



# Ann Richards School for Young Women Leaders

*Empowering the next generation of young women leaders.*

The Ann Richards School for Young Women Leaders is a nationally recognized school focused on leadership, college readiness, project-based learning, and STEM.

## Top 150

U.S. News and World Report Best High Schools 2014-2023

## Top 100

Washington Post Most Challenging High Schools 2015-2023

**Austin Chamber** recognition for highest ApplyTexas participation and FAFSA completion in central Texas

**Over one-third** of seniors recognized National AP Scholars by the College Board

**6** National Merit Scholars – **21** National Hispanic Scholars – **5** National Questbridge Scholars

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### MISSION

The Ann Richards School for Young Women Leaders dedicates itself to prepare young women to attend and graduate from college, commit to a healthy and well-balanced lifestyle, lead with courage and compassion, and solve problems creatively and ethically in support of our global community.

### ABOUT US

The Ann Richards School for Young Women Leaders (ARS) is a college preparatory public school of choice founded to educate young women that reflect Austin's diverse community and give them the confidence and skills necessary to attend and graduate college. Built as part of a unique model, the school is neither a magnet nor charter, ARS serves grades 6-12 in the Austin Independent School District and is open to applications from students that reside within the district's attendance zone.

### OUR STUDENTS

Our students come from all corners of Austin with a student body that represents the demographic diversity of Austin ISD – 53% Hispanic, 35% Caucasian, 4% African American, 4% Asian American, and 4% Multiracial. Each year, 75% of our admitted students come from schools where the majority of students are from economically disadvantaged families. We place a focus on personal development of the whole person—providing students with enriching academic opportunities that expand their horizons and give them tools to become confident and competent leaders, improve their communities, and achieve their dream of graduating from college. ARS students love learning, have the desire to succeed, and care about the future of the world.

### OUR ACADEMICS

The Ann Richards School provides a challenging, college-preparatory curriculum with an emphasis on science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) skills, with project-based, experiential learning to enhance real-world application, and includes collaborative projects within the community to explore career options. Students graduate on the Distinguished Level of Achievement Program (DAP), the most demanding requirements in Texas.

### STEM PATHWAYS

High school students choose one sequence of four year-long courses in a STEM subject: Biomedical Sciences, Engineering or Media Technology. Biomedical students have access to state-of-the-art, university-level laboratories. Engineering students focus on Project-Based Learning through innovative Maker Education philosophy. Media Tech courses are articulated with Austin Community College (ACC). Seniors work in interdisciplinary teams on a Capstone project addressing a community need. Juniors participate in a week-long internship with Austin area business partners.

### PATHWAY CURRICULUM

	BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES	ENGINEERING	MEDIA TECHNOLOGY
<b>9TH</b>	Principles of Biomedical Sciences (PRBIOSCI)	Intro to Engineering Design (IED)	Audio Visual Production I (AVPROD1)
<b>10TH</b>	Medical Interventions (MEDINT)	Engineering Sciences (ENGSCIEN)	Advanced Animation I (ANIMAT1)
<b>11TH</b>	Biotechnology 1 (BIOTECH1)	Digital Electronics (DIGELC)	Audio Visual Production II (AVPLAB2)
<b>12TH</b>	Biotechnology 2 (BIOTECH2)	Engineering Design & Problem Solving (ENGDPRS)	Advanced Animation II (ANIMAT2)

# ADVANCED COURSES & TEST RESULTS

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Biology Calculus AB English Language	Spanish Language Statistics Studio Art
English Literature French Physics	US Government US History World History

## AP TESTING: 2023

<b>313</b> Students Took AP Exams	<b>72%</b> of Exam Results 3+
<b>737</b> Exams Completed	<b>100%</b> Participation

## STUDENT BODY

**TOTAL ENROLLMENT: 909 (474 middle school students)**

Freshmen: 111	Sophomores: 108
Juniors: 122	Seniors: 94

## GRADING SCALE AND CLASS RANKS

The Ann Richards School **does not rank** our students, with the exception of students in the top 10% for Texas public universities. GPA for high school work determined on a 4.0 scale, **weighted +1.0** for Honors, AP and STEM Pathway courses.



## CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

**Athletics:** Volleyball | Soccer | Swimming | Track and Field  
Cross Country | Middle School Tennis | Basketball | Softball

**Activities:** National Honor Societies | Marching Band | Color Guard | Robotics Team | Orchestra | Theatre | Dance | Cheer

## COLLEGE MATRICULATION

Since 2013, Ann Richards graduates have matriculated at 157 unique four-year colleges and universities in 38 states, the District of Columbia, and Canada:

### TEXAS:

ABILENE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY  
ANGELO STATE UNIVERSITY  
AUSTIN COLLEGE  
BAYLOR UNIVERSITY  
CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY  
HOUSTON CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY  
HUSTON-TILLOTSON UNIVERSITY  
LAMAR UNIVERSITY  
LETOURNEAU UNIVERSITY  
OUR LADY OF THE LAKE UNIVERSITY  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY  
RICE UNIVERSITY  
SAINT EDWARD'S UNIVERSITY  
SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY  
SCHREINER UNIVERSITY  
SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY  
SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY  
ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY  
STEPHEN F AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY  
SUL ROSS STATE UNIVERSITY  
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY COLLEGE STATION  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY KINGSVILLE  
TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY CORPUS CHRISTI  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY GALVESTON  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SAN ANTONIO  
TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY  
TEXAS LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY  
TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY  
TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY  
TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY  
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON  
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN  
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS  
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO  
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT TYLER  
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY  
TRINITY UNIVERSITY  
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON  
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS  
UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS  
UNIVERSITY OF THE INCARNATE WORD

### OUT OF STATE:

AGNES SCOTT COLLEGE  
AMERICAN UNIVERSITY  
ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY  
BARNARD COLLEGE  
BELOIT COLLEGE  
BENTLEY UNIVERSITY  
BOSTON UNIVERSITY  
BRADLEY UNIVERSITY

BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY  
BROWN UNIVERSITY  
CAL POLY SAN LUIS OBISPO  
CARLETON COLLEGE  
CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY  
CLEMSON UNIVERSITY  
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY  
CONNECTICUT COLLEGE  
DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY  
DARTMOUTH COLLEGE  
DEPAUL UNIVERSITY  
DUKE UNIVERSITY  
EARLHAM COLLEGE  
EMORY UNIVERSITY  
FASHION INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY  
FORDHAM UNIVERSITY  
GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY  
GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY  
GOSHEN COLLEGE  
GRINNELL COLLEGE  
HARVARD UNIVERSITY  
HAWAII PACIFIC UNIVERSITY  
HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY  
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY  
JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY  
KNOX COLLEGE  
LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY  
LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY  
LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY  
LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO  
LOYOLA UNIVERSITY NEW ORLEANS  
MACALESTER COLLEGE  
MANHATTANVILLE COLLEGE  
MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY  
MCGILL UNIVERSITY  
MCNEESE STATE UNIVERSITY  
MILLS COLLEGE  
MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY  
MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE  
NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY  
NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY  
NORTHLAND COLLEGE  
NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY  
OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE  
OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY  
PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY  
PITZER COLLEGE  
POMONA COLLEGE  
PRINCETON UNIVERSITY  
PURDUE UNIVERSITY  
REED COLLEGE  
RIDER UNIVERSITY  
RINGLING COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN

ROSE-HULMAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY  
SCRIPPS COLLEGE  
SEATTLE UNIVERSITY  
SMITH COLLEGE  
SOKA UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA  
SOUTHERN ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY  
ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE  
STANFORD UNIVERSITY  
SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY  
THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY  
THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA  
THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL  
THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH  
TUFTS UNIVERSITY  
TULANE UNIVERSITY  
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA BERKELEY  
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES  
UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON  
UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO  
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO  
UNIVERSITY OF DENVER  
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA  
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA  
UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO  
UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS  
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA  
UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO  
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA WILMINGTON  
UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME  
UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA  
UNIVERSITY OF OREGON  
UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA  
UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH  
UNIVERSITY OF PUGET SOUND  
UNIVERSITY OF REDLANDS  
UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO  
UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO  
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
UNIVERSITY OF TULSA  
UNIVERSITY OF UTAH  
UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT  
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA  
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN  
URSIUS COLLEGE  
UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY  
WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY  
WALLA WALLA UNIVERSITY  
WELLESLEY COLLEGE  
WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY  
WHITMAN COLLEGE  
WILLIAMS COLLEGE  
WORCESTER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE  
YALE UNIVERSITY

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