

Video Production

Drama

Digital Animation

Web Design
Our pathway programs have been designed with college and career readiness in mind. Our curriculum and college-going culture immerse students in an academically and intellectually rigorous environment meant to familiarize them with the demands of higher education. The program covers the areas of Law, Medicine, Engineering, Science, Hospitality, and Digital Arts.

Doors have the advantage of discovering early in their high school experience what fields they would like to further pursue before making the commitment to attend college.

Internships, guest speakers, Career Day, and field trips are available for all students in any pathway.

FROM TOP UNIVERSITIES TO PROMISING CAREERS, THE RANCH LEADS TO MANY PLACES

- Law Pathway - Intro to Law, Admin of Justice, Teen Court, ER Law Society
- Hospitality Pathway - Food & Nutrition, Hospitality Course
- Medical Pathway - Emergency Medical Responder, CPR Certification, Certified Nursing Assistant, Sports Medicine I and II
- PLTW Biomedical Pathway - New pathway, four years of coursework in the Biomedical field
- Digital Arts Pathway - Automotive Technology

Four Year Universities:
- Arizona Christian University
- Arizona State University
- Pacific University
- Penn State University
- Pomona College
- Portland State University
- Princeton University
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- Sierra Nevada College
- Smith College
- St. John's University
- St. John's University, NY
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ATHLETICS

Our athletic department, with the support of National Collegiate Athletic Association guidelines, grooms scholar athletes to compete to the highest peak of their athletic potential while meeting our standards of academic achievement. From baseball to water polo, our Dons do it all and have been racking up league championships since 1953. With several decades worth of championships under our belt in every major sport, our school is confident in its tradition of paving the road to greatness, through hard work and character building, for all of our scholar athletes.

Academic Olympians in the classroom and juggernauts on the field

Baseball  Soccer  Volleyball
Basketball  Softball  Waterpolo
Cross Country  Swimming  Wrestling
Football  Tennis  
Golf  Track
FOOTBALL
53,59,61,62,63,64,65,66,67,68,69,70,71,77,82,85,90,91,95,97,14

BOYS TRACK
64,68,66,78,90,91,95,00,01,02,04,05,06,07,11,13

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY
65,84,86,88,90,91,95,00,01,02,03,04,05,08,11,13

BOYS VOLLEYBALL
00,02,05,06,07

BOYS TENNIS
85,94,95,02,03,09,12

BOYS’ WATER POLO
62

WRESTLING
72,80,85,88,90,93,98,02

BOYS SOCCER
98,99,00,02,03,05,07,08,09,10,11,12,13,14

BOYS SWIMMING
03,04

BASEBALL
80,86,88,90,91,93,98,02

BASKETBALL
62

GOLDF
85,88

GIRLS WATER POLO
03,04,11

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
83,84,94,95,02,03,04,05,06,10,14

GIRLS BASKETBALL
92,13,14,15

GIRLS TRACK
85,87,90,95,03,04,05,06,07,11,13

GIRLS SWIMMING
03

SOFTBALL
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FOOTBALL
National Champs
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FOOTBALL
CIF Champions

BOYS SOCCER
CIF Champions

GATORADE PLAYER OF THE YEAR
Cristian Roldan
2013 - Soccer, University of Washington, MLS Seattle Sounders

COLLEGIATE ATHLETES 2014
Ryan Araujo - Football, New Mexico Highlands University
Alex Roldan - Soccer, Seattle University
Allyana Leal-Robles - Softball, George Washington University
Henry Lopez - Track and Field, CSU Monterey Bay
Anisca Sanchez - Softball, Western Michigan University
Jesus Vizzaro - Football, New Mexico Highlands University

COLLEGIATE ATHLETES 2015
Crystal Rodriguez - Track and Field, Biola
Jackie De La Cruz - Softball, CSU San Bernardino
Francisco Miranda - Soccer, York College
Adrian Palacios - Football, Whittier College
Andrew Perez - Football, Concordia University
Melissa Gutierrez - Track & Field and Cross Country, Cal Tech
Richard Cuellar - Football, New Mexico Highlands University
Destiny Cervantes - Softball, Odessa College
At El Rancho, exposing our students to the ever changing world of technology is one of our priorities. To that end, we have supplemented our six existing computer labs with Chromebooks for each of our departments. One of the pillars of our college going culture is our commitment to ensuring that our students are kept up to date with the latest tech trends. We are proud of being a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) school that introduces students to the wonders of science and tech through various programs and clubs such as Robotics and MESA (Math, Engineering, Science, Achievement).
This club’s goal is to introduce and prepare students for the STEM field by allowing students to learn, through hands-on activities: robotic design, programming, coding and the fabrication of simple to complex mechanical devices.

Every one of our departments comes equipped with Chromebooks to meet our students’ daily educational needs.

Mesa & Robotics

Computer Labs

From web design to digital photography, our state of the art Mac and PC labs provide our students the necessary tools for the utmost productivity and mastery of course work.

