



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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Austin, TX
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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
9TH	Principles of Biomedical Sciences (PRBIOSCI)	Intro to Engineering Design (IED)	Graphic Design (GRAPHDI1)
10TH	Medical Interventions (MEDINT)	Engineering Sciences (ENGSCIEN)	Animation I (ANIMAT1)
11TH	Biotechnology 1 (BIOTECH1)	Digital Electronics (DIGELC)	Digital Arts & Design (TADGAA)
12TH	Biotechnology 2 (BIOTECH2)	Engineering Design & Problem Solving (ENG DPRS)	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

313 Students Took AP Exams	72% of Exam Results 3+
737 Exams Completed	100% 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
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