3D Printing

What happens when you combine the excitement of digital animation classes with state of the art 3D printing? Magic, that elusive element between all great arts and sciences. El Rancho takes it to the next level with an integrated tech/classroom approach that brings our students’ creations to life.

Chromebooks

Automotive Technology

TECHNOLOGY
EL RANCHO PARTNERSHIPS

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB
After school programs at El Rancho paid for by a grant through the City of Pico Rivera

El Rancho is proud to have the Pico Rivera Boys & Girls Club present at our school to offer our students the finest after school leadership and academic success programs.

Great futures start at the Pico Rivera Boys & Girls Club, and through this partnership and our mutual commitment to the betterment of our students, we ensure our students have the right environment work toward their dreams.

ETHNIC STUDIES
In order to prepare our students for the 21st century, the El Rancho Unified School District was the first district in California to make a course in Ethnic Studies a graduation requirement. We have collaborated with Cal State Long Beach, Cal State University San Bernardino, Cal State University Northridge, Chapman University and UC Riverside.

GENERATION 1ST DEGREE
Funded by Gil and Jacki Cisneros Foundation
Goal of ensuring one degree holding member in every household in Pico Rivera

Every home in Pico Rivera deserves access to higher education; with that goal in mind, El Rancho has partnered with Generation 1st Degree to work toward making a college degree attainable for each household. Generation 1st Degree’s comprehensive college preparatory programs, from mentorships to college affordability workshops, are completely in line with our school’s ethos of college readiness.

HISPANIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND
G1D funds scholarships, also the Frank Terrazas scholarship

Our school is committed to the success of every student regardless of their financial circumstances; to that end, El Rancho offer students from traditionally underrepresented backgrounds access to higher education through the Gates Millennium and Frank Terrazas scholarships as well as the Hispanic Scholarship Fund. It is a key part of our mission at El Rancho to ensure that merit and money are never mutually exclusive for our students.

BUILDING BRIDGES BETWEEN COLLEGE, THE RANCH, AND OUR COMMUNITY

COLLEGE PARTNERSHIPS
For our students, college is not some far off, intangible dream; it is a living, breathing reality that pulses beneath the surface of every classroom and extracurricular program.

Over the years and through our various partnerships with local colleges and UC Irvine, we have worked to not only prepare our students for college but to bring college to our students through UC Irvine’s EAOP program, Rio Hondo College’s Early College Academy, Tri Cities ROP and Project Lead the Way at Cal Poly Pomona and Cerritos College.

Each of these college preparatory programs give our ambitious Dons an academically and intellectually immersive experience that goes far beyond a mere taste of the possibilities and expectations of a higher education.

UC IRVINE
- EAOP (Early Academic Outreach Program)
- Extensive College planning and prep
- Academic Advising and Enrichment
- Parent Engagement

CAL POLY POMONA
- Project Lead the Way (PLTW)
- Promote diversity among college students studying science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields

CERRITOS COLLEGE
- Project Lead the Way and dual enrollment credit

CSULB
- Courses on ER campus for college credit

RIO HONDO COLLEGE
- Early College Academy
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TRI CITIES ROP
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CLUBS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

At The Ranch, Dons do it all

ASB ACTIVITIES
Blue Crew
Blue Pride Day
Club Fair
Community Nights
Dodgeball Tournament
Don Games
Farewell Rally
Homecoming Assembly
Homecoming Carnival
Homecoming Halftime Show
King of the Ranch
Mother-Daughter Tea
Multicultural Carnival
Night Pep Rally
Pep Rally on Wheels
Powesters
Powder Puff
Prom
Sadie Hawkins Dance
Sadie Hawkins Pep Rally
Senior Parent Nights
Senior vs. Staff Week
Staff Appreciation Football Game
Welcome Back Rally
Winter Formal
Winterball
ACADEMIC DECATHLON

Academic Decathlon, a ten-event scholastic competition designed to include students from all achievement levels, is keeping a tradition of excellence alive and well at El Rancho High School. Consistent performance at the county level has led to half a dozen invitations to the state competition over the years. Recently, our team placed first in Division III, earned a silver medal in Super Quiz, and collected over twenty individual medals. This success is a result of the “decath-a-family” partnership among current upperclassmen, various subject-specific coaches, and former decathletes who return to reinvest in the program. Through investment in academic leadership, our team consistently proves dulce et decorum est Don, it is sweet and fitting to be a Don!

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TEEN COURT

The El Rancho Teen Court is the model Teen Court for the state of California, currently ranked highest in the state. Over the past five years, the El Rancho Teen Court has had over 3000 student participants, and has heard over 72 cases, of which two were dismissed. The success of teen court is reliant on the hard work and dedication of El Rancho students and faculty.

CULINARY ARTS

The Culinary Arts Club is a life changing, continuous learning opportunity with over 400 active members including alumni of the past 6 years. The club reaches out to various organizations and gives everyone involved real life lessons on humanity and character. The Culinary Arts Club feeds the homeless for thanksgiving and all throughout the year. CAC also cooks for children’s hospitals, cooking competitions, celebrity events, anti-bullying projects, and City of Hope for cancer research.